



On mission of mercy, area doctor, nurse killed

3 others from here seriously hurt in driver-fatigue crash in Philippines, officials say

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

Chicago Tribune

The group of doctors and nurses traveled to the Philippines at their own expense to help the less fortunate in need of medical care. But before they could begin their work, as they enjoyed the sights on a tourist excursion, their trip took a tragic turn.

The group, including a contingent from the Chicago area, was on its way to a scenic waterfall after whale shark watching Saturday when their tour van crashed into a mahogany tree, according to a news release from the local police.



Gagni



Rubio

A doctor from Chicago and a nurse from Orland Park were among seven members of the medical mission who died in the crash. One other doctor from Chicago, the wife of the man who died, was seriously injured. Local media reports indicated another couple from the Chicago suburbs also were in the van and seriously injured in the crash.

The driver of the tour van fell asleep, police said, and informed investigators he had slept only one hour the previous night.

Aurora M. Gagni, a nurse from Orland Park, and Nunilo Rubio Sr., an endocrinologist from Chicago, died in the crash, according to friends and family. Rubio's wife, Elenita, who is also a doctor, was seriously injured and was in critical condition at a hospital.

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Rauner's tax jab an unlikely game-changer

Little impact seen for order on property tax appeal cases

BY JASON GROTTO | ProPublica Illinois AND RAY LONG | Chicago Tribune

Gov. Bruce Rauner's executive order seeking to bar state lawmakers from representing clients before a board that hears property tax appeals is largely symbolic, state data suggest, revealing how limited the Republican governor's options are for changing the system.

Vowing to end what he called a "clear conflict of interest," the governor cited the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois' "The Tax Divide" series in promising to follow up the order with legislation to reform the property tax system in Cook County, as well as across the state.

"We have a deeply flawed and overly complicated property-tax system that recent investigations have shown results in inequitable, disproportionately high property-tax burdens on low-income residents," Rauner said in a statement. "For any legislator to profit from this system undercuts the public's faith that they are in office to do what's best for their constituents."

"The Tax Divide" found the Cook County assessor's office often overvalued low-priced properties while undervaluing high-priced ones, ultimately giving unsanctioned tax breaks to

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'Sister survivor warriors' unite against molester

Gymnastics leaders resigned as more molested women and patients of former Michigan State sports doctor Larry Nassar come forward to address him and the university in court. **Chicago Sports**



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Members of the House leave the Capitol after voting on a temporary funding bill, which ended the government shutdown.

Trump signs bill to end shutdown

30 moderate senators crafted deal in bipartisan shift

BY LISA MASCARO
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — In the end, it was neither the self-proclaimed dealmaking President Donald Trump nor seasoned congressional leaders who found the path to end the three-day government shutdown.

Rather, the agreement emerged from a fledgling caucus of impassioned moderates from both political parties who — if they aren't sidelined in days ahead by a partisan resurgence — could grow into a new power center in the Senate.

The House and Senate both approved a compromise Monday to extend

THE IMPACT ON CHICAGO

Many U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development employees and civilian personnel at the naval station were furloughed for the day before Congress ended the shutdown. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

government spending until Feb. 8, clearing the way for government offices to reopen Tuesday.

Trump signed the bill Monday evening.

The deal was hammered out by a gang of 30 or so senators calling themselves the Common Sense Caucus, which grew in numbers over the weekend during frantic

negotiations to end the standoff.

Now many lawmakers in both parties are hoping the moderate group will continue to exert its influence to break the logjam, even as a few ideological factions were plotting how to stamp it out.

Democrats, in particular, need to hold the center together to quickly craft an immigration deal to protect so-called "Dreamers," as the party comes under criticism from its progressive wing. Liberals complained Monday that Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and others folded by agreeing to reopen government without a firm commitment

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Hospitals give pause to opioids

Battle against addiction has doctors rethinking painkiller prescriptions

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Zulidany Cortez came to the emergency room at Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook when she could no longer take the pain from a wrist she hurt moving furniture.

In years past, doctors likely would have given the 32-year-old a prescription for an opioid painkiller to swiftly curb her suffering. But when Cortez met with Dr. Mark Livak, the subject didn't even come up.

"I think Tylenol should be OK," Livak said. "We're going to put you in a splint, a piece of moldable fiberglass that goes in an ACE wrap. I think that's going to give you some pain relief just by not moving it."

So it goes in the emergency rooms and surgical suites of many Chicago-area hospitals, where physicians are trying to overturn their profession's long-standing dependence on opioids.

Drugs such as Vicodin, OxyContin and fentanyl diminish moderate to severe pain, but they also carry a significant risk of addiction. It's not clear how many people swept up in the nation's opioid crisis got started be-



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dr. Mark Livak discusses pain medication options while examining ER patient Zulidany Cortez's wrist at Amita Health Adventist Medical Center Bolingbrook last week.

cause of a trip to the hospital, but some experts believe the portion is sizable.

"The majority of overdoses come from (people who use opioids to treat) chronic pain, but that doesn't tell you how their use began," said Dr. Andrew Kolodny, a Brandeis University scientist who is executive director of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing.

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"Our patients are having these very large surgeries, and half of them require very low opiates."

— Dr. Rebecca Blumenthal, a NorthShore anesthesiologist



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■ In an opinion piece, “5 myths about opioids,” in Monday’s Perspective section, a medical research publication was misidentified. The research cited about the connection between opioid prescriptions and heroin addiction was found in JAMA Psychiatry.

■ A story in Sunday’s editions on the death of Chicago rap artist Fredo Santana incorrectly referred to relative Chief Keef as his elder cousin. Keef is Santana’s younger cousin. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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“Paddington 2” has become a box-office hit and the best-reviewed movie in review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes’ history.

Paddington’s pro-bear propaganda poses a big threat to all Americans



REX W. HUPPKE

High-profile news events like the government shutdown and the massive women’s marches held across the country over the weekend have drawn the average American’s attention away from a significant threat: Paddington.

The movie “Paddington 2” — about a talking bear who lives in England and, for some reason, doesn’t terrify people — has become a box-office hit and the best reviewed movie in the history of Rotten Tomatoes, a website that aggregates movie reviews.

Duped movie critics are calling this bear-propaganda film “warm,” “magical,” “charming” and “a perfect family film.”

Because I’m skeptical of both movie critics and bears — talking or otherwise — I went to see “Paddington 2” over the weekend. The film left me disgusted and afraid.

Before I get into the details, let’s examine our long history of bear normalization. Perhaps more than any deadly nonhuman carnivore, the bear has managed to con humanity into thinking it is somehow cute and approachable.

We’ve had Yogi, Boo Boo, Smokey, Pooh, Fozzie, Ben (from the unspeakably dangerous television show “Grizzly Adams”), Gentle Ben, Teddy Ruxpin, an entire animatronic bear jamboree at Disney World and the Care Bears, cartoon creatures hellbent on convincing young children that bears are capable of caring.

Fortunately, none of these bear-led psychological operations resulted in the widespread mauling and extinction of humans. The first “Paddington” movie back in 2014 may have lulled some into a false sense of security, but they were brought back to an appropriate terror level by the vicious bear attack against Leonardo DiCaprio in “The Revenant” in 2016.

And now comes “Paddington 2,” a seemingly feel-good tale in which we find Londoners of all stripes smitten with Paddington the bear. He rides on the back of a woman’s bike, pops into stores, chats with his adoptive human family and befriends a dog who, if the film had a lick of authenticity, Paddington would have torn to shreds and devoured in an instant.

Through all this, not a single human appears to be concerned that a bear is waltzing about and talking. It’s as if it’s an everyday occurrence and we should all just open our doors to any bear who knocks, presuming that bear wears a floppy hat, has an insatiable appetite for marmalade and speaks perfect English.

To make matters worse, the bear in question is not even a citizen of England. Paddington snuck into the country from “darkest Peru” and, as we learn in the film, is eager to get another Peruvian relative into London.

So a bear who is a potentially violent illegal immigrant hoping to bring in other bears from the darkest parts of Peru via chain migration is given a home and allowed to zip around the city unattended? And we’re supposed to smile and pretend this is OK? WHAT GOOD IS A COUNTRY IF IT CAN’T SECURE ITS BORDERS FROM FOREIGN BEARS?

As I sat in the dark theater watching this disturbing movie, prepared to

hurl salty popcorn into the eyes of any bear that tried to sneak up on me, I realized why “Paddington 2” is so popular. We are living through a tumultuous time, what with the partisan political screeching and the uptick in talk about nuclear war and the many famous men being revealed as lecherous swine. A movie in which the titular character is innocent and affable and has a knack for cheering up everyone around him seems bound to appeal, as it is so wholly unlike everything going on outside the theater.

The bears are trying to manipulate our emotions. They sense our weakness and have set a trap, feeding us pro-bear pabulum and inspiring us to invite furry brown bears — regardless of their country of origin — into our home in the hope they’ll dance and sing and generally make everything better.

Do not fall for this Paddington put-on. Bears are not charming. They don’t want to sit around with you eating marmalade sandwiches. They want to sit around with other bears eating a you sandwich.

Michael Bond, the late writer who created Paddington and who was, I assume, in the pocket of Big Bear, once said: “Paddington is very polite in a world where people have become more selfish.”

Wanting to go through life without being eaten by a talking Peruvian bear is not selfish, Mr. Bond. It’s sensible.

I encourage you all to steer clear of “Paddington 2.” It’s a dangerous film that makes you forget how scary the world has become.

And that’s something that should worry you immensely.

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John Coleman, the Channel 7 weatherman shown here circa 1973, mixed weather and comedy on air.

Flurries of fun — and 1 icy critic

When weatherman **John Coleman** died Saturday, people remembered him as a co-founder of the Weather Channel and a popular Chicago TV personality at WLS and WMAQ in the 1970s and '80s.

But his time at WLS coincided with **Gary Deeb's** tenure as a media critic at the Tribune, and Coleman was not popular with Deeb. The fun-loving Coleman, who once read his Thanksgiving Day forecast to a live turkey, was denounced as a "class clown" by Deeb, who wasn't afraid to blast the local on-air talent. Deeb wrote that Coleman was part of a Channel 7 team that made a mockery of the news.

Among Deeb's jabs during that era:

■ "About two weeks ago, during WLS-Ch. 7's 10 p.m. Eyewitness News, weatherman John Coleman tossed wads of paper at sportscaster **Ernie Nims**. Nice-guy Ernie just grinned ... and resisted the temptation to grab a baseball bat and transform Coleman into a ground-rule double."

■ "First the good news: President Ford made a surprise appearance on WLS-TV's Eyewitness News Tuesday night, and weatherman John Coleman did not spray him with seltzer water."

■ "Just what can be expected of the 'new and dignified' John Coleman on his midnight talk show on WLS-Ch. 7? Viewers probably got a

solid idea on a recent telecast when the joyboy-weatherman chatted with exercise-object **Debbie Drake**. During that sophomorically salacious conversation, Debbie offered to give John a foot massage. So Coleman took off his shoes and socks, then held one sock up to his nose, sniffed it, made a funny face, and paused for a commercial."

■ "John Coleman, the joyboy weatherman at WLS-Ch. 7, is about as funny as a whoopee cushion. But not nearly as sophisticated."

Reached at his home in Charlotte, N.C., Deeb, now 72 and retired, said he was sorry to learn of Coleman's death.

Still, he wasn't about to take back his barbs.

"He'd claim to predict the entire winter's weather in November and it was just b---s---. Any meteorologist worth his salt would tell you, you cannot predict the weather more than about 30 days out, and even then only with a low degree of accuracy."

Deeb recalled that Coleman gave as good as he took, though. "He was really pissed off about it and called my legman to say, 'That SOB always wants to wipe my face in the yellow snow,'" Deeb said.

— Mark Jacob and Kim Janssen



Deeb

CPD got aid from Trump during Women's March

His hotel let police use room during anti-Trump event

President **Donald Trump's** Saturday morning tweet cheering on weekend women's marches across the country was widely interpreted as a classic bit of Trumpian trolling.

"Beautiful weather all over our great country, a perfect day for all Women to March," the president tweeted. "Get out there now to celebrate the historic milestones and unprecedented economic success and wealth creation that has taken place over the last 12 months. Lowest female unemployment in 18 years!"

But it turns out that the president not only inspired the marches, his family also did a little bit to help out, at least in Chicago. The Trump International Hotel and Tower donated the use of a conference

room to the Chicago Police Department for officers policing the event.

An eagle-eyed Chicago Inc. reader spotted what he estimated were about 100 cops being briefed in the Trump Tower room. And CPD spokesman **Anthony Guglielmi** confirmed that the room was used for roll call because of its "central location."

As for the optics of police using a Trump building to police an anti-Trump rally, the department wasn't trying to send any message, Guglielmi said.

"CPD had officers assigned to a number of downtown locations on Saturday to ensure the safety and security of everyone who attended the demonstration," he said, adding that it was "fairly standard practice" for businesses to donate space to the police for large public events.

— Kim Janssen

Oak Park native back in reality TV after teaching

Brad Fiorenza almost missed out on a career in reality TV because there was a long line at the casting call for MTV's "The Real World." The Oak Park native said his cousin convinced him to stick around for the audition, and he joined the San Diego cast in 2003 at 22 years old.

That gig was the start of a long relationship with MTV. He vied for prize money on eight seasons of "The Challenge," a game show spinoff of "The Real World" and "Road Rules." He met fellow contestant **Tori Hall** and they wed in 2010, the same year they won "Cutthroat" and retired from competition to start a family. Fiorenza went from being a fixture on TV to being a teacher in the Chicago suburbs.

"Even in Morris, I remember doing bus duty. I was a third-grade teacher ... and little first-graders would come by, little boys, and they would high-five me and say, 'My dad says hello,'" Fiorenza recalled in a phone interview.

Now 37 years old, Fiorenza is back on MTV. He is one of 28 competitors on Season 31 of "The Challenge," which airs at 8 p.m. Tuesdays. His return to the franchise was a bit jarring. The Jan. 2 premiere focused on him locking lips with fellow contestant **Britni Thornton** without much explanation about what transpired at home.



MTV

Brad Fiorenza competes on "The Challenge: Vendettas" on MTV.

Hall filed for divorce in 2015 and it was finalized in December 2016, Will County court records show. Their two sons live with Hall, while Fiorenza said he is adjusting to life as a bachelor in Chicago.

"I was really strapped out after the divorce was finalized and I found myself really hard up to make money as a teacher," Fiorenza said. "I was working out really hard and trying my best to stay healthy, and when I got the call for the show, it was a no-brainer because the contracts have gotten so much better."

— Tracy Swartz



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Julie Ertz scored a goal for the U.S. national team Sunday.

Julie Ertz celebrates goal and husband's super news

Red Stars defender **Julie Ertz** had quite an eventful Sunday.

First she scored a goal in the U.S. women's national team's 5-1 win over Denmark in a friendly in San Diego. And then cameras caught her as she became overwhelmed with emotion once she learned that her husband, **Zach**, and his Eagles team beat the Vikings and are headed to the Super Bowl.

"I was so excited for him," she told ESPN. "I was like, I don't know how I'm going to do an interview. Go Birds!"

Ertz said she and her husband, who plays tight end, were texting for as long as they could before each other's games.

"I tried not to look at halftime (of her game)," she said. "People gave me the smile as if they knew something, but I couldn't wait until the whistle was going to blow and they told me. I had to make sure from 10 people that they're going and I'm so excited for them. Like, unbelievably excited."

— Phil Thompson

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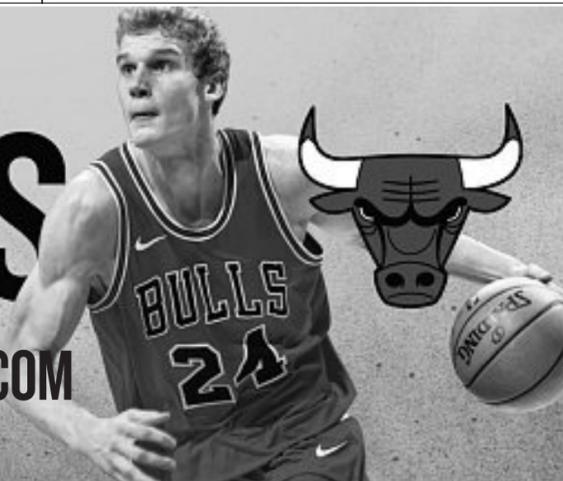
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Around globe, U.S. blamed for Trump

Tourists can't escape inevitable questions



DAHLEEN GLANTON

I am convinced that people were glaring at me on my recent trip to Southeast Asia.

Being African-American, I'm used to folks being overly zealous when they encounter blacks in places they aren't used to seeing us. A few years ago in China, for instance, a group of people encircled my family on the street and stared us down. Others asked to take pictures with us, while some just snapped from afar.

But this time, in Thailand and Malaysia, it was different. They weren't looking at us as if we were a novelty. Of course, I could have been imagining it, but they seemed to be looking at us Americans as if we were idiots.

In Thailand, life-size photographs of the beloved, recently deceased king, Bhumibol Adulyadej, hung along public streets. Regardless of how the Thai people might feel about the military leaders who took over their country in a coup, they've always had the monarch, though powerless, to make them feel unified.

In America, we have no one to ease our minds about Donald Trump. His attitude about non-Christian countries, particularly Muslim, has been horrific. So while in Buddhist Thailand, I felt uneasy. And in Muslim Malaysia, I hung my head down in shame.

The people I personally encountered in these countries were courteous. But in almost every conversation, Trump's name would inevitably come up.

A Muslim store clerk in Penang, Malaysia, wanted to know if Trump was really as bad as he seemed. I looked at her apologetically and said, "Worse."

I assured her that most Americans don't feel the same as the president when it comes to Muslims. I explained that his election was a fluke and promised her that Americans would elect a Congress during the midterms that will diminish his influence and that we would vote Trump out of office in 2020.

She did not seem convinced — and neither was I — but she politely nodded and smiled.

On a cruise ship later with hundreds of people from all over the world, invoking Trump's name became a useful icebreaker.

People in other parts of the world don't look at the tweets coming from Trump's phone and the ridiculous comments coming out of his mouth as solely a reflection on him. The president's blunders are seen as a reflection on America has a whole.

While Americans might draw a line between Trump supporters and Trump haters, outsiders throw us into the same pot.

The glow that used to be so obvious in the eyes of people, particularly in poorer countries, when they came upon Americans, has dimmed considerably since Trump's election. Foreigners don't seem as eager to come to America as they once did. They don't look at us so much anymore as the land of hope, the land of limitless opportunities or the land where dreams come true.

Seated at the breakfast table with strangers in the ship's dining room, everyone seemed to have something to say about our president. The consensus among the British, the New Zealanders and the Australians onboard seemed to be that all Americans are culpable and should be held accountable.

Almost always, the discussion would evolve into "How did 'you' let this happen?"

While it was obvious that the African-Americans would not likely be Trump supporters, it wasn't as clear when it came to the white tourists from the U.S. We had to feel them out before jumping into an all-out assault on Trump.

"It's nice to take a break from the news at home," I said to a woman from California who was seated with her husband.

"Yes," she replied. "But my husband is suffering from CNN withdrawal."

"OK," I thought to myself. He watches CNN and not Fox News. And after all, they are from blue state California, not red state Indiana. So I took the plunge.

"I'm glad I haven't had to think about Trump for two weeks," I blurted.

Her face was expressionless.

"Well, everything he does isn't bad," she said. "I'm glad we're finally putting America first."

Clearly, we were not kindred spirits. It was time to move on.

"What do you do for a living?" she asked.

"I'm a journalist," I said. There was complete silence.

Then her husband, who had said nothing during the conversation, finally spoke.

"Oh, you're one of them," he said.

End of conversation.

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The federal building at Clark Street and Congress Parkway in Chicago remained busy Monday despite the shutdown.

Shutdown sends some federal workers home

But Chicago-area staff headed back to work after stopgap funding OK'd

BY KATHERINE SKIBA AND NEREIDA MORENO
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Pullman National Monument Superintendent Kathy Schneider said she was given a few hours Monday morning to perform "shutdown activities" at the Far South Side landmark as she and another full-time staffer were being sent home.

"We put notices on our emails, on our voicemails, we turn off our government equipment," said Schneider, who planned to paint her basement in suburban Homewood during the shutdown. "We are not allowed to conduct government business nor volunteer to do government business during the shutdown."

She will have to change her voicemail again. Schneider and thousands of Chicago-area federal workers who were furloughed because of the federal shutdown are set to head back to work soon after Congress voted Monday to end the shutdown that began just after midnight Friday.

A Senate vote cleared a path to reopening the government, with Illinois Democratic Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth voting for the temporary budget proposal. The House approved the plan soon afterward, sending it to President Donald Trump, who signed the measure Monday night. Still, because the workweek began without a deal in place, the shutdown's most significant effects be-

gan to kick in Monday morning.

Some federal employees in Chicago showed up to work Monday morning and were quickly sent home. Linda Buckner, 61, said she commuted from Matteson to the Kluczynski Federal Building, only to work for about three hours, sign a furlough letter for an "orderly shutdown" and go home.

This is her fourth time experiencing a government shutdown, so she said she knew to save money in case it happened again. She said it's stressful to work knowing that the government is passing temporary spending bills instead of agreeing on a long-term budget.

"To me, it's ridiculous," Buckner said. "Congress does not realize that they're government employees too."

In Chicago, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development furloughed 296 employees Monday and kept on only 20 staffers, said Jereon Brown, a spokesman in Washington.

Those sent home included public and multi-family housing specialists, legal specialists, administrative specialists, auditors, community planning and development specialists, fair housing specialists and others, Brown said. He said HUD workers would return to work once a deal was finalized.

At Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago, about 3,500 civilian employees were on furlough Monday, public affairs officer John Sheppard said

before he, too, was furloughed. Nonmilitary jobs at the base range from retail store sales clerks to maintenance employees to golf course workers.

Base officials announced online that some family support classes were canceled and counseling services were limited. The commissary was closed, but child care services for military personnel remained open. Civilian personnel were instructed to report for their next shift after the shutdown ended.

Other agencies fared better. At the National Weather Service in Romeoville, meteorologist Ed Fenelon said 20 of his 21 full-time employees were exempt from the furlough because of the agency's mission to protect life and property.

"We are here and we are going to be there providing timely and accurate information so folks can stay safe," Fenelon said. The office provides weather forecasts and warnings for 23 counties in northeast and north-central Illinois and northwest Indiana.

And many functions of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services continued, as they are funded primarily by fees, spokeswoman Anita Moore said. Its office in Chicago remained open. However, certain agency services were affected by the shutdown, notably the E-Verify system, a free internet-based system that allows businesses to determine the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States.

Meanwhile, even some congressional offices were operating with skeleton staffs.

"Our staff is furloughed with the exception of ...

essential employees," U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam's spokeswoman Veronica Vera said Monday.

Roskam, a Wheaton Republican, retained a staff of six employees while a total of about 16 staffers and interns in his suburban Chicago and Washington offices were furloughed, Vera said. Those idled "were directed to stay at home and turn off their work cellphones," she said. Vera was one of two staffers in Roskam's West Chicago office, which she said would remain open.

Roskam and other Illinois Republicans had tried to put pressure on Democrats, calling on Durbin and Duckworth to vote to end the shutdown.

But Democratic U.S. Rep. Luis Guterierrez of Chicago signaled hours before Monday's House vote that he would oppose a spending bill that lacked protections for immigrants known as "Dreamers."

"This simply kicks the can down the road," Guterierrez said, "with no assurance that we will protect Dreamers from deportation or fight Republican attempts to curtail or eliminate legal immigration."

Guterierrez was among seven Illinois Democrats who voted against the bill, including Reps. Danny Davis, Bobby Rush and Mike Quigley of Chicago; Robin Kelly of Matteson; Jan Schakowsky of Evanston; and Raja Krishnamoorthi of Schaumburg. All of Illinois' House Republicans voted for it.

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Kennedy rips Rauner on service cuts, praises Madigan stand

Democratic hopeful details property tax overhaul platform

BY RICK PEARSON
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Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy on Monday tried to clarify his much-criticized remark that Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner should be "applauded" for speaking truth to power, saying the governor deserves credit for taking on Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan and rival J.B. Pritzker.

Kennedy told reporters that he has been an "absolute critic" of the GOP governor he wants to succeed and called Rauner "reprehensible" and "inhuman" in his treatment of state social programs. The Democrat did not stop there, however.

"And yet," Kennedy said of what he views as

Rauner's policy shortcomings, "he's taking on this pay-to-play culture that needs to be criticized."

Kennedy's comments came at a downtown news conference to provide details behind a core theme of his campaign — a property tax assessment system that he said benefits wealthy commercial property owners over homeowners in poorer neighborhoods.

Kennedy, a Kenilworth businessman and heir of the iconic Massachusetts political family, has struggled to find a lane in the March 20 Democratic governor primary. Candidate J.B. Pritzker, the billionaire heir to the Hyatt Hotels fortune, has the support of much of the Democratic establishment. Democratic state Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston has courted the party's more liberal elements.

On Friday, Kennedy walked out of Tribune Tower following a candi-

date forum with the newspaper's Editorial Board and was asked if he was helped by Rauner's attack ads that feature FBI recordings of Pritzker speaking to then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich in November 2008, a month before the former governor was arrested on corruption charges.

"I think Bruce Rauner is trying to do what he thinks is best for the state of Illinois," Kennedy said Friday. "And we may disagree on what that is, but his willingness to speak truth to power, to take on the powers that have been strangling our economy for decades in this state is something that I think he should be applauded for."

Those comments prompted quick criticism from Pritzker and other Democrats. Kennedy had a chance to clean up the political mess Monday, but continued to try to have it both ways in describing

Rauner.

"I think that Bruce Rauner was critical of Mike Madigan and the pay-to-play culture that's present in our state. And when you see J.B. Pritzker, when you listen to that tape of him talking to Blagojevich and this notion that big money is coming in to ... buy an outcome maybe for him to become treasurer of the state or some other appointed position, I think that's the culture that we need to get rid of in Illinois," Kennedy said.

The Rauner ads feature portions of government recordings the Tribune published May 31 in which Pritzker and Blagojevich discuss scenarios for filling the U.S. Senate vacancy of then-President-elect Barack Obama. Pritzker makes known an interest in becoming state treasurer if an opening is created.

Asked Monday if he had any regret for praising

Rauner, Kennedy said, "I mean I'm running against Bruce Rauner. I campaigned against him all over the state while he was running. I've been an absolute critic of his behavior."

Kennedy also credited Rauner with "a good first step" in issuing an executive order last week to ban state lawmakers from arguing cases before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board. Critics, however, question whether the order could survive a legal challenge because the tax board is supposed to be independent of the executive branch.

As for Kennedy's property tax platform, the candidate repeated his call for a ban on elected officials serving as tax appeals lawyers, a type of law practiced by some legislators, aldermen and Madigan. Kennedy also restated his proposal to prevent property tax appeals law firms from donating to elected assessors.

In addition, Kennedy said a state task force should be created to review sales prices and mortgage information and file complaints when properties are unfairly underassessed. He also proposed state licensing and standards for assessors and a public report on the accuracy of assessments by assessors. Many of the issues Kennedy is seeking to address were raised in the Tribune's investigation "The Tax Divide."

Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios' office has said income generated by commercial properties is the primary basis of value to assess them, and contended Kennedy's proposal to use sales prices as the sole basis for assessments is unconstitutional. Berrios spokesman Tom Shaer said Kennedy "demonstrates a woeful lack of knowledge about the assessment process."

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Cop who fatally shot 2 is charged in bar fight

Lawyer: Officer was defending self from drunken 'aggressors'

BY DAN HINKEL
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A Chicago police officer who faces potential firing for fatally shooting two people in 2015 has been charged with misdemeanor offenses following an off-duty bar fight last month.

Officer Robert Rialmo turned himself in to a police station Monday and was arrested on two counts of battery and one count of theft, all misdemeanors, said Police Department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi. He was released on his own recognizance, department officials said.

Rialmo is alleged to have punched two men in the face, knocking them to the floor, about 2:45 a.m. Dec. 17 at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria on the Far Northwest Side, according to police reports and Guglielmi. By the time police arrived at

the scene, Rialmo was gone, the spokesman said.

The theft charge stems from an allegation that he left with the jacket of one of the men he is charged with hitting, Guglielmi said.

Rialmo's lawyer, Joel Brodsky, said video of the altercation — which has yet to be made public — shows that the officer was defending himself against "highly intoxicated aggressors." Brodsky also denied Rialmo stole the jacket.

Top department officials stripped Rialmo of his police powers days after the bar incident.

At the time of the alleged fight, Rialmo was already on paid desk duty pending an investigation into his fatal shooting of Quintonio LeGrier, 19, and bystander Bettie Jones, 55, the day after Christmas 2015 on the West Side. The Civilian Office of Police Accountability ruled five days after the tavern incident that the shooting was unjustified.

LeGrier came at Rialmo and his partner with an



Officer Robert Rialmo

aluminum baseball bat in his hand as the officers responded to a call of a domestic disturbance. Rialmo shot the teen and accidentally hit Jones, a neighbor standing nearby.

But COPA voiced skepticism about Rialmo's account of the confrontation, determining that the teen likely was further from Rialmo when he opened fire than the officer had said. Investigators also concluded that LeGrier likely did not swing the bat at the Rialmo, as the officer had contended.

COPA recommended that Rialmo be fired for the shooting, but Superintendent Eddie Johnson still has months to decide what, if

any, discipline he might seek from the Chicago Police Board.

Brodsky and police union officials have decried the ruling and vowed to challenge it. The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police has accused COPA of using the alleged bar fight to pressure Johnson to seek Rialmo's firing in the shooting.

COPA spokeswoman Mia Sissac said Johnson can be trusted to make his own decision about the shooting. "I think they should trust that he will make a decision independent of any ... political agenda," she said Monday.

Rialmo and his partner responded about 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 26, 2015, to 911 calls about a disturbance at the apartment in the 4700 block of West Erie Street where LeGrier was staying with his father. LeGrier, apparently beset by mental health problems, had behaved erratically as a student at Northern Illinois University and had altercations with peers and run-ins

with police, records show.

Jones, who lived downstairs, answered the door and pointed police to the second floor. LeGrier then came down the stairs with a bat, according to an analysis released by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, which declined to bring criminal charges against Rialmo last February.

The officers moved toward the front landing as LeGrier came at them with the bat, prosecutors wrote. As Rialmo backed down the stairs, he fired eight times, hitting LeGrier six times, according to prosecutors. Jones, who was standing behind the teen, was shot once in the chest.

Brodsky has said his client was justified in firing in self-defense, but COPA investigators voiced doubts about Rialmo's accounts. COPA found that no one corroborated the officer's contention that LeGrier swung the bat, while investigators concluded that the evidence suggested that Ri-

almo was several feet farther from the teen when he opened fire than the officer had said.

The survivors of both LeGrier and Jones sued Rialmo and the city. Rialmo, meanwhile, took the unusual step of suing the city, alleging in part that he was inadequately trained. Rialmo is also suing LeGrier's estate, blaming the teen for the shooting and contending it emotionally traumatized the officer.

Then last month, the city's lawyers filed a lawsuit that sought to shift blame for the shooting onto LeGrier and financial liability for Jones' death onto the teen's estate.

The city's lawyers quickly dropped the litigation after the Tribune reported on the unusual legal strategy a few hours after the lawsuit was filed. Emanuel apologized, saying he did not know of the litigation beforehand but found it "callous."

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Group in Philippines to provide medical care to underserved

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The three were among a group of about 100 Filipino-American medical personnel who had traveled to the Philippines for a three-day medical mission, said Nida Blankas-Hernaez, past president of the Philippine Medical Association in Chicago. The mission provides medical care and treatment to underserved populations and those who cannot afford it, Blankas-Hernaez said. Mission participants pay their own way to travel to the Philippines, she said.

The medical association and other similar Filipino groups across the country raise money and then join forces to pair with Filipino hospitals and governments to provide surgeries, medical, dental and optical care.

"It's sad, it's really sad,"

said Blankas-Hernaez, a pediatrician. "We're praying for them."

The tour van crashed in the town of Alegria in Cebu province. The group was traveling to the popular Kawasan Falls before medical mission work was to begin this week, police and family members said.

Seven passengers in the van were pronounced dead upon arrival at area hospitals. Three others were listed in serious condition. Photos the police posted online show the crumpled front of the van smashed against the tree. The driver of the van survived and was taken into custody.

Rubio was the medical director of endocrinology at Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center at 2222 W. Division St., where he worked from 1972 until 2015.

"He was generous, compassionate and had a real commitment to patients," spokesman Jim O'Connell said. "He never stopped caring for those in need."

Rubio recently donated money to the hospital to help expand the Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Care. Rubio was a talented lecturer on diabetes, Blankas-Hernaez said. Elenita Rubio is the incoming president of the regional Philippine medical association.

The couple came to the Chicago area in 1967 for further medical training and have three children.

Philip Chua, a friend of the couple, said "they're wonderful people" who regularly dedicated their time to helping others, including volunteer work on medical mission trips to the Philippines.

"He's very warm and compassionate, soft-spoken, low-key," Chua said. "They're very active in the medical communities, especially in Chicago."

Gagni worked as a recovery room nurse. Friends said Gagni loved to help others and was creative with flowers, helping her husband, Tito, run his floral business. She designed and created arrangements for church events, fundraisers and the wedding of one of her friend's daughters.

"She was out doing something good and a car crash kills her ... you just don't think of this happening," said the Rev. William Corcoran of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Orland Hills, Gagni's parish.

"Everybody knew her. She was a spitfire, lots of energy," Corcoran said. "She was very committed to the

parish and very much a part of this community."

Friend Carminda Aldeza said Gagni loved the mission work. "She just really enjoyed it. She's just that type of person," Aldeza said.

Her husband was supposed to be on the trip with her, but he was handling the flowers for a wedding. He visited the church Sunday to let parishioners know what happened. "He is just in shock," said St. Elizabeth Seton spokeswoman Claudia Nolan, who saw him that day.

Gagni had a "great, creative eye," said Corcoran, and would often help transform the church during the holidays, such as Easter.

"It would go from Good Friday, dark and empty, and in an hour she would make the sanctuary look like the Garden of Eden," Corcoran said.

Using ribbon, she also crafted elaborate bows to decorate the bottom of large Advent candles at the church. Volunteering was important to her, and she always made time for it.

Blankas-Hernaez said she and Gagni worked together, and "she was like an angel to me. She wants to help all the time and so that's why she was going on the mission."

The couple have a son and daughter and recently celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Nolan said.

"She would always say yes," Nolan said of Gagni's response to helping out at the church. "And there was always that smile. I will miss that smile."

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Flooding, fumes disrupt local VA hospital

Surgery, emergency services paused at Jesse Brown center

By MICHAEL J. BERENS
Chicago Tribune

Surgical services have been unavailable at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center since Dec. 28, when a chemical fume leak engulfed operating rooms and forced the relocation of several veterans already prepped for procedures.

The 200-bed facility in the Illinois Medical District in the Near West Side also

closed its emergency department on New Year's Day after damaged heating coils flooded the waiting room and surrounding area with up to 2 inches of water.

The hospital's eight operating rooms are expected to reopen Wednesday, according to Medical Center Director Marc Magill, but the emergency department will likely remain closed for repairs until at least mid-February.

Some VA staff expressed concern about health risks for people scheduled for elective surgeries, including cancer patients, but Magill

said patients are constantly monitored for changes in their condition.

"At no time were patients at risk," he said.

About 19 patients were transferred to other facilities for care, Magill said, adding that transfers are routine and not necessarily linked to the closures.

On Dec. 28, six patients had been prepped for surgery when fumes caused the evacuation of the hospital's operating rooms. Some patients were already under anesthesia, though no surgeries were underway. Patients were evacuated to the

intensive care unit, and some were transferred to nearby medical facilities, Magill said.

The leak was traced to a faulty heating coil that released propylene glycol, a nontoxic, synthetic compound commonly found in heating systems. Several employees were treated for minor irritation, he said.

The day's low temperature of 2 degrees was preceded by two days of sub-zero temperatures, part of a near-record-breaking cold snap that settled over Chicago for two weeks.

The air distribution and

purifying systems that link surgical units are a critical component for infection control. Consequently, repairs are costly and time-consuming, requiring multiple tests and certifications. "We won't open until we are confident of safety," Magill said.

On New Year's Day, continued frigid weather knocked out 10 heating coils in the emergency department, flooding the waiting room and thousands of square feet of office space, resulting in extensive damage.

Emergency services were

rerouted to other areas of the hospital. Until the department reopens, veterans with life-threatening conditions are automatically sent to the nearby Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital or nearby private hospitals, Magill said. Other emergency cases are triaged and treated in other parts of the center, which serves about 62,000 veterans, he said.

The VA center had remained open despite the federal government shutdown, which ended Monday night, officials said.

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Lawyers critical of action

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wealthier property owners while punishing low-income residents and small-business owners.

Rauner's executive order, issued Friday, was aimed at property tax attorneys who benefit from the county's flawed system, including his nemesis, House Speaker Michael Madigan.

But barring state lawmakers from representing clients before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board is unlikely to trigger much change because the board does not provide as much relief as other venues open to tax attorneys — especially in Cook County.

Cook County property owners generally appeal their assessments directly with the assessor's office or turn to the Cook County Board of Review, a three-member panel that also hears appeals. If they are not satisfied with those decisions, they can appeal to the Property Tax Appeal Board — whose five members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate — or file a property tax objection case in Circuit Court. Most attorneys in Cook County opt for the latter.

The state appeal board, known as PTAB, has heard cases involving about 175,000 parcels of real estate and granted more than \$8.7 billion in reductions since 2011. Cook County accounted for nearly 80 percent of the caseload but only about a third of the reductions, according to data from the board's annual reports.

By comparison, the Cook County assessor's office granted nearly \$19 billion in



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Senate President John Cullerton's brother deals with property tax appeals.



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Rep. Robert Martwick Jr., D-Chicago, called the action "blatantly political."

reductions for 251,000 parcels during that period for commercial and industrial properties alone, according to a Tribune-Pro Publica Illinois analysis of county data. Billions more in reductions were granted by the Board of Review.

And while Madigan's law firm, Madigan & Getzendanner, is one of the most active in Cook County's appeals industry, data from PTAB show that the executive order would have little impact on the firm's business. Between 2000 and 2016, the data show, Madigan's firm filed appeals at PTAB involving only 780 parcels of property.

Between 2011 and 2016 alone, the firm filed appeals with the Cook County assessor's office for more than 4,000 parcels.

Other lawmakers whose

firms could be affected by the order are state Rep. Robert Martwick Jr., a Chicago Democrat, and Senate President John Cullerton, also a Chicago Democrat, whose brother Patrick handles property tax appeals for Thompson Coburn.

Martwick, who works at the law firm of Finkel, Martwick & Colson, where his father is one of the founders, called the executive order "blatantly political."

"In a citizen legislature, everyone has a conflict of interest," said Martwick, whose father is also secretary of the Cook County Democratic Party. "But the idea that legislators who are property tax lawyers have any more of a conflict than any other citizen who serves in the legislature is not true."

In addition, Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said Rauner's order "tends to pre-empt the idea that a person can hire whoever they want as their own lawyer." He criticized it as a politically motivated move.

A spokesman said Cullerton's office is reviewing the governor's action.

Ann Lousin, a professor of law at John Marshall Law School who is an expert on the state's constitution, said Rauner's executive order may have trouble meeting a constitutional test.

"This is almost certainly a violation of separation of powers and a violation of the special legislation clause because he's making rules regarding the ethical conduct of legislators, which is a separate branch of government," Lousin said.

The governor's office said the order is modeled



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Speaker Michael Madigan's firm is active in Cook County's property tax appeals system.

after a state law that restricts lawmakers from representing individuals before the state's Workers' Compensation Commission and the Court of Claims, which hears workers' comp cases.

As word of the order spread, it sparked criticism from property tax attorneys.

"I am outraged by this," said Chicago-based lawyer Gary Smith. "I understand the governor objects to certain people practicing their profession. But you have to do things like this through legal means. The executive branch should not be writing laws through executive orders."

Rauner has yet to provide details on what broader legislative changes he would seek. But altering Cook County's property tax system would require legis-

lation at the state or county level.

State law gives the county almost complete autonomy over how it structures its system, and any attempt to alter the state's property tax code would be difficult given that Democrats led by Madigan and Cullerton control the General Assembly.

Oversight of the county's assessment system has also been a challenge because for decades the assessor's office has considered itself an independent agency that operates outside the purview of the bodies that oversee county government.

The county's inspector general had to take Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios — who is also chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party — all the

way to the Illinois Supreme Court in order to exert oversight over the assessor's office.

Earlier this month, the Cook County Board of Ethics fined Berrios \$41,000 for failing to return campaign contributions from tax appeals lawyers that exceeded a limit for people who have recently sought official county action.

Berrios is expected to challenge that ruling as well, asserting among other things that the county ordinance is superseded by higher state contribution limits.

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Hospitals, doctors set stricter opioid policies

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"I can't point to data, but I believe that for the vast majority of people who become stuck on opioids, their prescriptions began because of injury or surgery."

But it's not just patients who are in danger from excessive opioid prescribing. People who receive large doses often end up with leftover pills that are taken by others: More than half of Americans who misuse opioids report getting them from a friend or relative, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Many hospitals are now moving to alternative methods of treating pain. Some doctors say less potent medications can handle pain equally well — and that patients are coming to share that view.

In the past six months, Rush University Medical Center has given post-surgical patients Tylenol, Motrin and gabapentin, a medication used for nerve pain. A mild opioid is used just for intermittent pain spikes.

Dr. Asokumar Buvanendran, a Rush pain specialist, said patients greeted the new protocol in a surprising way.

"We were concerned we would have a lot of complaints, but we have not seen any of that," he said. "We have seen the reverse — patients are more satisfied."

Second thoughts

Opioids, which encompass everything from codeine to heroin, block pain signals to the brain.

That trait has made them a prized analgesic for thousands of years, but experts say their use exploded in the 1990s as doctors — swayed by shifting attitudes about treating pain and aggressive pharmaceutical company marketing — became more generous about prescribing them.

While most of the pills went to patients with chronic conditions, Kolodny said they also became the first choice for people visiting an emergency room or recovering from surgery.

"There's a notion that the drug can't cause addiction, that the abusers are the ones at fault," he said. "(Doctors) don't think they're creating abusers. They don't quite get that the drugs themselves are causing addiction."

But as overdoses spiked and stories emerged of habits that began with a broken bone or a pill filched from a relative's medicine cabinet, medical professionals began to rethink their use of the drugs.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called for physicians to prescribe no more than three to seven days' worth of take-home opioids for acute pain. Numerous professional groups also called for restraint.

"We were probably too liberal when we were responding to all this pressure (to prescribe drugs), but that's really tightened up," said Dr. Mark Reiter, past president of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

The same reckoning has happened in operating

rooms. At Northwestern Medicine's hospitals, surgeons try to prescribe no more than a small amount of opioids after a procedure, though they don't stick to a specific amount.

"The reality of treating acute pain is we're often guessing how many pills a patient will need," said Dr. Jonah Stulberg, a Northwestern surgeon who has led its opioid reforms. "Some people's pain gets much better in 24 hours; others have significant pain for three to five days. We probably will never be able to exactly match the number of pills a patient needs with their pain."

Instead, Northwestern tutors patients about the potential dangers of opioids and asks them to bring unused medication to follow-up meetings with their surgeons, where the drugs can be disposed of properly.

Lynn Adler, who recently underwent gastrointestinal surgery at Northwestern, said she appreciated that policy.

"I had never been asked that before," said Adler, 70, who returned a bottle of tramadol. "I loved it because I had filled the prescription but never took any. I didn't know what to do with them, so I was really happy when they told me to bring them in."

Pre-emptive measures

Some hospitals are focusing on what happens before an operation to lessen the need for post-op pills.

NorthShore University HealthSystem tries to set patient expectations at a

realistic level in advance. And for some procedures, doctors inject localized pain blockers prior to surgery to keep the area numb after the person wakes up.

Dr. Rebecca Blumenthal, a NorthShore anesthesiologist, said that before the organization adopted this protocol in 2016, every patient who underwent these procedures received opioid prescriptions. Now only half do, she said, and most get just a few pills.

"It's amazing," she said. "Our patients are having these very large surgeries, and half of them require very low opiates."

Pablo Michalewicz, a 61-year-old biology instructor at Triton College who suffers from diverticulitis, was given a local pain blocker before having a section of his colon removed at NorthShore Evanston Hospital earlier this month.

He said he felt little pain when he awoke and declined the offer of a take-home opioid, using only Tylenol, ibuprofen and gabapentin.

"I wasn't even close to needing (opioids)," he said. "The first five or six days I was waiting — like, when is the pain coming? It never did."

Hospitals are also taking extra measures to foil people who might be seeking narcotic drugs. All doctors in Illinois are required to sign up for a state database that monitors opioid prescriptions, and some hospitals have also developed in-house systems.

At Cook County's Stroger Hospital, that information is now automatically included in a patient's elec-



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Lynn Adler, 70, right, returns a bottle of tramadol for proper disposal at a Northwestern Medicine clinic.

tronic medical records, allowing doctors to make better decisions, said emergency medicine physician Dr. Steven Aks.

He said he and his colleagues are prescribing fewer opioids, and to his surprise, patients who once demanded the drugs are accepting alternatives.

"Honestly, I'm not sure what it is," he said. "Five years ago, there was a lot more resistance. I think people are getting it."

Dramatic changes

Back in Bolingbrook, Cortez said she was glad opioids would not be part of her care.

"I'm very familiar with (the opioid epidemic)," she said. "I don't want anything to do with that."

Amita recently outfitted its emergency rooms with large posters outlining its opioid policies. They state that doctors do not prescribe long-acting painkillers such as OxyContin, which are especially prone to abuse, and do not refill

lost or stolen prescriptions.

The hospitals also have moved away from a potent opioid called Dilaudid, once the first choice for patients who suffered traumatic injuries.

Dr. Carlos Martinez, an emergency room physician, said it can have a euphoric effect when given through an IV, a quality that appeals to drug-seekers. So for most cases, the hospitals now stick with morphine, a more prosaic opioid.

Since the policy began about six months ago, Martinez said, Dilaudid use at some Amity hospitals has dropped by more than half. But as dramatic as that result might be, he said, it shouldn't lead anyone to expect a swift end to the opioid crisis.

"It will make a difference, but emergency departments across the United States will not solve this problem by themselves," he said. "It's not going to make a huge dent unless everyone does their part together."

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Pence: Embassy moves next year

Diplomatic mission in Israel to take Jerusalem office

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JERUSALEM — Vice President Mike Pence told the Israeli parliament Monday that the United States will move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem next year, far faster than the State Department had indicated when President Donald Trump decided last month to recognize the divided holy city as Israel's capital.

By speeding up the embassy transfer, the White House signaled it was doubling down on its most provocative Middle East policy and would ignore Arab allies who have urged a more measured approach to the politically charged issue.

Trump's Dec. 6 announcement stunned many world leaders and reversed decades of U.S. policy, which held that the status of Jerusalem should be decided in final Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. Palestinians also claim part of Jerusalem as the capital of a future independent state.

"In the weeks ahead, our administration will advance its plan to open the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem — and that the United States Embassy will open before the end of next year," Pence told the Knesset.

"By finally recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the United States has chosen fact over fiction — and fact is the only true foundation for a just and lasting peace," he added.

Twelve Arab members



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomes Vice President Mike Pence.

and one Jewish member, who had said they would boycott Pence's speech, stood and shouted when Pence began talking. Several held signs that read, in English and Arabic, "Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine." Security personnel removed the protesters.

State Department officials had said that finding a new embassy site, designing the compound and completing construction could take up to six years and cost \$600 million to \$1 billion to meet security concerns.

Pence's remarks suggest the department will instead

retrofit the U.S. Consulate in Arnona, a neighborhood in west Jerusalem, to serve as the embassy. The consulate now issues visas and offers consular services to Americans in Israel.

Pence, who is visiting Israel for two days after brief stops in Egypt and Jordan, received repeated standing ovations in the Knesset. The body is dominated by hard-right parties and backers of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

At one point, when Pence reiterated that the United States would support a two-state solution — the long-

held diplomatic goal of Israel and an independent Palestine existing side by side — only leftist members of the Knesset rose to applaud.

Pence also drew applause when he addressed another Trump priority that is popular with the Israeli right: torpedoing the landmark Iranian nuclear deal.

The 2015 accord, which the United States and five other world powers negotiated with Iran, put strict limits on Tehran's ability to enrich uranium or potentially acquire nuclear weapons in exchange for lifting sanctions that had crippled

the country's economy.

U.S. intelligence agencies and the United Nations nuclear watchdog agency have said Iran is meeting its obligations under the agreement. But Trump has vowed to withdraw from the deal in May, and reimpose energy-related sanctions on Iran, unless it is "fixed" to eliminate sunset clauses and to link it to Iran's development of ballistic missiles.

"The Iran nuclear deal is a disaster, and the United States of America will no longer certify this ill-conceived agreement" unless

Abbas calls on EU to recognize Palestine

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Monday urged European Union countries to recognize the state of Palestine and called on the 28-nation bloc to step up political efforts in the Middle East amid Arab disappointment with the U.S. role in the region.

At talks with EU foreign ministers in Brussels, Abbas also recommitted to a negotiated solution to the conflict with Israel and to past peace agreements, days after suggesting that the historic Oslo Peace Accords were as good as dead.

— Associated Press

the changes are made, Pence said.

Pence met with Netanyahu before he went to the Knesset, and he uttered the phrase American leaders had avoided for years while negotiators sought to hammer out a peace deal.

"It is my great honor on behalf of the president of the United States to be in Israel's capital, Jerusalem," Pence said as Netanyahu beamed at his side.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert confirmed that the new embassy will open by the end of 2019, but said decisions on the "safety and security of personnel" were pending.

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Turkish troops in Hassa advance toward Syria in a cross-border offensive against a Kurdish enclave. U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters in Syria helped defeat Islamic State militants.

Fighting rages amid Turkish push into Kurdish enclave

BY MEHMET GUZEL AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

HASSA, Turkey — Intense fighting flared Monday as Turkish troops and their allies advanced on a Kurdish enclave in northwestern Syria, the third day of Ankara's offensive to oust a U.S.-allied Kurdish militia from the area, according to the militia and a war monitoring group.

Skirmishes between Turkish troops and Kurdish fighters also broke out farther east in Syria, threatening to widen the scope of the new front in the Syrian war that pits Turkey against Washington's main ally in the region.

The Turkish ground and air offensive on Afrin began Saturday, raising tensions in the already-complicated Syrian conflict and threatening to further strain ties between Turkey and the U.S., both NATO allies. Turkey says it aims to create a 20-mile-deep "secure zone" in Afrin, the Kurdish-controlled enclave on its border.

The Turkish military announced late Monday that a soldier died in a cross-border raid, its first fatality in the operation.

A NATO statement said it has contacted Turkey over the offensive. NATO said Turkey has suffered from terrorism and has the right to self-defense but urged Ankara to do so in a "proportionate and measured way."

NATO also said it has no presence in Syria but that as members of the anti-Islamic State coalition, "our focus is on the defeat" of the extremists.

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Turkey has "legitimate security concerns" about Syria. Speaking to reporters traveling with him Sunday to Indonesia, he said diplomats are working on a solution to Turkey's confrontation with the Syrian Kurdish fighters, known as the People's Defense Units or YPG, who have been the key U.S. military ally in battling the Islamic State group in Syria. Turkey considers the YPG a terrorist group because of its ties to its own Kurdish insurgency.

Mattis said Ankara gave the U.S. military advance notice of its Afrin offensive.

The U.S. has offered direct military and logistical support to a Kurdish-led group known as the Syrian Democratic Forces that

spearheaded the fight against Islamic State militants in Syria. With the near total defeat of the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, the U.S. said it would create a 30,000-strong border force of existing Kurdish and Arab SDF members to ensure there would be no Islamic State comeback.

That announcement has outraged Turkey, and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has tried to walk back the U.S. position, saying it was portrayed incorrectly. The U.S. focus in recent years has been on eastern Syria. The area west of the Euphrates River, including Afrin, has been more of a problem for the U.S. because Turkey had said it would not accept a Kurdish military presence there.

The U.S. is discussing with Turkey and others the possibility of setting up a security zone on the Syrian border to address Turkey's concerns about a Kurdish enclave there, Tillerson said while traveling in Europe on Monday. Such a zone could help stabilize the situation and meet Turkey's legitimate concerns over security, he said.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has promised a wider operation.

Trump slaps tariffs on solar panels, washing machines

BY DAVID J. LYNCH
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump took action in two pending trade disputes Monday, imposing tariffs on imported solar panels and washing machines.

The twin actions represent Trump's first tariff orders and are his most consequential trade actions since the early days of his presidency when he withdrew from a Pacific trade deal and launched negotiations to overhaul the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The moves come in response to petitions from American manufacturers, who complained for years that rising imports were eating into their sales, and may signal the start of a wider administration offensive against U.S. trading partners.

On solar panels, Trump imposed tariffs of 30 percent in the first year, which will gradually fall to half that figure in four years. Those levies were less severe than Suniva and SolarWorld, the two companies that sought the government relief, had requested.

"We are still reviewing these remedies, and are hopeful they will be enough to address the import surge and to rebuild solar manufacturing in the United States," said Juerger Stein, chief executive officer and president of SolarWorld Americas.

The Suniva-SolarWorld request for protection was opposed by much of the domestic U.S. solar industry. Tariffs that make solar panels more expensive, and thus discourage their use, will cause 23,000 installers, engineers and project managers to lose their jobs this year as billions of dollars in planned investment evaporates, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association. Up to one-third of the 260,000 Americans



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Tariffs on imported solar panels will be 30 percent in the first year, gradually falling to half that figure in four years.

currently employed in the industry are at risk because of the tariffs, the group says.

"It boggles my mind that this president — any president, really — would voluntarily choose to damage one of the fastest-growing segments of our economy," said Tony Clifford, chief development officer for Standard Solar in Rockville, Md. "This decision is misguided and denies the reality that bankrupt foreign companies will be the beneficiaries of an American taxpayer bailout."

Environmentalists also bemoaned the decision, which they described as a setback for the further development of renewable energy.

In the case of washing machines, Trump acted in response to a petition from Whirlpool, which complained about low-cost competition from rivals Samsung and LG.

The first 1.2 million washing machines imported each year will face a 20 percent tariff, with additional imports facing a 50 percent tariff. Under Monday's announcement, parts also will be hit with a 50 percent tariff.

"The president's action makes clear again that the Trump administration will always defend American

workers, farmers, ranchers, and businesses," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said in announcing the moves.

In both cases, Trump acted under a provision of U.S. trade law authorizing global or "safeguard" tariffs, which had not been used since President George W. Bush levied tariffs on imported steel in 2002.

The safeguard process leaves the final decision on whether to impose trade remedies to the president rather than to the apolitical trade experts who normally adjudicate trade disputes.

The announcement comes with the president scheduled to travel to Davos, Switzerland, this week for the World Economic Forum.

He is scheduled to speak Friday before the annual gathering of corporate and government leaders who are enthusiastic supporters of the globalized economy that Trump vows to refashion.

Both tariff decisions followed years of trade litigation, with frustrated U.S. companies complaining of trade actions that amounted to "Whac-a-Mole" campaigns to remedy unfair foreign trade practices.

ANALYSIS

Democrats cut their losses — for now

Deal risks base, but may help senators in red states

BY ROBERT COSTA, ERICA WERNER AND KAREN TUMULTY
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WASHINGTON — From the outset, the government shutdown had been a test of wills. On Monday morning, the Democrats realized they had lost theirs.

At a caucus meeting in a room just off the Senate floor, a group of vulnerable Senate Democrats told their leader, Chuck Schumer of New York, that the cost of their effort to protect young undocumented immigrants known as “Dreamers” from deportation was rapidly escalating. It could imperil what was otherwise a promising outlook in November’s midterm election — and with it, the Democrats’ hopes of ending their exile from power.

With the shutdown heading into its third day, they were feeling the heat and finding it hard to control the messaging war. Voters in Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin were getting Republican robocalls saying Democrats had “prioritized illegal immigrants over American citizens.”

So the Democrats de-



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer leaves a meeting with Senate Democrats. DREW ANGERER/GETTY

ecided to take a deal they had turned down only the night before — a less-than-air-tight assurance by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., that “it would be my intention” to consider legislation that would address those immigrants in the coming weeks, but only if the government were reopened.

“There’s a practical question of, ‘Are you going to achieve more by holding out; are you going to get anywhere?’” asked Sen. Angus King, Maine, an independent who caucuses

with the Democrats. (“Schumer’s”) assessment was, this was a positive step forward and to hold out further, you wouldn’t get any more.”

Federal shutdowns are a tactic that has been tried with some regularity over the past quarter-century.

This time, it was the Democrats’ turn to learn what Republicans have before them: First, that bringing the government to a halt is not an advantageous way for the opposition to force through the policy objectives it has not been able to

achieve through legislating. And second, that the party that holds the White House has the upper hand.

Polls consistently show a large majority of the public is sympathetic to the plight of the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who were brought to this country illegally by their parents, and opposes President Donald Trump’s decision to end the Obama-era program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, that shielded them from deportation. If it is not renewed by March, the

“Dreamers” face the prospect of being forced to leave the only country many have ever thought of as home.

But what the Democratic senators were sensing was something else that shows up in the polls: Most voters do not want to see the government shut down over immigration. And the causes that are articles of faith with the Democrats’ liberal and ethnically diverse base can alienate many voters in the largely white battleground states.

After the Democrats’ huddle, Schumer went to the floor and relented. He declared that McConnell’s statement was a “commitment” and warned the GOP leader to “abide by this agreement” or else risk breaching the trust of lawmakers in both parties.

Trust, however, is not a currency that is trading at a high value these days in Washington politics.

A flood of social-media fury was directed at Schumer for a “cave” by “weak-kneed, right-of-center Democrats,” as the Progressive Change Campaign Committee framed the Democrats’ move. Outraged liberals moaned that Democrats had won nothing but a fig leaf to cover the fact that they had broken down.

“I do not see how a vague promise from the Senate Majority Leader about a

vague policy to be voted on in the future helps the ‘Dreamers,’” said Rep. Luis Gutiérrez, D-Ill., one of the party’s most prominent immigration advocates.

Immigrant advocates and liberals were frustrated in December when Democrats supported the last short-term spending bill with nothing in return for DACA recipients. Democratic leaders tried to quiet their concerns by promising to make their stand on the issue in January.

The shutdown exposed the challenges facing congressional Democrats daily: how to wrangle victories while in the minority and keep the party’s base energized ahead of the November elections.

Unlike conservative Republicans who led a 2013 government shutdown, Democrats have no antipathy for the federal government and its services — and they squirmed this week

once they began to be blamed by Republicans when agencies were shuttered.

Democrats tried to blame the impasse on Republicans, noting that they control both the White House and Congress.

But their own polling revealed that a shutdown could be a bigger political problem for Democrats fighting for survival in conservative states.

Moderate senators end the shutdown

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that Republicans would keep their promise to consider a bipartisan bill to help the immigrants.

The Senate voted overwhelmingly, 81-18, to pass the three-week spending bill. In the House, Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., marshaled his majority for approval, 266-150, with six Republicans and 144 Democrats opposed.

In return for Democrats’ support, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., agreed to consider legislation to help immigrants illegally brought to the U.S. as children as part of an immigration compromise that is also likely to include border security and other measures.

Protections against the deportation of the young immigrants will end March 5 because Trump is terminating the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

“Now comes the test, the real test, of whether we can get this done,” said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who called the young immigrants “the civil rights issue of our time.” He promised Democrats would not relent. “To all the Dreamers who are watching today: Don’t give up.”

Those promises, though, were met with deep skepticism by immigrant advocates for the nearly 700,000 young people.

“It’s official: Chuck Schumer is the worst negotiator in Washington,” said Murshed Zaheed, political director of CREDO, an immigration advocacy group, in a statement. He said any plan that relies on Republican leaders to keep their



Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, gather with other lawmakers to talk to reporters about the pending deal on a spending bill. MATT MCCLAIN/WASHINGTON POST

promises is “doomed to fail.”

Trump capitalized on the divisions, declaring “Democrats caved,” in a fundraising email to his supporters. After voting, he quickly welcomed some of the most restrictionist immigration senators to the White House, including several whose influence had quashed previous bipartisan deals.

Democrats were initially cool to McConnell’s offer when it was presented Sunday, wanting more than a promise that GOP leaders, who control the Senate floor schedule, would seriously consider an immigration bill.

Fifteen Democrats, voted to continue the filibuster, as did Sen. Bernie Sanders,

I-Vt. Two Republicans, Sens. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Mike Lee of Utah, who oppose spending levels, voted with them.

McConnell initially offered a more measured tone Monday ahead of the vote, refraining from accusing Democrats of putting “illegal immigration” ahead of the country’s needs, as he had much of the weekend. But after the vote, he resumed blasting Democrats for shutting down the government over the issue.

Even so, he promised to give immigration a fair airing. “Let me be clear: This immigration debate will have a level playing field at the outset, and an amendment process that is fair to all sides,” he said.

Senators said the shift in

the GOP leader’s tone and language — specifically McConnell’s promise that immigration legislation would be considered in an open process — was a move in their direction that allowed them to vote yes.

“What changed overnight for me was Leader McConnell’s statement this morning,” said Sen. Angus King, the Maine Independent who caucuses with Democrats. “He was committed to bringing a bill to the floor in a fair, level playing field setting.”

The success of the Common Sense Caucus may signal the rising clout of moderate lawmakers willing to withhold their votes to broker compromise. But a similar bipartisan push after the failure of the GOP

effort to repeal Obamacare last year fizzled out without much success.

For many, the gatherings in the office of Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, offered a glimpse of how a new Senate could break from the hyper-partisanship in Washington to govern.

“Susan’s office is Switzerland,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who helped organize the sessions.

The group included red state lawmakers Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., and Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., and others like Sens. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., and Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn. — all up for reelection in fall.

Among the Republicans were known dealmakers, including the Tennesseans,

Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker and Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake, but also newer brokers, including Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., who is running the GOP’s re-election committee, and Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., a former governor.

“If we can make a lasting difference in how the Senate of the United States works, we can get it back to working,” said Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., who had been instrumental in the group.

Unlike the Senate, the House made no such promise Monday to consider immigration legislation.

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Along with his apology, Pope Francis said, “The drama of those abused is terrible.”

Pope apologizes for remarks about sex abuse victims

BY SARAH PULLIAM BAILEY
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Pope Francis apologized for remarks he made last week defending a bishop in Chile accused of covering up sexual abuse, but he did not back down from his support of the bishop who has caused a firestorm. The pope’s remarks had caused widespread backlash among abuse survivors and even prompted criticism from Cardinal Sean O’Malley, the archbishop of Bos-

ton and the pope’s top adviser on clerical sex abuse.

Francis said that he realized his words hurt many, but he repeated his view that Chilean Bishop Juan Barros — the bishop at the center of the controversy — is innocent, according to reports on the papal plane flying back to Rome.

“The drama of those abused is terrible,” the pope said on Sunday.

Last week, the pope said victims who had accused Barros were committing

slander, which drew criticism from O’Malley in Boston.

“It is understandable that Pope Francis’ statements ... were a source of great pain for survivors of sexual abuse by clergy or any other perpetrator,” O’Malley said in the statement. “Words that convey the message ‘if you cannot prove your claims then you will not be believed’ abandon those who have suffered reprehensible criminal violations of their human dignity and relegate survivors to dis-

credited exile.”

Sex abuse survivors were outraged in December after the Catholic Church honored disgraced former Boston Archbishop Bernard Law with a full cardinal’s funeral, despite his role in a major cover-up. Francis has apologized to sex abuse survivors several times, including during his trip last week, but many Catholics think he has not done enough on the issue. After Francis was appointed to the papacy, he created a reform commission

charged with addressing sexual abuse, but the commission lapsed when term limits expired.

Barros’ appointment in 2015 drew outcry from those who allege that he covered up sex abuse committed by his superior in the 1980s and 1990s. Francis defended him last week and on the plane to Rome.

“The day they bring me proof against Bishop Barros, I’ll speak,” Francis told Chilean journalists last week, according to The Associated Press.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Puerto Rico to privatize island's troubled power company

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Puerto Rico's governor announced Monday that he is privatizing the island's government-owned power company after decades of mismanagement, corruption and blackouts.

The surprise announcement comes as nearly 30 percent of power customers in the U.S. territory remain in the dark more than four months after the island was lashed by Hurricane

Maria.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello said the move will offer more affordable rates and better service to consumers as well as help attract more business to an island mired in an 11-year-old recession.

"One of the greatest obstacles that has halted our opportunities for economic development is the deficient and obsolete system of generation and distribution of energy," he said.

Ex-New Mexico governor meets with Myanmar leader

YANGON, Myanmar — Former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson met Monday with Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi to discuss the potential return of Rohingya Muslim refugees chased out of Myanmar by the military in what the United Nations has called "textbook ethnic cleansing."

Richardson has said he'll also press her government to release two detained Myanmar journal-

ists who had been covering the crisis.

It was not immediately clear what, if anything, was decided in the meeting in Myanmar's capital, Naypyidaw. The Rohingya exodus, and the mass killings and rapes that the refugees say occurred before they fled Myanmar's Rakhine state, have drawn global condemnation and brought widespread criticism of Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

15-year-old girl shot at Texas school; student, 16, arrested

DALLAS — A 15-year-old student in Texas was injured in a shooting in her high school Monday morning and a 16-year-old boy, also a student at the school, was taken into custody, sheriff's officials said.

The girl was airlifted to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas following the shooting in the small town of Italy, some 45 miles south of Dallas, said Sgt. Joe Fitzgerald of the

Ellis County Sheriff's Office.

The shooting happened at about 7:50 a.m. in the Italy High School cafeteria.

"In a small town, the school district is the center of what goes on for our kids and this morning's tragedy hits the heart of this community," said Lee Joffre, superintendent of the Italy Independent School District, which has about 600 students.



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Oklahoma rig blast: Five people were missing after a fiery explosion ripped through an eastern Oklahoma drilling rig near Quinton on Monday, sending plumes of black smoke into the air and leaving a derrick crumpled on the ground, emergency officials said.

Lost FBI text messages spark Justice Department probe

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's inspector general is investigating why the FBI did not retain text messages for five months including those exchanged by two senior officials involved in the probes of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said late Monday that he has spoken to Inspector General Michael Horowitz about the missing text messages and "a review is already underway to ascertain what occurred" and determine whether the missing text messages can be recovered.

Sessions' statement came after Sen. Ron John-

son, R-Wis., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee wrote a letter last weekend to FBI Director Christopher Wray asking the FBI to explain in more detail why it did not preserve text messages between senior FBI agent Peter Strzok and FBI lawyer Lisa Page between "approximately December 14, 2016 and May 17, 2017."

Strzok was removed from the Trump probe last summer after internal investigators discovered he and Page exchanged texts that were anti-Trump and pro-Clinton during FBI investigations of both candidates who were running for

president.

The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee received 384 pages of new Strzok-Page texts on Friday.

But Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd wrote that the FBI's "technical system for retaining text messages" sent and received on FBI mobile devices failed to preserve text messages between Strzok and Page from Dec. 14, 2016, to approximately May 17, 2017. That was the date Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein tapped Robert Mueller as special counsel to investigate contacts between Trump's campaign and Russia.

South Africa ruling party deciding Zuma's fate

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's ruling party said Monday it is considering whether to order President Jacob Zuma to step down as head of state.

"We have not arrived at any decision that Zuma must go or Zuma must not go," African National Congress Secretary-General

Ace Magashule told the media after a four-day meeting of the party's National Executive Committee. He denied local media reports that Zuma's departure was imminent.

Zuma, whose scandal-plagued tenure has hurt the popularity of Africa's oldest liberation party and the

country's economy, has come under increasing pressure to step down since being replaced as party leader in December by Cyril Ramaphosa, South Africa's deputy president. Ramaphosa is widely expected to follow Zuma as head of state.

Supreme Court sides with cops over partygoers

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sided Monday with police over partygoers in a dispute about arrests at a 2008 bash at a vacant home that had been turned into a makeshift strip club.

The high court ruled that police had sufficient reason to make arrests at the raucous party, which took place in a District of Columbia duplex. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in an opinion that police reasonably concluded that the revelers "were knowingly taking advantage of a vacant house as a venue for their late night party."

A total of 21 people were arrested for unlawful entry, though charges were later dropped. Some of the revelers later sued for false arrest, and they were awarded \$680,000 plus attorneys' fees. The Supreme Court disagreed with that result, reversing a lower-court ruling.

Federal prosecutors will seek a 21-month prison sentence for the man accused of tackling U.S. Sen. Rand Paul in the Kentucky lawmaker's yard, according to a court document that says the man "had enough" when he saw the Republican stacking more brush onto an existing pile.

A 44-year-old woman went overboard from the Carnival Triumph into the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday night, Carnival Cruise Line confirmed Monday. The ship, which sails from New Orleans, was on the second day of a five-day cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, when the passenger was "seen going overboard," a spokesman said.

Pa. high court strikes down congressional district map

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Monday struck down the state's congressional map, which was drawn to give Republicans a lopsided 13 to 5 majority, a ruling that could shift two or three seats to Democrats this fall.

The decision is the third in a year to strike down a state election map as a partisan gerrymander. Unlike the others, however, it cannot be easily blocked or voided by an appeal in federal court because it's based solely on the state constitution.

The justices ordered the map to be redrawn for this year's congressional races, giving the state Legislature just a few weeks to develop a new map.

In a brief unsigned opinion, the state high court said the 2011 election map "clearly, plainly and palpably" violates the Constitution of Pennsylvania, and "its further use in elections for Pennsylvania seats in the U.S. House of Representatives ... is hereby enjoined." The justices in the majority said they would issue a more complete opinion spelling out the reasons for their decision.

Election-law experts said the ruling could have an impact on this year's midterm election and the battle for control of the House.

"This is a huge decision. It means the state's map will be redrawn, and we could see two or three additional Democratic seats," said Michael Li, a redistricting expert with the Brennan Center in New York. "It also opens a second front in the fight against partisan gerrymanders. Many state constitutions have stronger provisions for fair elections than the federal constitution."

Democrats would have to capture 24 more House seats in November to take control. In several states,



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Pennsylvania's Supreme Court ruled that a 2011 congressional district map unfairly tilted elections in the state.

including Pennsylvania, they face district maps designed by Republican lawmakers that aim to ensure the GOP will win most of the seats, even if Democrats win most of the state's votes.

Although both parties have engaged in partisan gerrymanders over the years, Republicans had many more opportunities to do so when lines were last drawn, after the 2010 Census, because they controlled a majority of state legislatures and governorships at the time.

Two weeks ago, federal judges struck down North Carolina's congressional map, noting Republican leaders in that state openly admitted they had drawn the district map to try to guarantee sending 10 Republicans and three Democrats to the House — a goal they achieved.

The U.S. Supreme Court intervened last week and put that ruling on hold. The justices are still weighing a case from Wisconsin, in which federal judges ruled the GOP drew an election map to give its candidates a supermajority in the state Assembly, even when Democrats won a narrow majority of the state's votes.

The high court will soon hear a case from Maryland

where Democrats shifted tens of thousands of voters in a successful effort to defeat a veteran Republican.

The Pennsylvania court's order gave the GOP-controlled General Assembly and Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf until Feb. 15 to agree on a new map. If they fail to agree, the judges said they would take charge of drawing a new map for use in the May 15th primary elections. When the state's current map was drawn, a Republican was governor, giving the party full control over the process.

Leaders of Common Cause and the League of Women Voters, who brought the suit in Pennsylvania, applauded the ruling as a victory for "voters choosing politicians rather than politicians choosing voters."

"We hope that in drawing this map that legislators will utilize the map drawn by experts as a blueprint to restore the vote to hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians who were essentially disenfranchised by the outrageous and unconstitutional gerrymander," said Micah C.T. Sims, executive director of Common Cause Pennsylvania.

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Justice Ginsburg describes her own #MeToo experience

BY DEREK HAWKINS

The Washington Post

Long before she donned a black judge's robe, before she led a decades-long legal fight for gender equality, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a young, studious college kid taking a chemistry class at Cornell University.

One day, as she was preparing for a test, she told her professor she felt uncomfortable with some of the material.

"He said, 'I'll give you a practice exam,'" Ginsburg recalled in an interview Sunday with NPR's Nina Totenberg at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

When Ginsburg went to class the next day, she discovered that the professor had actually just slipped her an advance copy of the real test. "And I knew exactly what he wanted in return," she said. "And that's just one of many examples."

Ginsburg recounted the story in a roughly 90-minute discussion with Totenberg that touched on the 84-year-old justice's experience with sexual misconduct and her reaction to the #MeToo movement, as well as her career as a women's rights advocate and her future on the high court.

She was in Utah for the premiere of "RBG," a new documentary about her life that was co-produced by CNN.

When she was a college student in the 1950s, women had little recourse against unwanted sexual advances, Ginsburg told Totenberg, NPR's legal affairs correspondent and a good friend, ahead of the screening.

"The attention to sexual harassment was simply, 'Get past it. Boys will be boys,'" she said.

But even at the time, Ginsburg didn't let the incident with the professor go: "I went to his office and I said, 'How dare you? How



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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg speaks during a Cinema event at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

dare you do this? And that was the end of that."

As a protest, she added, she deliberately made two mistakes on the exam.

Before ascending to the Supreme Court in 1993, Ginsburg, a Harvard Law graduate, spent a significant chunk of her career fighting for equal pay and women's rights as a lawyer. She co-founded the Women's Rights Law Reporter, a pioneering law journal out of Rutgers School of Law where she taught, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union's Women's Rights Project. In the mid-1970s, she argued a half-dozen gender discrimination cases before the high court, winning all but one.

Robert Redford, chairman of the Sundance Institute, introduced Ginsburg at Sunday's talk, saying, "I think she's going to enhance the quality of our festival just by being here."

Notably absent at the Sundance festival this year was film mogul Harvey Weinstein, who was forced out of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and fired from his production company after sexual assault allegations against him from dozens of women surfaced late last year.

When Totenberg asked Ginsburg for her thoughts on the #MeToo movement, the justice didn't miss a beat.

"I think it's about time," she said. "For so long women were silent, thinking there was nothing you could do about it," she said. "But now the law is on the side of women or men who encounter harassment, and that's a good thing."

As more and more women have publicly accused high-profile men of harassment and assault, some have expressed concern about a potential backlash that could undermine the movement. Ginsburg said she's not afraid.

"Let's see where it goes. So far, it's been great," she said. "When I see women appearing every place in numbers I'm less worried about backlash than I might have been 20 years ago."

Ginsburg appeared in good spirits throughout the conversation, especially when Totenberg asked her about her status as a cultural symbol and the growing cult of "the Notorious RBG," as some supporters call her.

"My colleagues are judiciously silent about the notorious RBG," the justice responded.

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EDITORIALS

Is a Medicaid work requirement fair?

Earlier this month, Kentucky made Medicaid history: It will now require some of its Medicaid recipients to work or risk losing benefits.

Critics say this 20-hours-per-week rule is a draconian plan to toss people off the rolls. Let's talk about that. Kentucky's plan is flexible: Recipients could meet the requirement through volunteer work, job training, searching for a job, taking classes, or caring for someone elderly or disabled. Pregnant women, full-time students, the medically frail, the homeless and people who aren't healthy enough to work will be exempt.

About a dozen other states, including Indiana, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Maine, have submitted similar proposals to the federal government. And Illinois? Gov. Bruce Rauner says he supports a work requirement and "our administration is working on that." Here's why:

Illinois, like almost every state, struggles to control rising Medicaid costs.

You'll remember that Obamacare not only offered a way for the uninsured to buy coverage, but also hugely expanded Medicaid beyond its traditional role of helping the neediest Americans afford health care. Illinois added hundreds of thousands of people to the rolls, many of them able-bodied adults — and Washington, not Illinois taxpayers — paid almost all of the new costs. As a result, 1 in 4 Illinoisans now is a Medicaid beneficiary.

But that federal generosity may end soon. Last year, congressional Republicans tried to phase out the Medicaid windfall. They failed, but Obamacare's future remains murky. New tax legislation jettisoned one pillar of the law — the individual mandate. Expect more efforts to dismantle what remains of Obamacare.

That's why Illinois leaders need a Plan B for Medicaid: What happens if and when the money from Washington diminishes? A Medicaid work requirement is anathema to those who live in denial of that likelihood. Here in the real world,

though, states should be allowed to decide how to best spend money for the maximum benefit of their neediest recipients — and a work requirement should be an option for their respective Plan B's.

However it plays out, the impact won't be huge in Illinois: Of more than 1.2 million able-bodied, working-age Illinois adults on Medicaid, two-thirds already hold a full- or part-time job, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Many others are caregivers or go to school. Still more are in categories that likely would be exempted.

Two decades ago, a Democratic president and a Republican Congress dramatically changed welfare by ceding more power to states to design innovative programs to help the poor find work and become self-sustaining. Giving states flexibility to experiment with Medicaid rules follows that lead. Medicaid officials say the shift would "emphasize work to promote health and well-being."

Illinois has moved many Medicaid beneficiaries to managed care in the past few years to cut costs and improve quality. Imposing a work requirement wouldn't knock the neediest off the rolls. But it could prompt many to get jobs — and thus health coverage via employers.

There are potential pitfalls. Medicaid was designed to help people gain routine health coverage. The Obamacare Medicaid expansion was supposed to help keep people out of the emergency room for such routine care. If many of these recipients lose that coverage because of the work requirement, they could wind up using the emergency room for basic care. That's hugely expensive and wasteful. That said, we're reminded of dire predictions that accompanied welfare reform — predictions that didn't come true.

Kentucky is in uncharted terrain, but it won't be alone. Many state governments, not just red ones, wonder whether this Medicaid experiment is worth a shot. Would Illinois benefit? Let's figure it out.

Korean unity at Olympics: Is there any there there?

Have the Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games turned into the Pyongyang Games? Hardly.

But North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has seized the Olympic spotlight, with the agreement that athletes from both sides of the Demilitarized Zone will march under a unified flag during opening ceremonies at the Winter Olympics next month in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

The International Olympic Committee signed off on the deal Saturday. North Korea will send 22 athletes, including a group of women's hockey players who will join South Korean players to field a combined women's team. North Koreans will also compete in figure skating, short-track speed skating, cross-country skiing and Alpine skiing.

The North Korean delegation will include some splash — a 230-member cheer squad, dancers, an orchestra and North Korean pop diva Hyon Song-wol, whose hit "A Girl in the Saddle of a Steed" extols the virtues of a female textile worker. North Korea, shunned by much of the world for its hellbent push to build its nuclear weapons arsenal, a country that has repeatedly vowed to annihilate Seoul in a "sea of fire," now wants the world to think it embraces Olympic comity and fair play.

Forgive us if we don't start stocking up on Korean unity flags.

Of course, this sudden expression of unity beats the usual brinkmanship and fiery bluster we get from the Kim regime. But North Korea is adept at the game of freeze and thaw. This isn't the first time that the North has clasped hands with the South at an Olympiad — it did so at the Summer Games in Sydney in 2000. And when South Korea hosted the Asian Games in 2014, North and South Korean athletes appeared together under a unity banner. What followed? Three underground nuclear detonations and test launches of more than 40 ballistic missiles, including one capable of hitting Washington.

Kim's strategy? Maybe to play peacemaker at a time when the Trump adminis-



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Representatives of North and South Korea shake hands with IOC President Thomas Bach, center, last week in Pully, Switzerland.

tration is pushing a strategy of pressure on Pyongyang through sanctions and threats of answering North Korean belligerence with "fire and fury." It may be that the sanctions are working, and that Kim's trying to push the U.S. to ease off. Or, he simply may be trying to drive a wedge between South Korea and the U.S.

Pyongyang's goals have been consistent through generations of Kim family leadership. Self-preservation of the regime. The withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea. And, eventually, reunification with

the South, under Pyongyang rule.

That's why both the U.S. and South Korea have to tread carefully with Kim's latest chess move. A few optimists in Washington may be heartened by this hint at rapprochement, but it's not time to consider letting up on sanctions. Similarly, South Korea should think twice about the boundaries of this Olympic gesture. Would Pyongyang show the same amity if the U.S. one day pulled out of South Korea?

There's something else Seoul should consider. These Olympics mark the first

time South Korea has ever hosted the Winter Games. It's a landmark moment for Seoul, a source of immense national pride. South Korean athletes who have endured years of early morning workouts and aching bodies will march into Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium not under their own flag but under a unity banner — a blue Korean Peninsula on a white background. The Olympics are about moments. Will that moment feel right to those athletes and their countrymen? Or will they feel sold out?

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

President Trump and his aides appear to have embraced the view that Iran is a potential hegemon poised to dominate the Middle East — and specifically to control the oil-rich Persian Gulf. This logic helps make sense of Trump's unswerving support for Saudi Arabia, including his endorsements (both tacit and explicit) of the political shake-ups organized by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman at home and his apparent efforts to interfere in Lebanon's internal politics. It also explains Trump's refusal to recertify the Iran nuclear deal in October.

Yet this ongoing full-court press against Iran makes little sense. ... Iran presently lacks the hard power a state would need to dominate the Middle East's vast and deeply divided set of countries. According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Iran has a population of about 83 million; as of 2016, its GDP was more than \$400 billion; and its annual defense budget is almost \$16 billion.

By contrast, Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates have a combined population of well over 100 million and a combined GDP of more than \$1 trillion — about quadruple that of Iran. Their combined defense spending is at least five times greater than Iran's. These states possess some of the most sophisticated weapons money can buy, including Abrams battle tanks and F-15 aircraft, and Israel has nuclear weapons. ... Given the far more powerful forces arrayed against Iran, to claim it is on the brink of regional hegemony defies reason.

Stephen Walt, Foreign Policy

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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From announcing the United States' departure from the Paris climate accord to removing numerous federal regulations, President Donald Trump has proved to be an effective leader.

President Trump is exceeding my expectations — I'm thrilled

BY MOLLIE ZIEGLER HEMINGWAY

This may seem like an odd moment for saying so, but a year into the presidency of Donald Trump, I'm elated.

Trump was not my first or even second choice for president, but a full two years ago I predicted he would win. I also predicted he'd be a progressive president, which explained why I was not among his supporters and why I am so pleased now.

Expecting Progressive Trump was a reasonable assumption. Trump supported the 2009 stimulus, the auto bailouts and the bank bailouts. He'd recently left the Democratic Party and had raised a ton of money for the Clintons, Nancy Pelosi and Charles Schumer. He'd supported single-payer health coverage, tax increases and even Planned Parenthood.

He was a New York liberal who had conquered the Republican Party in part by promising a good Supreme Court nomination. That was the most I allowed myself to hope for when he won.

The nomination of Neil Gorsuch to fill the vacancy of Antonin Scalia more than fulfilled that promise. Gorsuch isn't a John Roberts, David Souter or Anthony Kennedy, to name three disappointing justices appointed by the three previous Republican presidents, but a brilliant legal mind with tremendous writing ability and persuasive powers.

Trump critics, particularly those on the right, like to mock Trump voters with the phrase "But Gorsuch!" It's their way of saying that Gorsuch is the only good thing Trump has done and that a Trump presi-

dency is not worth the rest. Except Gorsuch is not even close to the only good thing Trump has done.

He has appointed 12 outstanding federal appellate judges — a record number for a president in his first year. By comparison, President Barack Obama had only three in his first year.

In early June, Trump announced the U.S. departure from the Paris climate accord, an agreement that would have had virtually no impact on future temperatures but would have come at a large cost in the growth of government and control over the economy. Since Obama never ran the treaty through the Senate, it was non-binding, but the federal bureaucracy was working to implement it with new regulations on U.S. businesses. Critics on the right say Trump just does what other Republican candidates would have done. Yet the previous Republican presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, lobbied Trump to stay in the global agreement.

The Clean Power Plan, which gave the Environmental Protection Agency unprecedented authority over states and businesses and was on track to be the most expensive regulation in history, is under review. For the 2017 fiscal year, Trump revoked 22 regulations for each new regulation that was issued. His chief regulatory officer, Neomi Rao, said the administration would continue the pace of deregulation through 2018, announcing 448 deregulatory actions and 131 regulatory actions.

It took a while for Capitol Hill to get used to working with Trump, but by the

end of the year, lawmakers had passed the largest corporate tax reform in U.S. history and secured tax cuts for the vast majority of Americans.

Businesses are responding to the deregulation and historic corporate tax reform by loosening purse strings and investing in plants, equipment and factories. Pepco, a power utility that serves the mid-Atlantic region, just announced it's lowering everyone's electric bills as a result of the savings from corporate tax reform.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is restoring due process to college campuses by rescinding Obama-era guidelines that made the mistake of encouraging college administrators to adjudicate serious crimes such as sexual assaults.

Trump's foreign policy could be more restrained, but it's far less interventionist than that of any of his recent predecessors, focused on national interest over nation-building or other less pressing and more expensive concerns. By trusting his military leaders to make quick decisions on the battlefield, in contrast to Obama's desire to placate Iran and micromanage trivial moves such as helicopter deployments, Trump is crushing the Islamic State. Sanctions and other nonmilitary efforts are being used to keep North Korea at bay after the failure of denuclearization as practiced by presidents since Bill Clinton.

Trump is not normal, his critics keep saying. Sometimes that's a plus. He recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel more than two decades after the Senate passed legislation requiring it, and after

two decades of presidents signing waivers every six months to avoid it. More recently, he froze funding for Pakistan until it stops harboring terrorists.

Like most people, I don't particularly like Trump's rhetorical style, juvenile insults and intemperate disposition — on full display in recent days. At the same time, having followed his career for decades, I am not surprised that he wakes up each morning as Donald Trump.

And that boorish attitude has come in handy after decades of media bullying of conservatives. Ironically, the very lack of conservative bona fides that worried me two years ago means he's less beholden to a conservative establishment that had grown alienated from the people it is supposed to serve and from the principles it ostensibly exists to promote. His surprising conservatism might also be the result of the absolutism and extremism of his critics, whether among the media, traditional Democratic activists or the anti-Trump right. If Trump were ever inclined to indulge his liberal tendencies after winning the election, the stridency and spite of his opponents have provided him with no incentives to do so.

My expectations were low — so low that he could have met them by simply not being President Hillary Clinton. But a year into this presidency, he's exceeded those expectations by quite a bit. I'm thrilled.

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Can Steve Bannon claim executive privilege? Absolutely not

BY CALEB MASON

Steve Bannon appeared recently before the House intelligence committee but refused to answer numerous questions, claiming executive privilege. Can he do that? The lawyer's answer is no. This administration will find no more refuge in claims of executive privilege than the Nixon administration did in the summer of 1974.

Last summer, I wrote about Attorney General Jeff Sessions' executive privilege claims during his congressional testimony regarding the president's firing of FBI Director James Comey. Sessions made a classic criminal-defendant mistake when he testified at length about some conversations with the president but selectively claimed executive privilege to refuse to answer questions about other conversations. None of the congressional committees has gone to court to compel testimony, but if a judge were to rule on Sessions' claims, Sessions would lose. His self-serving selective disclosures waived the privilege.

Sessions even admitted that he didn't have the authority to claim executive privilege in the first place. If the president asserted it, Sessions would be bound by that assertion. But the president never asserted it.

Bannon is now sitting in the same chair, making the same mistakes. He probably waived any privilege claim he had by regaling "Fire and Fury" author Michael Wolff,

and through him the nation, with "significant portions of confidential communications" — precisely the communications he now refuses to testify about. That won't fly. "Public, extrajudicial disclosures constitute a waiver of the privilege for the communications or portions of communications disclosed," the case law says.

But Bannon can't assert executive privilege to begin with, because, as mentioned, it's not his to assert. The president could assert executive privilege and formally seek to prevent Bannon and other aides from disclosing their communications with him to Congress, to special counsel Robert Mueller or to a grand jury. But the president has not asserted it — not for Sessions, not for Jared Kushner, not for Donald Jr. and not for Steve Bannon.

Last Wednesday, Fox News' Brett Baier asked White House chief of staff John Kelly whether the president invoked executive privilege as to Bannon's testimony. "No," Kelly replied.

Why not? There are probably two main reasons. First, Trump would lose. Every American should read the Supreme Court's decision in *United States v. Nixon*. It's easy to find on the internet, where you can read it in full or even listen to the oral argument.

The decision has aged well. It's clear

and succinct and states a rule of law that every democracy should put up on a bronze plaque: "The allowance of the privilege to withhold evidence that is demonstrably relevant in a criminal trial would cut deeply into the guarantee of due process of law and gravely impair the basic function of the court."

Yes, the court in the Nixon case said, there might sometimes be particular

needs, in particular cases, to protect particular military secrets. (That's why we still don't know the extent of the NSA's warrantless wiretapping, despite the ACLU's best efforts.) But can a president claim a generalized right to shield all his communications from Congress and the courts, just because he's the president? No, he cannot. The court rejected that claim, because the president is not above the law.

(And of course, as the president's lawyers well know, there is no executive privilege claim at all, even in theory, for communications that occurred during the campaign.)

The second reason the White House hasn't claimed executive privilege is more political than legal. So far, the White House has been able to count on the congressional committees lacking the resolve to compel testimony through the courts. Thus, the administration can claim it's

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being "fully cooperative" while White House aides continue to refuse to answer questions.

The White House is getting a lot of mileage out of the trope that it has nothing to hide and is fully cooperating with the various Russia investigations. This trope even morphed into a trial balloon last week, when the president suggested that he might not bother sitting for an interview with Mueller, after all, because he's given him so much already.

Maintaining the pretense of full cooperation has been the focus of lead White House attorney Ty Cobb for the past six months. But as Cobb knows, that facade comes crashing down with the first presidential invocation of executive privilege.

Bannon may bring the situation to a head. He's not going to get very far claiming "executive privilege" when he has to answer to courts and prosecutors. So either the president gives up the pretense of cooperation and formally asserts the privilege and defends it in court, or he lets Bannon talk.

Unless, that is, Bannon seeks refuge in another privilege — one that's his alone and that is guaranteed to him by the same Constitution that provides that the president is not above the law: the 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination.

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PERSPECTIVE



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A universal vaccine has the potential to provide us with permanent protection from all strains of flu. This year's vaccine is a poor match for what's going around.

Stop lollygagging, step up search for a 'universal' flu vaccine

BY HENRY I. MILLER

Seasonal influenza — the flu — sickens and kills many Americans in a good year, and this is already a bad one. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, since 2010, flu has annually caused “between 9.2 million and 35.6 million illnesses, between 140,000 and 710,000 hospitalizations and between 12,000 and 56,000 deaths.” In the 2017-18 season, which began in November and won't end until March, hospital emergency rooms are overflowing, deaths are running ahead of recent years and pharmacies are low on the anti-flu drug Tamiflu and intravenous solutions needed to keep patients hydrated.

Vaccination ought to be the key to prevention. According to estimates from the CDC, in six influenza seasons starting in 2005-06, vaccination prevented 13.59 million cases. That looks impressive, but our current vaccines are barely adequate, and the nation's drug regulators and science-funding agencies aren't doing enough about it.

Because flu viruses mutate frequently, vaccines are reformulated each year to target the virus strains predicted to prevail during the coming fall and winter.

How well the flu shot works depends on how accurate the prediction is. Since the 2004-05 season, the flu vaccines' effectiveness has varied from 10 percent to 60

percent.

This year the vaccine is an especially poor match, in part because what's going around is predominantly a virulent strain called H3N2. Although that strain is targeted by this season's flu shot, most of the vaccine is prepared from fertilized chicken eggs, a method known to reduce its effectiveness against certain strains, particularly H3N2.

We can do better.

Vaccines work by exposing us to noninfectious components of a virus — the viral antigens — that elicit an immune response. Regulators could encourage manufacturers to stop using chicken eggs and instead prepare vaccines in “cultured cells” — cells that are removed from animals and grown in controlled conditions. This method would produce vaccines with greater fidelity to the targeted flu strains.

We also need more research on “adjuvants,” chemicals mixed with the viral antigens to further boost our immune response.

But most of all, we need to accelerate research on the holy grail of flu prevention: a “universal” vaccine that would target a part or parts of the virus that remain unchanged among different strains, even during the virus' rapid mutations. A universal vaccine has the potential to provide us with permanent protection from all strains of flu.

Several approaches to a universal vaccine are being pursued, and the preliminary research is promising. Nevertheless, there is surprisingly meager federal research funding in this area.

A recent New York Times article, by Michael T. Osterholm, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, and writer Mark Olshaker tracked the government's investment in flu vaccine research: “The National Institutes of Health has publicly declared developing a (universal) vaccine a priority, (but) it has only about \$32 million this year specifically for such research.” Another federal agency, the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, is spending \$43 million on a single project in pursuit of “game-changing influenza vaccines.” These are minimal efforts when matched against the \$1 billion spent annually on developing an HIV vaccine and the many billions that have been spent on vaccines for the Zika and Ebola viruses.

Within the vaccinated population, a vaccine's effectiveness varies widely because it is affected by the general health and age of the recipient. Although people 65 and older make up only 15 percent of the U.S. population, on average, they account for about 60 percent of the hospitalizations and 90 percent of the deaths attributed to seasonal flu.

Seniors respond less well to vaccines than younger people because, as we age, our immune system functions less well. Scientists at the National Institutes of Health, after reviewing 31 vaccine response studies comparing groups of different ages, called for more potent formulations for the elderly. But exactly how strong the shot should be, and whether additional injections would boost immunity, requires more study. There is a flu vaccine for people over 65 that contains four times as much antigen as regular flu shots, and one that contains an adjuvant, but they have improved the shot's effectiveness only slightly.

An increase in research funding on adjuvants, more effective dosing regimens and better production methods are simple changes that would better prepare us to face flu outbreaks. Increasing the funding for developing a universal vaccine is more challenging, but it promises much greater results. The fraught flu season of 2017-18 is a sign we need to conquer the disease once and for all.

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QUOTABLES

“What a loathsome little demagogue you are, Mr. Cardenas.”

— Fox News TV host Tucker Carlson, to Chicago Ald. George Cardenas, 12th, when Cardenas told Carlson during a discussion on immigration that, in his ward, he would not service American citizens over people in this country illegally because he could not tell which group is which

“Our country was founded by geniuses, but it’s being run by idiots.”

— U.S. Sen. John Neely Kennedy, R-La., to reporters Friday night, during debate on the spending bill

“I don’t have a kid, but I have a nephew that I put some boundaries on. There are some things that I won’t allow; I don’t want them on a social network.”

— Apple CEO Tim Cook, on supervising children’s use of modern technology

Silicon Valley will pay for its lefty leanings

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

James Damore is gone from Google. But he will not soon be forgotten. He’s joined with a conservative lawyer to bring a class-action lawsuit against the company, accusing it of discriminating against conservatives, Caucasians and men.

The lawsuit, filed this month in a California court, certainly offers evidence that things were uncomfortable for conservatives at Google. And especially, that they were uncomfortable for Damore after he wrote a memo suggesting that before Google went all-out trying to achieve gender parity in its teams, it needed to be open to the possibility that the reason there were fewer women at the company is that fewer women were interested in coding. (Or, at least, in coding with the single-minded, nay, obsessive, fervor necessary to become an engineer at one of the top tech companies in the world.)

That much seems quite clear. But it’s less clear that Damore has a strong legal claim.

I understand why conservative employees were aggrieved. Internal communications cited in the lawsuit paint a picture of an unhealthy political monoculture in which many employees seem unable to handle any challenge to their political views. I personally would find it extremely unsettling to work in such a place, and I am a right-leaning libertarian who has spent most of my working life in an industry that skews left by about 90 percent.

But these internal communications have been stripped of context. Were they part of a larger conversation in which these comments seem more reasonable? What percentage did these constitute of internal communications about politics? At a huge company, there will be, at any given moment, some number of idiots suggesting things that are illegal, immoral or merely egregiously dumb. That doesn’t mean that those things were corporate policy, or even that they were particularly problematic for conservatives. When Google presents its side of the case, the abuses suggested by the lawsuit may turn out to be considerably less exciting — or a court may find that however unhappy conservatives were made by them, they do not rise to a legally actionable level.

Google, for its part, says it is eager to defend the lawsuit. But lawyers always announce that they have a sterling case that is certain to prevail, even if they know they are doomed. And unless they can present strong evidence that there were legions of conservatives happily frolicking away on their internal message boards while enjoying the esteem of their colleagues and the adulation of their managers, there is no way that this suit ends well for Google. If the company and its lawyers think otherwise,



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Google faces a lawsuit accusing it of discriminating against conservatives, Caucasians and men that may hurt the company beyond a settlement.

they are guilty of a sin known to the media as “reading your own press releases,” and to drug policy experts as being “high on your own supply.”

Radioactive emails

There are expensive, time-consuming, exasperating lawsuits, and then there are radioactive lawsuits that poison everyone who comes within a mile. And this lawsuit almost certainly falls into the latter category.

Damore and his co-plaintiffs, for example, can count on future prospective employers looking at this suit and deciding that they’d rather hire, well, almost anyone else. It doesn’t matter how righteous your claim; for obvious reasons, employers do not like litigious employees, and they will go out of their way to avoid hiring those people.

But ironically, Damore probably has the least to lose from this case. If he had been fired quietly, even in a case of clear political discrimination, then he would have very good reason to keep his head down, find another job and gripe to his friends over the occasional beer. But Googlers leaked his memo to the media, and then management fired him in a very public and humiliating way that was bound to make it very hard for him to get another job. They ensured that he would have little reason not to sue the firm, if he could find a lawyer to take the case — and also ensured that there would probably be a number of angry conservative lawyers interested in taking the case.

That was stupid, because Google has an immense amount to lose, even if a court ultimately

vindicates its corporate culture. The company’s internal systems, featuring an array of internal employee communications, will be ripped open to scrutiny. If I were a Google executive, I wouldn’t want to bet that employees haven’t said much worse things in emails and on message boards than those featured in the lawsuit. Things that are plainly, inarguably, expensively illegal.

But I also wouldn’t want even milder utterances to turn up as testimony in a lawsuit. Because every nasty comment and intemperate remark about Republicans or white males or conservative Christians is going to get broadcast to the public when this case goes to trial. And, as you may have noticed, those folks are half the country.

Perhaps Google thinks its market position is so strong that it doesn’t have to worry about piddly things like whether its employees spend a great deal of time using internal systems to slander half the company’s American customer base. What are you going to do, use another search engine?

Boycott power

But this is too narrow an analysis. For one thing, there are quite a lot of conservative small-business owners, and small business is the lifeblood of the kinds of ads Google sells. The company will be hurt if those business owners get serious about taking their advertising elsewhere, especially if conservatives pursue a secondary boycott, targeting companies that advertise with Google.

To be sure, boycotts are rarely all that effective. But most boy-

cotts involve minor matters of policy. This is about tribal identity. Google fired a conservative for writing a rather anodyne memo. If it turns out that the company was at the same time tolerating truly vicious conservative-bashing in its internal systems — well, no one wants to give their hard-earned money to people or companies that are violently bigoted against them.

Perhaps even more importantly, conservatives vote. They elect legislators and public officials whose actions can deeply affect Google’s business. In general, Google has gotten much friendlier treatment from American regulators than from the European Union or China. But American government is currently heavily dominated by Republicans who are unlikely to want to be nice to a powerful corporation whose internal communications suggest that it views advancing a progressive agenda, and bashing conservatives, as part of its corporate mission.

Google is not very vulnerable to the normal risks of a lawsuit: expense and internal disruption. The company is so rich that it can bear endless discovery and lawyer’s fees without really noticing. This may be giving executives a false sense of security as they contemplate defending this suit.

But Google’s very wealth and power mean it is even more vulnerable than usual to the political and economic pressure that such a lawsuit will bring. To a first approximation, every single conservative in America will learn about every single bigoted thing that a Googler has said about conservatives. If I were a Google executive, I would be

willing to devote a considerable portion of the company’s riches to paying off Damore before this thing ever gets within shouting distance of a courtroom.

The question is if Google even has that option. This lawsuit is at least as much about making a point as it is about making money. The plaintiffs may well be happier humiliating Google than accepting a big settlement, or going to trial and winning a big judgment. And if necessary, they will have no shortage of donors eager to help finance the cost of making that point.

This is one reason public corporations have historically tried to keep politics out of their business. It is internally divisive, and it paints a giant target on your back for your political enemies. Whatever small gains you may get, from internal bonding among like-minded employees, or external rewards from like-minded politicians, are almost never worth the blowback.

This is a lesson that Silicon Valley hasn’t had to learn yet, because it is so rich, and so new, that these sorts of concerns haven’t really registered. Presumably that’s why Google managers complacently allowed a corporate culture to grow up that at the very least tolerates some degree of progressive militancy at work, and quite possibly encourages more than a little of it. That was incredibly shortsighted. And if Silicon Valley doesn’t realize this, it is about to get belatedly hit by that realization, good and hard.

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The Madigan test

You can interview the Democratic candidates for governor about the state economy until the cows come home, but the real question is: What are their plans to take control away from House Speaker Michael Madigan? While he’s still in office, no one else — of either party — will truly be governor of Illinois, and nothing will change.

— Kent Schielke, Naperville

Vested interest

The talking points used by all sides of the current debate about the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program have focused on young people of undocumented immigrants — the harm caused by loss of status, on

one side, or the advantages given by the present status and any extension, on the other side. Missing is the value of the young women and men to the United States and our economy.

Since each young person’s arrival, we taxpayers have made large investments at all levels of government to turn out a class of hardworking, motivated and educated people who already have made and will, if allowed to stay, make immense contributions to our society. They are now going to college, serving in our military, and entering our workforce. They are among the many who are the future. We cannot afford to throw away their contributions to the greatness of the United States.

— Kenneth Dallmeyer, Park Ridge

Worthwhile endeavor

Steve Chapman’s Jan. 21 column on Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin’s defense of requiring work of those who get Medicaid in Kentucky is an interesting criticism of the overarching concept, which Chapman claims would be detrimental to the economic and humane health of the state. However, I think he ignored some of the ideas the governor promulgated in his recent interview with Judy Woodruff on PBS NewsHour.

When asked what would be done about those who are able-bodied but unable to obtain a job, the governor said that the state would be providing alternatives to them, such as job training and even acceptance in volunteer activities. He claimed that all people need to feel that they are doing something worthwhile on their own behalves, a position which makes a lot of sense to me. Furthermore, he made it clear that those who are unable to

work because of disability, sickness, poor health, or obligations to care for others would not be required to participate in such a work program.

Americans need jobs for which we qualify and training for jobs for which we could qualify. We also need hope and appreciate encouragement. Thus a more complete discussion of Bevin’s ideas would have been helpful.

After all, we will find out within a few years whether his ideas work or not, and in the meantime, Medicaid is struggling to stand.

— Jeanine Tobin, Chicago

Claiming credit

I read Randy Martens’ Jan. 20 letter with a bit more than normal interest. His last paragraph called out the hypocrisy of “those who deny that the skyrocketing stock market and booming economy are the result of the policies and actions of President Donald Trump and the optimism they

have created.”

He continued: “To maintain that Barack Obama deserves any credit is utter nonsense. Liberals truly live with their heads in the sand.”

Way back when, during Bill Clinton’s tenure in the White House, I wrote a letter to the paper suggesting that the then-booming economy was due, in large part, to what President Ronald Reagan had done for the country.

A liberal responded to my letter saying, essentially, that it didn’t matter what Reagan may or may not have done, as sitting presidents always get the credit for whatever happens during their term(s) in office.

There you have it, right from the horse’s (donkey’s?) mouth: President Donald Trump does get the credit for this economy ... unless, of course, the Democrats want to admit that Reagan did indeed contribute mightily to the boom of the 1990s.

— John Babush, Big Rock, Ill.

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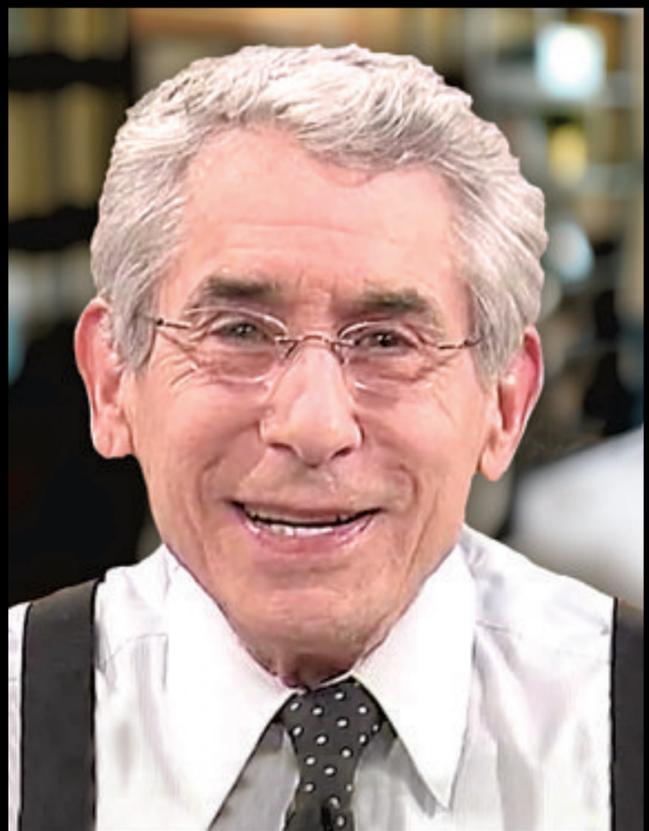
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A few worries may be healthy

Most of us are focused on our own fortunes, not the state of the economy. Meanwhile, business leaders, along with policymakers, tend to let the good times roll until they come to screeching halt.

But what concerns a leading economist about the economy?

"When people aren't worried," said Randall Kroszner, economics professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, during the school's annual economic outlook event last week. "When the shock comes, they're not prepared."

Yes, even in this robust economy — which includes a raging bull stock market — there lurks the possibility of something going very wrong. The trick is recognizing land mines, and defusing them, before they blow up into a global financial crisis like the one we suffered nearly a decade ago.

Of course, that's a lot easier said than done. But based on what the experts at Booth and some others say, here's a few areas to watch:

China's challenges. There are growing concerns that if the Trump administration ignites a serious trade war with China, its government could retaliate by either slowing down or not buying U.S. Treasuries, which would hinder U.S. business and economic growth.

Already, China holds over \$1.1 trillion of the country's outstanding \$6.3 trillion in U.S. public debt securities, according to the Treasury Department.

What's more, experts note that China will become the world's largest economy in the near future, but it operates amid great secrecy, so we really don't know the financial health of its companies and institutions.

Shadow financiers. The financial crisis of 2008 brought about significant regulation of the traditional banking system by raising capital requirements — the money banks must have on hand — and tightening lending and credit rules.

However, the government didn't go as far with nonbank lenders and financial institutions that include investment banks, some mortgage lenders, money market funds, insurance companies, hedge funds and private equity funds.

They are the financial powerhouses, many in Chicago,

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Chicago 1st in credit card defaults

Holiday bills coming due but consumers often aren't paying up, debt report says

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

Americans are defaulting on their credit cards at the highest rate in nearly a year, and Chicagoans are leading the pack.

Chicago residents are now more likely to miss a credit card payment than residents of any other major city, including New

York, Los Angeles, Dallas or Miami, according to the S&P/Experian Consumer Credit Default Indices. Chicago also holds the title for highest combined default rates across car, home and credit card loans, S&P and Experian said.

Experts blame the improving economy: Consumers are feeling more confident in their overall financial situations and they're

loosening their purse strings because of it. That confidence led to higher retail sales through the holiday season, but the credit card bills are coming due, and people are leaving them unpaid at an alarming rate, according to S&P and Experian. Another factor in the uptick in default rates is the increased willingness of financial institutions to extend credit to those who may struggle to pay it back.

Chicago had a default index value of 1.15 in December, which

covers mortgage, auto and credit card loans and roughly translates to mean that 1.15 percent of people have defaulted on their debt, said David Blitzer, managing director and chairman of the index committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. There's no obvious reason that Chicago has jumped ahead, he said, but the move can be an indication that people are increasingly uncertain about their jobs. Nationwide, the default rate is 0.91

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ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

A customer scans his Amazon Go app as he enters the Amazon Go store in Seattle on Monday. The app helps track what he takes from shelves.

AMAZON'S CASHIERLESS STORE OPENS IN SEATTLE

Customers tracked by cameras, app as they shop, charged when they leave

Associated Press

No cashiers, no lines, no registers — this is how Amazon sees the future of in-store shopping.

The online retailer opened its Amazon Go concept to the public Monday, selling milk, potato chips and other items typically found at a convenience store. Amazon employees have been testing the store, which is at the bottom floor of the company's Seattle headquarters, for about a year.

The public opening is another sign that Amazon is serious about expanding its physical presence. It has opened more than a dozen bookstores, taken over space in some Kohl's department stores and bought Whole Foods last



STEPHEN BRASHEAR/GETTY

Shoppers Peter Freese, right, and Peter Ray check out pre-made meals at the Amazon Go store, now open in Seattle, on Monday.

year, giving it 470 grocery stores.

But Amazon Go is unlike its other stores. Shoppers enter by scanning the Amazon Go smartphone app at a turnstile. When they pull an item of the shelf, it's added to their virtual cart. If the item is placed back on the shelf, it

is removed from the virtual cart. Shoppers are charged when they leave the store. The company says it uses computer vision, machine learning algorithms and sensors to figure out what people are grabbing off its store shelves.

The store is not without em-

ployees — Amazon says there will be people there making food, stocking shelves and helping customers. On Monday, workers were on hand to help shoppers find and download the Amazon Go app on their phones.

Amazon says families can shop together with just one phone scanning everyone in. Anything they grab from the shelf will also be added to the tab of the person who signed them in. But don't help out strangers: Amazon warns that grabbing an item from the shelf for someone else means you'll be charged for it.

At about 1,800 square feet, the store will also sell ready-to-eat breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Items from the Whole Foods 365 brand are also stocked, such as cookies, popcorn and dried fruit.

The company had announced the Amazon Go store in December 2016 and said it would open by early 2017, but it delayed the debut while it worked on the technology and company employees tested it out.

Canada Goose sues alleged Chinese counterfeiters

Chicago-filed lawsuit claims fake products on web hurt brand's sales

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Canada Goose, the trendy luxury outerwear brand, is suing a network of unnamed Chinese businesses for allegedly selling knockoffs of its pricey apparel online at steep discounts.

The trademark infringement lawsuit, filed last week in federal court in Chicago, claims "an inter-related group of counterfeiters" is marketing fake Canada Goose products on hundreds of unauthorized websites, siphoning sales from the Toronto-based company.

"Like many world-leading brands, our success has led to our products being copied by counterfeiters," Alex Thomson, a Canada Goose spokesman, said Monday in an email. "We take the protection



CANADA GOOSE

Canada Goose's website offers indicators of counterfeit merchandise. Here the counterfeit Arctic disc patch is at left, the genuine at right.

of our brand and its trademarks seriously, and we will continue to take the necessary steps to protect consumers from the dangers of counterfeit goods."

While the lawsuit says it is "virtually impossible" for Canada Goose to learn the true identities

of the defendants, the websites share "unique identifiers" and merchandise that may not be suitable for the Iditarod — or even a cold Chicago winter day.

Founded in Toronto in 1957, Canada Goose became wildly popular after a star turn in 2004

movies "The Day After Tomorrow" and "National Treasure" and gained even more exposure when Kate Upton modeled one of its parkas on the cover of the 2013 Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue.

Canada Goose's outerwear features a trademarked logo patch and relatively high price tag, with a number of its parkas running north of \$1,000. Its products are sold at major retailers, and the company opened a Michigan Avenue store last year.

The fast-growing company reported fiscal year 2017 revenues of \$403.8 million, up 39 percent year over year, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings. With nearly 29 percent of sales generated through Canada Goose's website and stores, the alleged fraudulent sites are clearly ruffling the company's feathers.

One way consumers can identify fake Canada Goose websites is text rife with bad grammar and misspellings, according to the lawsuit. A better way may simply

be the price. "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is," the company's website says.

Canada Goose includes a URL search tool on its website to verify authorized online retailers, and photos of manufacturing details, including a polar bear hologram sewn into every authentic product. The counterfeiters may use feather mulch instead of goose down, and dog hair instead of coyote fur, and have been known to misspell Canada on the signature patch, according to the company.

"Without real down and fur, the chance of frostbite or freezing becomes a real possibility," the company's website warns.

A federal judge in Chicago awarded rival Canadian outerwear-maker Moose Knuckles \$52 million in damages last year in a similar lawsuit against online sellers of counterfeit parkas.

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How breakfast biscuit became a cereal killer

BelVita, born in France, earns star status at Mondelez for breakout breakfast sales

By GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

BelVita — a breakfast biscuit brand developed in France — has boarded the ship of Cap'n Crunch, rattled the cage of Tony the Tiger and proved in short order to be a breakfast powerhouse in the U.S. as cereal sales continue to decline.

Since launching in the U.S. in 2012, belVita has doubled its global annual sales to more than \$600 million and emerged as one of Deerfield-based Mondelez International's top-selling brands in North America, behind brands like Oreo cookies and Ritz crackers. Marketed as a healthy product that provides four hours of "nutritious steady energy" — a claim rejected by some health experts — belVita has found a strong and growing consumer base in the U.S.

Cereal sales, meanwhile, are declining at a steeper rate than cigarettes and canned soup, according to one Credit Suisse analyst. In recent years, American consumers have shown a willingness to pay more for products they consider to be healthier or more sustainably sourced. Mondelez recognized the shift in breakfast eating habits — as well as the time crunch of people living in more urban settings around the world — and pounced on the opportunity.

"We've essentially disrupted the breakfast occasion by capitalizing on macro trends sweeping the world and in the U.S.," said Jason Levine, Mondelez's chief marketing officer for North America.

Formerly owned by Groupe Danone, the brand was launched in France in 1998 as Petit Dejeuner. Kraft Foods — which split into Mondelez International and Kraft Foods Group in 2012 — acquired Danone's biscuit and cereal lines for about \$7.8 billion in 2007.

In 2010, Petit Dejeuner was rebranded as belVita. Two years later, it was launched in North America and eventually expanded to include different flavors.

By then, American shoppers were already turning away from cereal for alternatives like granola bars and protein bars, but Mondelez used its marketing prowess to capitalize on that shift and effectively create a new segment for American consumers — the European-style breakfast biscuit, said Diana Sheehan, director of retail insights for Kantar Consulting, a sales and marketing consultancy.

"It was actually kind of brilliant," Sheehan said. American consumers have embraced belVita, which has grown sales in the U.S. by double digits every year, Levine said.

In the 12-month period ending Dec. 3, belVita brought in more than \$341 million in sales in the U.S. — an increase of more than 18 percent from a year ago, according to figures from Chicago-based market research firm IRI, which do not include sales at Costco or via e-commerce.

Breakfast cereal remains big business, bringing in more than \$8.4 billion in the 12-month period ending Nov. 23, according to Nielsen data. But it's been declining at an annual rate of 2.6 percent over the past four years, according to Nielsen.

Following belVita's splash in the U.S. market, cereal giants Kellogg's and General Mills introduced their own breakfast biscuits under the Nutri-Grain and Nature Valley brands, respectively. Other companies are also now in the breakfast biscuit game.

For sustained success, belVita and other similar brands will have to evolve beyond the center store aisles that shoppers are visiting less frequently than in years past, Sheehan said.

"Yes, belVita is taking market share (from cereal), but on the other hand, so are things like eggs and yogurt," Sheehan said.

As he walked out of a downtown Jewel-Osco recently, 33-year-old Nick Drafke said he preferred breakfast foods that aren't processed and packaged. Drafke said he rarely eats cereal and wasn't familiar with breakfast biscuits.

"Lately, I've been on an avocado rampage — avocado on toast with lime and salt. If I'm in a quick hurry, maybe a granola bar or something like that," Drafke said.

Some nutritionists are not sold on the health benefits of breakfast biscuits.

"Breakfast biscuits are a marketing ploy to sell cookies for breakfast," said Lindsay Moyer, senior nutritionist for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington, D.C.-based health advocacy group. "You can do better than a cookie for breakfast."

Moyer commended belVita for using whole grains but said the amount of added sugar, about two to three teaspoons per package, is up to 25 percent of daily value, based on a 2,000-calorie diet for healthy adults.

Alternatives like oatmeal, plain yogurt with berries, or some cereals like All-Bran Flakes are healthier choices, Moyer said.

There's also belVita's claim of "four hours of nutritious steady energy," which Moyer dismissed as more marketing than science.

Mondelez spokesman Michael Mitchell said in an email that belVita products were made with "slow-release carbohydrates" that "take longer for the body to break down, resulting in a steady release of energy."

Mitchell also provided a link to a Mondelez website, slowreleasecarbs.com, that says consumption of slowly digestible starches results in a steady release of glucose to the blood. To back its claims, the website cites studies, some funded by Mondelez.

What's clear is that belVita makes a healthy contribution to Mondelez's business. It's now the company's fifth best-selling brand in the U.S., recently passing Triscuit and Trident in annual sales.

Robert Moskow, a Credit Suisse analyst who has researched cereal's decline, said he was initially concerned that Kraft paid too much for Danone's biscuit business back in 2007. Now he's just baffled that cereal companies like Kellogg didn't develop a breakfast biscuit first.

"It's pretty clear that consumers wanted a more nutrient-dense, more convenient alternative to cereal," Moskow said.

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BelVita has global annual sales of more than \$600 million. It's now one of Mondelez International's top brands.



DANIEL ACKER/BLOOMBERG

At traditional wholesale retailers like Costco and Sam's Club, the majority of members are baby boomers and seniors.

Will millennials kill Costco and Sam's Club?

Wholesale stores slow to adapt to online habits of shoppers

By ABHA BHATTARAI
Washington Post

There's a Costco to one side of Gwendolyn Hammer's house and a Sam's Club to the other. But when the 28-year-old needs 12-packs of paper towels, or 36 rolls of toilet paper, she heads online instead.

Once a month she uses her smartphone to place a bulk order on Boxed.com, a website founded five years ago as a millennial-friendly alternative to warehouse wholesalers. There is no membership fee, and most orders arrive within two days. Other times, she stocks up using Amazon Prime.

"I've never had a Costco membership, even though I knew shopping there would likely end up saving me money," said Hammer, who lives in Utah Valley, Utah, and grew up shopping at Costco with her parents. "I do like not having to haul my kids to the store."

Warehouse clubs such as Costco, Sam's Club and BJ's Wholesale Club have for decades been an American staple: a place where families can stock up on bulk items, try free samples and spend the better part of a weekend morning meandering through aisles filled with 26-packs of canned salmon and king-size mattresses. But as more of Americans' buying shifts online, some retail analysts say warehouse clubs may largely be left behind.

"The core club customer is older: It's generally someone with a family and a house," said Sucharita Mulpuru, an analyst at the research firm Forrester. "Costco has been one of the least digitally forward companies out there. This segment has had its head in the sand when it comes to competing with Amazon."

Warehouse retailers, she added, have been among

the slowest to shift their business online, offer home delivery or make other sweeping changes to compete with the likes of Amazon. (Jeff Bezos, the founder and chief executive of Amazon, owns The Washington Post.)

There are signs that the sector is falling behind: Warehouse clubs and supercenters cut an average of 2,500 jobs each month in 2017, reversing a longtime trend of steady growth, according to a Washington Post analysis of Labor Department data. Between 2009 and 2016, warehouse stores had added an average of 3,000 workers each month.

The sector received more bad news this month, when Walmart announced it would close 63 Sam's Club stores, including six in the Chicago area, affecting an estimated 10,000 workers. In a tweet, the company said the closures would help "better align" its physical locations with its strategy. (Ten locations will reopen as e-commerce fulfillment centers.)

"Today's adults are not spending a lot of time shopping like my parents' generation did," said Kim Whitley, a marketing professor at the University of Virginia's Darden Business School. "Gen X, Gen Y, Gen Z, they're all time-starved and want to order groceries while they're riding a bus to work."

Chieh Huang founded Boxed in 2013 with a simple idea: Deliver bulk goods to shoppers who don't live near a wholesale club or have a car to get to one. What he quickly found, though, was a different sort of demand.

"We actually found a bigger problem to solve, which is that folks didn't have the time or patience to go," even if they lived near a Costco or Sam's Club, Huang said recently

at the National Retail Federation's annual conference in New York.

In other words, it wasn't physical proximity or access to warehouse stores that were keeping customers away but rather a lack of willingness to shop in person.

Huang's company, which began as a mobile app and quickly added an online site, has grown rapidly to fill a niche among young shoppers. Today, the company has more than \$100 million in annual sales, up from \$8 million in 2014.

More than 60 percent of Boxed shoppers are ages 25 to 44, he said. At traditional wholesale clubs, the demographic skews the other way, with baby boomers and seniors making up the majority of members.

"When we look at the numbers, there's not a lot of overlap between who's going into a physical club and who's coming to us," Huang said, adding that 70 percent of revenue comes from repeat customers. The company also recently began offering wholesale liquor and wine to customers in California.

Stacy Schulz drives to the local Sam's Club in Little Rock, Ark., once or twice a month. It used to be a family affair, she said, with her four children scanning the toy aisle or reading books on couch displays while she and her husband shopped.

But now that her children, ages 11 to 17, have phones, they're no longer interested in regular trips to the wholesale store. Instead, they do their shopping online, using their smartphones.

"It's like, I'm basically a walking commercial for Costco, but I look at my kids, and they just want to do everything on Amazon," said Schulz, 50. "And it's the same when I go to Sam's Club: I look around, and it's all people in their 50s, 60s and 70s."

That's not to say, experts said, that Costco, Sam's

Club and others haven't made efforts in recent years to appeal to younger, time-strapped shoppers. Sam's Club offers in-store pickup for online orders and the option to pay for items using an app instead of standing in line.

Costco, meanwhile, has added more organic produce and meat and has an expansive wine selection. It is also rolling out grocery delivery services that will bring fresh produce, as well as packaged goods and other items, straight to customers' doorsteps.

"I think we're encouraged when we see the level of millennials, if you will, that are signing up, when we see the average age of our membership coming down," Richard Galanti, Costco's chief financial officer, told investors in late 2016. "Now, it was just a couple of years ago when the average U.S. Costco adult member was four-plus years older than the population as a whole. Now, it's a little under two. And that's without a lot of planning, but it's part of what we do."

But, at the same time, competition is stiff. Warehouse clubs tend to target middle- and high-income households, which means there is significant overlap between membership at Sam's Club and Costco (where annual fees are \$55 and \$65, respectively) and Amazon Prime, which charges \$99 per year and stocks a growing supply of essentials in bulk.

Nearly two-thirds of American households have Prime, according to data from Consumer Intelligence Research Partners. As a result, analysts say, more families may be inclined to rethink paying for additional memberships at wholesale clubs.

"There's a lot of overlap, and people are shopping on Amazon for other reasons as well," said Mulpuru of Forrester. "Retail is a zero-sum game: As consumers shop more at one company, they'll shop less at another."

Watch for key economic bumps

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New York and Silicon Valley, which are often behind major corporate acquisitions, high-tech plays and brand-name startups like troubled ride-sharing giant Uber Technologies.

One concern is that some of these players may be investing or lending too much money to pet projects. If the economy dips or credit tightens, their corporate clients may have trouble repaying loans or renegotiating them — which could bring on a wave of business bankruptcies and hard times.

"The financial shadow system is where the risk is building," said Booth finance professor Raghu Ram Rajan.

Bitcoin's fate. If you're getting sick of hearing about bitcoin, join the

club.

That said, the cryptocurrency isn't going anywhere (at least for the time being) even though many well-known financial experts and investors say they are confused about bitcoin's actual value to the economy.

Undaunted, the city's two futures exchanges, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board Options Exchange, are trading bitcoin futures contracts, giving the currency a global institutional credibility it lacked.

At a meeting last week with the media, CBOE CEO Edward Tilly said he envisions offering more products geared toward digital currencies and cyber-based payment systems.

Bitcoin's value has been tumbling, down to around \$10,000 on Monday, a far cry from its near \$19,000

high in mid-December.

Is a bitcoin blow-up a threat to the economy? The University of Chicago panelists don't think so.

Still, a tanking bitcoin could undercut emerging alternative digital payment methods that are popping up throughout the U.S. and overseas economies and choke off a new way of doing business.

Trump turmoil. I have yet to meet a CEO who isn't pleased, make that very pleased, with the new tax law — which lowers the corporate rate to 21 percent from about 35 percent.

Ex-Obama adviser Austan Goolsbee, a Booth economics professor, said the law is not the Armageddon some of his fellow Democrats fear. However, he argues the bill is a "windfall" for major companies that will have a

"pretty modest growth aspect" on the economy. In terms of stimulating growth, a smaller and less complex tax bill would have worked better, he said.

Far more disruptive is the ongoing political warfare and dysfunction constantly occurring in Washington. Financial experts note that government shutdowns, like the one we've just endured, often end up having the greatest detrimental impact on markets and the economy — so does constant bickering by the major political parties.

"People don't like to see the parents fighting," Goolsbee says.

Are we cruising for a recession or financial meltdown this year? None of the experts think so. But it can't hurt to keep an eye peeled for warning signs.

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Buddig buys old Butterball plant near Aurora

Homewood-based lunchmeat-maker gets tax incentives, plans to reopen site soon

By GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Carl Buddig & Co., a Homewood-based manufacturer of lunchmeat, has acquired Butterball's former Gusto meatpacking plant in Montgomery and will begin operations there this spring, the company announced Monday.

It's good news for the village of Montgomery, which is about 50 miles west of Chicago, just south

of Aurora. Butterball announced the closing of its 600-employee facility last May, a painful blow for the community following Caterpillar's announcement that it planned to close its own Montgomery plant.

Buddig plans to create 250 jobs in the first two years with operations beginning this spring and ramp up to 350 jobs by year five. Bob Buddig, CEO of the company named after his grandfather, said he hopes

to hire some of the former Butterball employees.

"The nice part about it is we're a family business. Our goals are long-term in nature. And our plans for the future of this facility are long-term in nature," Buddig said.

The state has approved \$3.9 million over a period of 10 years in EDGE tax incentives — officially known as the Economic Development for a Growing Economy program — if Buddig fulfills benchmarks for job creation and capital investment, according to the Illinois Department of Com-

merce and Economic Opportunity.

The tax breaks helped in choosing Illinois over Indiana, where Buddig has a distribution center, Buddig said. But the primary reasons for picking Montgomery were timing and opportunity, he said.

The 280,000-square-foot plant has been used for meat processing since 1972. Butterball acquired the Gusto Packing Co. plant in 2013. It has been dormant since July.

"It's pretty much a turnkey facility for us," Buddig said, adding he expected

production to begin there within 45 to 60 days.

Business had been good lately for Carl Buddig & Co., which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Revenue of "well over \$500 million" is up by a double-digit percentage from last year, driven by growth in both branded and private-label products, Buddig said.

In June, Buddig acquired bankrupt Rupari Food Services, now a part of Buddig that makes Kingsford-branded ribs. Buddig now has three facilities in South Holland, including the former Rupari business, and

another three facilities in Sheboygan, Wis., where Old Wisconsin smoked meat products are made.

Chris Lauzen, chairman of the Kane County Board, wasn't aware of the company's announcement as of early Monday afternoon, but quickly warmed to the idea of Buddig bringing manufacturing jobs back to the area.

"I just got a new favorite lunchmeat brand," Lauzen said. "I'm going to look for it in stores."

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Independent contractors, such as Uber and Lyft drivers, will get a tax break under the new law.

Contract workers get a tax cut

Tech consultants, freelancers can use 20% deduction

By ANDREW KHOURI
Los Angeles Times

The new tax law delivers a massive tax cut for corporations. Republicans sold the plan in part with the argument — heavily disputed by critics — that lower business taxes would trickle down through higher wages and be a boon to the middle class.

But the law offers a more direct benefit to one seemingly growing segment of the workforce: independent contract workers.

Information technology consultants in Silicon Valley stand to benefit, as do freelance Hollywood visual effects artists.

Many so-called gig workers who accept individual jobs through an app — such as Uber or Lyft drivers or TaskRabbit freelance laborers — will also see tax rates fall.

"Every Uber driver, as far as I can see, gets a benefit," said Edward Kleinbard, a former chief of staff to Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation.

Whether it's beneficial in the long run to be an independent contractor, rather than an employee, will still be hotly debated. The tax changes do nothing to address other criti-

cism of so-called contingent work, such as its low pay, uncertain scheduling and lack of health care, retirement or other benefits.

But the new tax law lets "independent" workers deduct 20 percent of their income before paying the new, lower individual tax rates signed into law by President Donald Trump.

That's the same deduction received by other pass-through businesses, which, unlike corporations, pay taxes through the individual code. That category accounts for the majority of American businesses, including most independent contractors.

A single Uber driver with a net income of \$40,000 a year who takes the 20 percent income deduction and the standard personal deduction would save \$960 in federal income taxes compared with an employee with the same income, according to DeDe Jones, a certified public accountant and managing director of Innovative Financial in Colorado.

The exact number of independent contractors who stand to benefit is unknown and the law places restrictions on who can take the full deduction. For example, there are limits for taxpayers making more than \$157,500 if they file individually or \$315,000 as a couple.

But many contractors, especially gig workers, make less than that. And experts say some of the limits are susceptible to evasion.

Americans, in surveys from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, report lower rates of self-employment than in previous decades. But other data show a rise in independent contracting.

Lawrence Katz of Harvard University said many contractors report themselves as employees in the BLS survey. A study he did with Alan Krueger of Princeton University found that 8.4 percent of workers in 2015 were working as independent contractors, up from 6.9 percent in 2005.

Internal Revenue Service data also back up the conclusion, showing a rising share of people who are independent contractors and have no W-2 income, Katz said.

Workers who get gigs through an online intermediary like Uber were only 0.5 percent of the workforce in 2015, the study said. But the number is growing.

TurboTax maker Intuit predicts the gig economy will almost double to 77 million workers in 2020, up from 3.9 million today.

TurboTax is updating its software for the new tax law, so independent contractors will know

whether they qualify for the new deduction after answering a few questions.

Because much of the debate over the tax law focused on its breaks for the wealthy and lost deductions for mortgage interest and state taxes, many contractors may not even realize they're in line for a cut.

Cecily Jamelia of Studio City was excited when told she could take advantage. The 41-year-old said that, before business deductions, she took in around \$40,000 through several freelance gigs last year, including driving for Uber and video blogging under the title Drive Girl Drive, where she gives advice to female drivers.

The new tax benefit would help, she said, because Los Angeles has been saturated with people driving for Uber and Lyft.

"It's not as easy to make money as it was before," she said.

Whether it actually makes sense to become an independent contractor is far from certain.

Some experts have blamed the rise in such work arrangements for worsening income inequality by cutting out traditional employment benefits such as health insurance and workers' compensation.

Employers like the arrangement because they can save on those costs and

more easily rid themselves of an independent contractor than they can an employee when business falls off.

"Just because there is an added incentive doesn't really mean people will act on that incentive," said Shu-Yi Oei, a tax professor at Boston College Law School, who has researched the gig economy.

Furthermore, not everyone can simply switch their status to become an independent contractor. The IRS and other government agencies have rules on what makes someone an employee.

Many companies — including trucking firms at the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports — have been fined for misclassifying workers as independent contractors. Authorities have alleged such businesses try to have it both ways — skimping on labor costs while retaining significant control over worker schedules.

"You still have to be in a profession where, with a straight face, you can say, 'I am an independent contractor,'" Oei said.

For those in that situation, the cost-benefit analysis is simple.

"If you are already an independent contractor it's pure good," Kleinbard said of the tax change. "What's not to like?"

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Meals next for surge pricing?

London restaurant to offer discount for off-peak times

By GENE MARKS
Washington Post

If you're an Uber rider, you're definitely familiar with the practice of surge pricing. That's when you need a cab on a rainy Friday during rush hour and Uber quotes you twice what you normally pay for the ride. It's completely legal and kind of genius. So much so that other businesses — from airlines to hotels to freight carriers — have been using variations of this model for years. But now the practice is making its way into the restaurant industry.

Bloomberg recently reported that a well-known London restaurant called Bob Bob Ricard is implementing a surge pricing model this month, with prices for the same meals being offered at a 25 percent discount during off-peak times as opposed to its busiest hours. In other words — you get a break on Monday lunch as opposed to Saturday dinner.

"The idea just came from looking at how the rest of the world functions," owner and founder Leonid Shutov said in the Bloomberg report. "Airlines wouldn't be able to exist, the business model wouldn't work unless you could balance supply and demand. Everything that we have taken that is widely accepted in the modern economy and applied to restaurants seems to have worked."

Other restaurateurs in London are keeping a close eye on this practice, and so should you, even if you run an eatery in Detroit or Austin, Texas. Of course, many are worried that the practice could turn off potential customers or come across as too gimmicky.

But you can't argue with the cash flow. Shutov thinks serving great meals at a reduced price will increase traffic during slower lunch hours and increase profits.

"We are not changing the menu," he said. "We are not trying to entice customers with anything from what they know and love. We are just saying that on certain days it will cost less. It's what we learn in economics 101."

Money pro: With 'Joneses' online, spending up

Defaults, from Page 1

percent.

It's a tough time of year to pay down debt because holiday bills are due but many families are also planning for spring and summer vacations, said Michael Foguth, founder of the Foguth Financial Group in Brighton, Mich.

Foguth said he believes that more Americans are prioritizing vacations due to improving confidence about the economy, and spending more on smaller indulgences like eating out. But the desire for date nights or a weeklong retreat are often too rich for consumers' budgets, he said.

"The reality is, if your paycheck doesn't support your spending, you're going to default," he said.

Foguth said he thinks that social media have enhanced our desire to "keep up with the Joneses" — another reason we're spending money we can't afford.

"I call it the 'Vegas syndrome,'" he said. "People always tell you how fun their vacation was, but they don't tell you how much money they lost."

But it's not just an improving economy or the thrill of a getaway that is leading more people to rack up debt they can't pay. Another reason for rising

credit card defaults, observers say, is that banks are loosening lending standards and making it easier for more people to get more credit. Consumers have taken advantage of that trend, run up their balances — and run into trouble.

A lot of the borrowers who are opening up lines of credit now are "subprime" — those with bad or limited credit history or low credit scores — noted Bruce McClary, spokesman for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, an organization that provides access to financial counseling services.

"I don't think we're ready to sound the crisis alarm

right now, but it's certainly something that deserves our attention," he said of the rising defaults.

Subprime borrowers generally pay higher interest rates, so it tends to take them longer to pay back debt.

McClary said credit card interest rates should go up this year as the Federal Reserve raises the key federal funds rate, which could make it even more difficult for borrowers paying higher interest rates to keep payments on time.

"It's really important not to let things fall behind," he said. "Missing even one payment can hurt you." The result can be a higher inter-

est rate, late fees of at least \$25 and a possible hit to your credit score, he said. Missing credit card payments can be especially dangerous for consumers, he said, because credit card companies can move quickly to impose penalties.

"It's not like a traffic violation where you get a warning," McClary said.

McClary recommends seeking help from a credit counselor as early as possible, a service that can be found in every major city at low or no cost, he said.

And if you're well down the road to default? Foguth recommends trying to negotiate a lower interest payment plan with the credit

card company or even an interest-free period. Credit card companies have an incentive to work with consumers, he said, because if they don't pay their bills, the debt will be sold to a debt collector, a scenario in which credit card companies only recoup pennies on the dollar.

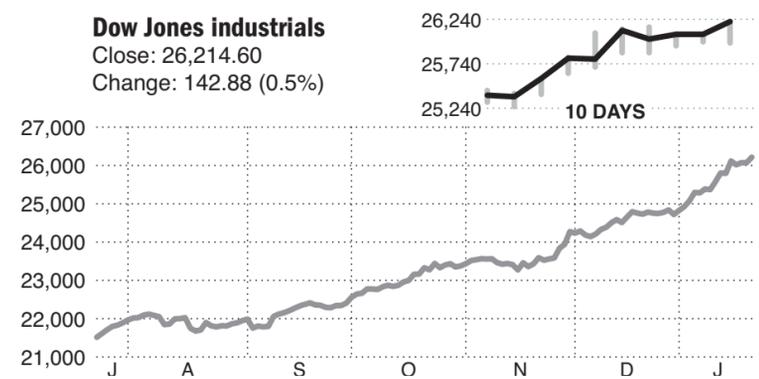
And the most drastic step that Foguth recommends when credit card debt gets extreme?

"Weigh the option of letting them all go," he said. "Closing cards (while negotiating a payment plan for the balance due) may be the only smart move left."

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,215.23 Low: 25,974.65 Previous: 26,071.72



Nasdaq Close: 7,408.03 High: 7,408.03 Low: 7,332.81 Previous: 7,336.38 Change: +71.65 (+98%)	S&P 500 Close: 2,832.97 High: 2,833.03 Low: 2,808.12 Previous: 2,810.30 Change: +22.67 (+.81%)	Russell 2000 Close: 1,605.17 High: 1,605.17 Low: 1,595.55 Previous: 1,597.63 Change: +7.54 (+.47%)
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10-yr T-note ... to 2.66%	Gold futures -1.00 to \$1,330.90	Yen +39 to 110.99/\$1	Euro -0.0016 to .8158/\$1	Crude Oil +29 to \$63.66
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.59	NASD +2.02	S&P +1.68	DOW +5.90	NASD +6.44	S&P +5.58	DOW +32.40	NASD +33.41	S&P +25.06

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	424.50	427.50	423.25	425.75	+3
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	353.50	354.50	351.25	352	-50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	980.50	987.25	980	984.25	+7
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.30	32.46	32.10	32.16	-12
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	333.30	338.90	333.20	338.60	+7.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl	Feb 18	63.61	64.14	63.17	63.66	+29
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 18	3.252	3.269	3.143	3.224	+0.39
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 18	1.8664	1.8880	1.8600	1.8801	+0.165

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
AbbVie Inc	N	106.49	+1.85	Equity Commonwh	N	30.04	+1.7	McDonalds Corp	N	176.21	+0.9
Adtalem Global Educ	N	45.55	+3.0	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	85.46	+0.9	Middleby Corp	O	138.75	+1.00
Alkerm Inc	O	33.09	+0.8	Exelon Corp	N	38.05	+0.8	Morningstar Inc	O	98.70	-1.85
Allscripts Hlthcare	O	15.61	+0.37	First Indl RT	N	30.73	+0.56	Motorola Solutions	N	97.33	-4.7
Alkerm Inc	N	104.43	+0.73	Fst Midw Bcp	O	26.18	+0.3	NiSource Inc	N	23.95	+0.1
Amgen Inc	N	79.95	...	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	72.84	+2.0	Nthn Trust Cp	O	107.43	+3.1
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.75	+1.79	GATX	N	69.66	+1.40	Packaging Corp Am	N	127.25	-31
Baxter Intl	N	70.20	+1.9	Gallagher AJ	N	64.75	+4.6	Payload Hldg	O	49.74	-2.5
Boeing Co	N	338.00	+2.7	Groupon Inc	O	5.49	-0.8	RLI Corp	N	59.84	-74
CBIO Global Markets	O	134.56	+6.8	GrubHub Inc	N	71.92	+1.89	Retail Prop Amer	N	12.42	+1.2
CDW Corp	O	75.01	-2.0	Horace Mann	N	43.85	-8.5	Stepan Co	N	79.10	-2.09
CNA Financial	N	54.40	+4.4	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	79.88	+1.4	Teleph Data	N	27.09	+2.4
Cabot Microelect	O	101.78	-1.01	IDEX Corp	N	137.71	-6.4	Tenneco Inc	N	59.84	-6.9
Caterpillar Inc	N	170.89	+4.8	ITW	N	173.39	+1.7	TransUnion	N	59.69	+3.4
Century Aluminum	O	23.04	+0.0	John Bean Technol	N	114.60	-9.5	TreeHouse Foods	N	49.86	+3.1
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.77	...	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	155.85	+6.8	Tribune Media Co A	N	43.41	-0.5
Deere Co	N	170.38	+0.6	KapStone Paper	N	25.85	-0.2	US Cellular	N	35.84	+1.8
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.87	+5.5	Kemper Corp	N	69.35	+5.1	Ventas Inc	N	54.49	+0.2
Dover Corp	N	104.84	+4.3	Kraft Heinz Co	O	80.17	+1.5	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	77.40	+9.3
Envestnet Inc	N	54.10	...	MB Financial	O	47.40	-0.9	Zebra Tech	O	124.29	+5.4

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	16.17	-0.29
Bank of America	31.94	+2.2
Ford Motor	12.02	+0.2
AK Steel Hold	6.22	-2.2
Validus Hldgs	67.29	+20.57
AT&T Inc	37.87	+6.6
FirstEnergy Corp	32.45	+3.05
Chesapeake Energy	3.97	+0.2
Verizon Comm	53.46	+1.55
Square Inc	45.29	+2.73
Itau Unibanco Hldg	15.12	+3.4
Twitter Inc	23.32	-3.4
Teva Pharm	21.02	+3.2
Pfizer Inc	36.93	-0.1
Vale SA	13.32	-0.4
Sthwstn Energy	5.31	+1.7
Sprint Corp	5.32	-1.5
General Motors Co	43.29	+1.4
AES Corp	11.38	-0.37
Freepor McMoran	19.99	+0.3
Halliburton	56.40	+3.39
Morgan Stanley	57.36	-1.0
Weatherford Intl Ltd	4.31	+2.6
Oracle Corp	50.71	+1.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Autodesk Inc	117.37	+2.08
CNO Financial	25.54	+1.9
Check Point Soft	105.00	+5.2
Chemced Corp	267.53	+1.09
Churchill Downs	255.60	+1.5
Cimpress NV	137.00	+4.24
Copa Holdings	137.40	-2.3
Extended Stay Amer	20.90	-1.0
Fluor Corp	61.29	+8.6
Lear Corp	190.25	-9.3
Lions Gate Ent B	33.41	+0.1
Mettler Toledo	670.88	+4.19
Morningstar Inc	98.70	-1.85
Proofpoint Inc	98.34	-1.23
Sarepta Thera	65.63	+3.25
Senior Housing	17.85	+1.2
Syneos Health	41.00	+1.0
Taro Pharm Inds Ltd	104.90	-1.7
Weatherford Intl Ltd	4.31	+2.6

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.63	+2.7	+26.8
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	28.06	+1.4	+17.9
American Funds CptWldGrInca	154.05	+4.9	+28.4
American Funds CptlncBldra m	64.57	+4.3	+16.2
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	59.74	+5.0	+34.4
American Funds FdmntInvsA m	66.17	+4.9	+28.6
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	53.14	+4.8	+30.5
American Funds IncAmrCA m	24.13	+1.5	+15.8
American Funds InvAmrCA m	42.63	+3.5	+23.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.32	+4.7	+33.8
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	48.19	+3.6	+25.4
DFA EMKtCorEq	24.69	+1.8	+39.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.70	...	+3.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	49.71	+4.3	+28.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	217.96	+1.98	+25.2
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.55	...	+3.0
Fidelity 500IdxIn	99.10	+8.0	+27.2
Fidelity 500IdxPrm	99.10	+8.0	+27.2
Fidelity Contrafund	132.47	+1.32	+38.3
Fidelity Contrafundk	132.40	+1.32	+38.5
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.13	...	+3.2
Fidelity LowPrStk	57.67	+3.5	+27.3
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.43	+0.1	+10.2
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.55	-0.1	+2.5
Oakmark IntlInv	30.69	+1.4	+34.3
PIMCO InclnStl	12.34	...	+8.1
PIMCO TtRetIn	10.17	...	+3.8
Schwab SP500Idx	43.68	+3.5	+27.2
T. Rowe Price BCGR	104.87	+9.9	+43.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.55	+5.6	+38.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	261.73	+2.09	+27.2
Vanguard 500IdxInv	261.72	+2.10	+27.1
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.95	+1.3	+23.6
Vanguard HCAmrl	92.00	+1.00	+24.6
Vanguard InTrngAdm	9.63	-0.1	+3.0
Vanguard INTTTEAdmrl	14.06	...	+3.9
Vanguard InslIdxIn	258.17	+2.07	+27.2
Vanguard InslIdxInP	258.19	+2.07	+27.2
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	62.94	+4.9	+26.3
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	201.16	+1.24	+22.7
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	144.12	+1.47	+36.7
Vanguard STInVGrdAdmrl	10.58	...	+1.6
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	73.98	+5.2	+20.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.28	+1.1	+16.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.13	+0.8	+18.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	24.96	+1.7	+20.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.61	+1.2	+24.2
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.63	...	+2.4
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Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	32.37	+1.9	+31.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxIn	129.43	+7.6	+31.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxInPlus	129.46	+7.7	+31.3
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	19.35	+1.1	+31.1
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	70.62	+5.6	+26.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	70.63	+5.6	+26.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	70.59	+5.5	+26.2
Vanguard WIngntAdmrl	74.99	+3.8	+17.7
Vanguard WlsyVncAdmrl	65.92	+1.9	+11.1
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	71.07	+5.1	+22.4

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.43	1.40
6-month disc	1.615	1.59
2-year	2.06	2.07
10-year	2.66	2.66
30-year	2.92	2.93

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1330.90	\$1331.90
Silver	\$16.931	\$16.975
Platinum	\$994.30	\$1016.20

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.34

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A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
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Canada (Dollar)	1.2454
China (Yuan)	6.4068
Euro	.8158
India (Rupee)	63.877
Israel (Shekel)	3.4172
Japan (Yen)	110.99
Mexico (Peso)	18.6986
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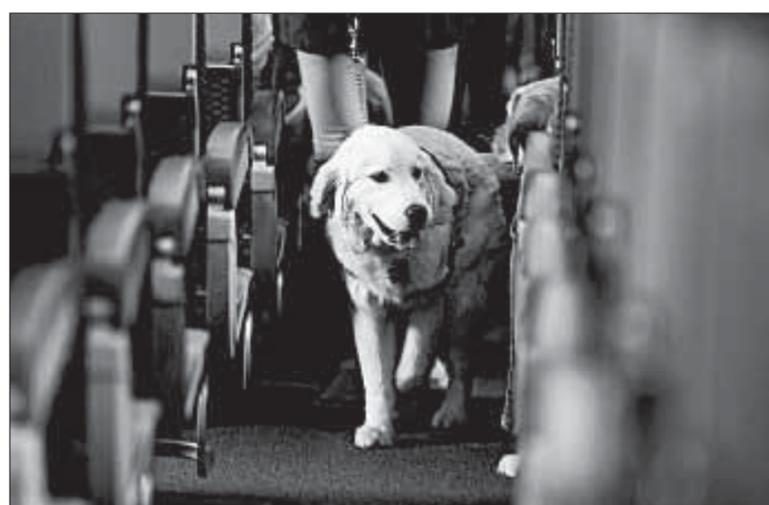
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Bovespa	81488.41	+268.9/+3
FTSE 100	7715.44	-15.4/-2
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Delta Airlines is tightening its policy regarding service and support animals.

Good dog? Bad dog? Delta wants to know beforehand

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

DALLAS — Delta Air Lines will soon require owners of service and support animals to provide more information before their animal can fly in the passenger cabin, including an assurance that it's trained to behave itself. The airline says complaints about animals biting or urinating or defecating on planes have nearly doubled since 2016. Starting March 1, Delta will require owners to show proof of their animal's health or vaccinations at least 48 hours before a flight. Owners of psychiatric service animals and of those used for emotional support will need to sign a statement vouching that their animal can behave. But owners will be on the honor system — they won't have to show, for example, that their dog graduated from obedience school. The new requirements don't apply to pets, for which owners pay an extra fee. Delta, American and United all charge \$125 each way for small pets in the cabin. Pets that don't fit

under a seat must fly in the cargo hold, also for a price. Delta's policy change arrives with the number of animals in the cabin increasing. A rift has grown between disabled people who rely on trained service animals, usually dogs, and passengers with support or comfort animals, with many in the first group suspecting that those in the latter are just trying to avoid paying \$125. However, owners of comfort animals, including veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, often say that they wouldn't be able to travel without their companion. John Laughter, the airline's senior vice president of safety and security, said there are insufficient rules in place to screen animals for health and behavior issues. Last June, a 70-pound dog flying as a support animal bit another passenger several times on the face on a Delta plane in Atlanta. The victim was hospitalized. Delta is seeking a balance "that supports those customers with a legitimate need for

OBITUARIES

MATHILDE KRIM 1926-2018

Scientist and activist in AIDS research field

By HARRISON SMITH
The Washington Post

Mathilde Krim, a geneticist and virologist who bridged the worlds of laboratory science and political activism to strip AIDS of stigma and turn its treatment into a national cause, died Jan. 15 at her home in Kings Point, N.Y. She was 91.

Her death was announced by amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research, where she served as founding chairman. The organization did not give a cause.

Dr. Krim was researching the possible treatment of leukemia with interferon, a protein and antiviral agent, when in 1980 a physician friend told her he was seeing a set of unusual symptoms affecting gay men in New York. Their lymph nodes were enlarged, as were their spleens, but the men appeared to be free of disease.

As Krim and the physician, Joseph Sonnabend, began testing blood samples, their patients started to die — marking some of the first reported deaths of an American epidemic and what has since become a global health crisis.

"I was struck by the totally misguided stigma — obviously due to age-old prejudice and to ignorance of biological facts — that was being attached to the disease," Krim later said, recalling AIDS' early designation as "gay cancer" or "the gay plague."

Krim had been known as the "Interferon Queen" for her single-minded research into the protein's medical potential, but quickly pivoted to research of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The disease was found to be spread by a virus, HIV, and while early patients were often gay or drug addicts, Krim worked to dispel a broad misconception that it was confined to patients of a certain sexual orientation or social status.

With a \$100,000 donation from her husband, politically connected movie mogul Arthur Krim, she co-founded the AIDS Medical Foundation in New York in 1983.

The organization merged with a similar California-based group two years later to form amfAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, and adopted its current name in 2005 in a nod to its increasingly global scope.

Krim remained active with the organization until



GABRIEL BOUYS/AFP

Mathilde Krim was a founding chairman of the Foundation for AIDS Research.

her retirement in 2004, by which time AIDS — at least in the United States — was treated largely as one disease among many others. Yet for much of the 1980s, AIDS was so stigmatized that Krim could not post her organization's name on a sign in the lobby of its office building (it was shortened instead to "A.M. Foundation") and struggled to raise money from larger organizations. Still, she approached the problem with a zeal and focus that recalled an earlier period of her life, when she smuggled guns across Europe for a Zionist militant group.

A soft-spoken yet forceful champion for AIDS patients, she spearheaded legislation that increased federal funding for research into the disease, called for expanded access to experimental drugs and promoted the use of condoms and needle exchanges in an effort to limit the disease's spread.

Crucially, she also enlisted a group of celebrities who helped make AIDS a popular cause across the country. Working with actors such as Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman, Woody Allen and Joan Rivers, she organized gala events and fundraisers that raised millions of dollars.

"Mathilde did carry AIDS into the social mainstream," wrote the late Allan Rosenfield, a women's health advocate and dean of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. "She saw that AIDS would demand the intellectual resources of the fields of medicine, basic science and public health, and she set out to bring them to amfAR to guide its research grantmaking, overturning many stereotypical notions of gay men in the process."

President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 2000.

Although AIDS-related deaths have fallen by 48 percent worldwide since they peaked in 2005, according to the United Nations advocacy program UNAIDS, the disease remains a pandemic. In 2016, the organization reported, about 36.7 million people were living with HIV and about 1 million people died of AIDS-related causes.

Mathilde Galland was born in Como, Italy, on July 9, 1926, and raised in Geneva. Her father was a Swiss agronomist, and her mother was from what was then Czechoslovakia.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in genetics from the University of Geneva in 1948 and received a doctorate from the school in 1953. Years earlier, moved by newsreel footage that showed the 1945 liberation of Nazi death camps, she also worked as a volunteer with the Irgun, a Zionist paramilitary group, smuggling weapons on bike rides across the France-Switzerland border.

Krim converted to Judaism and married a fellow gun smuggler, David Danon, before joining Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science, where she helped develop a method for determining an infant's sex before birth. The marriage ended in divorce, and she settled in New York City after her 1958 marriage to Krim, a Weizmann trustee who had served as finance chair for the Democratic Party and founded the movie studio Orion Pictures. He died in 1994.

Krim joined what is now Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center as a research scientist in 1962 and remained there for more than two decades, leaving in the mid-1980s to focus on her nonprofit organizations.

Survivors include a daughter from her first marriage, Daphna Kri; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Krim expressed few regrets over leaving the confines of her lab, noting that while there many scientists waiting to assume the mantle of research, few were willing — or able — to organize fundraisers with former first lady Rosalynn Carter or director David Lynch.

"I came to the conclusion that it's better if I stay on the outside and help people inside the labs," she told The New York Times in 1988. "I'm not such a genius that somebody else cannot do what I was doing. And these would be people who cannot do what I can."

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 23 ...

In 1542 England's King Henry VIII took the title of King of Ireland.

In 1789 Georgetown University was established in what now is Washington.

In 1832 impressionist painter Edouard Manet was born in Paris.

In 1845 Congress decided that all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each November.

In 1849 Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman

in America to receive an M.D. degree. The Bristol, England, native was awarded her degree by the Medical Institution of Geneva, N.Y.

In 1920 Holland refused to surrender former German Kaiser Wilhelm II to the Allies for punishment as a World War I criminal.

In 1950 the Knesset, Israel's parliament, proclaimed Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish state.

In 1973 President Richard Nixon announced that an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

In 1983 a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through the atmosphere and fell harmlessly into the Indian Ocean.

In 1989 surrealist artist Salvador Dali died in his native Spain; he was 84.

In 1993 Thomas A. Dorsey, widely acknowledged as the father of gospel music and the author of more than 1,000 songs, died in Chicago; he was 93.

In 2005 former "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson died in Malibu, Calif.; he was 79.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS Jan. 22	
Lotto	11 19 26 28 48 49 / 21
Lotto jackpot: \$4.25M	
Pick 3 midday	308 / 1
Pick 4 midday	9332 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday	22 24 25 26 40
Pick 3 evening	437 / 1
Pick 4 evening	6705 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening	05 20 22 29 34
Jan. 23 Mega Millions: \$63M	
Jan. 24 Powerball: \$92M	
WISCONSIN Jan. 22	
Pick 3	792
Pick 4	8820
Badger 5	01 05 17 18 19
SuperCash	08 10 26 28 30 32

INDIANA Jan. 22	
Daily 3 midday	130 / 0
Daily 4 midday	3724 / 0
Daily 3 evening	209 / 3
Daily 4 evening	0577 / 3
Cash 5	18 24 37 38 39
MICHIGAN Jan. 22	
Daily 3 midday	740
Daily 4 midday	8062
Daily 3 evening	933
Daily 4 evening	4925
Fantasy 5	01 22 27 35 38
Keno	04 11 13 21 25 31
	33 36 40 41 44 48 50 52
	59 62 65 66 70 72 76 80

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Albarran, Jacquelyn M. 'Jackie'

Jacquelyn "Jackie" M. Albarran, nee Quick; loving mother of Holly (Keith) Pappas, Stacy (Gary) Ryndak and the late William S. Albarran; dear grandmother of Tyler (Nick) Bremer, Ashley (Kyle) Crist, Jordan Pappas, Kendall Ryndak, Dale Ryndak and the late Carceon Ryndak; dear friend of Chris Sousanes and Mickey Johnson. Visitation Thursday 3:00PM to 8:00PM at Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. Of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove. Family and Friends will meet Friday at St. Joseph Church, 4801 Main St., Downers Grove for a 10:00AM Mass. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com.



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Barnard, John W.

John W. Barnard. Beloved husband of Gail, nee Stewart; dear father of Daniel S; loving son of Rosemary and the late Robert; fond brother of Cindy Bloomgarden and Bargie (James) Zechman; loving brother-in-law of Donald and Linda Stewart, and Sandy (Lewis) Liszt; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service Tuesday 3 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, www.heart.org. Funeral information: 847-256-5700.



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Bourke, James P.

James P. Bourke, age 72, proud 44 year resident of Glen Ellyn. Beloved husband of Jennie for 50 years. Loving father of K. Bridget Bourke and J. Michael Bourke. Devoted son of the late James A. and the late Irene. Fond brother of Thomas, John (Diana), Mary Kathleen, Patricia Bourke (late Todd Freer) and Sheila (Jordi) Reed. Uncle of many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 4-8 PM at Leonard Memorial Funeral Home (www.leonardmemorialhome.com/630-469-0032), 565 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Mass will be held the following day, 10 AM at St. Petronille Catholic Church, 420 Glenwood Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Glen Ellyn 4th of July Committee or The James A. Bourke Scholarship at Benedictine University. Ret. Naval Commander James Bourke was notably active on the Glen Ellyn 4th of July Committee, served as a Village of Glen Ellyn Trustee, and was very active in local political and community organizations.

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Christophersen, James R.

James R. Christophersen (Jim), age 77, of Beach Park, IL; formerly Skokie, IL, passed peacefully on January 16, 2018 surrounded by his family. Born February 26, 1940 in Chicago IL. He worked at AT&T (formerly Teletype in Skokie) for 40+ years. He served in the US Army from 1963 until 1965 in Korea. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia (nee Johns); Sons, Glen (Valerie) Christophersen and Kevin (Mark Marple) Christophersen; Papa to Bret and Kyle; brother-in-law Norman (Karen) Johns and nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Anyone who knew him knew that he was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. Family will be celebrating his life privately. Please feel free to make a donation on his behalf to a charity of your choice. The family is being assisted by **Gurnee Salata Funeral Home**.

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D'Amore, Henry E.

Henry E. D'Amore, age 94, Navy Veteran of WWII; former employee at Davey-McKee Co.; beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, nee Caringella; loving father of Andrew (Viola) D'Amore, Barbara (Randall) Andreoli and the late Joseph D'Amore; proud grandfather of Rico and Andrew (Carrie) D'Amore, Christopher (Denise), Michelle Andreoli, Steven (Brandie) and Michael (Jessica) Andreoli; cherished great-grandfather of Ella, Domenick, Isabella, Lia, Drew, Jonathan, Mia, Cate, Henry, Georgia, Jack, Madelyn and Joseph; fond brother of the late Samuel, Frank and Armand D'Amore. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m and Thursday 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:30 a.m at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Entombment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Davis, Gladys R.

Gladys R. Davis, nee Ross, age 85, of McHenry, formerly of Glenview and Skokie. Wife of the late Charles; dear mother of Ross, Reed (Judy), and Lynn Gerlitz; loving grandmother of Dan (Roxanne), Laura (Matthew) Anderson, Katie and Kelly Gerlitz; cherished great-grandmother of Paige, Madison, Olivia, Charlotte, Hannah, Brynn, and Colin; fond sister of the late William (the late Leona), Arthur (Marilyn), and Laura Ross. Visitation, Friday, January 26, 2018, from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7870 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment, St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 5201 Galitz St., Skokie, IL, 60077. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Fletcher, Patricia

Patricia R. Fletcher, nee Hanko, age 83, passed away peacefully at home on January 21, 2018 surrounded by her family. Beloved wife for 63 years of Leslie J. Fletcher. Loving mother of Renee (Dr. Aaron Guajardo and the late Steven Nikonchuk), Leslie (Mary), Christine (Christopher) Merenowicz, Arthur (Karen). Cherished grandmother of Alex (Jodi), Scott, Emily (Berna), Elyse (Kevin), Jason, Lindsay, Samantha, Nicholas, Peter, Callie, Eli. Dear step-grandmother of Meghan, Kaitlyn, Aaron, Timothy, Jacob. Devoted great-grandmother of Jace, Brynn, Andrea, Aurelia, Tristan, Adeline. Dear sister of Roberta (Ross) Yarbrough. Dearest aunt and cousin of many. Pat was a longtime member and past president of the Friends of the New Lenox Library and a lifetime Cubs fan.

Funeral Thursday 9:15 AM from **Hickey Memorial Chapel** 442 E. Lincoln Hwy. New Lenox, to St Mary Church 10:00 AM Mass. Private Interment. Visitation Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM 815-485-8697



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Guare, Thomas Patrick

Thomas Patrick Guare, 63, passed away on Friday, January 12. A lifelong resident of Oak Park, Tom was the beloved son of Charlien Steffens and brother and best friend of Richard Steffens, as well as his aunts, uncles and cousins who survive him. Tom was unusually well-traveled, taking multiple trips to Africa, Hawaii, Europe and many other destinations. Tom enjoyed spending time with his extended family, taking in countless ballgames and concerts over the years and was an enthusiastic supporter of his cousins' athletic endeavors. In addition, Tom was a well-known lover of animals, especially his golden retrievers and the neighborhood dogs that he had the privilege to dog-sit over the years. Visitation will be at St. Giles Catholic Church, 1045 Columbian, Oak Park on Wednesday, January 24th at 10:30 a.m. with a funeral mass to follow immediately after at 11:30 a.m. in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for the St. Giles Organ Fund.

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Heinz, Ellen Margaret

Ellen Margaret Heinz, nee Lathrop, age 95, formerly of Skokie, died peacefully in Morton Grove on Monday, January 22, 2018. Ellen was born on January 12, 1923, in Geddes, South Dakota, to Henry Warren Lathrop and Catherine Cecelia Burns. Ellen moved to Evanston, Illinois, at the age of twelve and lived with her Aunt Dorothy (nee Burns) and Uncle Tony Schmitt. Beloved wife of forty-eight years of the late Leo J., Jr.; dear mother of Michael (Kay), Leo III (Linda), James (Barb), David (the late Sharon), Thomas (Mary), Mary Rinker, Richard (Carol), Paul (Leslie), Carole (Christopher) Hynes, Cecile (Randy) Geist, Patricia (the late Michael) Berry, Martha (David Zielinski), Don (Dana), the late Janet, Dennis and William; loving grandmother of thirty-six; cherished great-grandmother of thirty-two; great-great grandmother of nine; fond sister of William Lathrop, Carol Martin, the late Maurice, Jack, Paul, Edward and Ray Lathrop; dear sister-in-law of Patricia Wales. Ellen was a devoted wife and a loving mother with a wonderful sense of humor. Our family is indebted to her for teaching us about what it means to work hard in the service of others, respect the value of human life and relationships above anything material and to give unconditional love. We are grateful to Ursula Wlodarczyk, her longtime, loving caregiver. Visitation, Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 3 to 8 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Friday, January 26, at 10:15 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass, 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, Skokie. Interment, St. Peter Catholic Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church (Maintenance Fund), 8116 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, IL, 60077. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Miriam M. Horn, 87, Beloved daughter of the late Meyer and Sophie Millman; Devoted wife to the late Sheldon Horn; Loving mother to Philip (Mary Siwak) Wexler, Larry (Terry) Wexler, Suzan Wexler, and Pamela Wexler; Proud grandmother to Amanda (Josh), Dan (Kristen), Christopher, and Steven; Cherished great-grandmother to Sophie, Paige, and Ethan; Dear sister of the late Frank Millman and Rosanne Gerstein. Donations in Miriam's honor may be made to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) at support.worldwildlife.org. Private services will be held. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Steven H. Jaffe, passed away January 21, 2018. For service information log onto www.cremation-society.com or www.obsfuneralandcremation.com. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Koenigshofer, John T.

John T. Koenigshofer; Loving father of Colleen and Kristin; Dear grandpa of Evan; Dear brother of Leo (Anita), Ron (Lynn), and Donna (Nick) Retson; Preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Veronica, nee Butryn; Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; Blessed with many longtime loyal friends; Visitation Wednesday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Thursday, 9:15 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10820 S. Oxford Ave., Chicago Ridge. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneral-home.com

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Raymond Walter Laase, 84, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018. Beloved husband of 64 years to Nancy (Dolores Erickson) & loving father of nine children. Ray was born on Nov. 21, 1933 in Chicago, IL. He grew up in Chicago & was a 50-year resident of Hinsdale, IL before retiring to Tucson, AZ. He graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 1951 & attended the University of Arizona. After meeting Nancy at the university in Tucson, the two married on Aug. 29, 1953 in Racine, WI. Ray was a livestock buyer in the Chicago Stockyards & traded at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange & the Chicago Board of Trade. He was an avid outdoorsman & loved to spend his free time fishing and hunting with family & friends. Ray enjoyed traveling with Nancy around the world & the United States including a year in Alaska.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents Raymond William (1990) & Vera Emilia (Banach) (2007) & his brother William (Sandra) (2017). He is survived by his sister Sandra Rumsey (Richard) and brother Joseph (Christine) & children Clarice (Craig) Smithson, David (Kim), Cynthia (Neil) Krupicka, Julie Anne, Terri Anne (William) Robertson, Mary Jane (Stephen) Cashman, Suzanne (Mark) Caldwell, Jacqueline (Beau) Parrillo & Robert.

Ray is survived by his grandchildren Emily (Jeff) Irwin, John Smithson, Katherine Smithson, Makenzie Laase, Michael Laase, Adam (Jessica) Krupicka, Erica (Ryan) Conger, Lindsey (Tyler) Reichwald, Taylor Smith, Anne Robertson, William Robertson, Charles Cashman, Jane Cashman, Christian Caldwell, Henry Caldwell, Harrison Laase, Ruby Laase & Josephine Parrillo. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren Charlotte & Claire Irwin, Miles & Jackson Krupicka and Edith & Benjamin Conger.

Visitation on Friday Jan. 26th at 9:00 a.m. in Fireplace Room at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. 4th St., Hinsdale, until the Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook, IL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Salmon Unlimited Inc.

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Diane L. Labkon, age 73. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Stephen H. Labkon. Cherished mother of Jordan R. and Matthew J. Devoted daughter of the late Jean and Sam Weiner. Loving sister of the late Richard (Margo) Weiner. Adoring aunt of Michael (Susan) Wagner. Dear daughter in law of the late Florence and Sam Labkon. Memorial Service Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 2:30pm at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Arts Alliance Illinois, www.artsalliance.org/support. Info: The Goldman Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Elizabeth B. Landem, nee Bizzotto, 83, of Norwood Park. Beloved wife of the late John K. Landem. Loving mother of Carol Marie Elliott and Anita Marie Landem. Proud grandmother of Andrew (Emily) Elliott, John Elliott, Angeline Landem and Michael Elliott. Dear sister of the late Marie Ostrowski. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago from 4-9 PM. Funeral Thursday, 9:30 AM prayers at funeral home to Immaculate Conception Church, (Harlem & Talcott). Mass 10:00 AM. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com

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June M. Lieberman, 87, of Morton Grove. Beloved wife of Irving Lieberman; loving mother of Sharon, Robert (Janice), Morris (Sherry) and Gary (Sylvia) Lieberman; proud grandmother of Pamela, Arin, Max and Alex Lieberman; caring sister of the late Paul (Charlotte) Fish. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) appreciated. Funeral information 847-256-5700.

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George F. Lieske, age 59 of Brookfield. Loving father of Michelle Lieske and the late Nicole Lieske, beloved son of Teresa and the late Frank Lieske, dear brother of Edward Lieske, Monica (Niko) Donku and Renetta Lieske, dear grandfather of Rylan, Chace and Ava, fond uncle, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Tuesday, January 30, 10:00am followed by Funeral Mass 11am at St. Barbara Parish, 4008 Prairie Ave, Brookfield.

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Earl B. Littlechilds, age 64, of Skokie, died January 20, 2018. Cherished friend of Janet Manning. Services were private. Info: www.habenfuneral.com.

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Harry Arthur Montgomery, age 89, of Burr Ridge, IL; beloved husband of Gloria (nee Klein); loving father of Alison (Allen) Crumbley, Christopher (Amy Teri) Montgomery, Melissa Montgomery-Rader, and the late Inger Marie Montgomery; proud grandfather of Alana, Leigha, & Olivia Crumbley, Harrison & Donovan Rader, and Eloise & Harper Montgomery; son of the late Birdie and Floyd Montgomery; brother-in-law of Sharon (Mark) Steger. Harry was a Korean War Veteran, a long-time business owner and above all else, loved his family dearly. Memorial Visitation Thursday, Jan. 25 from 4:00pm until time of service 6:00pm at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th Street, Countryside. Interment private. Funeral Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Born: December 5, 1946; in Berwyn, IL Died: January 10, 2018; in Downers Grove, IL

John J Moore Jr. passed away at home surrounded by family on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the age of 71.

John was born on December 5, 1946, in Berwyn, IL. He attended Morton West High School, the Art Institute of Chicago, Elmhurst College and completed a 5 yr apprenticeship as a Wood Pattern Maker.

His career talents covered a broad spectrum of industries supplying pattern & prototypes to toy, furniture and automotive manufactures as well as medical and government agencies.

John is preceded in death by his sons, Robert "Bob" Moore and John "Jack" Moore, III; his maternal parents, June Bremmer Moore and John "Jack" Moore, Sr.

John was a lover of all nature and was exceptionally gifted in landscape design. He loved his home, growing trees from seedlings, feeding and caring for an extensive variety of animals and especially spending time with his grandson.

John will be cremated and a memorial will take place on Saturday, January 27th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Downers Grove, IL. All are welcome to attend and celebrate John's life.

The family is grateful for all condolences and particularly wishes to thank those who graciously sat by his side during his last days. Donations will be accepted for a memorial tree.

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John F. "Jack" Nihill, passed away January 20, 2018. Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

Nitti, Leonard J.

Leonard J. Nitti; U.S. Air Force Veteran WWII; beloved husband of Joan nee Donnelly; loving father of Kathy Georgan, Mary, Michael (Sharon), Patty (Corey) Fishman and Laura (Scott) Lemajeur. Devoted grandfather of Beth (John) Geib, Michael (Annie) Nitti, Tom Nitti, Amy Fishman, Kimberly (Joshua) Fouke, Kelly (Michael) Westwood, Emily Fishman and Ryan Fishman, John and Katie Lemajeur. Great grandfather of Wesley, Lyla and Sam. Visitation at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles Wednesday 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Funeral service Thursday 10:15 AM to St. John Brebeuf Church for mass at 11:00 AM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to the Wounded Warriors Association appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Carol J. Rakowsky nee Liebler, 89, of Evanston, formerly of Naperville; beloved wife of the late Frederick W. "Fred" Rakowsky; loving mother of Jim Rakowsky and the late Katherine Rakowsky. Carol was a longtime organist at Knox Presbyterian Church in Naperville. She loved her family, friends, music, books and crossword puzzles. Visitation Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie. Interment private, Naperville Cemetery. A memorial service is planned for February 3, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 616 Lake St, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church, or Geneva Foundation of Presbyterian Homes, 8707 Skokie Boulevard, Suite 400 Skokie, IL 60077 info: 847 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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Dr. Paul H. Resnik, 68, passed away in his home in Cameron Park, California on January 13, 2018 after a battle with cancer. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Daniel, and his beloved wife, Ameer (Amelah). Ameer and Paul were married in Maui and returned to the island frequently to remember their fairytale wedding. Before his career as a medical doctor, he was an accomplished cellist. Paul retired in 2014 and moved with his faithful dog, Flower, from Altoona, Pennsylvania to Cameron Park. However, he maintained his allegiance to his city of birth, Chicago, especially the Chicago Cubs. Dr. Resnik appreciated the care he received at UCSF and the support he felt from friends he called "my angels." At his request, no services will be held. Arrangements made by **Trident Society**, Roseville, Ca.

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Marcella Marie Rogers (nee Jerak), beloved wife of the late Charles Rogers; loving mother of Les (Judy) Rogers, Jerry (the late Char) Rogers, Joan (Bernie) Marzano and the late Shirley Mehaljevic; cherished grandmother of 9 and great grandmother of 15; dear sister of Bernice (the late Anthony) Mele, the late Fred Jerak and the late Vernon Jerak; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3-7 P.M. Funeral Friday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to Our Lady of the Ridge Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200

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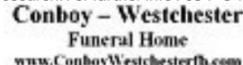
Howard Rosell, age 77. Beloved husband of Roberta nee Deitch. Devoted brother of Ellen (Art) West, Susan Rosell, and Mavis (John Hitchcock) Rosell. Loving uncle of many. Service Thursday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Private family interment to follow at Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org or American Heart Association, www.heart.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Sarah M. Scolaro (nee Testa), age 96, a resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Chicago, IL, died Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Tabor Hills Healthcare Facility in Naperville. She was born December 7, 1921 in Chicago. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.

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Roger James Skoda of Western Springs, age 84. Born in Brookfield, IL. Beloved son of the late James and Millicent Skoda; dear brother of Richard (Louise), Grace (the late Ted) Leonard and the late Ronald (the late Jennie) Skoda; fond uncle and great uncle to many. Roger enjoyed his many trips to Lake Geneva. Per his wishes his body will be donated to medical science research. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Clyde F. Stringer, 84, of Spring Grove, passed away peacefully Saturday, January 20, 2018. He was born December 7, 1933, in Ashford, WV, to the late William and Orpha Stringer. Beloved husband of 62 years to Mae; loving father of Kathy (Ed) Jakaitis, Gale (Miguel) Ree, and Karen Stringer (Jenny Shedosky); cherished grandfather of Angie (Pedro), Eddie (Kacie), Bill (Loren), Elizabeth, Daniel (Melanie), Michelle (Dave), and Michael (Meghan); cherished great grandfather of Tyler, Andrew, Isaac, Annabelle, Avery, Amelia, Elijah, and soon-to-be, Hudson; loving brother of Louise (Jim), Martha (the late Dean), Annamae (Harry), Dennis (Linda), Elizabeth (Harold), Jackie, Roger (Mary), Judy, Richard (Carolyn), Carolyn (Larry), Larry (Debbie), and the late Frankie; and his beloved dog, Snoopy. Visitation Wednesday, January 24, 4-8 p.m., **Hamsher Lakeside Funerals and Cremations**, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake. Funeral, 10 a.m., Thursday, January 25, Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway, Antioch. Interment Millburn Cemetery, Old Mill Creek. Online condolences www.HamsherLakeside.com, for information, 847-587-2100.

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Paolo "Leno" Valente, age 85, of Orland Park, passed away January 22, 2018; beloved husband of Nancy (nee Kilinski) and the late Geraldine; loving father of Karen (Scott) Brady, David Valente and Beth (Dieter) Schuller; dear step-father of Karen (Kevin), Todd (Chris), Andrew (Tracey), Paul and the late Lenard Pisarski; cherished brother of Angelo Valente, Rina Testolin and the late Dino Valente; proud grandfather, uncle and friend to many. Leno was born and raised on the south side of Chicago. His passions in life included his family, his great love for all things Italian (especially food), his church, his beloved golf and his sweet puppy Lola. He had a very large presence in every room he inhabited and he will be so missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. Visitation Thursday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Friday 10:45 A.M. From **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462 to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 11:30 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Cancer Society, 225 Michigan Avenue #1200 Chicago, IL 60601 or St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105, would be appreciated. Funeral info: 708-429-3200

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Francine Waldron, nee Raphael, passed away on January 19, 2018 in Florida. Loving wife of David Waldron, mother of two, step-mother of three and grandmother of eleven. Funeral service will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Mr. Wayne William Woicek, 67, of Perkinston, MS, formerly of Chicago, IL, died January 19, 2018 in Wiggins, MS.

Mr. Woicek was a leader of the 4-H in Illinois and he also trained dogs for competition in obedience. He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Lorraine Woicek; sister, Laura Woicek and his mother and father-in-law, Martin and Florence O'Neill, who he was loved by very much.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Woicek of Perkinston; two children, Melissa Woicek of Perkinston and Patrick James Healy of Park Forest, IL and many friends and extended family.

A visitation will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins, MS.

Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins is in charge of arrangements.

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A lifelong Chicagoan, beloved husband of Judy; father of Dani, Mitchell (Lisa), Leslie (Michael); grandfather to Kevin, Steven, Brian and the late Gracie and Sam; stepfather to William, Jennifer, Jilliane (Charles) and Bryna (Doug); stepgrandfather to Nehemiah and Jordan. Bada bing bada boom! Rest in peace Lobo. A celebration of life will be held at the Jazz showcase On January 28th at 3:30 pm.

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George J. Zarod; Age 72; Loving husband of Beverly, nee Passarelli; Beloved dad of Kimberly (Stan) Rumczikas-Baxter and Julie (Mike) Staresinich; Proud papa of Jaden, Daniel, and Chloe Rumczikas; Maddie and Joey Staresinich; Visitation Tuesday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111TH Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery; For Funeral Info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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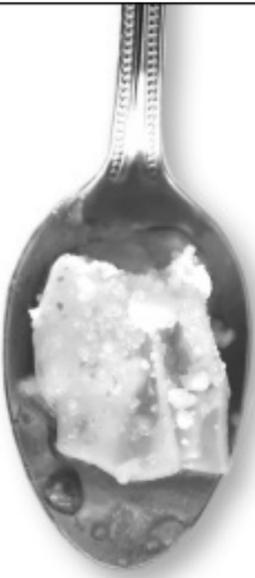
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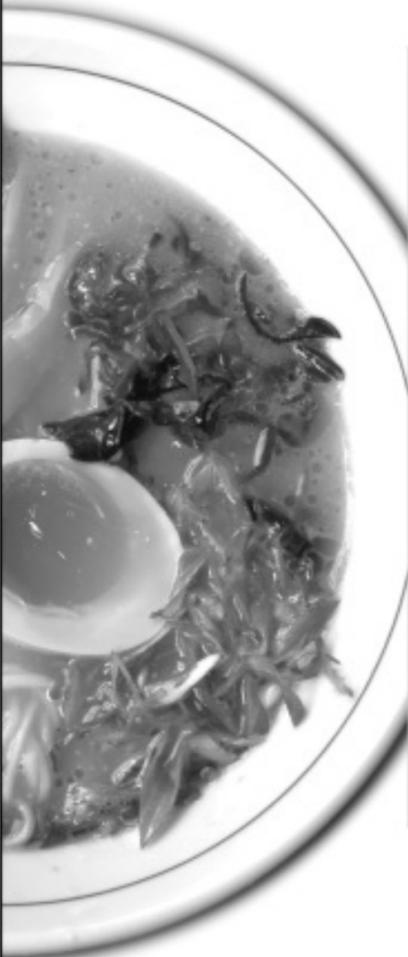
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LARRY NASSAR SENTENCING



'Sister survivor warriors'

— That's how Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina described the sexual-assault victims of disgraced former sports doctor Larry Nassar on Monday. So far, 144 victims have made or are scheduled to make statements during Nassar's sentencing hearing, which continues Tuesday in Lansing, Mich.



"Larry, how many of us are there? Do you even know? You preyed on me, on us. You saw a way to take advantage of your position — the almighty and trusted gymnastics doctor. Shame on you, Larry. Shame on you."

— Clasina Syrboby on Monday



By DAVID EGGERT AND MIKE HOUSEHOLDER | Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The judge overseeing the sentencing of disgraced former sports doctor Larry Nassar said Monday that more than 120 girls and women who had given statements so far at the five-day hearing were "sister survivor warriors."

"I want you to know that your face and the face of all of the sister survivor warriors — the whole army of you — I've heard your words," Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina said after a woman spoke in her Michigan courtroom. "Your sister survivors and you are going through incomprehensible lengths, emotions and soul-searching to put your words together, to publicly stop

(the) defendant, to publicly stop predators, to make people listen."

Nassar, 54, has admitted molesting athletes during medical treatment when he was employed by Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians. Indianapolis-based USA Gymnastics on Monday announced the resignations of three key leaders — Chairman Paul Parilla, Vice Chairman Jay Binder and treasurer Bitsy Kelley — days after former gold medalists Aly Raisman and Jordyn Wieber said in court that Nassar had sexually assaulted them. CEO Steve Penny was forced out last year.

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MATT ROURKE/AP

Alshon Jeffery hauls in one of his two touchdown passes in the Eagles' NFC championship game win Sunday.

Jeffery fulfills goal, but Bears can't fill void

Makes Super Bowl with Eagles as ex-team ignores hole at WR



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

To be fair, Alshon Jeffery never specified which team would make his prediction on the first day of 2017 come true.

Only that he would be on it. "I guarantee you we will win the Super Bowl next year,"

Jeffery declared Jan. 1, 2017.

The wide receiver was sitting in the visitors locker room at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis as a member of the Bears, still stinging from their 13th loss, when he uttered those words — more famous now that Jeffery will dress in the same quarters Feb. 4 with the Eagles before Super Bowl LII.

Jeffery supplied one of the big game's more amusing subplots by catching two touchdown passes in the NFC championship victory over the Vikings at Lincoln Financial Field, giving him a chance to make good on a pledge made back when he was much unhappier than he looked Sunday as he shouted to Philly fans, "This is our city!"

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Eagles happy to ride underdog storyline all the way to Minneapolis. **Back Page**

With their QB set, Bears can avoid the rush

As top passers draw attention, team can focus elsewhere



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

MOBILE, Ala. — When it comes to coaching in the Senior Bowl while looking for a quarterback, the Bears' turn came at the wrong time.

From the team's perspective, everything turned out just fine as

the Bears wound up getting Mitch Trubisky with the No. 2 pick last year. That was after sorting through an undistinguished crop of quarterbacks on the Senior Bowl rosters — third-round picks Davis Webb and C.J. Beathard, fourth-round pick Josh Dobbs and fifth-round pick Nathan Peterman.

For all the benefits the Bears figured they would get coaching in the 2017 Senior Bowl, they wound up with only one player from the game — guard Jordan Morgan, a fifth-round pick from Kutztown who spent his rookie season on injured reserve after shoulder surgery.

Quarterbacks will be the talk of the town — and the internet — this week as Wyoming's Josh Allen, Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield, Washington State's Luke Falk and Virginia's Kurt Benkert are four names atop an interesting group.

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BLACKHAWKS AND BULLS



Qenneville's lineup changes no help as Hawks fall 2-0 to Lightning for their third straight loss. **Page 3**



Cousins, Davis help Pelicans erase 18-point deficit in fourth, hand Bulls 132-128 loss in double OT. **Page 3**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Illinois beaten 87-74 by Michigan State; 0-8 start in Big Ten matches its worst since 1906-07. **Page 4**

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

Here's a plan for the 'Man'

Let's just assume WGN-9's "Man of the People," sportscaster Pat Tomasulo's Saturday night comedy series, will have a long run so it can work out the bugs before new owners take over the place and eyeball how the station spends every dime.

Here are seven suggestions from Saturday's 10 p.m. debut from a viewer who wants to encourage locally produced programs. Tomasulo, who continues as part of "The WGN Morning News," should feel free to ignore these.

More is less: Tomasulo is funny, but the longer any segment goes, the more redundant it becomes and the harder it is to deliver an adequate payoff.

Even those of us thrilled to see someone in Bozo makeup, not to mention a well-placed jab at the whiny cartoon character Caillou, were ready to see the clown march off long before he finally did.

Ditto for the statue segment, which might have played better as two segments, one featuring Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the other with Tomasulo and statue touring the Art Institute a la Ferris Bueller.

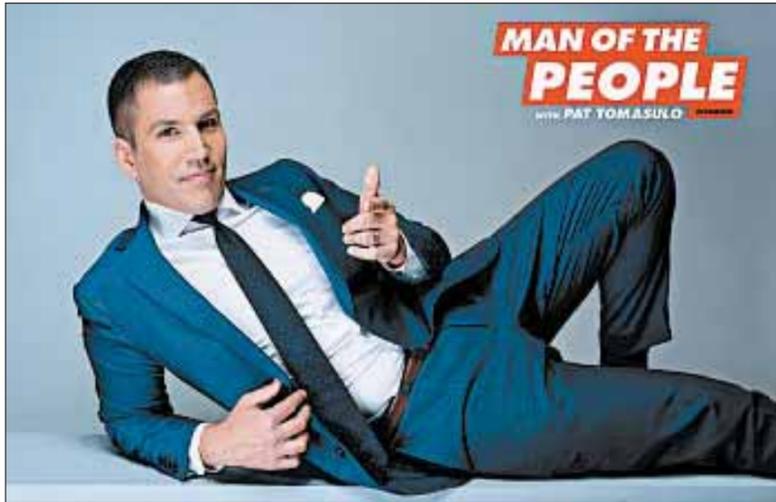
A little self-awareness doesn't hurt: At some point in writing and rehearsing his "Voice of Reason" segment, it must have occurred to Tomasulo that ranting against the media response to the supposed fad of teens eating Tide Pods might hit close to home. Wouldn't Tomasulo's "Stop Blowing Things Out of Proportion Challenge" include his own rant?

Look who's watching: Tomasulo and his crew should be pleased with the numbers from Saturday's debut, which averaged a 2.6 household rating in both its quarter-hours, holding the viewership it inherited from the station's 9 p.m. newscast.

That's more than 85,000 TV homes in the Chicago market, something to build on. Obviously the real test comes when WGN isn't running promos for it every few minutes.

Indoor voice, please: Like cologne and tequila, too much shouting causes a headache. Over a half-hour, it's best used sparingly.

It's not that big a studio. The microphone works. Besides, Lewis Black has the shouting thing down, and even he knows it's a bad idea to crank it out at 11 on the dial all the time.



WGN-TV

WGN's Pat Tomasulo might be helped by seven suggestions for his new Saturday show.

A tie is a loss: Again, what works for Black doesn't necessarily translate to Tomasulo. If Tomasulo is going to loosen his necktie, he might as well lose it.

It's an unnecessary affectation. Perhaps we should be grateful he stopped short of rolled-up sleeves, suspenders and a fedora.

As with, say, a laugh track, one sure sign that a gambit such as this doesn't quite work is when it's noticeable.

It is to laugh: Despite what most people say, there's nothing inherently wrong with sweetening the audio by adding or turning up the volume on audience laughter.

But it goes awry when the response is disproportionate to what a bit merits.

Take a good look at the taped segments from the debut program or when cutaways showed the audience enjoying what they saw but not exactly doubled over.

Successful shows often turn down the sound of studio audience laughter. It's something to consider.

What's in a name? "Man of the People" isn't a great name, but it beats "Pat Tomasulo's 'The Daily Show' Demo Reel."

Few will recall "Man of the People" was the name of a short-lived 1991 NBC comedy starring James Garner.

Changing channels

■ The AFC and NFC championship games on CBS and Fox, respectively, scored the lowest overnight ratings for a championship Sunday since 2009, when the matchups were Cardinals-Eagles and Ravens-Steelers.

■ Fox blamed "Thursday Night Football" as a factor for weakening Sunday NFL ratings, which led the NFL to say that was only because Fox didn't have "Thursday Night Football." Now Fox is in the hunt for the rights to the maligned telecasts.

Incumbent rights-holders CBS and NBC also are bidding, but at lower prices than the combined \$450 million per season they previously coughed up, according to Sports Business Daily. Disney's ABC/ESPN and Turner opted not to bid.

■ "First Dance," a Big Ten Network documentary on the Northwestern basketball team's NCAA tournament debut last spring, gets its first run at 10 p.m. Tuesday. Interviewees include Michael Wilbon, Mike Greenberg, Rachel Nichols, Darren Rovell, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Christine Brennan.

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THE LINEUP

Now a Super sweet story



How's this for symmetry?
Missouri student John Goehrke tweeted at tennis star **Genie Bouchard** during last year's Super Bowl and got her to agree to a

date if the Patriots rallied to beat the Falcons. The Falcons came back from a 28-3 deficit and won in overtime, and they had their date not long after.

In December, they saw each other again. And now they are going to this year's Super Bowl, which again includes the Patriots.

NFL Canada on Monday tweeted at Bouchard and Goehrke with an offer: "Hey ... Be our guests at SBLII?"

She tweeted: "OMG. Back to where it all began?! And with the Patriots too?! I'm in! What do you say (Goehrke)?"

Goehrke's response: "This keeps getting better. I'm in!" *Kansas City Star*

'Farm system' feeds NFL



Titans coach **Mike Vrabel** made it clear Monday that the Titans offense will include plenty of spread elements for quarterback Marcus Mariota.

Vrabel also was honest in how he viewed the dynamic between college football and the NFL.

"The NFL has the greatest farm system in the world. We pay our farm-system coaches \$10 million to develop players," Vrabel said in his introductory news conference. "(Alabama coach) Nick Saban is our farm system. (Ohio State coach) Urban Meyer is our farm system."

Major League Baseball and the NHL pay for minor leagues. The NBA has the G League. The NFL doesn't pay anything for its "farm system." Of course, Vrabel's comments likely will reignite conversations about whether college football players should be paid.

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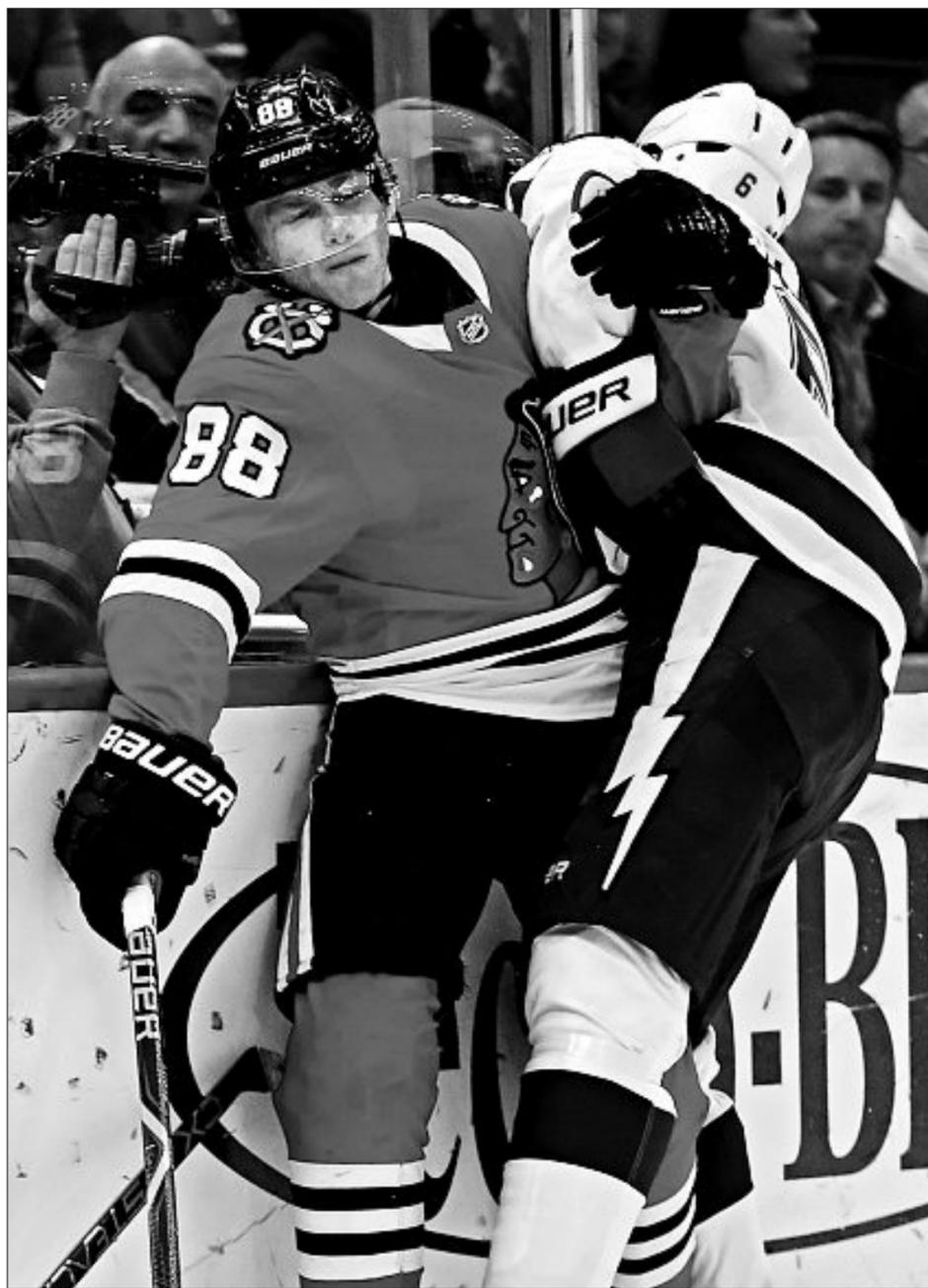
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LIGHTNING 2, BLACKHAWKS 0



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Patrick Kane (88) takes a hit from Lightning defenseman Anton Stralman early in the Hawks' loss Monday.

Keep digging

Quenneville says 'hole's getting deeper' after 3rd straight loss

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Disparate times have called for desperate measures for the Blackhawks.

Shakeups, shakedown — Hawks coach Joel Quenneville is willing to try just about anything to shake his team out of the funk that has left it in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in his 10 seasons here.

And while the Hawks, with some revamped lines and pairings, played much better Monday night than they had during two uninspiring losses that bookended their five-day break, the result was the same: a 2-0 setback, this time against the Lightning.

"That hole's getting deeper," Quenneville said after his team dropped seven points out of the second wild-card spot behind the Avalanche, who won their 10th in a row Monday night.

And the bounces are getting more unfortunate for the Hawks.

Just after a 5-on-3 advantage turned into a 5-on-4 in the second period, Patrick Kane hit the post on a perfect pass from Jordan Oesterle. But after the puck bounced off the back of Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy, Dan Girardi swatted it away inches from the line.

The bad luck with the puck off a goalie's back continued for the Hawks late in the second. The Lightning's Chris Kunitz banked a shot off the back of goalie Jeff Glass and into the net while the Hawks were on a four-minute power play to make it 1-0.

"Unfortunate bounce," Glass

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **Andrei Vasilevskiy, Lightning:** 40 saves for his seventh shutout.
2. **Chris Kunitz, Lightning:** Banked one off Jeff Glass' back for goal.
3. **Yanni Gourde, Lightning:** Late goal iced victory.

Up next: Vs. Maple Leafs, 7 p.m. Wednesday, NBCSN

THE SUMMARY

Tampa Bay 0 BLACKHAWKS 0

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring. Penalties: DeBrincat, HAWKS, (hooking), 2:00; Girardi, TB, (slashing), 7:09; Oesterle, HAWKS, (tripping), 8:36; Killorn, TB, (tripping), 14:38; Johnson, TB, (high sticking), 15:53.

SECOND PERIOD: 1. Tampa Bay, Kunitz 6 (Point, Ditchin), 17:14 (sh). Penalties: Sergachev, TB, (unsportsmanlike conduct), 16:06; Sergachev, TB, (high sticking), 16:06.

THIRD PERIOD: 2. Tampa Bay, Gourde 15, 18:26. Penalties: Stamkos, TB, (tripping), 7:29.

SHOTS ON GOAL:

Tampa Bay 12 5 14-31
Blackhawks 13 17 10-40

POWER PLAYS: Tampa Bay 0-of-2; BLACKHAWKS 0-of-6. **Goalies:** Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 27-9-2 (40 shots-40 saves). BLACKHAWKS, Glass 3-2-1 (31-29). **Referees:** Steve Kozari, Frederick L'Ecuyer. **Linesmen:** Brandon Gavryletz, Tim Nowak.

said. "That has to be on me to track it and find it."

And it will be up to the Hawks to find their way, however Quenneville assembles them.

Forward Tomas Jurco found himself in the lineup for the first time this season after watching five games as a healthy scratch since he was called up from Rockford on Jan. 8.

Center Artem Anisimov returned to the lineup for the first time since he was put on injured reserve with an upper-body injury Dec. 29. Defenseman Gustav Forsling, once part of a shutdown defensive pairing with Jan Rutta, was sent to Rockford.

Rutta, too, was absent Monday, a healthy scratch for a team in an unhealthy, not to mention unfamiliar, situation — last place in the Central Division and with four teams ahead of them in the wild-card race.

"The inconsistency happens in

games, and we'd like to shore (that) up as a coaching staff — being way more predictable, reliable," Quenneville said Monday morning. "That's probably why we made more adjustments to our lineup and to the lines, because it hasn't been nailed."

Included in those adjustments were Tommy Wingels and Lance Bouma, who have been on the Hawks' fourth line for most of the season. Both joined Rutta as healthy scratches, while Jurco joined Vinnie Hinostroza and David Kampf on the fourth line.

Duncan Keith knows there's trouble, saying, "These are big points that we're not getting."

The defenseman is 0-for-111 on shots, including four Monday. His last goal was in March.

Despite all the changes, which included Michal Kempny and Connor Murphy as the third defensive pairing, another constant remained — the uncertainty, at least publicly, of goalie Corey Crawford's health.

Crawford has been on the shelf with an upper-body injury since Dec. 27, though he was in a hallway outside the locker room before and after Monday's game.

"Getting better," Quenneville said. "No change on the timeline, though."

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Hawks trim from 8 to 7 on back line

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Most NHL teams carry seven defensemen on their rosters while dressing six for games.

The Blackhawks have had eight most of this season, but for Monday night's game against the Lightning, coach Joel Quenneville decided to go with seven, with only Jan Rutta as a healthy scratch.

Quenneville acknowledged that having eight can be dicey as it can leave players hanging. Guys tend to look over their shoulders while they play, fearful of making a mistake that will land them on the bench.

"You're not positive if you're

out," Quenneville said. "And if you're in, how many are you going to play? I always find, defensemen in particular, the more you play, the better you play. Always felt that having eight around here — it's not easy for some of the guys. ... There's certainly some validity to that."

Every defenseman who has been on the Hawks roster this season has been a healthy scratch at least once except **Duncan Keith**.

The lack of experience on the back end hasn't helped either.

Michal Kempny, Connor Murphy, Jordan Oesterle, Erik Gustafsson and Rutta have a combined 501 games of experience — or more than 1,400 fewer

combined than the team's other two defensemen, Keith and **Brent Seabrook**.

"All year long they have showed they can play," Quenneville said. "Our defense, most nights, has been pretty consistent."

"Whether it's the experience of coverage or recognition of the little different situations that go on in your own end ... keeping it simple and good puck movement can alleviate some of that."

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PELICANS 132, BULLS 128 (2 OT)

Lead disappears in a wild finish

Bulls can't stop Davis, Cousins as they blow 18-point advantage

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

NEW ORLEANS — Denzel Valentine missed a 3-pointer, and by the time the ball came off the rim, Anthony Davis practically had completed a 40-yard dash. Davis peeled out, received a baseball pass from DeMarcus Cousins and slammed one down.

Looked easy. Too easy, actually.

Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg had warned his players before Monday night's game about Davis' run-out ability, but it's tough to replicate that in practice. Or stop it in a game.

Davis and fellow big man Cousins had huge nights for the Pelicans, combining for 78 points and 33 rebounds, and the Pelicans rallied from 18 down in the fourth quarter for a 132-128 victory in double overtime.

Justin Holiday had a chance to win the game in regulation after earning a foul on a 3-point try with 0.3 seconds left. Down by two, he swished the first. He swished the second. But the third rimmed out.

"I thought it was cash," Holiday said of his third try.

Holiday said he was not nervous: "Absolutely not, I was hyped. I get the opportunity, I don't miss free throws. I (thought) I'd finish it. ... We could talk about things earlier in the game that we did wrong but when you get an opportunity like that, that's what's on my mind right now."

Said Hoiberg: "He made the hard ones; the first is usually the hardest. Look, he made a hell of a play to get fouled. And I thought he was terrific, guarding (brother) Jrue."

The score after three quarters was this: Bulls 82, Pelicans 81.

Next thing you knew, it was 104-86 Bulls.

Things not only got interesting in the fourth quarter; they also got testy.

By all appearances Jameer Nelson (yes, he's still in the league) was fouled on a drive-and-dish. It was not called, and the Smoothie King Center crowd howled.

Next time down, Nikola Mirotic pump-faked at the 3-point line and Nelson slammed into him, knocking him down. Nelson immediately helped him up, but it couldn't save him from receiving a technical foul.

Cousins got a fan ejected with two minutes to play. The fan, wearing a red sweater, was in the front row.

He missed a thrilling finish.

Cousins hit two key free throws in the second overtime and finished with 44 points, 24 rebounds and 10 assists over 51 minutes, 31 seconds.

How gargantuan were those numbers? It was the NBA's first



GERALD HERBERT/AP

The Pelicans' Anthony Davis, who had 34 points and nine rebounds Monday against the Bulls, goes toward the basket.

THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Ju.Holiday	41:35	5-13	4-5	0-7	3	2	15
Markkanen	39:31	5-12	4-5	0-17	2	4	14
Lopez	38:53	10-16	2-2	2-4	3	5	22
Grant	47:39	6-7	8-8	0-5	13	4	22
LaVine	24:15	7-15	4-4	0-5	2	1	19
Valentine	38:11	3-7	0-0	0-2	5	5	8
Mirotic	24:52	4-10	4-4	0-4	2	4	14
Nwaba	15:33	2-4	2-4	2-3	0	3	6
Portis	14:44	3-8	2-2	2-7	1	3	8
Arcidiacono	4:47	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	45-92	30-34	6-54	31	32	18	128

Pts: FG 489, FT 882, 3-pointers: 8-31, 258 (Grant 2-2, Valentine 2-5, Mirotic 2-7, LaVine 1-3, Ju.Holiday 1-6, Portis 0-2, Markkanen 0-4). **Team rebs:** 5. **Team turnovers:** 24 (22 PTS). **Blocks:** 5 (Markkanen 2, Grant, Lopez, Valentine). **Turnovers:** 24 (Grant 6, Lopez 5, Portis 3, Valentine 3, Ju.Holiday 2, LaVine 2, Markkanen 2, Mirotic). **Steals:** 8 (Grant 2, Mirotic 2, Valentine 2, Markkanen, Nwaba). **Technical fouls:** None.

PELICANS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Davis	42:46	14-23	6-8	3-9	5	6	34
Moore	42:03	6-15	1-2	1-5	3	3	15
Cousins	51:31	13-29	13-14	7-24	10	3	44
Jr.Holiday	43:06	5-17	0-0	2-4	6	5	12
Rondo	14:47	2-6	0-0	0-0	2	1	5
Miller	40:35	3-10	1-1	1-8	2	3	10
Cunningham	21:32	0-3	1-1	0-2	1	2	1
Nelson	18:35	3-7	0-0	1-3	2	3	9
Clark	15:05	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	2
TOTALS	47-113	22-26	15-55	32	28	132	

Pts: FG 416, FT 846, 3-pointers: 16-44, 364 (Cousins 5-11, Nelson 3-6, Miller 3-9, Jr.Holiday 2-6, Moore 2-6, Rondo 1-4, Clark 0-1, Cunningham 0-1). **Team rebs:** 7. **Team turnovers:** 13 (17 PTS). **Blocks:** 3 (Cousins, Cunningham, Davis). **Turnovers:** 13 (Cousins 5, Davis 2, Jr.Holiday 2, Cunningham, Miller, Moore, Rondo). **Steals:** 14 (Cousins 4, Moore 4, Davis 2, Jr.Holiday 2, Miller, Nelson). **Technical fouls:** Nelson, 7:33 fourth.

BULLS 21 27 33 33 8 6-128
New Orleans 25 29 27 33 8 10-132

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40-20-10 game since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar did it in 1972.

Jerian Grant and Robin Lopez led the Bulls with 22 points apiece. Grant had 13 assists and Markkanen had a career-high 17 rebounds to go with 14 points.

Davis entered fourth in the NBA in scoring, at 26.5 per game, down from his career high 28.0 last season. But his efficiency is at an all-time high; he's shooting a career-best 55.8 percent.

"He is such a versatile front-line player," Hoiberg said of the Chicago native. "He gets out in transition for easy baskets, so you have to try to limit those."

"The way his game has evolved is his ability to shoot from the outside, not just the mid-range. Shooting 3s. He's such a tough cover because he can hurt you from any spot on the floor."

Markkanen found that out first-hand as Davis abused him down the stretch in regulation, scoring on a slam and then laying home a lob pass. Davis fouled out in overtime after a 34-point, nine-rebound night.

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BULLS NOTES

Concussion symptoms still sidelining Dunn

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

NEW ORLEANS — The Bulls are preparing to be without **Kris Dunn** for a while, possibly a few weeks.

Dunn met with Bulls team physician **Kathy Weber** on Monday, and his post-concussion symptoms have yet to subside.

Coach **Fred Hoiberg** texted with him Sunday and said the point guard is "still feeling pretty groggy and is having trouble with a headache. I've had a couple of concussions. It's no fun. They're all different."

Dunn has been ruled out for Wednesday's game in Philadelphia, with Hoiberg saying he looks forward to seeing Dunn in Chicago on Thursday, when the team practices.

Dunn's head slammed on the floor after a dunk Wednesday against the Warriors. He also dislocated two teeth.

Nikola Mirotic was the last Bulls player to suffer a concussion, as the result of his Oct. 17 fight with **Bobby Portis**. Mirotic did not return to action until Dec. 8, but of course there were additional circumstances — he also had to recover from fractures in his face.

Some Bulls have reached out to Dunn, and center **Robin**

Lopez said he planned to early this week.

"It's tough to see that (injury)," Lopez said, "especially with a guy like Kris who had been playing so well."

Layups: Former Bulls coach **Tim Floyd** attended Monday's game at the Smoothie King Center and sat with local legend **Archie Manning**, father to **Peyton** and **Eli**. Floyd coached at the University of New Orleans from 1988-94 before taking over at Iowa State and then moving on to the Bulls. ... Not many people had a better weekend than **Ryan Arcidiacono**, who scored his first NBA points Saturday and then watched his beloved Eagles crush the Vikings in the NFC championship game. Arcidiacono, who grew up outside Philadelphia, joked that everyone near his hotel room could hear him celebrate. ... Hoiberg said he doesn't watch much of the NFL but was bummed that his Vikings took one on the chin. ... As Bulls executive vice president **John Paxson** was exiting the floor before the game, a fan yelled: "Keep Niko! He can make shots!" And the fan had some unkind words about Portis. It remains a near certainty that the Bulls will move Mirotic before the Feb. 8 trade deadline.

NBA

Bucks fire coach Kidd

GM decides the time was right for change after team lost 4 of 5

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Seeking change amid midseason struggles, the Bucks fired coach Jason Kidd on Monday after a slide that left a team with designs on challenging the NBA's best struggling to make the playoffs.

It was a surprising end to Kidd's three-plus-season tenure in Milwaukee, during which the Bucks made the playoffs twice, exiting in the first round each time.

Giannis Antetokounmpo turned into an All-Star under his watch, and the Bucks were considered an emerging force in the East at the start of the season.

But the Bucks had lost four of five to fall to 23-22 going into Monday night's game against the Suns and had been prone to defensive lapses, especially on the perimeter.

Turnovers were an issue of late as well.

General manager Jon Horst, who was promoted from director of basketball operations in June, said it was time for a change. Kidd was fired hours before the Suns game. The Bucks moved up to seventh in the Eastern Conference after beating the Suns 109-105 with assistant coach Joe Prunty taking the role of interim coach.

Under Kidd, the Bucks had a regular-season record of 139-152.

Kidd told ESPN that Antetokounmpo called him about 15 minutes before Kidd was officially notified he'd been fired by the Bucks and offered to help save his job. Kidd said he thanked Antetokounmpo for his loyalty but said there was nothing the player could do.

ESPN also reported that frayed relationships within the front office were a factor.

"A general manager in the NHL had a statement once: 'If something is inevitable, why wait?'" Horst said at a news conference.

Horst added that the decision was made "relatively quickly," and was not in the works through the season.

"We just felt that we got to a point in the season where this team could do more and could perform at a different level in a different way and (we are) looking for a fresh approach and different voice in leadership for the team," Horst said.

Kidd was hired a few months after a group led by Wes Edens and Mark Lasry bought the team in April 2014. The Bucks traded two future second-draft picks to the Nets for the then-first year coach.

"Jason's done obviously a tremendous amount for the organization. He's a good friend, he's a soon-to-be Hall of Fame basketball player," Edens said. "But we think this team can be the best team in the East and we want to give ourselves every chance we can to do that."

"Sometimes that requires change. That's the judgment that was made by Jon Horst. We the ownership are universal in support of that."

The Bucks have largely treaded water in the wide-open East even after adding talented guard Eric Bledsoe in a trade with the Suns in November. The Bucks are hoping to get Jabari Parker back in a few weeks from a left knee injury that has kept him out all season.

The Bucks are 9-12 since going a season-high five games over .500 on Dec. 9.

Asked to assess the problems with the Bucks, Prunty said, "We have been consistently inconsistent."

This is an important year for the franchise, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary and getting ready for the opening of a new downtown arena next season.

"We believe that making this change now is important for the organization and gives our players the best chance to reach their full potential this season and beyond," Horst said.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Miles Bridges of Michigan State beats Leron Black to the rim and slams two of his 31 points Monday night.

MICHIGAN STATE 87, ILLINOIS 74

Down, not rout

Illini show some life in first half before falling to Spartans

By SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — Illinois hit rock bottom Friday night in a lackluster 25-point loss at Wisconsin. On Monday at home against Michigan State, the Illini chipped a little bit away to try to find their way out of that dark space at the bottom of the Big Ten.

The Illini played with more aggression, fighting back from an 18-point deficit, but still fell 87-74 to No. 6 Michigan State at State Farm Center.

And there they still are. The only team without a conference victory in the Big Ten.

Illinois (10-11, 0-8) matched their worst Big Ten record since an 11-game season in 1906-07, their second in existence.

"The name Fighting Illini, that was us tonight," coach Brad Underwood said. "Compared to what I watched Friday night, it was different. We have to grow. We have to understand that's the way the game's played. Am I happy about the loss? Never. And I don't accept losing. But I'll put my head on a pillow at some point tonight and at least have a little comfort in the guys."

Underwood's toughest job — maybe tougher than finding a Big Ten victory somewhere this season — is keeping the players from feeling discouraged, from realizing the mismatch in talents many nights on the court between them and conference opponents.

"That's my job," he said of keeping the players from being deflated. "I take a lot of pride in getting them to fight. Discouragement is a killer of any program. ... You have to challenge yourself every day with that. How can I preach it if I don't live it? I want what the team we played tonight has. I want those type of players committed and playing that dang hard. There's not one thing that's going to deter me from doing that."

The Illini's 25 forced turnovers against Michigan State (18-3, 6-2)



Coach Brad Underwood tries to get the Illini fired up in the first half.

were the Spartans most since they had 27 in 2005. Yet how does a team force that many errors and take a double-digit loss?

A few reasons: The Spartans shot 68.2 percent, including 78.9 percent in the first half. They outrebounded Illinois 37-15 as Leron Black fouled out without a single rebound. They had 10 dunks and made 13 of 15 layups.

Jaren Jackson Jr. scored 21 points with 11 rebounds and six blocks, while Miles Bridges scored a team-high 31 points on 11 of 13 shooting.

"Those are two lottery picks, not to demean our side but we don't have two lottery picks," Underwood said. "I'm fighting for our culture every day. Sometimes

the process means the other team has more points. But there are nights when you feel better about who you've become."

A point of progress was Kipper Nichols' career-high 27 points. But Mark Alstork had no assists and four turnovers and shot 1 of 6. Mark Smith was quiet again with six points and two assists. Aaron Jordan shot 0-for-2.

The players had a helpful team meeting to "clear the air" after losing to Wisconsin, Nichols said. "It's baby steps," Underwood said.

And it's still a long way to go for the Illini.

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Purdue guard Carson Edwards and the Boilermakers are undefeated in Big Ten play.

BIG TEN
POWER RANKINGS

Big 4: Purdue is best in class

By SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Nearly halfway through the Big Ten season, the top four teams are strong candidates for the NCAA tournament. Purdue, in particular, looks like a national championship contender.

Meanwhile, Wisconsin, Illinois, Rutgers and Iowa are slogging through embarrassing seasons.

Records and rankings through Sunday's games; last week's ranking in parentheses.

1. Purdue 19-2, 8-0 (1)
The Boilermakers tied a Big Ten record by knocking down 20 3-pointers at Iowa for their 15th straight victory.

2. Ohio State 17-4, 8-0 (3)
Six of the Buckeyes' last seven opponents haven't reached 70 points.

3. Michigan State 17-3, 5-2 (4)
The Spartans appeared to have their swagger back after a rough patch with a 28-point victory against Indiana.

4. Michigan 17-5, 6-3 (2)
A 20-point loss to Nebraska put the Wolverines' conference title quest in jeopardy.

5. Nebraska 14-7, 5-3 (9)
Michigan was the first opponent in the top 50 of the RPI the Cornhuskers have beaten.

6. Indiana 11-8, 4-3 (5)
A three-game winning streak ended at Michigan State, where the Hoosiers shot 34 percent.

7. Maryland 15-6, 4-4 (7)
The Terrapins are at a crossroads. They have five days after Monday's game at Indiana to prepare for Michigan State.

8. Northwestern 12-9, 3-5 (8)
For a team trying to find a spark, playing five of the next six games on the road doesn't help.

9. Minnesota 14-8, 3-6 (10)
The Gophers went 1-2 in a six-day span and have lost six of their last seven.

10. Penn State 13-8, 3-5 (6)
The Nittany Lions are 1-3 since Josh Reaves' suspension for academic issues.

11. Wisconsin 10-10, 3-4 (13)
After scoring only 50 in a loss to Purdue, the Badgers held Illinois to 50 for a victory.

12. Rutgers 12-9, 2-6 (12)
Even with this lousy record, the Scarlet Knights are two wins from their best regular-season conference mark since joining the Big Ten.

13. Iowa 10-11, 1-7 (11)
Only one conference team as of Sunday had a sub-.500 overall record.

14. Illinois 10-10, 0-7 (14)
The Illini looked their worst in a 25-point loss at Wisconsin, where they scored only 18 second-half points.

ROUNDUP

Kentucky tumbles out of Top 25 after 2 losses

Tribune news services

Kentucky is out of the AP Top 25 for the first time in nearly four years, while Villanova maintained its hold on No. 1.

Kentucky slid out of Monday's latest poll from No. 18 after losing to South Carolina and Florida, snapping a 30-game home winning streak in SEC play. That dropped coach John Calipari's team out for the first time since March 2014 and snapped a 68-week stretch in the poll.

"I'm not panicked," Calipari said. "I always have young guys. They're learning to trust each other. It just might take more time."

Kentucky (14-5) started the year at No. 5 and stayed in the top 10 until Christmas, but the Wild-

cats have lost three of five and are 0-2 against ranked teams.

The top three of Villanova, Virginia and Purdue stayed the same, with the Wildcats (18-1) remaining firmly in place by collecting 63 of 65 first-place votes. The Cavaliers (18-1) and the Boilermakers (19-2) split the other two votes.

Duke inched up a spot to No. 4, while Kansas jumped five spots to No. 5. Michigan State, West Virginia, Xavier, Cincinnati and North Carolina rounded out the top 10.

Three teams — Oklahoma, Wichita State and Texas Tech — each lost twice last week and took big tumbles out of the top 10.

Wichita State dropped 10 spots to No. 17 for the week's biggest fall. Oklahoma fell eight spots to No.

12, while No. 14 Texas Tech slid six spots.

Purdue has won 15 straight to remain at No. 3, its highest ranking since 1988.

Ohio State 64, Nebraska 59: Keita Bates-Diop scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half for the No. 13 Buckeyes (18-4, 9-0), their fourth victory in eight days.

Ohio State surpassed its win total for all of last season.

James Palmer Jr. scored a career-high 34 points for the Cornhuskers (14-8, 5-4).

Indiana 71, Maryland 68: Juwan Morgan's 25 points helped the Hoosiers (12-8, 5-3 Big Ten) win their fourth straight at home.

Robert Johnson had 12 points and eight rebounds for Indiana.

Anthony Cowan Jr. led the Terrapins (15-7, 4-5) with 18 points.

TCU 82, West Virginia 73: Alex Robinson had 17 points and nine assists as the host Horned Frogs (15-5, 3-5 Big Ten) got their first home win over a top-10 team in nearly five years.

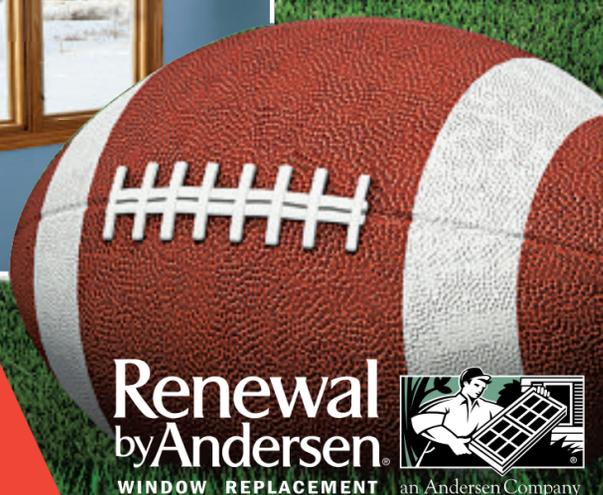
The No. 7 Mountaineers (16-4, 5-3) lost for the third time in four games.

Virginia Tech 80, UNC 69: Justin Robinson scored 19 points and as the host Hokies (14-6, 3-4 ACC) pulled away from North Carolina in the second half.

Joel Berry and Luke Maye scored 23 apiece for the No. 10 Tar Heels (16-5, 5-3), who got no closer than eight points in the final eight minutes.

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Table with columns: TEAM, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN, MON. Shows TV/radio schedules for various sports.

TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

Schedule of Tuesday games for NBA, Men's College Basketball, and Women's College Basketball.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Women's College Basketball game: Michigan State at Michigan (BTN)

GOLF

Golf events: Latin America Amateur Championship (ESPN2), Web.com Bahamas Classic (Golf Channel)

NHL

NHL game: Flyers at Red Wings (NBCSCH, NBCSN)

TENNIS: AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Tennis quarterfinals: Tennis (more, 8 p.m., ESPN2)

NFL

Postseason glance: Pro Bowl Sunday in Orlando, Fla. (AFC vs. NFC, 2 ESPN/ABC-7)

AFC PRO BOWL ROSTER

AFC Pro Bowl roster including players like DeAndre Hopkins, Matt Ryan, and Peyton Manning.

NFC PRO BOWL ROSTER

NFC Pro Bowl roster including players like Matt Ryan, Aaron Rodgers, and Drew Brees.

BASEBALL

2013 Hall of Fame candidates table with columns: Player, YOB, WAR.

TENNIS: 106TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Tennis match: E. Ljajic vs. M. Zverev (1st round, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3).

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Monday's results: Women's Fourth Round Singles, Men's Fourth Round Singles.

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BASEBALL



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Eloy Jimenez leads five White Sox prospects in Baseball America's top 100 list.

WHITE SOX/CUBS NOTES

Jimenez tops list for Sox

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

The future continues to look bright for the White Sox.

Baseball America released its Top 100 MLB Prospects list Monday and five Sox players were on it, led by outfielder **Eloy Jimenez** at No. 4 and pitcher **Michael Kopech** at No. 11.

Pitcher **Alec Hansen** (No. 57), outfielder **Luis Robert** (No. 58) and pitcher **Dane Dunning** (No. 82) also made the Top 100.

Jimenez, acquired from the Cubs in July in a trade for **Jose Quintana**, was behind Braves outfielder **Ronald Acuna**, Angels pitcher/outfielder **Shohei Ohtani** and Blue Jays third baseman **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.**

Kopech was the third-ranked pitching prospect behind Ohtani and the Astros' **Forrest Whitley**.

After being called up by the Sox during the 2017 season, second baseman **Yoan Moncada** and pitchers **Reynaldo Lopez** and **Lucas Giolito** graduated from the list.

The Braves topped the list with eight Top 100 prospects, while the Brewers, Padres, Rays and Yankees each had six. The Cubs did not have a prospect ranked in the Top 100.

You're cordially invited: Kopech, Hansen, Robert and Dunning were among 22 non-roster players the Sox invited to spring training.

Sixteen, including the aforementioned four, already were signed with the organization but not on the 40-man roster, while six free agents agreed to terms on minor-league contracts: right-handed pitchers **Rob Scamill**, **Chris Volstad** and **Michael Ynoa**, left-hander **T.J. House** and infielders **Patrick Leonard** and **Matt Skole**.

Also receiving invitations were right-handed pitchers **Chris Beck**, **Dylan Cease**, **Tyler Danish**, **Jordan Stephens** and **Connor Walsh**, left-handers **Brian Clark** and **Jordan Guerrero**, catchers **Zack Collins**, **Alfredo Gonzalez** and **Seby Zavala**, infielder **Jake Burger** and outfielder **Jacob May**.

Seven of the 22 invitees are ranked among the club's top 10 prospects by Baseball America and MLB.com, while seven have major-league experience.

Cubs, Darvish talking? The Cubs are having active talks with free-agent pitcher **Yu Darvish**, the Associated Press reported, citing an unnamed source. Darvish, 31, is one of the top players available in a slow-moving market this winter.

The conversations come amid reports the Cubs have agreed to a minor-league deal with **Chris Gimenez**, who regularly caught Darvish while they were in Texas and developed a trusted working relationship with the Japanese pitcher.

Gimenez played for Cubs manager **Joe Maddon** when both were with the Rays in 2012 and 2013. Gimenez has batted .218 with 22 home runs and 82 RBIs in 870 at-bats over nine big-league seasons.

Duensing deal is done: The Cubs made official the signing of left-handed pitcher **Brian Duensing** to a two-year contract.

The Tribune reported last week that Duensing, 34, will receive \$7 million through 2019. He went 1-1 with a 2.74 ERA in 68 appearances last season for the Cubs.

The Cubs' 40-man roster stands at 39 players.

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



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Bobsledder Elana Meyers Taylor wants to add a gold medal to the bronze and silver she already owns.

In rush for gold

Bobsledder Meyers Taylor looking to add to medal collection

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — The record books and result sheets and photos from the medal podium make it clear. Officially, U.S. bobsledder Elana Meyers Taylor won a silver medal in the Sochi Olympics.

She has a different perspective. "I lost gold," she said. "For sure."

That has been part of the burden Meyers Taylor has carried around the last four years, a quadrennial that has proved far more difficult than she would have wanted. She struggled with a concussion and confidence problems and was personally devastated like so many other U.S. sliders by the death last year of Steven Holcomb, her close friend and a mentor in many respects.

Yet here she is, back for another Olympics, still very much a contender to win the biggest race in her sport. A bronze medalist as a brakeman in 2010 in Vancouver, a silver medalist in her Olympic driving debut in 2014, the 33-year-old Meyers Taylor is heading to Pyeongchang with the simple goal of winning the elusive gold medal she needs

ON THE CLOCK
17 Days until the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

for the complete set.

"I'm a better driver now than I was four years ago," Meyers Taylor said. "For me, it's always been about continually challenging myself and continually figuring out how to go down the hill faster. I've gotten to the point where it's not as much about gold-silver-bronze — although I want that gold medal more than anything I've ever wanted — but I want to put together four runs that I can walk away and be proud of."

Therein lies the story from Sochi.

There are four runs in an Olympic bobsled race, and Meyers Taylor was the leader after the first, second and third heats. Gold looked certain to be hers, as long as she made it down the track clean in the final heat.

That didn't happen. She smacked the right wall hard around the midpoint of the final run, costing her tons of speed. Meyers Taylor and brakeman Lauryn Williams wound up finishing one-tenth of a second behind Canada's Kaillie Humphries, who won gold for

the second straight Olympics.

"Made a mistake," Meyers Taylor said. "Made a couple mistakes that cost us."

She has recovered nicely. Sliding sports such as bobsled rarely find themselves in the spotlight, but Meyers Taylor has become a bit of a celebrity endorser in the past year. She struck deals with Bridgestone, Comcast, Coca-Cola, 24 Hour Fitness and others going into these Olympics, which is fairly remarkable considering sliders often toil in anonymity.

It gets even more impressive when considering her Pyeongchang quest seemed in serious trouble after it took her nearly a full year to recover from a January 2015 concussion. That's no longer a concern.

"We all know what Elana is capable of doing," USA Bobsled and Skeleton CEO Darrin Steele said.

Another massive jolt that left her seriously shaken came in May, when Holcomb was found dead in his room at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid.

They were close friends. He was the longtime leader of the team and a gold-medal-winning driver. She is the most accomplished women's pilot on the squad.

He will be very much in mind when she gets to Korea. "I know he's helped prepare me for this," Meyers Taylor said.

Officials resign as survivors speak out

Nassar, from Page 1

Nassar has already been sentenced to 60 years in prison for child pornography crimes. Under a plea deal, he faces a minimum prison sentence of 25 to 40 years in the molestation case. The maximum term could be much higher.

"Larry, how many of us are there? Do you even know?" Clasina Syrboby asked as she fought back tears while speaking for more than 20 minutes Monday. "You preyed on me, on us. You saw a way to take advantage of your position — the almighty and trusted gymnastics doctor. Shame on you, Larry. Shame on you."

She and other victims also continued their criticism of Michigan State, USA Gymnastics and the U.S. Olympic Committee for not doing enough to stop Nassar when initial complaints were made years ago. The sentencing hearing will resume Tuesday.

Emma Ann Miller, 15, said the school was still billing her mother for medical appointments in which Nassar molested Miller as recently as August 2016 — a week before he was fired.

University spokesman Jason Cody told the Associated Press that Miller's allegation was being addressed. "I can tell you that patients of former MSU physician Larry Nassar will not be billed," Cody said.

Michigan State's gymnastics coach — who is accused of downplaying complaints made by two teens in 1997 — and another university sports doctor quit under pressure last year. But the governing board has stood behind university President Lou Anna Simon, despite calls from

legislative leaders and others that she resign or be fired.

In her statement to the court, Miller directly addressed Michigan State.

"I, like all those that have spoken, didn't choose this circumstance to have the right to be standing in front of this podium today," she said. "Nassar made that choice for us — your 20-year child-molesting employee."

Miller said she considered Nassar a male role model. But that image changed with each treatment and allegation.

"The word Nassar will permanently be associated with child sexual abuse," she said.

"I have never wanted to hate someone in my life, but my hate towards you is uncontrollable."

A Title IX probe conducted by the university cleared Nassar of sexual assault allegations in 2014. At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the investigation ended, according to a university police report that was provided to the FBI for review by the U.S. attorney.

The school let Nassar see patients for 16 months while the campus police also conducted a criminal investigation into the allegations. The local prosecutor declined to charge Nassar.

One of the eight members of Michigan State's governing board said over the weekend that Simon should quit, saying he did not think she could survive the "public outcry." Board Chairman Brian Breslin, however, said all of the other trustees support her.

"We look forward to a prompt and thorough investigation by the Michigan Attorney General's Of-



Nassar

lice to help reassure the public that the university and its leadership have nothing to hide," he said in a written statement Saturday. "As our outside counsel, former U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, has written to the Attorney General, we believe 'the evidence will show that no official believed that Nassar committed sexual abuse prior to newspaper reports in the summer of 2016.'"

In other developments:

■ **USA Gymnastics** suspended former U.S. women's national team coach John Geddert, the owner of the Twisters gymnastics club near Lansing. Nassar last year pleaded guilty to sexual abuse charges involving a girl under 13 and two teenagers at Twisters.

USA Gymnastics did not disclose its reasons for suspending Geddert.

Geddert was the U.S. coach at the 2012 Olympics, where the team won its first title in women's gymnastics since 1996.

■ **Authorities in Texas** say they're investigating the Karolyi Ranch that was a training site for U.S. Olympic gymnasts until the case against Nassar cast a shadow over the facility. Gymnasts preyed upon by Nassar have said he assaulted them while they were training at the ranch outside Huntsville, Texas. USA Gymnastics announced last week that it had ended its agreement to have the ranch serve as the National Training Center. USA Gymnastics had already backed out of an agreement to buy the training facility. A message left on the ranch's voicemail wasn't returned.

BEARS

QBs going early could help Bears

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Some believe Allen could be a top-five pick, and Mayfield stands to potentially gain a ton participating this week. How does he operate under center? What type of impression does he leave on teams in private interviews?

It remains to be seen if the current crop of quarterbacks will have near the success the 2016 bunch did. Carson Wentz was the No. 2 pick that year, and Dak Prescott and Jacoby Brissett also played in that game.

The more buzz the quarterbacks create in practices that begin Tuesday at Ladd-Peebles Stadium, the better for the Bears. They hold the No. 8 pick, and some wonder if three quarterbacks could go in the top six picks. That would push talented players at other positions down the board to the Bears.

The Browns (Nos. 1 and 4), Giants (No. 2), Broncos (No. 5) and Jets (No. 6) all have a pressing need at quarterback, and while some interesting names are on the horizon for free agency, there will be quarterbacks taken early as there are nearly every year.

Here are six names to keep in mind as the week gets going with weigh-ins and measurements Tuesday morning:

■ **Marcus Davenport, DE, Texas-San Antonio, 6-foot-7, 255 pounds:** Davenport looks like a small-school version of Jadeveon Clowney in that there's an element of man among boys. An amazing athlete with great power, he doesn't play with great technique, and that's how he goes from knocking over blockers like they're folding chairs to sticking to others like he's attached by Velcro. His technique must be refined. He showed the ability to drop in coverage on occasion.

■ **Ogbonnia Okoronkwo, DE, Oklahoma, 6-1, 240:** There's really not a comparable for 6-1, 240 coming off the edge in the NFL. The Lions listed 37-year-old Dwight Freeney at 6-1, 268 this season. When Freeney came out of Syracuse in 2002, he weighed 266. Everyone is curious to see how Okoronkwo looks because he was very productive in school with 17 sacks the last two seasons. He plays very hard and has quick-twitch ability off the line of scrimmage, but his lack of height and length might make him a situational rusher.

■ **Shaquem Griffin, LB, Central Florida, 6-2, 229:** Griffin dominated the Peach Bowl against Auburn and wasted little time before declaring the Golden Knights should be national champions during an introductory news conference Monday night. Griffin has the speed to play from sideline to sideline, he hits with good power and he plays with only one hand. His left hand was amputated when he was 4, but as he said Monday night, "it's not a disability until you make it one." Griffin's movement skills should impress scouts this week.

■ **M.J. Stewart, CB, North Carolina, 6-0, 205:** Had four interceptions as a sophomore in 2015 when he was a second-team All-ACC pick. Didn't have the same ball production the last two seasons, but he's versatile and can slide inside and has the thickness to handle the slot. He's really physical and projects as a potential mid-round prospect.

■ **Levi Wallace, CB, Alabama, 6-0, 183:** A former walk-on for the Crimson Tide, Wallace emerged as a big-time player this season. He's a little thin but has good length and NFL teams like players who come from Alabama because they're used to a lot of the concepts they will need at the next level. He can play zone and man and has fluid hips and a willingness to tackle. NFL teams are going to love a guy with the moxie to walk on for Nick Saban.

■ **Allen Lazard, WR, Iowa State, 6-5, 222:** One of the biggest recruits to ever choose the Cyclones, Lazard had a super productive college career, totaling 241 receptions, 3,360 yards and 26 touchdowns (17 the last two seasons), giving him a handful of school records. He's a big body receiver but isn't as athletic as someone like the Buccaneers' Mike Evans (6-5, 231). There are questions about his game. Does he have long speed? Can he separate and get open? There's no question he can body up NFL defensive backs and make plays, but you can't get away with that down in and down out. Everyone wants to see how he moves.

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SUPER BOWL



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Eagles defensive end Chris Long celebrates with his underdog mask Sunday after the victory over the Vikings in the NFC championship game.

Those plucky 'dogs

Eagles relishing underdog role as they keep rolling



SAM FARMER
On the NFL

PHILADELPHIA — Football is a game of disguise.

In these parts, that means rubber dog masks.

The Eagles were home underdogs in their two playoff games this month, and oddsmakers are favoring the Patriots by 5½ points in Super Bowl LII.

“Everybody in the league sort of envies the success to some extent, and rightfully so,” Eagles coach Doug Pederson said Monday of the Patriots, aiming to become the first team to win consecutive Super Bowls since the 2003-04 Patriots (who beat the Eagles in the second of those). “They’ve been there, done that many times, and that’s something that every other team would love to have. It’s impressive, and it’s well-respected and well-documented. At the same time, we’re just going to prepare the same and try to block out all the noise.”

That news elicited a big shrug from the Eagles, who unwittingly started a trend after a divisional victory over the Falcons when the Eagles’ Chris Long and Lane Johnson pulled on matching German shepherd masks they had stashed on the sideline. Those masks promptly sold out online, and Johnson has raised more than \$100,000 for



MICHAEL PEREZ/AP

With injured quarterback Carson Wentz watching, Nick Foles warms up before the Eagles beat the Falcons in a divisional playoff game Jan. 13.

Philadelphia schools with the sale of his “home dogs” T-shirts.

“People can do whatever they want; count us out, count us in,” Eagles running back Jay Ajayi said. “We’re playing in the Super Bowl. They’re going to have to sit back and watch us do that.”

The theme of the overlooked Eagles is likely to resonate leading up to the Feb. 4 game. The Eagles are the biggest underdog since the Cardinals were seven-point underdogs to the Steelers in Super Bowl XLIII nine years ago, a game that went down to the wire with the Steelers winning 27-23.

Even Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie conceded after Sunday’s win that the situation looked bleak on that flight home from Los Angeles in early December, when the team had beaten the Rams but lost second-year quarterback Carson Wentz to a season-ending knee injury.

“You feel like you played a great game in L.A., you have the best record in football, and you lose your most valuable player, or

maybe the league’s most valuable player,” Lurie said. “However, we made such a concerted effort to make sure we could get Nick (Foles) back on the team. Who knew it would come to this?”

The Eagles and Patriots lost cornerstone players this season. In addition to Wentz, the Eagles lost nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jason Peters, and playmaking middle linebacker Jordan Hicks. Atop the list of Patriots who missed the season were linebacker Dont’a Hightower and receiver Julian Edelman, both pivotal players in last year’s Super Bowl victory.

Neither team is bemoaning those losses, however. Look how far they have gotten, with those injuries being galvanizing events.

“The goal was never that we wanted to win the Super Bowl with X, Y and Z doing it,” Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins said. “The goal was, we want to get it done by any means necessary.”

The biggest question surrounding the Patriots concerns another injured player: When will tight

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5½ Points that the Patriots are favored by over the Eagles, the largest spread in a Super Bowl in nine years.

end Rob Gronkowski be able to return? He was knocked out of Sunday’s victory over the Jaguars with a concussion, and is now in the league-imposed protocol, meaning he’ll have to pass a series of cognitive tests before he’s allowed to resume practicing with the team. It’s not inconceivable that the Patriots’ most colorful player could be kept out of the media spotlight in the days leading up to the game.

As for the Patriots’ most important player, quarterback Tom Brady, he’ll be front and center. Again.

“He’s definitely the greatest quarterback of all time,” Jenkins said of Brady, who will be starting in his eighth Super Bowl. “But that doesn’t mean he’s unbeatable. We’ve got a destination that we’re getting to, no matter who’s in front of us. We’ve got some place to go. We’re not worried about what’s in front; we’re going to run through whatever it is.”

Thirteen years ago, Brady led the Patriots to a 24-21 victory over the Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX. That might as well have been a century ago for these young Eagles.

The last time the Eagles and Patriots played, in December 2015, the visiting Eagles roared back from a 14-0 deficit to win 35-28.

For Pederson, a trip to the Super Bowl is still sinking in.

“We’re going to the Super Bowl,” he said. “We’re going to the stinking Super Bowl.”

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NFL NOTES

Cardinals, Giants hire coaches

Tribune news services

The Cardinals hired Panthers defensive coordinator **Steve Wilks** as head coach on Monday.

Wilks, 48, agreed to a four-year contract with a team option for a fifth.

Wilks spent one season as coordinator with the Panthers, his 12th year as an NFL assistant. Wilks spent five seasons as Panthers secondary coach before his promotion a year ago. His first NFL job was a three-year stint with the Bears (2006-08) as defensive back coach under **Lovie Smith**.

Wilks, who was interviewed by the Titans, replaces the colorful and outspoken **Bruce Arians**, who retired after five seasons and compiled a franchise-record 50 victories.

The Cardinals were 8-8 last season despite a myriad of significant injuries and closed out Arians’ career with a win in Seattle.

“This is not really a rebuild, this is a retool,” Wilks told azcardinals.com. “We have the culture of winning here. We just have to be able to sustain it. It’s all about trying to get to the next level and the consistency you need to get to the next level.”

The Panthers named **Eric Washington** to replace Wilks.

Shurmur joins Giants: The Giants hired Vikings offensive coordinator **Pat Shurmur** as their head coach, less than 24 hours after Shurmur and the Vikings lost to the Eagles in the NFC championship game.

Shurmur, 52, replaces **Ben McAdoo**, who was fired in early December with the team mired with a 2-10 record and owners and fans upset with his handling of the benching of two-time Super Bowl MVP **Eli Manning**.

Defensive coordinator **Steve Spagnuolo** took over for the final four games and posted a 1-3 record.

Stars on mend: In the two-week run-up to the Super Bowl, the Patriots will face plenty of questions about two things critical to the team’s success: quarterback **Tom Brady’s** right hand and tight end **Rob Gronkowski’s** head.

Brady answered most of the concerns about whether the hand injury would hinder him with a strong performance in the Patriots’ AFC championship game victory over the Jaguars.

Gronkowski, meanwhile, will likely spend at least part of this week going through the concussion protocol. He suffered the injury on a helmet-to-helmet hit from Jaguars safety **Barry Church**.

There was no update from the Patriots on Gronkowski’s status, but he was at the facility for team meetings.

Extra points: A person familiar with the negotiations told the AP that the Browns are hiring former Steelers offensive coordinator **Todd Haley**. ... Rams QB **Jared Goff** was named to the Pro Bowl, replacing the Eagles’ **Carson Wentz**.

Jeffery winds up in Super Bowl, with Bears still stuck in limbo

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Good for Jeffery, who benefited from the change of scenery he sought after five seasons with the Bears that included 304 receptions and 26 touchdowns. Of all the people Jeffery will thank over the next two weeks of hype, he should put Bears general manager Ryan Pace near the top.

Without Pace, Jeffery never would have signed a one-year, \$9.5 million contract with the Eagles and been in position Sunday to make the 53-yard touchdown catch that was the longest against the Vikings this season. Pace let Jeffery enter free agency in March rather than apply the franchise tag for a second straight year, which would have kept him with the Bears at a cost of \$17.5 million.

Pointing out that Pace guaranteed free-agent quarterback Mike Glennon \$18 million might make some Bears fans lose their lunch. But it wasn’t that simple.

No matter the rhetoric, the Bears knew Jeffery had strong reservations about staying in

Chicago. Maybe it was the team’s chronic uncertainty at quarterback or the city’s cold weather. But Jeffery’s reluctance was real, and it’s hard for any NFL team to want to keep any player who would rather leave, even one so gifted. As early as the end of 2015, the Tribune reported that Jeffery had shared with an associate his eagerness to become a free agent — even before Pace applied the franchise tag worth \$14.6 million before the 2016 season.

That’s when Jeffery’s enigmatic ways started surfacing. In the parlance of former coach John Fox, Jeffery began exhibiting behavior more typical of a Pro Bowler than a Super Bowler. The player limited to nine games in 2015 by soft-tissue injuries skipped organized team activities to train in Florida away from teammates. He stayed healthy for nine games before the league suspended him for four for violating its policy on performance-enhancing drugs. The penalty cost Jeffery \$3.8 million in salary and a measure of credibility. A scripted apology followed.

“I took a recommended

Looking back, Pace didn’t err in letting Jeffery walk. His biggest mistake came in not replacing him.

supplement to combat inflammation, (and) unfortunately this supplement contained an ingredient that was on the NFL’s banned substance list,” Jeffery said in a statement.

So in two losing seasons with Pace in charge, a suspension and injuries limited Jeffery to 21 games. An NFL player’s biggest ability is durability. Legitimate questions arose about Jeffery’s health and motivation. The Bears became more bivalent the more Jeffery seemed aloof. Negotiations over a contract extension reflected those mixed feelings.

Looking back, Pace didn’t err in letting Jeffery walk. His biggest mistake came in not replacing him. For some reason, the Bears

believed their anemic offense could go into last season without anything resembling a No. 1 wide receiver. They missed him terribly.

Trusting former first-round pick Kevin White to stay healthy showed poor judgment. Thinking possession receiver Cameron Meredith could fill that role, even when healthy, overstated his value. Blame Pace for neglecting to acquire a similar playmaking wide receiver, not necessarily for nudging a guy out of Halas Hall who mentally had one foot out the door.

The dynamic for Jeffery changed with the Bears after Brandon Marshall left town in March 2015, believe it or not. Marshall fancied himself a mentor and connected with Jeffery, a soft-spoken type who easily followed the confident, more verbose veteran. One source described Jeffery as becoming more isolated off the field after the Bears traded Marshall — and the increased attention on the field also limited his numbers. It marked the beginning of the end for Jeffery, a valley in a career headed toward its peak.

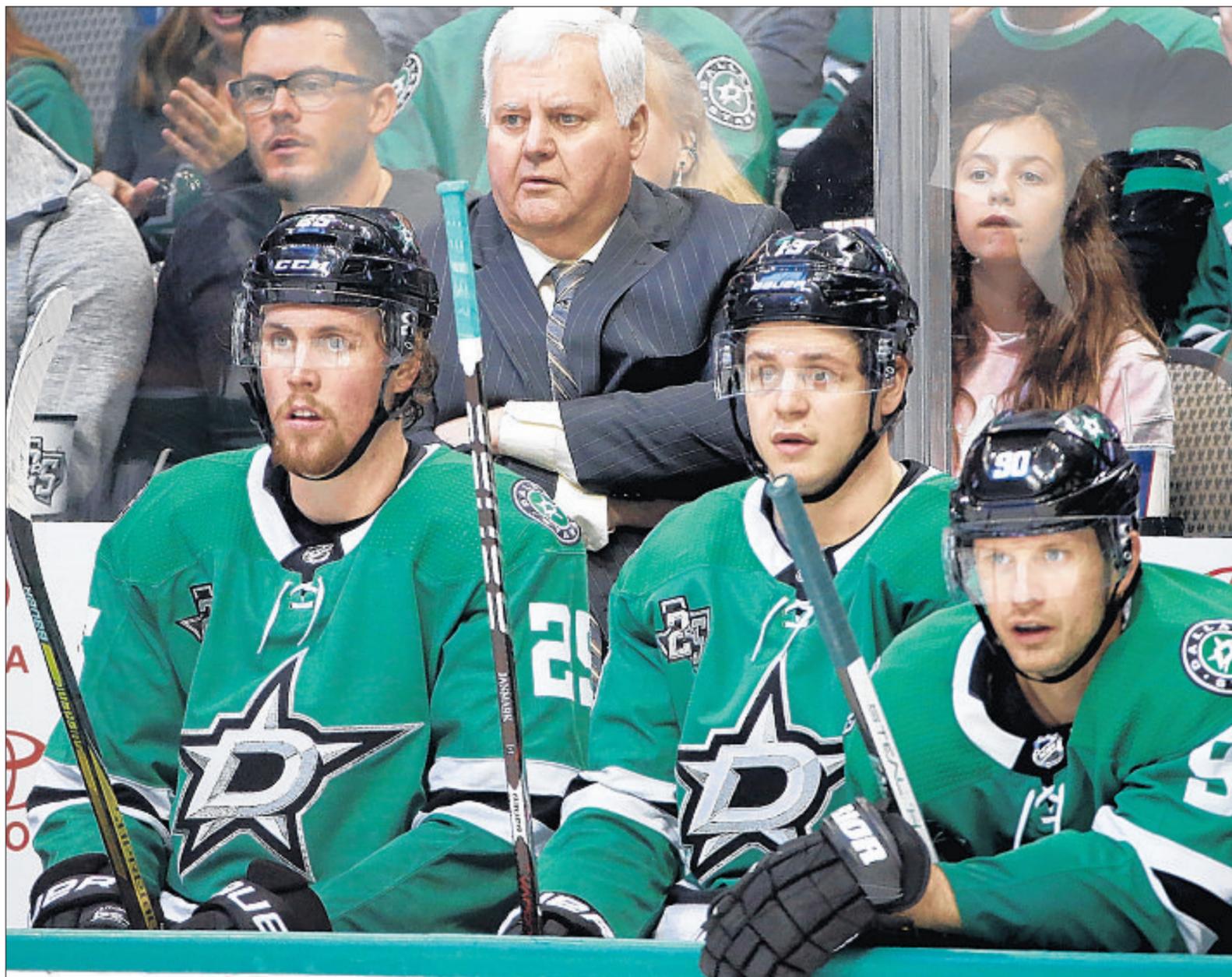
At Super Bowl media day, perhaps Jeffery can find injured Patriots linebacker Shea McClellin, and former Bears general manager Phil Emery’s first two picks in the 2012 draft can kid about how far they’ve come. Against the Patriots, Jeffery will match up against cornerback Stephon Gilmore and pose the most serious downfield threat for an offense that uses him wisely.

In December, Jeffery signed a four-year contract extension with the Eagles worth \$52 million, with \$27 million in guarantees. He caught 57 passes for 789 yards and nine touchdowns on a team with weapons. He thrives in coach Doug Pederson’s more sophisticated passing scheme, giving quarterback Carson Wentz and now Nick Foles a big target who never considers himself covered.

With Jeffery’s catch radius, nothing ever seems out of his reach — not even fulfilling a bold promise made what seems like a lifetime ago.

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Stars coach Ken Hitchcock favors disclosure of players' injuries rather than the NHL's time-honored reliance on unclear "upper-body" and "lower-body" designations.

NHL injury double-talk is an upper-body pain

BY CURTIS RUSH
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Washington Post

TORONTO — Ken Hitchcock was tired of the dance. In his 22nd year behind an NHL bench, the Stars coach decided he would break from the prevalent, league-wide trend of referring publicly to player injuries only as "upper-body" or "lower-body" ailments.

"It's an injury, and within two hours after we tell (the media) it's upper body, you know exactly what it is, so why not just tell you?" Hitchcock said earlier this season.

The practice of vague, binary injury designations was adopted decades earlier by coaches who believed they were protecting their players. They theorized that opponents aware of injury specifics would target the ailing body parts or otherwise exploit the injured players. But Hitchcock does not buy that logic.

"The players don't go out and say, 'He has a broken left pinkie, and we're going to go after that pinkie,'" Hitchcock says. "Nobody thinks like that."

The "upper-body"/"lower-body" convention has been allowed to persist because, unlike the NFL, the NHL does not have a policy requiring teams to release injury information publicly. But the practice is under increased scrutiny in an age of increased concern around the treatment of concussions — an injury commonly lumped into the "upper-body" category.

"By hiding the final diagnosis, they avoid public scrutiny on their decisions to allow players to continue playing despite showing concussion signs on the ice," said Chris Nowinski, co-founder and CEO of the Concussion Legacy Foundation.

"Hiding the injury is also confusing to their audience, which includes youth hockey players and parents. Every properly managed concussion in a professional game is an educational opportunity, and by hiding the diagnosis, the NHL is promoting confusion around concussion signs in NHL players."

Anton Thun, an NHL agent for almost 35 years, calls this campaign of secrecy "a travesty" and said there's no reason teams can't be honest with the public.

"It's an attempt to confuse," Thun said. "It creates a veil around what the injuries truly are. And it encourages players to hide the injury."

Something to hide

The hockey culture is steeped in the tradition of hiding injuries. Mostly, it's a protective measure against targeting, real or imagined.

Going back to March 1905, Frank McGee of the Ottawa Silver Seven is said to have



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T.J. Oshie is OK with obfuscation to protect injured players from "idiots in the league."

worn a light bandage over his broken wrist against the Rat Portage Thistles in a Stanley Cup challenge while his good forearm was wrapped in a full cast as a decoy, according to hockey historian Eric Zweig.

By the 1990s, former NHL coach Pat Quinn, a lawyer in training, popularized the inscrutable "upper-body" and "lower-body" injury terms as a way to shade the truth and throw media off the scent.

Quinn, who viewed hockey as war and reporters as spies, sought a way to protect wounded players from being targeted. Tired of being hounded by the media, Quinn came up with the "upper-body" and "lower-body" labels, which over time became part of the NHL coaching lexicon.

But players dispute how much difference it makes.

"Do players target? Not really," Maple Leafs defenseman Connor Carrick said. "You have a good player on their team and he's struggling (physically), and you want to make it harder on him. That's just the competitive nature of the game."

Colin Campbell, a former coach and the currently league's senior vice president of hockey operations, doesn't believe teams target wounded players and said that if he were a coach today, he would come clean, at least during the regular season.

"I would tell (media) as long my general manager agreed," Campbell said. "I would just say the guy's got a sprained knee and he's out. End of story. And I'll tell you when he's coming back; don't ask me the next day or the next day."

The league policy on disclosing injuries

warns against giving false or misleading information to the media, but it's hard to tell if any coach is lying because the league does not reveal violators.

Bill Daly, deputy commissioner of the NHL, said in an email that the league has the ability to fine clubs "and (does) in fact assess club fines" for this matter. But he would not give examples or disclose specifics.

Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock prefers to stay the course by masking all ailments, even head injuries.

"I don't like talking about head injuries because as soon as you say there is a head injury, then there are all these things about concussions, and half the time it's the neck or something," Babcock said. "I want the player and the right people to work that out."

Earlier this season, standout center Auston Matthews missed six games because of what Babcock called an upper-body injury. It was later revealed by Matthews to be a concussion.

Babcock said the Leafs would continue to stick with "upper-body" and "lower-body" descriptors.

"The great thing about the league is every coach can do what he wants," he said.

Others aren't so sure the practice is beneficial.

"I have heard the argument that by not putting 'concussion' on the report, they are protecting players from being targeted by the other team," Nowinski said.

"I see it the other way: If there is transparency that a player has just returned

from a concussion, the referees can better recognize and penalize targeting a susceptible player's head, and then the league can more severely punish and suspend a player who targets the head of a player returning from concussion in an attempt to injure them."

Ken Holland, the Red Wings general manager, is among the minority who falls on the side of injury disclosure, whenever he can. Secrecy can be a curse, he said, leading to unsubstantiated rumors on social media.

"There are stories out there that are not true, so I disclose it during the regular season to put the rumors to bed," Holland said.

A private matter?

The issue is not on the NHL's front burner, according to Campbell, who suggested the topic might be addressed at the general managers meetings in March.

"It'd be nice if the NHL just said, hey, make it full disclosure," Hurricanes coach Bill Peters said. "I'd have no problem with that — as long as it's consistent across the board."

Some players, including the Capitals' T.J. Oshie, still prefer the protection.

"There's still a bunch of idiots in the league who don't care if they take a penalty, and if they know someone's got a bad wrist, they're going to slash it," Oshie said.

According to the current collective-bargaining agreement, "for public relations purposes" the league, teams and/or the NHL Players' Association have the discretion to disclose the nature of a player's injury as well as treatment and recovery timeline around injuries sustained in service to the team. So while some players may want the protection of secrecy, the league could institute a policy of transparency without needing them to sign off, though the players' association could file a grievance.

Capitals defenseman Brooks Orpik questions whether disclosing a player's injuries is a violation of privacy.

"If I go to the doctor's office, do I have to tell everybody? It's HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) laws, you know?" Orpik said. "So why should my personal health be relayed to everybody? It's kind of weird."

After Oshie missed six games this season, he didn't hesitate in revealing he had suffered the fourth documented concussion of his career. He said he's happy to disclose whatever was ailing him ... as long as he's fully recovered.

"Usually it seems like you guys know anyway," Oshie said.

Khurshudyan reported from Washington.

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Lendl turns his teaching focus to younger players

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The tall, barrel-chested guy in the dark sunglasses and blue hat offered soothing, supportive words to his two teenage pupils while hitting them tennis balls out of a basket.

Under an azure sky interrupted only occasionally by wisps of white clouds, the man running the practice session on Court 16 at the U.S. Tennis Association National Campus looked and sounded very much like any 50-something coach on any public court.

“OK, Martin,” Ivan Lendl — yes, THAT Ivan Lendl — encouraged, “try do better than last time.”

Sending shots to the players’ forehands, Lendl said, “OK, Emilio, see if you can match the previous one. It was fantastic.”

This serene scene on a December day offered a glimpse at Lendl’s current role in a sport in which he has been a significant figure, off and on, for decades. In a very under-the-radar sort of way, he has been a part-time scout and teacher for the USTA, identifying and working with Americans seen as possible up-and-comers.

With the Australian Open underway, 14 years and 56 Grand Slam tournaments have come and gone since a man from the United States won a major singles title. (The words “Andy Roddick at the 2003 U.S. Open” have been seared into the memories of even the most casual tennis fans.) By Thursday’s close of the second round in Melbourne, the three highest-ranked American men already were eliminated.

Lendl hopes his contributions can help end the drought.

“What is it going to take to change that? Good, consistent work,” he said in an interview with The Associated Press. “The USTA is on a good path.”

The Lendl on display as he worked with Martin Damm, 14, and Emilio Nava, 16, offered a decidedly different version of the man the world thought it knew during his better-publicized phases in tennis.

As a player in the 1980s and ’90s, Lendl was an eight-time Grand Slam champion who spent 270 weeks ranked No. 1. He was known for powerful groundstrokes, an unfulfilled quest to win Wimbledon and a supposedly robotic demeanor that led



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Former world No. 1 Ivan Lendl demonstrates a shot for young tennis players during a December session at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

Sports Illustrated to label him “The Champion That Nobody Cares About” on a 1986 cover.

During two stints in the 2010s, up until a split announced in November, he was the straight-faced coach of Andy Murray. Lendl helped Murray win three major titles, including the first for a British man at the All England Club in 77 years.

With Murray, the focus was on strategy. With

Lendl’s current proteges, it’s about technique.

“We demand a lot of intensity, a lot of discipline and a lot of hard work,” Lendl said. “And not everybody can handle that.”

The man in charge of the USTA’s player-development program, Martin Blackman, finds Lendl’s 50 or 60 days per year invaluable.

“He looks backward and forward in terms of what’s happening at the top of the

men’s game today,” Blackman said. “It’s almost like coaching education whenever he’s here because they get to pick his brain.”

During a question-and-answer session with about 20 players and coaches, for example, highlights of Lendl’s victory over John McEnroe in the 1984 French Open final were shown. Lendl then discussed changes he made before winning that first major trophy — new fitness

training, new coach — and his thoughts during that match.

“It was priceless,” Blackman said.

So Lendl clearly is making an impression, even if his students don’t necessarily know everything there is to know about their teacher. Nava and Damm check out YouTube videos to see Lendl in his prime.

“Being on the court with him means everything to me,” said Damm, a 6-foot-6

lefty whose father is a former professional player.

Lendl invited Damm to work at the USTA facility after watching him at a junior tournament.

“When I was younger, I enjoyed when older players were helping me,” Lendl said. “I thought it was tremendous to get involved on the court with them, either practicing or (having) them giving us advice. And I thought it would be good if we could do that here.”

USTA campus aims to produce future champs

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
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ORLANDO, Fla. — Drive past the strip malls with their fast-food chains, past the fast-rising McMansions, past the palm trees lined up just so along green grass about 25 miles east of Walt Disney World, and eventually a sign arises that announces in capital letters: “USTA National Campus, the home of American tennis.”

Welcome to the 65-acre, 100-court complex that opened a year ago and represents so much to so many folks invested in the sport in the United States.

It’s where professional players, including U.S. Open runner-up Madison Keys, carried out preseason preparations with an eye on the Australian Open. On Thursday, Keys won to reach the third round in Melbourne; so did 97th-ranked Tennys Sandgren, who upset 2014 champion Stan Wawrinka.

On a sunny morning in December, Keys and Sandgren practiced a few courts away from each other, a “Team USA” label on a nearby campus fence.

It’s also where Keys and others train in-season and where promising junior players are sent so the USTA can try to groom America’s future champions with a group of coaches that includes Ivan Lendl.

The hope is to repeat results such as those at last year’s U.S. Open, when all four women’s semifinalists were from the host nation for the first time in 36 years, or the trio of all-American girls finals at junior Grand Slam events in 2017 — and avoid days such as Monday at the Australian Open, when U.S. women went 1-9.

As for the men, no one from the U.S. — a nation that produced Bill Tilden, Pete Sampras and so many giants of the game — has won a major singles title since 2003, a record gap.

“There is a huge sense of

urgency about developing American champions,” said Martin Blackman, general manager of player development for the U.S. Tennis Association since 2015. “We want to create an American identity.”

“When we’re talking to juniors, college players or pros, we’re usually talking about American champions who epitomized certain qualities, whether it was John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Chris Evert or Serena Williams. We really want today’s players to feel a sense of heritage.”

The campus is an offshoot of USTA efforts that began nearly a decade ago with devising a unified coaching philosophy and creating a network of junior development camps.

“We look at everything in terms of a pyramid,” Blackman said. “Our job is to keep players moving up the pathway and make sure that if we want to find champions, we have 100 great 16-year-old players and 200 great

14-year-old players.”

As he spoke, Blackman’s voice reverberated through a hangar housing six indoor courts. Nearby are six red-clay courts, fashioned from 450 tons of crushed brick shipped from Italy.

There are eight DecoTurf hard courts like those used at the U.S. Open, 32 Plexi-cushion hard courts, 32 Har-Tru green-clay courts and 16 smaller hard courts for use by the dozens of children who tote racket bags as big as their bodies to after-school lessons.

Courts have lights and live streaming. Some have PlaySight camera-and-ki-osk systems for video replays and statistics.

And that’s merely part of what is available around the grounds that were “pretty much farmland” before groundbreaking in April 2015, when cows and gopher tortoises were moved out of harm’s way, according to campus chief executive Kurt Kamperman.

There have been college

matches, with plans to host the NCAA tournament starting next year, as well as USTA Pro Circuit tournaments and wheelchair tennis. There are lessons and competition for all ages, and public courts that go for about \$12 per hour.

“We didn’t (anticipate) the upside of the melting pot,” Kamperman said. “The inspirational and aspirational aspect of the kids in our local program watching high school players, the high school players watching college players (and) top juniors watching a Pro Circuit event.”

Keys and some other pros now live in the area.

“Anything you can think of, it’s pretty much here,” said Frances Tiafoe, a top-100 player who will turn 20 on Saturday and pushed Roger Federer to five sets at the U.S. Open in September. “There’s a full team here for sure.”

There is a director of performance, Brent Salazar, who was the strength and

conditioning coach for the NFL’s Vikings, plus nutritionists, a mental-skills specialist and equipment advisers. Video analysis and analytics information about opponents is only made available before matches against non-Americans.

Consider it, at least in part, an attempt to create a larger version of what Nick Bollettieri built years ago at his star-making tennis academy in Florida, where Blackman trained as a junior alongside eventual Grand Slam champions Andre Agassi and Jim Courier.

“I’m a big believer in the cluster effect,” said U.S. Davis Cup captain Courier, who lives near the campus and drops by every so often. “I came up in a generation that did well using that strategy.”

“American tennis doesn’t have the dominant position we had in the ’70s and ’80s. Now we feel we have something to prove, and I think this facility can help our players achieve that.”



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The Museum of Science and Industry is part of Chicago's Museum Week programming.

Museum Week is weak on savings

Discounts, offerings could be bigger and bolder than planned



STEVE JOHNSON

Chicago Museum Week, which runs through Friday, won't blow you away with its discounts or innovative cross-promotions or special events. With a couple of exceptions, the annual banding together of the city's museums to goose admission during nonpeak season offers a modest incentive to set aside Netflix, or Twitter or Xbox, or whatever your particular couch-based entertainment delivery system might be.

Mostly, the dozen Museums in the Parks institutions that run this promotion are doing what they do — you be you, Museum of Science and Industry — with a couple of 20 percent discounts here and, better, some free days there.

Museum Week has been around since 2015. It's a worthwhile idea, and the move from October to January makes sense, but I would encourage these institutions, which sparkle with creativity on other occasions, to think bigger and bolder. If you're going to call something Museum Week, make it worthy of being capitalized. Come up with an all-Museum Campus promotion. Give people a prize for visiting five of the institutions in a week. Pass out a free family membership to every 500th visitor. To put this in terms of a Fourth of July metaphor, light the sparkler that you collectively hold.

Still, there are a few bargains worth highlighting in the mix (these are spelled out at the end), and the promotion comes at a meaningful time in the world of museum ticket-

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PARTICIPANT MEDIA PHOTOS

Jada Buford and Tyrone Williams in "America to Me," a documentary on the Oak Park and River Forest High School community.

A SCHOOLING FROM SUBURBS

'America to Me' goes deep and wide on race, education

By **MICHAEL PHILLIPS**
 Chicago Tribune

"I frankly thought it would never come to pass," Oak Park resident and Chicago-based documentary filmmaker Steve James told me Monday about his expansive 10-part nonfiction series "America to Me." It's an unusually revealing mosaic, depicting in heart-rending detail a full, teeming year in the lives of students, parents and educators in the Oak Park and River Forest High School community.

"Hoop Dreams," James' beloved 1994 documentary against which he will forever compete, funneled many stories through the subject of two young men and their basketball aspirations. "America to Me" flips the funnel upside down. Recently acquired by the Starz network for a fall bow, James' latest addresses two immense stories — race and education in America — by way of dozens of memorable, interconnected subjects navigating their lives and an entire school year together.

"America to Me" made its Sundance Film Festival world premiere Monday evening in Park City, Utah, where three of the 10 episodes screened for the media and the public. Episodes 4 and 5 receive an airing Tuesday; the five completed episodes screen Thursday in a five-hour, 15-minute presentation. (I saw all five for an early look here in Chicago.)

Hours before Monday's premiere, the series produced by Participant Media ("Spotlight," "Lincoln," "An Inconvenient Truth") and Chicago's Kartemquin Films announced the Starz deal. Participant Media documentary President Diane Weyermann, a Columbia College



Gabe Townsell is featured in the 10-part series, which chronicles a full school year.



"America To Me," by "Hoop Dreams" filmmaker by Steve James, is at Sundance now.

graduate, brokered her company's backing of "America to Me."

"It's our first collaboration with Steve," she said Monday. "But we've been looking to do something together for a long time."

The idea was years in the making,

and everything hinged on getting the right, free-range access to the school community. James' own kids attended Oak Park and River Forest, the last one graduating in 2010. "My kids were in

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Five Mile Lake' ★★★ 1/2

A simple story mired in melancholy, well told

By **CHRIS JONES**
 Chicago Tribune

If you like the films of Noah Baumbach or the plays of Annie Baker, and if your favorite movie of 2016 was "Manchester by the Sea," I suspect you'll really appreciate "Five Mile Lake," a thoroughly wintry and rather gorgeously written little play in which not much happens.

With their true feelings and emotions hidden in subtext, characters just lead their lives of quiet coffeehouse desperation. And you're with 'em, empathizing all the way.

I'll double down on that if you fancy yourself a writer. One of playwright Rachel Bonds' characters, a graduate student named Rufus (Joseph Wiens), describes the experience of the procrastinating humanities scholar with such intensity that you realize



EVAN HANOVER PHOTO

Joseph Wiens and Daniela Colucci star in "Five Mile Lake."

about halfway through his talk of notecards with notes about nothing, that he's really talking about depression. You could argue that everyone here is depressed: Peta

(Aila Peck), Rufus' wife, already struggling with a young marriage and a woman who knows she has no right not to be happy; Jamie (Steve Peebles), Rufus' brother,

When: Through Feb. 24

Where: Shattered Globe at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.

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the one who stayed behind in the lousy small town, where he has to try to busy himself with chilly projects; Mary (Daniela Colucci), feeding cats outside her coffee shop and vaguely meandering through the idea of graduate school; and the military veteran Danny (Drew Schad), struggling to reintroduce himself to this Five Mile Lake, where time passes according to the Muffin of the Day.

Let's stipulate that this 30-ish

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LAURA AND GARY MAURER COLLECTION

Artist Gertrude Abercrombie gets a show in Elmhurst

The late Chicago painter was a seriously Bohemian character, writes Rick Kogan in his Sidewalks column. See Abercrombie's work in a new show at the Elmhurst Art Museum. **Page 3**

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Frances McDormand accepts a SAG Award for her role in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

'Three Billboards' sweeps SAG Awards

The Western-inspired revenge tale "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" swept the female-focused and female-led Screen Actors Guild Awards on Sunday with wins for best ensemble, best actress for Frances McDormand and best supporting actor for Sam Rockwell.

It was almost an exact repeat of the major Golden Globe Awards wins with Gary Oldman also winning best actor for his portrayal of Winston Churchill in "Darkest Hour" and Allison Janney taking supporting actress for playing Tonya Harding's mother in "I, Tonya."

As with many of the awards shows this season, it was the treatment of women in Hollywood that stayed at the forefront of the show, which featured nearly all female presenters and Kristen Bell as inaugural host.

"We are living in a watershed moment," Bell said in her opening monologue, which stayed light and mostly clear of politics. "Let's make sure that we're leading the charge with empathy and diligence."

With many prominent men in Hollywood facing sexual misconduct accusations, virtually every aspect of awards season has been affected by the scandal.

Both James Franco and Aziz Ansari two weeks ago won Golden Globe Awards while wearing Time's Up pins before being accused of sexual misconduct and, in Ansari's case, aggressive sexual behavior by an anonymous accuser. Both were nominated Sunday and lost, Franco to Oldman and Ansari to William H. Macy for "Shameless."

— Associated Press



JONATHAN BRADY/PRESS ASSOCIATION

Another royal wedding:

It will be a busy year for royal weddings: British Princess Eugenie, 27, is engaged to be married later this year, several months after her cousin Prince Harry's nuptials. Eugenie, the daughter of Prince Andrew and his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson, will marry Jack Brooksbank in the fall, Buckingham Palace said Monday.

Governor off to Sundance:

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo planned to travel to Utah on Monday to attend the screening of girlfriend Sandra Lee's new documentary on her battle with breast cancer. "RX Early Detection: A Cancer Journey With Sandra Lee" is being screened at the Sundance Film Festival. The 39-minute film covers the celebrity chef and author's 2015 fight against breast cancer, which included a double mastectomy.

Political donation: Kid Rock has donated about \$122,000 from sales of merchandise promoting his potential U.S. Senate campaign to a voter-registration organization. The Detroit-area rocker, whose real name is Robert Ritchie, teased the public for months. At a September concert, he was introduced as Michigan's "next senator." In October, he confirmed he wasn't running.

Jan. 23 birthdays: Singer and dancer Chita Rivera is 85. Actor Rutger Hauer is 74. Singer Anita Pointer is 70. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 68. Actress Mariska Hargitay is 54. Actress Tiffani Thiessen is 44.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Aunt fears missteps with trans niece

Dear Amy: I am one of six adult siblings. We gather once or twice a year in a low-key kind of way to stay connected and catch up.

My brother "Tom," his wife and three adult children stopped attending these events a couple of years ago. This left us perplexed.

Recently Tom's son (my nephew) shared with the family that he was gender-transitioning to being a woman.

We reached out to my brother and our new niece, "Laura," in our individual ways, with messages of support and acceptance. My brother followed up with an email explaining that this was the reason for the recent absences, as they took time to process it and to support Laura, who wasn't yet ready to share her changes with the broader family.

We will soon be having another gathering, and Laura may be joining us. I am at a loss as to how to greet her when she walks through the door (after giving her a big hug, of course).

I want to say something that acknowledges this important step in her journey, but I do not want to say anything that might seem insensitive.

Amy, you always seem to have the right words for any occasion. Please help!
— Grateful Aunty

Dear Aunty: Keep in mind that "Laura" is likely as nervous (or more nervous) than you are.

She will be part of your family for the rest of her life, and so don't force yourself (or her) to cover too much ground in this one meeting.

No awkward string of words is really necessary when you can deliver a hearty hug. Make eye contact with your niece, and say, "Welcome back, Laura. I've missed you!" After that, you will find ways to resume your relationship, which was presumably well-established before her absence. Don't worry about igniting an instant connection, but let her reveal her own story as she chooses, through time. You will all adjust.

Dear Amy: I used to eat meat, but 13 years ago I went vegetarian after learning about animal cruelty and factory farming. I'm lucky that my omnivorous husband fully supports my values and has adopted a "no meat in the house" policy. He prefers to eat vegetarian at home and order meat while we're out at a restaurant.

My issue is my mother-in-law. While she does tolerate my dietary choices, I don't think she approves. She often brings food over to our home unsolicited. I think this is mostly for social reasons now that she's retired — as a reason for her to get out of the house.

Not only do we generally dislike her bland cooking, but she often brings meat dishes, knowing full well that I'm a vegetarian.

My husband doesn't eat that much meat and generally dislikes her cooking, so the food she gives us ends up rotting in our fridge. It's disgusting. I just want these meat-filled "food gifts" to stop. How do we tell her to stop without hurting her feelings?
— Fed Up in Chicago

Dear Fed Up: I suspect you are right about your mother-in-law. She wants to pop in, she wants to be useful, she wants to be welcomed and she wants to experience the joy of feeding her family. In order for you to be kind about this, you'll have to shelve your unkind attitude about these offerings.

Here are the sentiments you could express: "I hope you understand that you never have to bring anything to us when you visit. We enjoy seeing you — even empty-handed! But sometimes your meat dishes go to waste because I never eat meat, and even 'Bill' doesn't eat meat at home, anymore." If there is a dish she makes that you like (at all), tell her, "but if you do want to bring something, we really like having your (kugel, green bean casserole — name a dish she makes) in the refrigerator. Bill says it reminds him of home."

Dear Amy: I didn't like your response to "Stressed," the wife whose in-laws only contacted her (not her husband) about gift-giving. This burden always seems to fall to the woman, and she should continue to resist!
— Been There

Dear Been There: I've heard from many women who commented on the well-known "third shift" of work that lands with women. My suggestion that she and her husband should "switch sides," each dealing with the other's family, was not well-received.

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LAURA AND GARY MAURER COLLECTION

Chicago artist Gertrude Abercrombie's work includes "The Door and the Rock," from left, "Untitled (Blue Screen, Black Cat, Print of Same)" and "Untitled (Four Doors, Cat)."

A surreal and spooky painting style

Work of Gertrude Abercrombie on display in Elmhurst



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

In Gallery 262 of the Art Institute there hangs a painting by a Chicago artist named Gertrude Abercrombie. It's a compelling portrait, spooky actually, but it seems to attract little attention.

It sits next to a larger painting titled "Clown with Drum" by Walt Kuhn, and both of these are near some much more famous paintings that draw much more attention, such as Edward Hopper's "Nighthawks" and Grant Wood's "American Gothic." People take photos of these latter two with their phones and often stare at them for, oh, I don't know, almost a minute.

There is so much to see at the Art Institute that you can't blame people for hurrying through: "Where is that 'Sunday in the Park' thing anyway?"

Time's tight even in the face of art. We look (glance, really) but rarely do we linger long enough to read the words that often accompany the painting. We don't know much about the people who created the works: Oh yeah, Van Gogh, cut off his ear, right?

So, you could Google Gertrude Abercrombie, I suppose, or you could visit the Elmhurst Art Museum (elmhurstartmuseum.org), where many of her works — "I like to paint simple things that are a little strange," she told a reporter when she was in her painting prime, which was the 1940s and 1950s — will be hanging on the walls through March 4. (They will later be mounted at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield from March 23 to June 15.)

There has been no biography written of this woman. But she does have 65 biographical pages in Chicago writer Donna Seaman's remarkable 2017 book, "Identity Unknown: Rediscovering Seven American Women Artists" (Bloomsbury). In her section about Abercrombie, Seaman writes that "journalists revealed in her enigmatic, even spooky art and her colorful life. Abercrombie's cherished title, Queen of Bohemia, was well-



ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM PHOTO

"Reverie" is a 1947 painting by Abercrombie, who lived in Hyde Park and hosted "jam sessions" with musicians and authors.

earned."

We get all the details of that life, most centered on the three-story Hyde Park home she shared with her two husbands and a daughter and hundreds of interesting others. That is where she hosted "now legendary jam sessions" with such pals/performers as Charlie Parker, Sarah Vaughan, Miles Davis and many others. There would be parties with such Chicagoans as Nobel Prize-winning writer Saul Bellow and radio host-author Studs Terkel, who once wrote her a note that said, "To Queen Gertrude. You are regal — And we love you."

She was very friendly with Thornton Wilder and met Gertrude Stein, who told Abercrombie, "(Your paintings) are very pretty but girl you gotta draw better." She loved that then relatively new urban showcase offered by outdoor art fairs where, she said, "I met all kinds of people, classes, colors, creeds, everything." She participated in these fairs sitting near her paintings,

which leaned against her Rolls Royce.

If you are getting from these snippets from Seaman's chronicle that Abercrombie was slightly kooky, you're probably right. Or as Seaman puts it, "Abercrombie did not feel entirely comfortable in her own skin. She was not confident about love, marriage, or motherhood. She was insecure, often blue, lonely, angry, irascible, and narcissistic."

There are not a great many people alive who knew Abercrombie, who was beset by health problems and became reclusive long before her death in 1977. There was a teenager who could often be found in her house: Bruce Elliott, the author-painter who runs the Old Town Ale House, the walls of which are covered with his paintings.

Elliott's uncle Hugh was a friend of Abercrombie's and would often pay young Bruce to drive him from the suburbs to her home. He did this reluctantly at first, but after meeting both Dizzy

Gillespie and writer John Conroy on one trip he was hooked. He always offered to drive.

It was Gillespie who played at the wedding of Abercrombie and her second husband and who called her "the first bop artist. Bop in the sense that she has taken the essence of our music and transported it to another art form."

Elliott writes about Abercrombie occasionally on his lively blog, "Geriatric Genius," and that is where he wrote that he "learned to paint watching Gertrude."

"It's true," he said earlier this week. "I would sit in the living room while her parties were going on around her and watch her paint. She would never answer any of the questions I was always asking her, but she did let me observe. I learned a lot."

Elliott admires Abercrombie's work — he calls it "great" — and owns a few of her paintings. He plans to go to the Elmhurst show.

"What would she think of my painting?" he asked, playfully.

"She would be able to spot in a second how she's influenced my work and how much I've stolen from her style."

As it always creatively does with its exhibitions, the Elmhurst Art Museum is embellishing the Abercrombie show with all manner of interesting programs. There will be a couple of jazz concerts and some talks by experts. On Feb. 17 the aforementioned Seaman will be there. Not sure what she might say, what insights she might provide. Art can be mysterious, one of its great joys, but she might offer this from her own book: "Abercrombie did not write about why she painted, or how she felt with a brush in her hand, or what she hoped people would glean from her work."

What might you glean then from the title of her painting in the Art Institute, "Self-Portrait of My Sister," when I tell you that Abercrombie was an only child?

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IN PERFORMANCE

Russians' 'Sleeping Beauty' falls short of fairy tale magic

BY LAUREN WARNECKE
Chicago Tribune

The State Ballet Theatre of Russia, a professional company of 55 dancers touring the U.S. with a collage of full-length classical ballets, stopped in town Sunday for two performances of "The Sleeping Beauty" at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance.

The Harris presents the State Ballet Theatre of Russia on a semi-annual basis, as the venue's ballet mainstay among its many dance offerings. And though the theater's sleek, minimalist interior suits the exemplary contemporary ballet programming seen through the years — Wendy Whelan with Brian Brooks in "Restless Creature," Ballet Preljocaj's "Blanche Neige" and a smattering of performances by John Neumeier's Hamburg Ballet, to name a few — it seems an odd place for a relic like "The Sleeping Beauty."

Nevertheless, it is valuable to showcase classical productions as close to the originals as possible, and especially relevant for a company that represents their country of origin. Premiered in 1890 at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg and set to Pyotr Ilyich

Tchaikovsky's paradisiacal score, "The Sleeping Beauty" is based on a Grimm fairy tale that would later, thanks to Disney, become one of ballet's most recognizable transcendent tales, if not the most performed.

Indeed, the full-length "Sleeping Beauty" is seen less often than Tchaikovsky's two other ballets, "Swan Lake" and "The Nutcracker," though its many variations and grand *pas de deux* are beloved by balletomanes, studied by every serious ballet pupil and frequently incorporated into mixed-repertory programs. State Ballet Theatre has carefully preserved Marius Petipa's original choreography — more so than any other production of the ballet I've seen — and kept all the traditional trappings of the classical period, including a multitude of short, stiff tutus and center-parted buns for the ladies, and elaborate wigs and waistcoats for the men.

"The Sleeping Beauty," like all the great classical ballets, is based on a fairy tale, transporting audience members to largely unidentified but obviously European places with castles and courtiers, envisioning places and times in which magic happened, good and

evil battled, and mythical creatures existed. Attempts to make sense of it or try to rationalize the story will be met with frustration, for Petipa's classical ballets are light on content and at their best should be seen as a display of extraordinary dance talent wrapped up in a skimpy plot. For example, the ballet's prologue opens with a party celebrating the christening of Princess Aurora, in which six fairies appear to serve as the child's godmothers — because that's totally normal — and one, the Lilac Fairy, fights with an old witch named Carabosse, vowing to protect Aurora but not doing a very good job, since, you know, Aurora later falls into a coma. But this scene really only serves as a great excuse to perform six back-to-back tiny variations capitalizing on the fairylike quality that difficult passages of hopping on pointe evokes.

Maybe it's not for me to say whether "The Sleeping Beauty's" libretto works — the ballet has had obvious staying power. The classical ballets are a go-to for many dance patrons because they feel magical, look impressive and allow one to escape the doldrums of daily life for two or more hours.



STATE BALLET OF RUSSIA PHOTO

The State Ballet Theatre of Russia performs at the Harris Theater.

It is in this spirit that one must approach "The Sleeping Beauty," but its success relies almost wholly on flawless, inspired dancing.

Unfortunately, the State Ballet Theatre of Russia's dancers were neither flawless nor inspired, particularly in the ballet's first act, offering proficient but unextraordinary technique, with put-on smiles or deadpan stares out at the audience. Exemptions might include Daria Demchenko's sweet, demure portrayal of Princess Aurora, despite the prima ballerina's tall stature, and the act's two great character roles: Vladislav Tolopilo as the loveable, bumbling master of ceremonies Catalabutte and Natalia Gubanova as the antagonist Carabosse.

The highlight of the afternoon was a series of duos portraying

mini-tales of Little Red Riding Hood, Puss in Boots and the Bluebird *pas de deux*, each serving as entertainment for Aurora's wedding to Prince Desire (Valeriy Tselichshev) after his kiss releases her from Carabosse's spell. Here, as with Aurora and Desire's grand *pas de deux*, the soloists ventured to infuse their roles with some depth and charm. The wedding guests, on the other hand, 12 dancers planted upstage in tidy clumps, appeared to want to be anywhere but there.

Dazzle and wow me. Make me believe this silly fairy tale is real, even if it doesn't make any sense. For that is the fun and magic of a day at the ballet.

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PARTICIPANT MEDIA

Grant Lee, left, is among the Oak Park and River Forest High School students featured in "America to Me," a 10-part documentary from "Hoop Dreams" filmmaker Steve James.

Series goes deep into race, education

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school there when I got the idea," he said. It took years, he said, to secure permission from the school board for James and his three "story directors," Kevin Shaw, Bing Lui and Rebecca Parrish, to be granted the access they needed.

Later this year I'll write in greater detail about the remarkable, heartbreaking, inspiring real-life cast of characters James and company introduce to the world in "America to Me." These include African-American, Asian-American, Latino, biracial and Anglo kids of astonishingly wide-ranging interests and pursuits. James and his collaborative team filmed hundreds of hours across the 2015-16 OPRF calendar year. The first five episodes take it up through winter break. I can't wait to see the rest of it, and I take it as a good sign that James told me Monday: "In my view, the

series gets stronger as it goes, and as more and more happens in these kids' stories."

There are some indelible portraits here, of struggling, striving, hopeful teenagers and of instructors and administrators up against obstacles they can see and hear, as well as more elusive matters of racial bias, ingrained prejudice, white privilege ("to name a phrase," James said, "that only existed in academia and critical theory up until recently") and opposing educational beliefs.

There are scenes of boys and girls getting ready for prom, including a brief, agitated conversation between two boys waiting for their dates as they sit on a front porch and rock, nervously, back and forth on a porch swing and a rocking chair. There is an awful lot here, and I may be wrong, but I think "America to Me" will end up doing a lot of good for a lot of people. The school

should rest easy; they did the right thing granting James the access and space he needed.

"OPRF," James told me, "like schools everywhere, has been struggling with issues of racial inequity and academic achievement gaps for decades. And they've been talking about these issues." Change has come slowly, even as societal movements such as Black Lives Matter (very much on the kids' minds when the 2015-16 school year begins) has accelerated the awareness of so many problems.

"The insight and the understanding these kids have," he said, guided the end result. However the Sundance screenings go, "America to Me" — the title coming from the Langston Hughes poem — has a home at Starz for the fall.

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A+E NOTES

Elvis musical 'Heartbreak Hotel' coming to Chicago in June

Attention broken-hearted lovers of Elvis! A new live show, co-produced by Authentic Brands Group and Elvis Presley Enterprises, and penned by one of the creators of "Million Dollar Quartet," is coming to Chicago.

"Heartbreak Hotel" will bow at the Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St.,

on June 30, initially playing through Sept. 9, Broadway in Chicago said Monday.

Billed as a prequel to the smash hit "Million Dollar Quartet," which also started in Chicago, "Heartbreak Hotel" had a prior engagement at the Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine, but has been retooled since then.

Penned by Floyd Mutrux, the piece tells the story of Presley's rise to fame, focusing on his relationship with the producer Sam Phillips and his subsequent manager, Colonel Parker.

The score, as you would expect, is made up of Presley hits. Casting and ticket details have yet to be announced.

— Chris Jones

Billy Joel set for 5th straight year at Wrigley Field

Billy Joel is set to play Wrigley Field for the fifth consecutive year, his team announced Monday.

The Piano Man is slated to perform Sept. 7 at the Cubs ballpark. Tickets are scheduled to go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday. Joel has played Wrigley Field every year since 2014 — a venue record — and he played two shows there with Elton John in 2009.

Joel joins Fall Out Boy, Foo Fighters, Journey and Def Leppard in this year's Wrigley concert lineup. Ten shows were held at the ballpark last year.

— Tracy Swartz

Strength in simple approach

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crew — beards, beanies, curls — all have bourgeois problems (well, aside from Danny). Bonds is a Brown University-educated writer, and this is not the first play to emerge from an elite kind of ennui. These characters aren't happy in the city — it's cold, inhuman, disconnected — and they don't like the small town — it's depressing, claustrophobic, makes you feel like a loser. Boo-hoo, you might think, we all have to hang our hats somewhere. In time, we adjust to our own disappointments.

For these guys, not yet. Happily — not really the right word — Bond avoids the usual trap posed by such plays: that the characters become annoying. This group, whom she makes clear all need companionship far more than they care to admit, are remarkably likable, all of their problems notwithstanding. This comes from



EVAN HANOVER PHOTO

Steve Peebles, left, and Joseph Wiens play brothers in "Five Mile Lake," written by Rachel Bonds.

the innate quality of the writing. Many plays and screenplays aiming for a melancholy gestalt feature characters who take deep dives into the pool of their own neuroses and you always know whom the playwright most likes. Bond, who is much fairer to all, wisely concentrates on the quest for relationship — romantic, familial, platonic, whatever — although since nobody knows how to define their own needs, they're not the best at helping each other. They usually answer questions without answering them: "You want me to pick up some pizza? You got some cash?"

These observational works require detailed and vulnerable acting, and that

is what director Cody Estles' production delivers. The acting is uniformly strong: not pretentiously so, but rich and true and needy. I was especially moved by Peebles, who doesn't minimize a la Casey Affleck, but more goes for it, a la Michelle Williams. But really, the ensemble is excellent. Better yet, the setting goes beyond what you normally find at Theater Wit: Jeffrey D. Kmiec has come up with a warped, forced-perspective environment that enriches the sense of arrested adult lives, trying to find solid ground.

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RECORDINGS

Tune-Yards digging deeper as dance beats keep flowing

By GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

On Tune-Yards' latest album, "I Can Feel You Creep Into My Private Life" (4AD), Merrill Garbus unflinchingly interrogates herself. As she pulls apart her contradictions and self-delusions, she calls upon her deepening understanding of dance music — drawing upon rhythms from her past life in Kenya to her current duties as a DJ in Oakland, Calif. — to keep the air from getting too murky.

The merger of a furrowed-brow intellect and hip-freeing rhythm has been a Tune-Yards constant since Garbus made her 2009 bedroom recording, "Bird-Brains." "I Can Feel You Creep Into My Private Life" is both more refined and more raw. Garbus is a powerhouse singer, but she's also exploring more nuanced melodies and phrasing, even as she confronts big subjects: white privilege, cultural appropriation, the end of the world. It never sounds like heavy lifting because the music was built to be blasted through big speakers in a dance club.

With bassist Nate Brenner sharing the songwriting and production and Mikaelin Bluespruce, coming off a triumphant collaboration with Solange, doing the mixing, Tune-Yards revels in rhythmic change-ups and unexpected juxtapositions. On "Heart Attack," a hypnotic piano rhythm unfolds into a matrix of propulsive percussion. Garbus splits the difference between a cry of anguish and one of liberation, her voice hammering like a drum in the chorus, yet also swooning along the song's edges. The towering "ABC 123" envisions the planet's "sixth extinction" over a rubbery



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Merrill Garbus and company offer some rhythmic self-examination on the new Tune-Yards album.



'I Can Feel You Creep Into My Private Life'

Tune-Yards
★★★ 1/2 (out of 4)

bass line and typewriter rhythms. In the brutal interrogation of "Colonizer," Garbus sneers her self-incrimination — "I smell the blood in my voice" — then allows that voice to be swallowed up by the bounding bass and

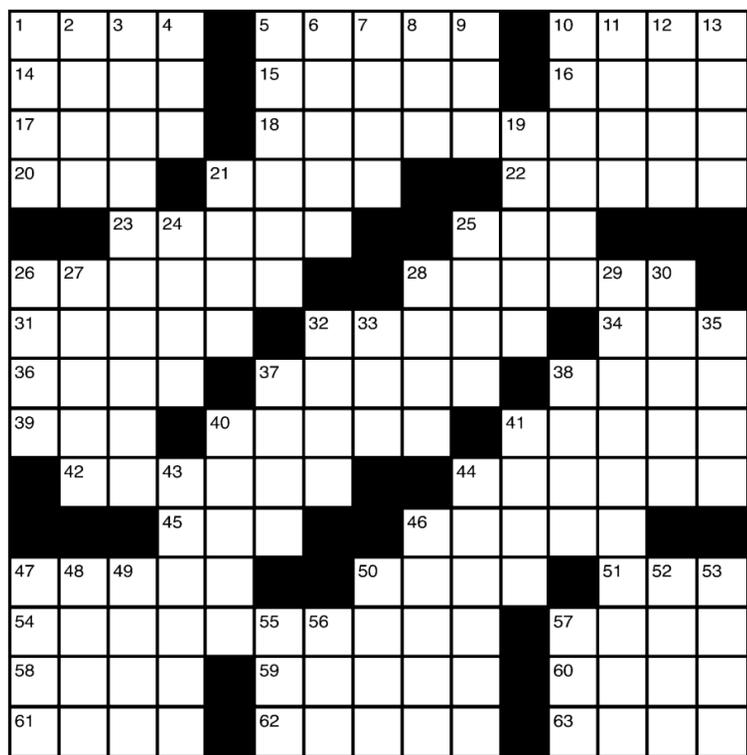
glitchy electro-beats. The mind-body dialogue drives the album until coming to a midpoint rest on "Home," in which the pulse slows and Garbus' voice assumes an angelic tone as she sings: "She's a fool." The "fool" is the narrator herself, and she's come to a conclusion: No progress without confrontation, and that includes those who hold themselves blameless while a community or a planet burns.

Garbus has made an album that may be her most outwardly appealing and most inwardly unsettling. She can't switch off her brain, so she turns up the volume on the dance beats.

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Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Abnormal sac
- 5 Fury
- 10 Air pollution
- 14 Elbow-bumper's cry
- 15 Washing machine cycle
- 16 Fuel, for some
- 17 Sore
- 18 Try the patience of
- 20 Ref.'s decision
- 21 Winter forecast
- 22 Wash oneself
- 23 Pacific or Arctic
- 25 Blouse or tunic
- 26 Beauty parlors
- 28 Wichita's state
- 31 Mousy
- 32 Tangy
- 34 Drag
- 36 As wise ___ owl
- 37 ___ steak; long flat cut of beef
- 38 Recipe verb
- 39 Lunch order
- 40 Sixteen ounces
- 41 Single-serving quick bread
- 42 More uncanny
- 44 In need of a haircut
- 45 Package delivery svc.

DOWN

- 1 Outer garment
- 2 "That's disgusting!"
- 3 Kid in the next desk
- 4 "... kingdom come..."
- 5 Game sites
- 6 20th-century U.S. president
- 7 Chew like a beaver
- 8 Suffix for lion or prophet
- 9 Pelosi's title: abbr.
- 10 Leftover pieces
- 11 Castle ditch
- 12 Sworn promise
- 13 Delight
- 19 Blackish wood

Solutions

- 46 Terre ___, IN
- 47 Climb
- 50 Doe's baby
- 51 Deuce
- 54 Mightily
- 57 Soldier's meal
- 58 Above
- 59 Valiant
- 60 In this place
- 61 Danson & Cruz
- 62 ___ tube; pool toy
- 63 Irritates
- 21 ___ packing; dismiss roughly
- 24 Nickel or dime
- 25 Small nail
- 26 Use a dagger
- 27 Bridal walkway
- 28 Softhearted
- 29 On the whole
- 30 Hauling into court
- 32 Insult
- 33 Skillet
- 35 Author Zane ___
- 37 Enemies
- 38 "Get lost!"
- 40 "Peter ___ picked a..."
- 41 Give the cold shoulder to
- 43 Kings & czars
- 44 TV's Diane ___
- 46 Bisect
- 47 Blemish
- 48 Sheltered bay
- 49 Flabbergasted
- 50 Caramel-topped custard
- 52 Labor
- 53 Has bills to pay
- 55 J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.
- 56 Classy vase
- 57 Fraternity letter

WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Riki Lindhome

"Another Period" (9:30 p.m., Comedy Central): Those belligerent Bellacourt sisters, Lillian and Beatrice (Natasha Leggero and Riki Lindhome), continue their crusade to become insanely famous — think turn-of-the-20th-century Kardashians — as this faux-historical series begins its third outrageous season. Most of its glorious original cast — which also includes Michael Ian Black, Paget Brewster, Brett Gelman and Jason Ritter — is still intact.

"The Flash" (7 p.m., CW): In the new episode "The Elongated Knight Returns," Ralph (guest star Hartley Sawyer) is forced to rise up and defend the innocent when a familiar villain returns to strike terror at the heart of Central City. Meanwhile, a frustrated Barry (Grant Gustin) is detained by his trial, leaving him struggling to maintain his optimism alive in the face of some truly dire circumstances.

"Fresh Off the Boat" (7:30 p.m., ABC): Someone's ready to buy vowels: Jessica (Constance Wu) becomes a "Wheel of Fortune" contestant in "B as in Best Friends" — and yes, Pat Sajak and Vanna White appear as themselves. So does singer Michael Bolton, returning to help run the restaurant while Louis (Randall Park) and his family deal with their homeless circumstances. Hudson Yang also stars.

"Bull" (8 p.m., CBS): The widow of a wealthy man who died suddenly under suspicious circumstances hires Bull (Michael Weatherly) to defend her in court after police detectives decide she's their most likely suspect to have orchestrated the killing of her late mate. The murder scene was staged to look like a home invasion that went wrong in the new episode "Kill Shot."

"The Mick" (8:30 p.m., FOX): After serving as chaperones for Ben's (Jack Stanton) field trip to a trash dump, Mickey and Alba (Kaitlin Olson, Carla Jimenez) are on the return trip when they notice that an unfamiliar little boy has slipped among the other young passengers in the new episode "The Dump." They try to return the lost boy, but that proves more complicated than they expected.

"Undercover High" (9 p.m., AE): The participants already embedded in the undercover program at Highland Park High School begin to make some connections with at-risk students who are struggling to beat the odds so heavily stacked against them in a new episode called "At Risk." Meanwhile, two new arrivals participating in the covert but well-intended program "drop into" the school.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Kathy Bates; actor Louie Anderson; Tune-Yards performs.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Former professional baseball player Alex Rodriguez; actor Taylor Kitsch; Bebe Rexha performs with Florida Georgia Line.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

* Subject to change

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Museum Week is weak on discounts

Museums, from Page 1

ing. New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, arguably the most influential museum in the U.S. with almost 7 million annual visitors, has sparked the discussion by announcing a change in its long-standing voluntary admission fee.

Beginning in March, most out-of-staters will have to pay what had formerly been "suggested" admission: \$25 for adults, for instance. "Admission for residents of New York State and students from (neighboring) New Jersey and Connecticut will continue to be pay-as-you-wish," the museum said in announcing the new policy Jan. 4.

This has sparked fervent debate in New York. "The Met's change of policy diminishes the cultural life of New York," wrote the New Yorker's Alexandra Schwartz. "The wonder of the Met is that it is as open to the public as Central Park. You can walk in without a penny in your pocket and glide up the grand staircase from the lobby to the European wing feeling like the richest person in the world."

This is true until the moment when the security guard tells you to step back from the Old Master canvases you were imagining to be yours, and you are reminded that what lines your pockets is mostly lint. But the Met has done well to blunt the impact by landing the financial blow on tourists, who lack a lobbying arm and who are accustomed to hemorrhaging money in New York City.

Here in Chicago, the Chicago History Museum and Museum of Science and Industry just this month received approval for modest ticket price

increases, beginning Feb. 1. And pricing issues continue to be top-of-mind with potential patrons, if the email I get in response to museum coverage is a worthy barometer.

"Will the admission price to see their exhibits be like the new exorbitant fees charged by other museums in Chicago?" asked one reader, not atypically, responding to a recent article about 2018's Art Design Chicago multi-institution event.

The price of tickets is a valid complaint, to a point. A spur-of-the-moment museum trip for a family of four can easily set you back a couple of hundred bucks, once you factor in parking, special exhibits and food.

Still, that's generally cheaper than pro sporting events or arena concerts, and you don't have to leave museums after nine innings, four quarters or the last encore.

More to the point, two of the Chicago Museum Week institutions have opened their doors more widely to teens in the last year. Several — Lincoln Park Zoo, the National Museum of Mexican Art and the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture — are free to all visitors all the time. One of them, the Museum of Contemporary Art, retains the pay-what-you-please admission policy that the Met is partially abandoning.

And if you're a good planner — which people looking for bargains need to be — there are many ways for Illinoisans to get into Chicago institutions free or at steep discounts, especially at this time of year.

A few of those methods, which mostly apply to in-staters: The Art Institute is free Thursday nights. The MCA, Chicago History Museum and DuSable Museum of African American History are free Tuesdays, while the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum makes admission fees voluntary on Thursdays. January and February are chock full of free days across the museum spectrum, part of the 52 per year mandated by the agreement that lets

the institutions exist on Chicago Park District land.

Most participate in the Museums for All program that lets families on government aid get in for \$3 or less, a worthy, if underpublicized, initiative to broaden a too-homogenous visitor base.

Many let in active-duty military and their families for free. Chicago Public Library branches have dozens of Kids Museum Passports, which give a family of four free admission to city institutions and Brookfield Zoo and Chicago Botanic Garden, so long as one kid younger than 18 is in the group.

Meanwhile, the Art Institute and MCA both did last year what the New Yorker writer urged the Met to try to do as an alternative to its pricing policy change: Find a wealthy patron to sponsor admission. In the Art Institute's case, 14-to-17-year-olds from the city now get in free (all kids 13 and younger were already free). At MCA, everybody through age 18, no matter where they live, now gets in free.

So against this backdrop, most of the Museum Week offerings seem relatively modest. But here, to my eye, are the most interesting offerings:

Adler Planetarium and Chicago History Museum have 20 percent off memberships. As I've written, memberships are the way to go if you have a favorite, or potential favorite, institution. Not only do you support the mission, but you get to pop in and out without the pressure of trying to wring every last penny's worth of time from a day's admission price. And there are usually special events, early access and other perks to deepen your relationship with the place.

DuSable Museum has the best Museum Week-specific discounts: Half off family memberships and 50 percent or more off admission prices. (Most admission discounts this week are in the 20 to 25 percent range, including at the MSI and History Museum; chicagomuseumweek.com has details.)

TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 23

MOVIES

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Family Ties." (N) ©		Bull: "Kill Shot." (N) ©		NCIS: New Orleans: "Ties That Bind." (N) ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	Ellen's Game of Games (N) ©		This Is Us: "That'll Be the Day." (N) ©		(9:01) Chicago Med (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Middle ©	Fresh Off the Boat	blackish ©	Modern Family	Match Game ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N) ♦
	Antenna 9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	*(6:30) The Locusts (R,'97) ** Kate Capshaw. ©				Colors (R,'88) *** Sean Penn. ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		We'll Meet Again: "Children of WWII." (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Frontline: "Exodus: The Journey Continues." (N) ©		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Out of Sight (R,'98) *** George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez.					
FOX 32	Lethal Weapon: "Double Shot of Baileys." (N) ©		LA to Vegas (N) ©	The Mick (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
Telem 44	José José, el príncipe (N)		Sangre de mi tierra (N)		Señora Acero 4: La C (N)		Chicago (N)	
CW 50	The Flash (N) ©		Black Lightning (N) ©		The X-Files ©		X-Files ♦	
UniMas 60	La niña		La tierra prometida		Descontrol: "Romerito."		Noticias Uni	
WJYS 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Know-Cause	Monument	
Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Caer en tentación (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Intervention: Heroin (N)		Intervention (N) ©		Undercover High (N) ©		Inter. ♦
	AMC	Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (R,'03) *** Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu. ©				Kill Bill: Vol. 2 ('04) *** ♦		
	ANIM	♦ The Great Barrier Reef		River Monsters: "Amazon Apocalypse." ©				Monsters ♦
	BBCA	From Russia With Love (PG,'63) *** Sean Connery. ©				Goldfinger ('64) *** ♦		
	BET	True to the Game (R,'17) Erica Peeples, Vivica A. Fox.		The Quad (Season Premiere) (N)		The Quad ♦		
	BIGTEN	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Northwestern at Minnesota. (N) ©		Dance (N) ♦		
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Stripped (N) ©		Watch (N) ♦
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		The Profit (N) ©		Shark ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	South Park	South Park	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Period	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Moonshiners (N) ©		Moonshiners (N) ©		Tesla's (N)		Moonshine ♦
	DISN	K.C. (N)	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Jessie ©	K.C. Under.
	E!	10 Things I Hate About You	(PG-13,'99) * ©			The Kardashians		E! News ♦
	ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Mississippi State at Kentucky. (N)		SportCtr (N)		
	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)		Australian Open (N) ♦				
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped: "True Grits." ©		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ♦
	FREE	The Fosters (N) ©		(8:01) Pocahontas (G,'95) ** Voice of Irene Bedard.				700 Club (N)
	FX	*(6) The Martian (PG-13,'15) *** Matt Damon. ©		Baskets	Baskets ©	Baskets ♦		
	HALL	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper (N) ©		Restored (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters
	HIST	Digging Deeper (N)		The Curse of (N)		(9:03) Hunting Hitler (N)		Oak Island ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Fury *** ♦
	LIFE	Married	Married (N)	Married at First Sight (N)		This Time Next Year (N)		This Time ♦
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Teen Mom OG ©		The Challenge (N) ©		(9:01) Siesta Key ©		Ridiculous. ♦
	NBCSCH	♦ NHL Hockey: Flyers at Red Wings (N)		All-Access	Notre Dame			The Loop (N) ♦
	NICK	The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water ***		Two Men	Two Men	Friends ©		
OVATION	*(6:30) What to Expect When You're Expecting **		Notting Hill (PG-13,'99) ** ♦					
OWN	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		If Loving You Is Wrong		The Haves ♦	
OLY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
SPIKE	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master: "Fill'er Up."		Ink Master (N) ©		Road ♦	
SYFY	*(6) Faster (R,'10) ** ©		The Lone Ranger (PG-13,'13) ** Johnny Depp. ©					
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Detour	Conan (N) ♦	
TCM	Fiddler on the Roof (G,'71) *** Topol, Norma Crane. ©						Student P. ♦	
TLC	Fat Fabulous (N)		(8:02) I Am Jazz (N)		(9:04) Dr. Pimple Popper		Fabulous ♦	
TLN	Let Think	Wealth	Focus on Is	Like You	Sig. Insights	Tru News	Robison	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Spurs (N Subject to Blackout)						Basketball (N Subject to	
TOON	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Delicious	Delicious	Bizarre Foods (Season Premiere) (N)		Bizarre Foods/Zimmern		Bizarre ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King	
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Cromarties	Chrisley	Chrisley	
VH1	America's Next Model (N)		Love & Hip Hop ©		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Top Model ♦	
WE	Law & Order: "Standoff."		Law & Order: "Return."		Law & Order ©		Law ♦	
WGN America	*(6:30) Godzilla (PG-13,'14) ** Aaron Taylor-Johnson.		Bellevue: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N)		Bellevue ♦			
PREMIUM	HBO	Mosaic (N) ©		Crashing	High Main.	(8:50) Hidden Figures (PG,'16) *** ♦		
	HBO2	Snatched (R,'17) ** Amy Schumer. ©		Real Time With Bill Maher	Divorce ©	Crashing ♦		
	MAX	The Guru (R,'02) ** Heather Graham.		(8:35) What Women Want (PG-13,'00) ** ♦				
	SHO	Shameless ©		Inside the NFL (N) ©		The Chi: "Ghosts." ©		Inside NFL ♦
	STARZ	*(6:17) Money Monster		Counterpart ©		The General's Daughter (R,'99) *** ♦		
STZNC	♦ Johnny Dangerously **		Star Trek: The Motion Picture (G,'79) ** ©				Walk Line ♦	

At Shedd Aquarium and the Art Institute, Museum Week coincides with their free day schedules so: Come on in, local people. Due to a change in its pricing policy last summer, Shedd free admission is a particular bargain, giving away a \$40 adult ticket (\$30 children) that now includes entry to special exhibits, such as "Amphibians" and the dolphin show, that used to cost extra.

The Field Museum has the most underwhelming Museum Week offering, serving up an anemic \$2 discount to Illinois residents. The Field is, however, free to Illinoisans on Saturday and Sunday and then every day in February.

The MCA and the National Museum of Mexican Art have two of the nation's better museum shops, and their Museum Week offerings include across-the-board store discounts. So if you've been coveting that first-rate Great Lakes outline T-shirt

from MCA, or one imprinted with the face of Frida Kahlo from NMMA, this may be your moment.

Looking at all of this, the temptation, if you like wordplay, is to call Chicago's Museum Week "Museum Week." That's not

quite fair. But there is plenty of work to be done to make it museum strong like it ought to be, a Roman candle rather than a modest little votive.

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3:30, 5:30, 7:30
THE DISASTER ARTIST-9:40pm

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PG-Parental Guidance Suggested
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 23): Your career takes off this year! Meticulously plot and schedule for best results. Changes with a partnership this year lead to personal insight and self-discovery. Pour energy into physical fitness and health this summer, and a romantic collaboration flowers. Feed your heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Take care of personal matters. Remain forgiving with miscommunications or frustrations. Slow to avoid accidents or injury. Focus on short-term objectives. Keep your patience.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Review recent circumstances, and make plans. Take time for relaxing, soothing rituals. Find a peaceful setting to go over maps and plot your course. **Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Confusion and chaos could disrupt a group operation. Keep calm, and carry on. Prioritize urgent matters. Persuade others to participate. Encourage creativity and teamwork.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Take on more responsibility at work. Help others see the big picture and what's possible. Apply yourself to a project that's receiving attention.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Study and discover new tricks. Classes, seminars and travels reveal their mysteries. Have patience with delays, miscommunications or breakdowns. The truth isn't quite as expected.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Let go of a preconception. Misunderstandings spark easily; keep your cool. Manage practical financial deadlines, and defer gratification.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Slow down and really listen. Patiently navigate communication breakdowns with a partner. Take a timeout, rather than utter words you'd later regret.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Keep practicing to raise the level of your performance. Slow to avoid mistakes. Be spontaneous and not reckless. Change directions intuitively.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Relax and enjoy family and friends. A challenge requires patient focus. You're developing something new, and it could get awkward.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Get into a practical domestic phase. Make repairs, and upgrade technology. Tempers could be short. Don't antagonize anyone. Let irritations roll off you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Haste makes waste. Discuss your options. Chaos could disrupt your routine. Have patience with communications. Handle urgent needs and get your message through.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Confusion reigns. Don't talk back. Stay respectful. Proceed with caution and take care of business. Your cleverness is paying off. Bring home the bacon.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ 9864	♥ 98743	♠ AKQ7	♥ J65
♦ 6	♣ Q97	♦ 9	♣ AK852
West		South	
♠ J	♥ Void	♠ 10532	♥ AKQ102
♦ KQ1087532	♣ 10643	♦ AJ4	♣ J

Today's deal is from a match in England some years ago between alumni teams from Oxford and Cambridge, which included some very fine players. This deal was a wild one.

West's three diamond opening was a bit timid, even at unfavorable vulnerability. East passed, hoping that South would find a bid, and then doubled South's three heart bid.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

West could have defeated the contract by leading the jack of spades, but he saw no reason to lead his singleton when he was void in trumps. South captured the opening diamond lead with his ace and drew trumps in three rounds. Rather than playing on spades, South exited with the jack of clubs. East won with his king but was surprisingly end-played. Cashing his top spades would lose partner's jack, and under-leading his spades would end-play West, who would have to set up the jack of diamonds or play a club, allowing declarer to insert dummy's nine and build a trick in that suit. East chose to try and cash the ace of clubs, but South ruffed, eventually ruffed his two diamond losers in dummy, and discarded a spade on the queen of clubs. Making three, doubled!

At the other table, West opened a more enterprising four diamonds. East raised to five diamonds and South doubled, feeling like the opponents were out stealing. East re-doubled, showing confidence in his partner's vulnerable pre-empt. West brought home an overtrick by leading a diamond to the 10 on the first round of trumps! Exciting stuff!

— Bob Jones
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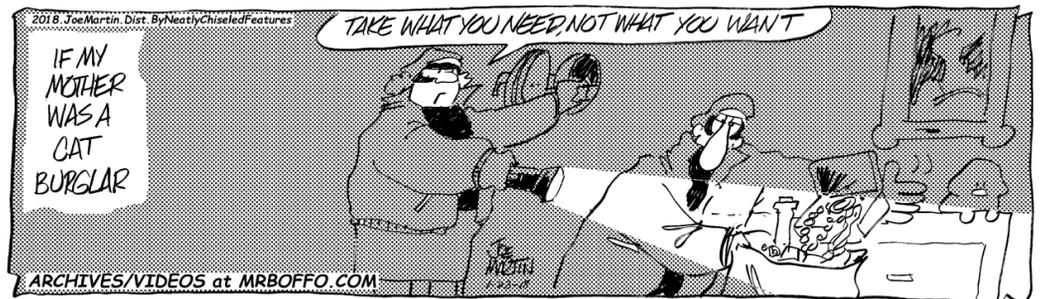
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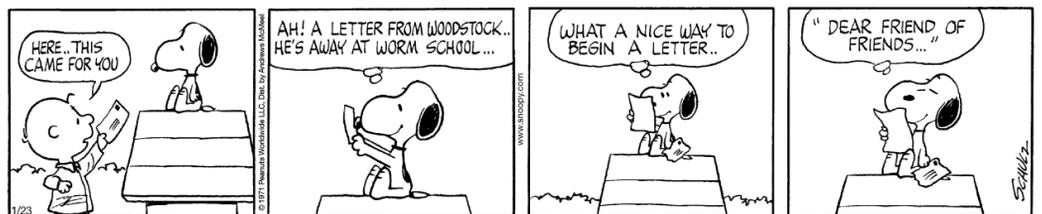
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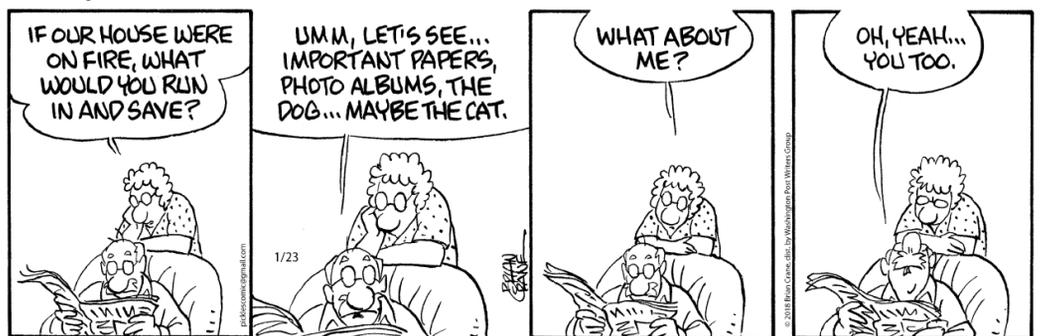
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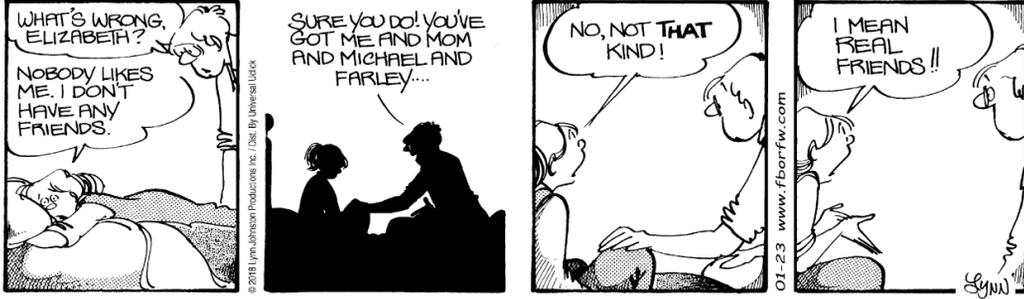
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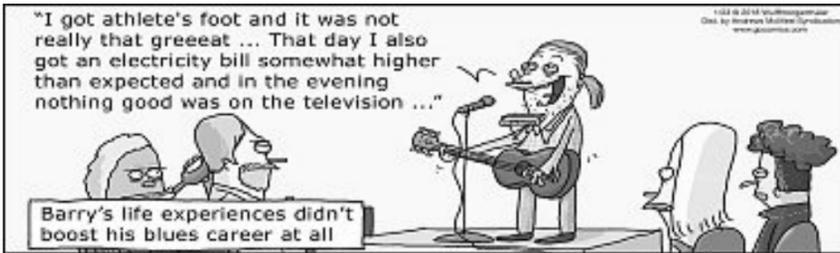
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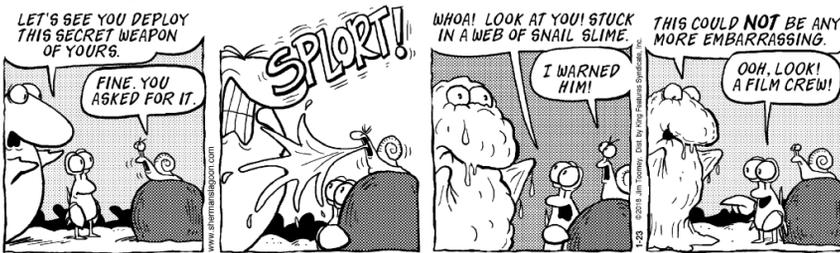
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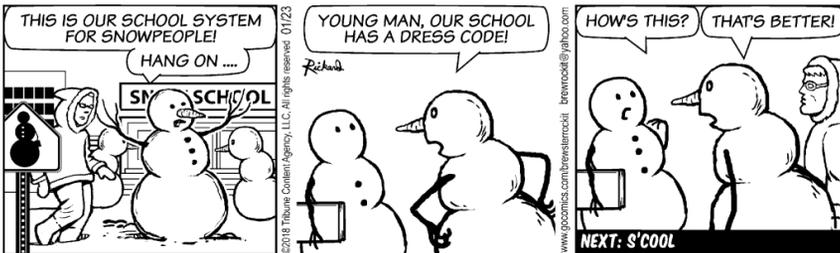
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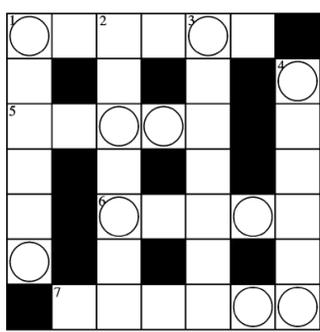
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Trivia Bits

Who ruled England, Scotland and Ireland as Lord Protector of the Commonwealth between the reigns of King Charles I and King Charles II?
 A) Winston Churchill
 B) Oliver Cromwell
 C) Lady Jane Grey
 D) William Pitt the Younger
 Monday's answer: Florence, Italy.

Jumble Crossword



- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Disappear
 - call
 - Microsoft
 - Tree
- ANSWER**
- NHVSAI
 CHLOA
 XLEEC
 ARHBC
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Barrage
 - reaction
 - Valley
 - Well-being
- ANSWER**
- EVOLYL
 CRAUNLE
 ICNOSIL
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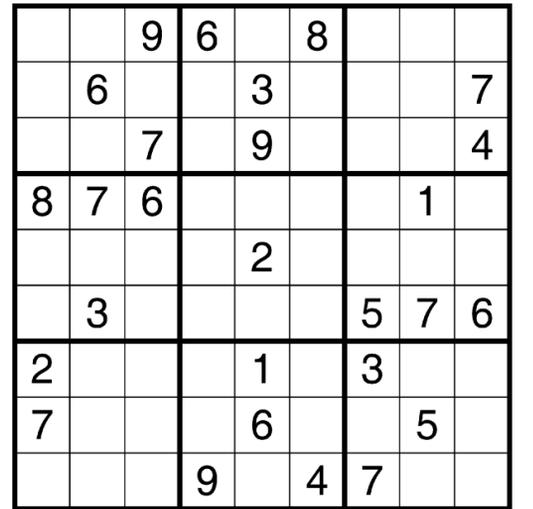
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

ANSWERS: 1A-Vanish 5A-Local 6A-Excel 7A-Branch 1D-Volley 2D-Nuclear 3D-Silicon 4D-Health 5D-Cherry Chase
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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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7	3	9	4	2	1	5	6	8
4	5	6	7	8	9	2	3	1
2	1	8	6	5	3	7	4	9
8	4	5	9	6	2	3	1	7
6	2	3	1	7	5	8	9	4
1	9	7	3	4	8	6	2	5
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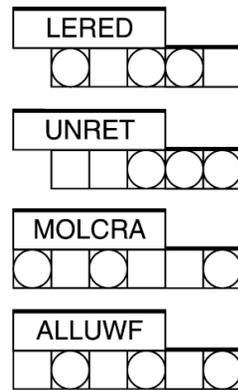
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



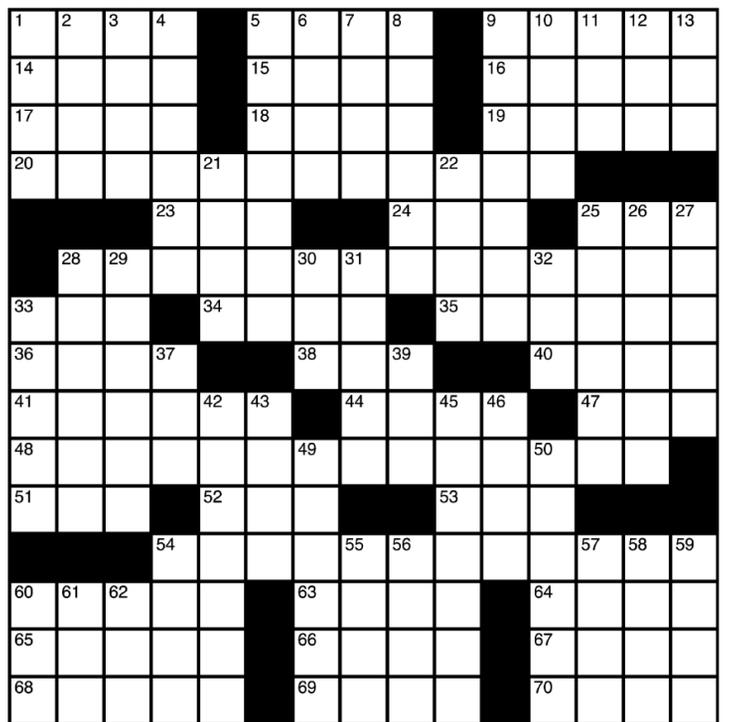
Monday's answers

Jumbles: EAGLE WHIRL AGENCY GLADLY
 Answer: The vet that specialized in treating waterfowl had a — "WADING" AREA

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Crossword

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Across

- Daily bread?
- Convenient bag
- Flower that's a Buddhist symbol of purity
- Unattributed, as a quote: Abbr.
- Prof's employer
- Stupefy
- Checkout line unit
- Actress Russo
- Words to live by
- 1666 conflagration that destroyed St. Paul's Cathedral
- Military abbr. on a Beatles album
- NYC subway line
- Pup squeak
- Raphael fresco depicting Greek philosophers, with "The"
- "—ching!"
- Venison source

- Sunny feeling
- Seventh-day activity, in the Bible
- Gone: gunk-cleaning product
- Repeated Doris Day song word
- Gave the slip
- Indian bread
- At this moment
- Gypsum used for casts
- Subj. for immigrants
- Color gradation
- Coastal inlet
- Pope
- Complete chaos
- Each
- Rapper whose name sounds like a drink
- Plato's marketplace
- Fodder storage tower
- Not this
- Wooden peg
- Informal greetings
- "Star Wars" guru

- Payroll deduction
- Action film weapon
- College yr. division
- Prayer opener
- Sketch
- Native of Sana'a
- Emcees' duties
- "Horsefeathers!"
- Beachcomber's finds
- Like some Friday work attire
- Meet portion, or portion of meat
- Maine college town
- Store posting: Abbr.
- Parisian pancake
- NFL six-pointers
- Dolt
- Virtuous
- Latin god
- At just the right time
- Innocent soul
- Go over again
- Uncommon thing
- 54 Droning lecture, e.g.
- Freckled boy of old TV
- Roly—
- Eight, in Ecuador
- Renaissance faire quaff
- Jazzy James
- "I've been ___!"
- Back in time
- Pledge

Monday's solution



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TUESDAY, JAN. 23

NORMAL HIGH: 31°

NORMAL LOW: 16°

RECORD HIGH: 65° (1909)

RECORD LOW: -18° (1963)

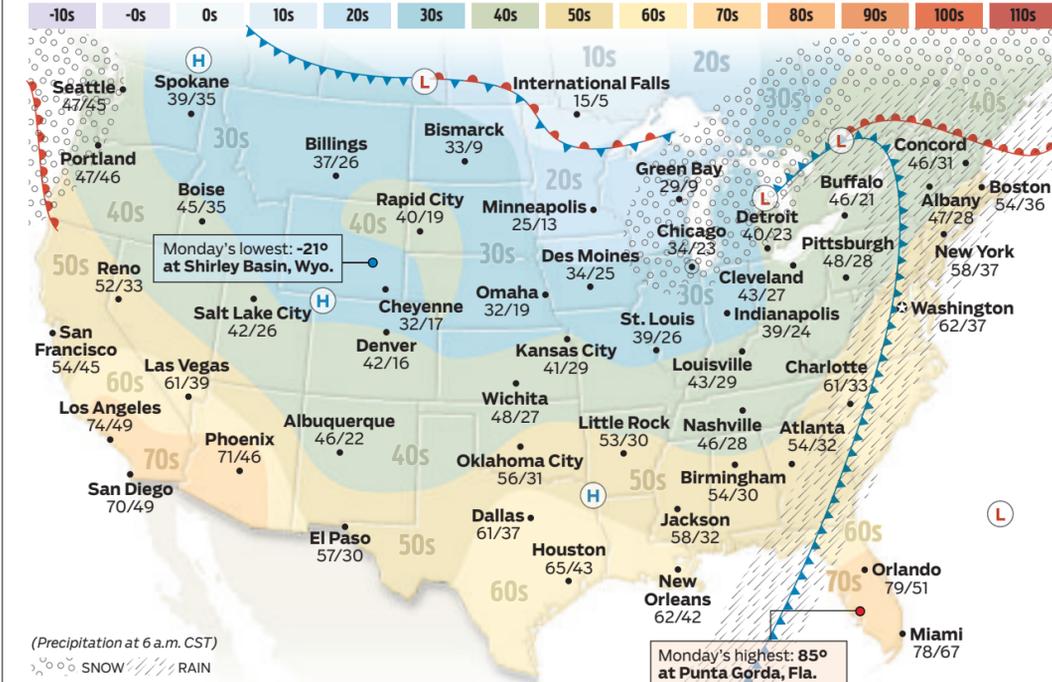
Cold, snow follow rare January thunderstorms

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 34 **LOW** 23

- Storm system departs the Great Lakes, but clouds and wind remain.
- The day opens gray. Occasional snow or snow showers may whiten the ground, but any slushy accumulations will be minor.
- Colder. Temps hover at, or just above freezing early, rising little through the day.
- Any lingering flurries end by midday. Cloud cover decreases during the afternoon.
- NW winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty, diminish toward evening.
- Colder overnight. Temps dip into the 20s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Southerly winds on the warm side of a strong storm system drew springlike warmth across the area Monday, while blizzard conditions raged to our west. The high temperature of 54 degrees at O'Hare International Airport was just 5 degrees shy of the record for the date.

The April-level readings fueled unsettled weather, with thunderstorms moving across the metro area during the early morning. Another fast-moving line of storms developed during the evening, bringing gusty winds. January thunderstorms are uncommon in Chicago, occurring on average about once every three years.

Blustery winds on Tuesday will circulate much colder air into the region, with daytime temperatures lower by some 20 degrees. Occasional snow is likely to persist into midday.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

HIGH 33 **LOW** 24

Periods of cloudiness may bring a few flurries; otherwise dry and chilly. Temps run closer to normal, but readings still climb above freezing. NW-N winds diminish to 10-15 mph.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

HIGH 43 **LOW** 31

High pressure shifts east allowing winds to turn south. Sunshine filters through high and mid level clouds helping to boost temps to the low to mid 40s. Fair, not as cold at night.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

HIGH 53 **LOW** 35

Windy and unseasonably mild. Partly sunny in the morning, then clouds thicken, leading to a chance of late-day and evening showers. SW winds 20-30 mph. Turning cooler overnight.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

HIGH 45 **LOW** 26

Lingering showers possible early. Brisk west winds of 15-25 mph bring a downturn in temps, but readings still run well above normal. Afternoon highs reach the mid 40s.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

HIGH 32 **LOW** 20

Considerable cloudiness early, with a chance of flurries, then partly sunny. NW winds 15-25 mph deliver colder air. Daytime temps hover around freezing.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

HIGH 37 **LOW** 29

Morning sun transitions to increasing cloudiness as milder air approaches. Seasonably cold to start the day, then readings climb to the mid to upper 30s as W winds turn SW-S.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 What was the weather like in the days before and after Chicago's all-time record low of minus 27?
 — William Drezdzon, Des Plaines

Dear William,
 Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski checked out January 1985 when the city logged its all-time record low of 27 below on the 20th. In mid-January, temperatures were running a bit lower than normal with highs in the low-to-mid-20s and lows around 10. On Jan. 18, after a high of 24, a strong arctic cold front sent temperatures on a steep decline. By midnight the mercury had fallen to 10, and it continued to fall steadily, reaching minus 23 by midnight.

The drop continued until the record low of minus 27 was reached on the 20th shortly after 6 a.m. The city slowly emerged from the deep freeze, finally reaching 30 degrees on the 27th.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Chicago's temps on a real roller coaster over coming week

JANUARY 2018'S THIRD 50°+ DAY

54° O'HARE 55° MIDWAY 53° LAKEFRONT

Normal January 22 high temperature: 31°

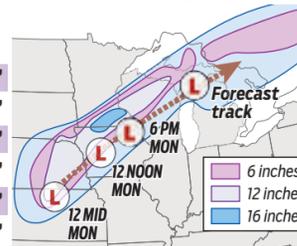
Other warm highs

Joliet	56°	Harwood Heights	55°
St. Charles	56°	Schaumburg	55°
Morris	56°	Highland, Ind.	53°
Aurora	55°	East Chicago, Ind.	53°
Wheeling	55°	Kenosha, Wis.	53°
Elmhurst	55°	Lake Geneva, Wis.	52°

MONDAY'S CRIPPLING SNOWS!

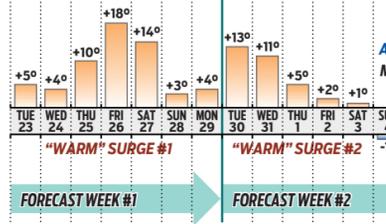
Monday's blizzard renders travel impossible

Norfolk, Neb.	14.0"	Edgemont, S.D.	11.0"
St. Francis, Kan.	14.0"	Atwood, Kan.	11.2"
Grant, Neb.	13.0"	North Platte, Neb.	10.5"
Owatonna, Minn.	12.0"	Le Mars, Iowa	10.0"
Spirit Lake, Iowa	12.0"	Mankato, Minn.	10.0"
Long Pine, Neb.	12.0"	Pine Island, Minn.	10.0"

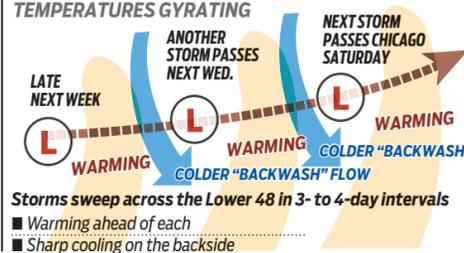


CHICAGO'S GYRATING TEMPERATURES

16-day temperature departure forecast



SUCCESSION OF WINTER STORMS TO KEEP CHICAGO TEMPERATURES GYRATING



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MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	pc	40	25	pc	44	28
Carbondale	sh	37	22	pc	36	24
Champaign	sh	36	22	pc	39	25
Decatur	sh	36	22	pc	39	25
Moline	pc	35	22	pc	38	27
Peoria	sh	37	22	pc	39	26
Quincy	pc	38	26	pc	43	29
Rockford	sh	33	19	pc	35	24
Springfield	sh	38	23	pc	41	27
Stirling	sh	36	19	pc	37	24
Indiana	rs	40	25	cl	37	25
Bloomington	sh	40	26	pc	42	28
Evansville	sh	39	26	sh	33	22
Fort Wayne	rs	39	24	sh	36	23
Indianapolis	rs	36	23	sh	35	22
Lafayette	rs	36	23	sh	35	22
South Bend	ss	33	23	sh	30	20
Wisconsin	ss	29	9	pc	23	15
Green Bay	ss	29	9	pc	23	15
Kenosha	sh	33	19	pc	31	22
Madison	sh	31	18	pc	33	18
La Crosse	sh	28	13	pc	33	18
Milwaukee	rs	33	14	pc	30	17
Lafayette	pc	32	14	pc	30	17
Wausau	pc	25	7	pc	24	11
Michigan	sh	40	25	pc	44	28
Detroit	sh	40	25	pc	44	28
Grand Rapids	sh	35	22	sh	30	21
Marquette	ss	23	16	sh	22	9
St. Ste. Marie	ss	20	0	pc	15	5
Traverse City	ss	30	16	sh	22	14
Iowa	pc	32	22	pc	39	25
Ames	pc	32	22	pc	39	25
Cedar Rapids	pc	32	21	pc	38	25
Des Moines	pc	34	25	su	42	28
Dubuque	pc	32	20	pc	36	24
El Paso	su	57	30	su	59	32

OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albino	su	60	31	su	62	35
Albany	su	47	28	pc	32	15
Albuquerque	su	46	22	su	50	25
Amarillo	su	53	23	pc	60	31
Anchorage	ss	14	5	pc	8	-2
Asheville	su	49	28	pc	42	24
Aspen	su	31	9	su	40	16
Atlanta	su	54	32	pc	51	30
Atlantic City	ts	54	35	pc	43	24
Austin	pc	67	38	pc	65	41
Baltimore	ts	62	37	pc	45	30
Billings	su	37	26	pc	47	29
Birmingham	su	54	30	pc	53	29
Bismarck	pc	33	9	pc	34	17
Boise	cl	45	35	sh	47	34
Boston	rs	54	36	pc	39	20
Brownsville	cl	71	54	sh	64	53
Buffalo	ts	46	21	sh	26	16
Burlington	rs	44	21	pc	25	4
Charlotte	pc	61	33	pc	55	28
Charlottesville	sh	68	40	pc	58	37
Charlton SW	sh	48	32	sh	37	26
Chattanooga	pc	50	29	pc	50	27
Cheyenne	su	32	17	pc	46	28
Cincinnati	sh	42	27	sh	36	23
Cleveland	sh	43	27	sh	29	24
Colo. Spgs	su	41	18	pc	52	28
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