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Pritzker, Biss take swings in TV debate

Kennedy later calls investor a 'poster child' for corruption in state

BY RICK PEARSON AND KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

Billionaire investor J.B. Pritzker and state Sen. Daniel Biss tried to change the dynamics of the Illinois Democratic governor's race Tuesday night, attacking each other during the first televised debate and relegating businessman Chris Kennedy largely to the sidelines.

Still, it was Kennedy, a first-time candidate from an iconic Massachusetts political family, who had one of the forum's most memorable moments. Asked to say something nice about Pritzker, Kennedy instead repeated his go-to line of attack, calling his opponent a "poster child of all that's wrong with the corrupt system in our state."

"It's difficult for me to heap praise on him. And that's where I unfortunately need to end it," Kennedy said.

The remark was a breach of debate protocol — even Hillary Clinton was able to muster up praise for Donald Trump's children in an October 2016 presidential debate — and afterward, Kennedy said he apologized to Pritzker.

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Man cites #MeToo in seeking to delay trial

Sex-trafficking suspect says movement would prevent finding fair jury

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

With the national focus on alleged sexual misconduct by high-profile men, is it possible for an accused sex trafficker to get a fair shake?

That's the unusual question being posed by attorneys for Benjamin Biancofiore, who cited the #MeToo movement in asking a federal judge in Chicago to postpone Biancofiore's upcoming trial on charges alleging he used death threats, vicious beatings and other abuse to force women into sexual servitude.

Biancofiore is hardly a household name, but the seven-page motion sought to draw a link between his case and allegations against movie producer Harvey Weinstein and the cascade of male celebrities that followed, from Kevin Spacey to Matt Lauer.

"In view of the extraordinary attention to and enflamed (sic) societal passion on the subject of

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Mueller questions Sessions as Russia inquiry narrows

AG is 1st known in Trump's Cabinet to face special counsel



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Attorney General Jeff Sessions was questioned for hours by the special counsel's office.

BY CHRIS MEGIERIAN AND JOSEPH TANFANI
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who played a key role in several controversies shadowing President Donald Trump, was questioned for several hours last week by the special counsel's office investigating Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign.

Sessions is the first known

member of Trump's Cabinet to be interviewed in the criminal inquiry, which is seeking to determine whether Trump or any of his aides assisted the Russian campaign interference effort or were involved in alleged obstruction of justice during the subsequent FBI investigation.

The attorney general could provide an eyewitness account to special counsel Robert Mueller about several key episodes under scrutiny, including Trump's interactions with cam-

paign foreign policy aide George Papadopoulos, who offered to arrange meetings with senior Kremlin officials, and Trump's decision to fire FBI Director James Comey.

"If you are conducting a thorough investigation, who are the people you absolutely need to talk to? Trump is one of those people. Sessions is another," said Susan Hennessy, a national security and governance fellow at the

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Mike Glasder, of Cary, soars during his first competition jump Friday at the Ski Flying World Championships in Germany.

'The flatlanders of Chicago' sky-high for Winter Games

Coach: Fox River Grove club lands 3 members in Olympics

BY MIKE DANAHEY
The Courier-News

The Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove is known for a playful annual ski jump tournament in which spectators huddle by fires, dress like Vikings, wear funny hats and honk on vuvuzelas (plastic horns that produce a loud monotone note) while kids slide down hills on empty cardboard beer boxes as competitors soar above.

This year, though, it is expected to be known for the hard work and dedication that made it the home club of three members of the U.S. Olympic ski jumping team, a feat that has been described as "unprecedented" by the team's coach.

"Nothing like this has happened before. It's phenomenal," said Charlie Sedivec, who has served as master of ceremonies at the club's winter tournament for 48 years.



MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY

Norge Ski Club members Kevin Bickner, of Wauconda, and Mike Glasder at last month's Olympic trials in Utah.

The club dates to 1905 and is older than the northwest suburb it calls home. This is the first time anyone from Norge's team has qualified for the Olympics.

Norge coach Scott Smith announced Tuesday morning that Kevin Bickner, 21, of

Wauconda, and Casey Larson, 19, of Barrington, also will be named to the ski jump squad. Mike Glasder, 28, of Cary, qualified for the team by winning the Olympic trial event in Park City, Utah, in late December.

As of Tuesday, a Team USA spokesman declined to confirm that Bickner and Larson had made the team, but did confirm that two more jumpers who had trained at Norge made the cut. An official announcement is expected in coming days.

"This goes to show what hard work can do, and that we have a structured program," Smith said.

Add in devoted parents, young athletes and club leaders who latched on to a dream, helping the Norge community — like the Cubs before them — end a century of futility in making the team.

"We're a little club, the flatlanders of Chicago," said Gene Brown, corresponding secretary for the club.

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Protesters hold illuminated signs supporting the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program last week in Washington.



JOHN KASS

Let the 'Dreamers' stay by kicking out politics

Is there a fair, reasonable way to deal with immigration without shutting down the government as the Democrats did just recently?

Yes.
A way to save the "Dreamers" and build President Donald Trump's wall to protect the borders, and lower the anxiety of millions of Dreamer parents, those immigrants who crossed over illegally for a better life in America.

A way for Americans to accept immigration policy as fair, not just something jammed down their throats by politicians.

We'd have to take the tribal politics out of it, and we probably should stop weaponizing the immigrants for future elections. But it can be done.

Yet not until we admit what went terribly wrong with the failed Schumer shutdown, when Democrats held the American government hostage to their version of immigration politics and then caved after Democratic senators seeking re-election in 2018 realized voters wouldn't stand for it.

Perhaps a good jumping-off point are the comments of the famous sage of Chicago, Luis the Lip, champion of Democratic immigration plans, who offered to build Trump's wall with his own soft political Chicago hands to save the Dreamers.

"If that is what it is going to take to get 800,000 young men and women and give them a chance to live freely and openly in America, then I'll roll up my sleeves, I'll go down there with bricks and mortar and begin the wall," U.S. Rep. Luis Guterierrez said on CNN before the Democrats broke down.

Sadly, it didn't happen, although I'd pay to watch Guterierrez do something with his hands other than risk paper cuts. Just seeing Luis do real work and then driving home bone-tired would be worth a few bucks. It might even be better than a movie.

Unfortunately, Luis' hands aren't made for bricks and mortar. Yet even as he promised to help build Trump's wall, I heard something in his voice: the sound of Democrats caving.

And soon, the shutdown was over, the Dreamers felt betrayed, the hard left was livid, and Trump and the Republicans had an amazing victory

in the immigration debate.

Unfortunately, some in the Democratic Media Complex are having a difficult time dealing with this reality.

Some are still in denial, pretending there were no winners and losers. Others clearly seek refuge in fantasy. Happily, most of us wake up from our dreams to live in the place where reality bites. And there it is: The Democrats caved, and Trump and the Republicans won.

Why?
Because on the immigration debate, Democrats were on the wrong side of the American people. To their credit, a few realized this fact, perhaps even Guterierrez.

Now what?
There is room for compromise on immigration, the American people want it, some Republicans and even some Democrats want it.

The first thing to do is to figure out what should be done about the Dreamers, those hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to this country illegally by their parents, who are themselves here illegally.

The Dreamers are in limbo through no fault of their own, trapped between two cultures, with no place of their own to legally call home. Yet opinion polls show that much of the America public is sympathetic to their plight.

So let the Dreamers stay. Those who are in criminal gangs or have violent criminal records have no right to be here. But the others, sure, why not?

It would be quite easy to protect the Dreamers and their parents, except for the politics.

Democrats want them as votes. Republicans are worried this could tip elections. So why not take the politics out of it?

Here's a possibility to consider: Let Dreamers stay — given permanent work and resident status — but not citizenship and voting rights. Confering something as precious as citizenship upon people as a reward for their parents' breaking the law isn't the right way to go about this.

If they want to become American citizens and vote, they'd be free to leave and attempt to re-enter the country as legal immigrants.

If protecting Dreamers is the issue, then you'll agree with me. But if weaponizing the Dreamers for the next election is your plan, then you won't.

And what about their parents, who crossed the border illegally and who worry about being deported? We can protect them, too, with some reasonable amnesty.

Why not give them permanent work status, like green cards? But no welfare. Yes, you read that correctly.

The idea isn't to penalize people in this country illegally who would be given legal status in any amnesty. The idea is about convincing Americans that amnesty would be about fairness, not power. Those who enter our country illegally shouldn't be given government benefits that would lock them in as permanent clients of the Democratic Party, compelling them to vote for taxpayer-subsidized benefits.

Banning such benefits would be an important and reasonable step. It would convince Americans that decency, rather than raw Chicago Way power politics, is what should drive immigration policy.

Again, no citizenship, unless those here illegally first leave the country and petition to re-enter legally.

And in exchange for all this, where a border wall is required, we should build it. American employers should be required to immediately use the E-Verify program to determine whether new workers have legal status or not.

Those workers who don't have legal status should be turned over to immigration authorities and deported.

It's called compromise. You get some of what you want. The other guy gets some of what he wants.

But it must be understood as fair, not just for the immigrants, but for the American people who believe that this is their country, and they still have a say in who stays and who goes.

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By KIM JANSSEN, TRACY SWARTZ AND PHIL THOMPSON



'Stranger Things' actor to officiate Illinois wedding

Ericka Millholland didn't need special powers to get "Stranger Things" star **David Harbour** to agree to officiate her Illinois wedding. It was so easy it was, like, almost ridiculous.

"What would it take to get @DavidKHarbour to be the officiant at my wedding in September?!" Millholland tweeted last week to Harbour, who plays police Chief Jim Hopper on the Netflix sci-fi drama.

Harbour's response: "125k retweets. Provided date works with (Season 3) shooting schedule, I will get ordained and perform ceremony. I get to read an esteemed love letter of my choosing, and after the cake is officially cut, I get

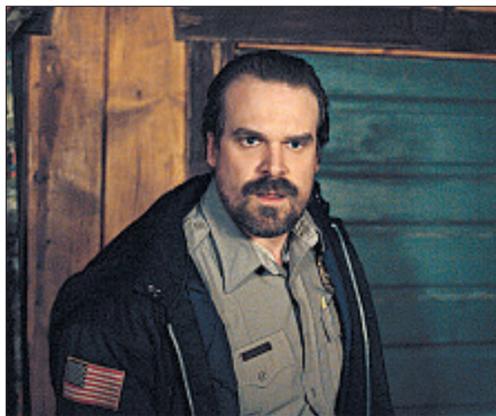
the very first piece."

It took less than 24 hours for the request to snowball beyond 125,000 retweets, and the Golden Globe nominee has promised to perform Millholland's Sept. 15 wedding to **Daniel Rockwood** in their hometown of Springfield.

"It's really weird and exciting and kind of overwhelming, but in a good way," Millholland told the Tribune.

Millholland, 23, said she and Harbour have messaged each other about the big day, but "nothing's been set in stone." Harbour's representatives did not return a Tribune request for comment.

She said she is expecting 150 to 200 guests at the



AP

It took 125,000 retweets (and a piece of cake) to get actor David Harbour to agree to officiate the wedding.

wedding, which was going to have a woodsy theme, but now Millholland may incorporate some elements of "Stranger Things." Millholland said she works two jobs, so she was late in embracing the hit series, which premiered in July 2016 and also stars **Winoona Ryder** and **Millie**

Bobby Brown. The second season was released in October 2017.

In a twist, Millholland said her fiancé has "never actually sat and watched the show." "I'm going to sit down and make him do it," she said.

— Tracy Swartz

Promise is a promise, Joe Walsh, so pack up to vote for Garcia

Is right-wing radio ranter **Joe Walsh** about to switch political teams?

The former congressman squared off in a heated immigration debate with Cook County Commissioner **Jesus "Chuy" Garcia** at the City Club last week — citing a raft of what he said were official government statistics about the criminality of those immigrants living in the country illegally.

"If I'm false I'll move into your district and vote for you!" he promised the lefty Garcia.

Walsh might want to call his real estate agent and start looking for a new home in Cicero or some other area in Rep. **Luis Gutierrez's** oddly shaped congressional district that Garcia is seeking to represent. Most of the numbers he cited are wrong.

"We cannot be living with a different set of facts. Criminality among illegals far surpasses" that of American citizens, Walsh said. "Illegals make up 3.5 percent of this country; 30 percent of the murders in this country are committed by illegals."

Asked by Chicago Inc. for evidence to support his claim, Walsh pointed to an opinion piece published in *The Hill*, which confused 2011 Government Account-



Walsh



Garcia

ability Office figures for the *lifetime* number of homicide arrests of imprisoned immigrants living here illegally *going back as far as 1955* with the total number of U.S. murders *between 2003 and 2009*.

In other words, both Walsh and *The Hill* compared apples to oranges, inflating the homicide rate.

When Garcia complained that

Walsh was using the "type of vitriol that's dominating intelligent, scientific discourse about the status of immigrants in our society," Walsh again repeated the phony statistic.

"When I tell you that, according to our own government, illegals that make up 3.5 percent of the population commit 30 percent of the murders in this country, that's not vitriol, that's a government statistic," Walsh said.

"It's a false statistic," Garcia said.

"If I'm wrong I will come to your district and vote for you. I will move to your district and vote for you," Walsh promised, for a second time.

"We don't need your vote, Joe," Garcia told him.

Walsh later said, "I stand by" the incorrect murder stats, even after his mistake was explained to him.

— Kim Janssen

Maddon, hometown loom large in culture war doc

You want to talk "identity politics"? **Joe Maddon** remembers how Hazleton, Pa., has long been an example of America's struggles with diversity, only when he was growing up the conflicts in his hometown were among the Italians, the Irish and the Poles.

"Believe me, I was either a hunk, a wop, a dago," the Cubs manager says in an interview for the PBS documentary "American Creed." The hourlong film, the brainchild of former Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** and historian **David M. Kennedy**, examines America's cultural and political divides and pre-

mieres at 8 p.m. Feb. 27.

"Right now it's different in the sense of we're talking about Latin America coming here as opposed to Europe coming here," Maddon says in a video clip. "That's the only difference. Everything else is absolutely the same."

In many ways, Hazleton has epitomized the culture clash over immigration, which likely made Maddon and his town fertile territory for the documentary. As the city's Latino population boomed in the 2000s, opposition to the newcomers grew. In 2006, Hazleton became the first locality in the nation to

pass a ban on hiring or renting to people in this country illegally. The law was struck down in court and the city was ordered to pay nearly \$14 million to civil rights attorneys, though national notoriety over the legal battle helped propel former Mayor **Lou Barletta** to Congress.

Before the Road's End Pub and Club closed in 2010, a sign underneath statues of "The Blues Brothers" Jake and Elwood read "ALL Legals Served."

Maddon co-founded the Hazleton Integration Project in 2011 to help bridge cultural divisions in the community through base-

ball and other activities, classes and social events.

"There's so much misinformation going on here. You gotta quell the madness at some point," Maddon says in "American Creed." "That's why we did what we did."

"You want to make kids friends fast? Put them on the same team with the same common goal, and I promise you, color of skin, language barriers, what you like to eat, that goes away just like that. ... The moment we trust each other, at that point we can build something."

— Phil Thompson

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At Oscars time, let's snub all the snubbing

Perhaps we all need a lesson on true meaning of the word



MARY SCHMICH

Well, it's Oscar season again, time to reveal in what makes this award so special and exciting. Ladies and gentlemen, we present: The Snubs! James Franco was snubbed. ("James Franco Goes Surfing Day Before Oscar Snub," TMZ reported.) "Wonder Woman" was snubbed. (A "major snub," said Forbes.) Jessica Chastain, Armie Hammer, Tom Hanks, snubbed, snubbed, snubbed. "Biggest Surprises and Snubs of 2018 Oscar Nominations" said a headline in People magazine. "The Snubs and Surprises of the 2018 Oscar Nominations," said The New York Times.

If I had a dollar for every time I read a variation on the word "snub" after the Oscar nominations were announced Tuesday, I'd be as rich as Steven Spielberg, who was also snubbed.

In the course of ordinary conversation, ordinary adults rarely use the word "snub." Except during Hollywood awards season — or the Grammys, the Emmys and some sports — it's a word I associate with teenage behavior.

When I hear it, I see a mean girl in fancy shoes clicking down the high school hallways, nose in the air, refusing to even, like, you know, glance at her rival. I see her, like, totally ignoring the frumpy new girl in the lunchroom. I see the cool football player ignoring the mean girl at the dance and dancing with the frumpy new girl instead. I see gaggles of other kids outraged and entertained by the drama of it all.

Now that's classic snubbing. What happens with the Oscars is mostly something else.

To snub means to rebuff, to ignore, to spurn with disdain. It implies insult, contempt, intentional humiliation.

If you walk into a party, see an old friend, look in his direction then conspicuously avoid him all night, you've snubbed him. If everyone in your friend group was invited to the party, but you weren't, there's a good chance, my friend, that you were snubbed. When you don't bother to respond to your in-laws' invitations, you've snubbed them.

Not being nominated for an Academy Award isn't necessarily, or even probably, a snub.

A disappointment is not a snub. A questionable judgment is not a snub. Merely being overlooked is not a snub. A bona fide snub deliberately inflicts insult.

A headline in the British newspaper The Telegraph on Tuesday — "Emmanuel Macron expected to be guest of honour at Donald Trump's first state dinner — in snub to Theresa May" — may have been a legitimate use of the word.

But back to the Oscars.

Were some of the actors, directors, makeup artists and others who weren't nominated better than some who were? Could be.

But art, unlike sports, is subjectively scored, and all artistic awards come with a big dollop of caprice. Bad luck is not a snub. Neither is bad judgment.

And in any competition, when someone wins, someone else doesn't.

Not that such linguistic distinctions mean a thing to many Oscars-watchers. Snubs are part of the entertainment, and snub outrage was flourishing on Tuesday.

"The 'Wonder Woman' Oscar Snub Isn't Sitting Well with Fans," warned teenvogue.com.

In fact, getting snubbed by the Academy is its own contest. Fine, so you were snubbed. But how big was your snub?

"The Biggest Snubs From the 2018 Oscar Nominations," promised the headline in Thrillist.

"Oscars 2018: 10 Biggest Snubs and WTF Surprises," said Rolling Stone.

On Twitter, Perez Hilton conducted a poll asking, "who was this year's biggest snub???"

His voters could choose Tom Hanks, Michelle Williams, "Wonder Woman" or Tiffany Haddish. A tough choice, as the triple question marks suggest.

By now, the word "snub" as applied to the Oscars and other entertainment awards deserves its own dictionary definition with a usage note: "A word used by movie fans whose favorite films or artists weren't nominated or didn't win."

But imagine a world in which all of this year's snubbed movies and artists were nominated. Imagine that all the nominees were snubbed. The outrage would be as loud.

Given the popularity of snubbing outrage, the time is ripe for a movie called "The Big Snub." Directed by Spielberg, it could star Michelle Williams, Armie Hammer and Tiffany Haddish, and tell the uplifting tale of famous people who feel broken when they aren't nominated for a prestigious award. Our heroes swallow their disappointment and go on to find fulfilling, useful lives without a gold statue.

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An unusual custody fight

Logan Square artist in legal battle over cat with pet rescue shelter

By STEVE SCHMADEKE
Chicago Tribune

When her cat dashed out an open door a day before Halloween, Logan Square artist Rae Bees turned to her Facebook community for help.

"I'm Reggie and I'm lost (again)," Bees, 30, wrote over a photo of her cat, hoping the tongue-in-cheek meme would help widely circulate her plea for his return. "I don't have a collar. I coulda been catnapped. I will escape again."

But her attempt to spread the news of Reggie's disappearance with some internet humor instead sparked a fierce custody battle with Feline Friends, the all-volunteer nonprofit pet rescue Bees adopted her cat from five years ago. Feline Friends requires its cat owners to keep their pets indoors. When leaders at the pet rescue, which had recovered the cat, saw Bees' social media — complete with pictures of Reggie with friends in her backyard — they decided not to return the cat.

After attempts to resolve the dispute failed, Bees sued the nonprofit in Cook County Circuit Court, asking a judge to declare her Reggie's owner. Feline Friends countersued, asking a judge to award it custody based on Bees' alleged breach of contract for allowing the cat outside.

Since November, hundreds of pages of legal arguments and exhibits have been filed. No ruling has yet been made on custody, but Judge Michael Mullen awarded the agency temporary custody and allowed Bees to have one-hour weekly visitation. She meets the cat — shipped via one of the city's most specialized couriers — in a Logan Square vet's office.

"I never fathomed I'd be where I'm at right now — 30 and in a cat custody battle," Bees said with a sigh.

It's a rare but growing predicament as more people consider pets as part of their family and are willing to go to court to fight for them. Pet custody cases — typically in domestic situations like divorce — are on the rise, according to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in Chicago. This month, an Illinois law took effect that allows judges to consider the "best interest" of pets for custody in divorce cases rather than treating them as property.

Even dating couples have gone to court over their four-legged companions. Last month a woman sued her ex-boyfriend in Cook County Circuit Court, alleging he re-



Rae Bees plays with her cat Reggie at the Ark Animal Hospital during her weekly visit last week.

neged on an agreement to allow her to visit their dog Haley after the two broke up.

Bees' roughly 15- to 16-pound Maine coon cat, Reggie — named for the cerebral comedian Reggie Watts — typically spent his days sprawled across a sunlit armchair or patch of floor at Earphoria, a Logan Square guest house for artists and musicians that had welcomed the once-feral feline as its unofficial mascot. "He's just a fun, very friendly cat," said musician Rahim Salaam, who lives in the house along with Bees and once recorded a song about Reggie's wayward ways. "He's a little mischievous and likes to get out into the world."

Fellow creatives have started making artwork — including "Free Reggie" stickers and T-shirts — to help cover Bees' court costs. "I feel really silly being like this is a special awesome cat, but to like 100 people he really is," she said.

Bees, a painter who co-founded the Black & Brown Babes Collective and also holds a day job as a GrubHub fraud analyst, did a fundraiser for Feline Friends in 2014 that included Reggie artwork, part of a bar night dubbed Pussy Party that featured feline artwork and female-fronted bands.

Feline Friends learned of Reggie's disappearance after a good Samaritan found the cat and brought him to a vet, who scanned Reggie's microchip. The chip was still registered to the agency, which took a look at Bees' social media and didn't like what it saw, according to

Bees and court filings. Not only were there pictures of Reggie in the backyard, there were posts about him being lost for a few days once before.

Negotiations over Reggie's return soon broke down. Bees offered to allow Feline Friends open access to the cat's GPS tracking collar, to post what would essentially be a \$1,500 bond paid out if Reggie went missing again and even unscheduled video-conferencing calls to assure the cat adoption agency that Reggie was safe at home. All were rejected, Bees and her lawyers said.

"It was everything short of installing a webcam for them," Bees said.

Both sides appear to be standing on principle.

"The Cat is unique," the group argued in asserting its only remedy is to keep possession of the cat, originally named Forrest. "His value cannot be compensated by money."

The nonprofit's directors, Lisa Ward and Toni McNaughton, did not respond to an email seeking comment, but the group's lawyer, Edward H. Williams, acknowledged "there is an ongoing debate in the animal welfare community" over the benefits of keeping a cat indoors versus outside.

But Williams said the lawsuit is not about that debate. Instead it's about the power animal rescues have to impose certain conditions — such as banning the declawing of cats — on people who adopt their animals. "These contracts, like all contracts, can and should be enforced," he wrote in an

email.

"He wasn't allowed outside. He was just a Houdini — he would escape," said Bees, who acknowledges Reggie escaped several times a week. The Logan Square artist goes by Bees but filed the lawsuit under her legal name Rachael Siciliano.

Bees' attorneys dispute that there was ever a legal contract. "This is not an enforceable contract," said her attorney, Mariana Karampelas, who said nothing in the document discloses that the cat could be taken away. "It's a list of aspirations," said Richard Gonzalez, a professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law who is working on the case pro bono.

On a recent Friday, Bees arrived at a single-story veterinarian's office, picked up a blue crate with Reggie inside and carried him to a special waiting room. The trash can full of used tissues indicates this is where pet owners hear difficult news about their four-legged companions.

"Come here," Bees says, opening the crate and letting Reggie out. "Aww, you've gotten so fat! I think he's stressed and bored (at the cat foster home)." The two play, and Bees brushes and pets the cat before it's time to say goodbye.

"I think they thought that I was a simple art kid and would give him up like I didn't care, but I am just so adamant about trying to get him back," she said. "He's like a family member for me."

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State charter leader sees power grab

CTU votes this week on inviting peers at privately run schools

By JUAN PEREZ JR.
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Chicago Teachers Union members will vote this week on a merger with organized charter school teachers, an effort the head of the state's charter advocacy group described as a power grab that would erode the independence of the publicly financed but privately run schools.

CTU's vote, which begins Thursday, follows months of organizing and marks the latest development in a gradual alignment of educators at Chicago's traditionally operated schools and its charters. Changes to the CTU constitution under consideration would allow other teachers — possibly including those at Catholic schools — to come into the union fold "at a later date," union members have been told by leadership.

"I think it's certainly a technique for CTU to try to grab power, no doubt about that," Illinois Network of Charter Schools President Andrew Broy said in a conference call with reporters Tuesday.

"Certainly this is much more of a political play for the CTU than it is a play that is good for

either charter school teachers or, more importantly, in my view, the students educated in those charter schools," he said.

Chicago charter schools, seen by supporters as hubs for educational innovation that can operate without organized labor, in recent years have witnessed multiple union drives and have also been subject to protests over pay and working conditions as well as strike threats.

The union said its goal is to bring contract standards enjoyed by its members to charters.

"For a long time, charters have been the (education) reform flavor of the month. You've seen a lot of wealthy businesses investing in that sector," CTU Vice President Jesse Sharkey said Monday.

"As long as the charter sector is a low-wage educational sweatshop, if you will, there's going to continue to be bosses that are interested in vesting in that sector," Sharkey said.

"And the only thing that's going to actually turn the tide on that and change that is if charter teachers themselves get a voice in their workplace, get strong unions. We feel having a unified teachers' voice in the city of Chicago would only help in that regard," he said.

The city's unionized charter

teachers are represented by the Chicago Alliance of Charter Teachers and Staff, a branch of the American Federation of Teachers. ChiACTS says it represents 1,000 teachers and staff at 32 charter campuses. There are about 120 charter schools under CPS.

The charter union has sought to bring Chicago's most prominent independently operated network under its wing: the Noble Network of Charter Schools, a system with prominent backers including Gov. Bruce Rauner, the billionaire Pritzker family and Chicago Board of Education President Frank Clark.

Teachers at smaller charter operators continue to organize. Earlier this month, educators at the Namaste elementary charter school in the South Side's McKinley Park neighborhood filed their intent to unionize with the National Labor Relations Board.

The merger would build on an existing agreement between CTU and ChiACTS that has subsidized contract negotiating prowess and other staff support for charter teachers.

Organized charter teachers operate under separate contracts negotiated with each individual charter operator. Such fragmented negotiations would continue to occur with a merger, but the constitutional

changes would create a "charter school division" inside the CTU's ranks and represent teachers through what leaders have described as a single federated union.

"We have never opposed unions because they're unions, we just want to make sure that if a charter school chooses to be represented in that way and collectively bargain with ... their school, that they do it in a way that maintains the things that make charter schools unique," Broy said.

CTU spokeswoman Christine Geovanis said the merger would ensure, in part, "that every worker has a living wage and rights that are respected."

"This merger and this federated union bring to the table exactly what Broy opposes — a united workforce with shared values and a common mission: the dignity of educators, a voice with agency for parents, and the resources and supports that every public school student deserves," Geovanis said in a statement.

CTU delegates will run elections in schools Thursday, with ballot boxes expected to be delivered to union headquarters for counting by the end of the day Friday.

A final vote total is expected next week.

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Duckworth to make Senate history with upcoming birth of 2nd child

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth is expecting her second child, she announced Tuesday.

"Northwestern Medicine Fertility strikes again," Duckworth, who's been vocal about her family's use of assisted reproductive measures, told me Tuesday afternoon.

Duckworth will turn 50 in March. She and her husband, Bryan Bowlsbey, have a daughter, Abigail O'kalani Bowlsbey, who was born in November 2014.

Their second child, a girl, is due in April.

"It's a terrible thing, but I'm listed as a geriatric mother," she said with a laugh. "It's called a geriatric pregnancy on all of my medical charts. I don't let that bother me though. I think 50-year-old moms are the new 40-year-old moms."

Duckworth will be the first woman to give birth while serving in the U.S. Senate, though not the first to do so while serving in Congress.

U.S. Rep. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, D-Calif., whose daughter was born in 1973, was the first woman to give birth as a member of Congress. U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash, has had three children since being elected to Congress in 2004.

Kirsten Gillibrand gave birth to a son in 2008, while serving as a U.S. representative for New York's 20th Congressional District.

She was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2009.

Duckworth had her first child while she was serving in the U.S. House.

"I feel great," she said. "I was just able to go on a congressional delegation to Korea and Japan. I went up to the (Demilitarized Zone) and had lots of good meetings about the threat of war with North Korea and came home to a major policy speech at Georgetown (University) on North Korea and nuclearization and went right into this (government) shutdown fight."

"You've got to keep working," she said. "But I'm healthy. I'm well-monitored, and the doctors say I'm doing just fine."

Duckworth lost both legs in 2004 during the Iraq War when the Black Hawk helicopter she was piloting was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

She was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016 after representing Illinois' 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for two terms. She also served as assistant secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In September, Duckworth wrote an op-ed for Cosmopolitan, advocating for more lactation rooms in airports and outlining the bipartisan legislation she introduced to make that happen.

I asked her whether parenting changes the way she legislates.

"It does shape the way I represent the people of Illinois and the nation," she said. "I think back to when I was deployed to Iraq and what it was like for people to leave their children and babies. I know women who left 8-week-old infants. This trip to Japan and Korea was seven days, and it's the longest I've been away from my daughter, and it was horrible."

"Abigail just turned 3, and we're talking about preschool," she continued. "I think about people who don't have options for preschool. All of these things start to really



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change my priorities and my focus. I've always been supportive of all these

issues, but I live them every day now. It's very humbling."

I asked her how it will feel to be the first woman to give birth while serving in the U.S. Senate.

"Well, it's about damn time," she said. "I can't believe it took until 2018. It says something about the inequality of representation that exists in our

country.

"Men have been having children while they've been in office," she said. "I hope if anything comes out of the Women's March, it's that we get more and more women running for office. It would be good to have some company here."

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Sen. Tammy Duckworth and her husband, Bryan Bowlsbey, are set to have their second child, a girl, in April.

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Mom tells of her 'life-shattering' loss

Man sentenced to 80 years for girl's 1985 murder

By Clifford Ward and Christy Gutowski
Chicago Tribune

After more than three decades, the legal case against the man who killed Kristy Wesselman ended Tuesday, but it leaves many what-ifs and what-might-have-beens that will never be answered.

Michael R. Jones, 64, the man who pleaded guilty last week to killing the 15-year-old girl in DuPage County in 1985, was sentenced to 80 years in prison Tuesday, formally wrapping up a sexual assault and murder mystery that had vexed police for three decades prior to Jones' arrest in 2015.

Kristy's mother, Sandy Wesselman, called it an amazing day, but said the impact of her daughter's death still reverberates and always will.

"I can go home and try to be a real person — whatever that is," Wesselman told reporters at a news conference after Jones' sentencing hearing.

During the court proceeding, Wesselman recounted anecdotes from her daughter's brief life. She recalled the bright girl who already knew how to read before she started school, the feisty high school freshman who wanted to play on the football team, the promising student chosen to be in the honor guard for a 1984 campaign appearance by President Ronald Reagan.

Wesselman recalled her daughter's response when asked if she was excited about appearing with the president: "Mom, he's just an old man."

The woman also shared sadder memories from after her daughter's murder, like attaching Kristy's first Communion pin to her older daughter's wedding dress so that Kristy could be in some small way be a part of that family milestone.

"The pain of having a child murdered is life-shat-



Sandy Wesselman speaks Tuesday after the sentencing of a man who pleaded guilty to killing her daughter in 1985.

tering," Wesselman told a packed courtroom. "What she would have become will forever be an unfinished book."

Wesselman did not address the man who killed her daughter. Jones himself declined to address the court.

Judge George Bakalis described Jones, who was living in Champaign at the time of his arrest, as "evil incarnate" and a "real-life Jekyll and Hyde." The judge noted that the 80-year term will effectively be a life sentence for Jones, who had two prior sexual assault arrests and one conviction.

Kristy's body was found in a weed-choked field near her Glen Ellyn-area home on July 22, 1985, a day after she went missing. She'd walked through the field to buy soda and a chocolate bar from a grocery.

Kristy had been fatally stabbed and assaulted, and the crime sparked an intense investigation but yielded no arrests until 2015, when Jones was required to submit DNA to a national database in a domestic violence investigation. The database matched his DNA to a

sample collected in the Wesselman murder.

In initial police interviews, Jones denied killing and sexually assaulting the victim. But last week, on the eve of his trial, he pleaded guilty to murder and agreed to accept the maximum sentence available under the law as it stood in 1985.

He had been paroled about two years before Kristy's death, following his conviction for assaulting a woman in 1977 in Schiller Park, where he then lived.

That victim, Geri Michael, now 67, appeared at a news conference Tuesday following the sentencing. She said she was never notified that Jones was released after serving only six years of a 10- to 20-year sentence.

"I would have tried to keep him in," she said. "Obviously, he didn't change."

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said the shock of the Wesselman murder had never completely abated, even after three decades.

"Since 1985, this case has been a black cloud over the people of DuPage County," Berlin said. "Today that cloud was finally lifted by the forces of justice."

He lauded the DuPage



Michael R. Jones arrives Tuesday at the DuPage County Courthouse. He was sentenced to 80 years in prison.

County sheriff's office for decades of work on the case and said they never lost faith that the case would be resolved.

But he acknowledged that some facts of the case may never be known, since Jones was not required to divulge details as part of his plea deal.

"Unfortunately, some questions there will never be answers to. One thing we know for sure, it was him," Berlin said.

During Tuesday's hearing, the courtroom gallery was filled with former police detectives and others in law enforcement, including Illinois Appellate Justice Joseph Birkett, who as the former DuPage County state's attorney authored the DNA law that

led years later to Jones' arrest.

Kevin Buchholz flew from his home in Hollywood, Fla., at his own expense to witness the tragic cold case's final chapter.

It was Buchholz who in 1985 as a sheriff's detective found Kristy's body and who was left with the solemn task of notifying the slain girl's mother.

"It was personal closure for me," he said. "I didn't want to just read about it online. ... I said to myself, 'I have to go. I have to go.'"

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If out there, cougar elusive

Experts aren't able to confirm animal was in DuPage field

By John Keilman
Chicago Tribune

A cougar allegedly spotted Friday in Glendale Heights has not been seen again, and officials say they have found no physical evidence to confirm that a big cat actually visited the suburbs.

Brian Kraskiewicz, an ecologist with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, said a visitor and a police officer spotted the cat wandering through a field near a dog park in the East Branch Forest Preserve. But neither was able to get a photo before the animal slipped away, he said, and officials didn't find telltale tracks in the snow.

"Most likely it was just passing through, if it truly was a cougar," he said. "There are no viable populations in Illinois, though there are sightings every now and then."

A woman also reported seeing a cougar in Oak Brook's York Woods on Monday, but Kraskiewicz said that turned out to be a false alarm. The animal, spotted in the dark, was apparently a coyote, he said.

Doug Dufford of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, which does follow-up investigations of possible cougar sightings, said that while the animals' main habitat is in South Dakota, some young males roam the Midwest in search of territory after being ejected from their home ranges by older cougars.

Residents in recent years have reported seeing cougars in Glencoe and Highland Park, though neither was confirmed. The most recent confirmed sighting came in 2014 in Effingham County, when a trail camera captured an image of a cougar.

A DNR officer in 2013 shot a cougar hiding under a corncrib near rural Morrison, an incident that sparked a debate over how to handle roaming big cats.

Dufford said the agency is finalizing a protocol that calls for restraint in dealing with the animals, allowing them to go on their way unless they have attacked someone or otherwise pose a danger to the public.

"These guys seem to be able to handle themselves reasonably well," he said.

Kraskiewicz said the forest preserve has mounted cameras and warning signs in the area where the cougar was reported on the chance it's still around. But that's unlikely to be the case, he said.

"If it does hang out for a little bit, maybe we'll catch it on the cameras," he said. "But oftentimes, if it is passing through, it's already gone by the time authorities respond."

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Capitol staff told to take Legionella precautions

By Bill Lukitsch
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Employees at the Illinois Capitol have been told to use just a "pencil-sized stream of water" to wash their hands after a test of the water system revealed the possible presence of the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease.

Officials announced the preliminary test results in an email sent late Monday evening. In recent weeks, Bruce Rauner's administration has faced criticism over how it handled a deadly outbreak of the disease at a state-run veterans home.

House Speaker Michael Madigan's chief of staff,

Tim Mapes, sent a memo Tuesday saying that until further tests are complete, "everyone in the Capitol is advised to have a pencil-sized stream of water when washing their hands" and "turn off all nebulizers and humidifiers." The direction came after Democratic and Republican staff met with Secretary of State Jesse White's office, health officials and environmental consultants.

It's unclear how those washing their hands in bathrooms with automatic faucets should follow those guidelines, but White spokesman Henry Haupt said maintenance workers would remove faucet aerators. He said showers also would be disabled, includ-

ing one in the governor's office and those belonging to legislative leaders.

Legionnaires' disease is most often contracted by inhaling mist or vapor that contains the Legionella bacteria. It is not contagious and people cannot get sick from drinking contaminated water, according to the state health department. The elderly are at a higher risk.

No reports of the disease have surfaced among state employees in Springfield or members of the public, according to the announcement. The test was conducted after a pipe burst in the 14-building complex's hot water system. It will take about two weeks before additional testing can

confirm the bacteria's presence.

Haupt said Monday's initial warning was sent "out of an abundance of caution." He said officials with the Illinois Department of Public Health and industry experts have advised that the "transmission of this bacteria in normal, day-to-day operations is unlikely."

Testing was done at 10 sites, including the main Capitol building, the State Library, the Howlett administrative building and the State Armory, where the broken pipe was located. The preliminary positive result came from the armory, which is vacant.

Lawmakers are sched-

uled to return to the Capitol next week for the governor's annual state of the state address. A legislative panel has questioned Rauner's response to an outbreak that began in 2015 at the veterans home in Quincy in western Illinois that left 13 people dead. Another hearing into the matter is scheduled for early February.

The outbreak received renewed attention after a WBEZ-FM 91.5 investigative report that found that families were not notified until after afflicted residents were fatally sick. Family members have filed suit against the state in at least 11 cases.

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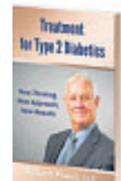
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Pritzker, Biss take swings in debate

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But it was the Pritzker-Biss back-and-forth that emerged most clearly as the six Democratic governor hopefuls took part in an event hosted by NBC-Ch. 5 and Telemundo along with the Chicago Urban League and the Union League Club of Chicago.

"He's obviously worried. He kept naming me all night long," Biss said of Pritzker afterward. Later, Biss added, "What I left here wondering (was), 'What's in J.B. Pritzker's polling data? Why on this day was J.B. Pritzker all of a sudden going after me?'"

Pritzker is widely regarded as the front-runner ahead of the March 20 primary election, benefiting from pouring more than \$42 million of his fortune into TV advertising and building up his campaign while the Democratic establishment has coalesced around his candidacy.

That has left Kennedy and Biss running as outsiders and trying to emerge as Pritzker's top rival in hopes of shaping public perception that the contest is down to two candidates.

Biss, a seven-year lawmaker from Evanston, has been courting Democratic primary voters who liked Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders instead of Clinton in 2016. On Tuesday night, Biss went after the Democratic credentials of Pritzker, who has a long history of party activism and campaign fundraising before now seeking his first statewide elected office.

"I do think it's relevant to speak to the question of what a Democrat is, because J.B. went on television in 2012 and said he wasn't sure if he'd support Barack Obama's re-election campaign," Biss said. "He had to wait and see who the Republicans nominated. That's not what Democrats do. Democrats support Democrats."

Pritzker was a longtime supporter of Clinton, backing her over Obama in the 2008 Democratic presidential primary. In a March 2012 Bloomberg TV interview, Pritzker was asked if he'd support Obama's re-election as president. "We'll have to wait and see. I don't know who the nominee's going to be on the Republican side," Pritzker replied.

During Tuesday night's debate, Pritzker responded to Biss' attack. "I supported Barack Obama in 2012 and 2008 and I was chosen to run his early childhood summit," Pritzker said.

The attack came after Pritzker was asked whether Democratic support for his



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Democratic governor candidates J.B. Pritzker, from left, Chris Kennedy, Daniel Biss, Bob Daiber, Tio Hardiman and Robert Marshall take their places Tuesday before the first televised Democratic gubernatorial forum at NBC-Ch. 5 in Chicago.

candidacy would influence the way he would deal with House Speaker Michael Madigan, who also chairs the state Democratic Party, and Joe Berrios, the Cook County assessor who chairs the Cook County Democratic organization.

"I've been an independent leader and independent thinker my entire life, and that won't change when I become governor. There are things that I'll agree with the speaker of the House about and things that I'll disagree with the speaker of the House," said Pritzker, who cited his support for independent redrawing of legislative districts and term limits on legislative leaders. Madigan is the nation's longest-serving state House speaker, holding that power for all but two years since 1983.

Biss said Pritzker "completely dodged" the question and contended the businessman is the Democrat whom a re-election-seeking Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner would most like to face in November.

"The best thing for (Rauner) in this election is to run against another billionaire who's Mike Madigan's candidate," Biss said.

"If we want to be successful, we can't afford to do that. And so I think it's important to nominate someone with a record of standing up to Mike Madigan."

Pritzker responded that Biss was "the only candidate on this stage that voted for Mike Madigan for speaker of the House, that ran Mike Madigan's super (political action committee) in 2016, and you've accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from Springfield insiders and bankers and lobbyists."

"So I don't think you're the one to lecture here," Pritzker said to Biss. "I think you should just be who you are and stop criticizing others."

Biss served in the House for one term and backed Madigan for speaker before moving to the Senate. In 2016, Madigan's personal campaign fund gave \$500,000 to Leading Illinois for Tomorrow, a federal PAC Biss ran that made about \$10 million in independent expenditures, mainly for TV ads seeking to link Rauner to then-Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

As Pritzker focused his criticism on Biss, Pritzker completely ignored Kennedy, who had interjected that "Pritzker's emerged as the poster child for pay-to-play politics in this state."

Kennedy cited Rauner-funded TV ads featuring November 2008 FBI recordings of Pritzker speaking to now-imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich discussing various scenarios for filling the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Obama, who had been elected president. Though Blagojevich was widely known to be under major federal investigation at that point — which Pritzker acknowledged on the recordings — Pritzker was seeking a potential appointment as state treasurer if Blagojevich had a vacancy to fill in that office.

"You hear (Pritzker) on those tapes giving money to Blagojevich and then trying to get appointed to the treasurer's job," said Kennedy, a reference to earlier Pritzker campaign contributions to Blagojevich. "You hear him supporting people like Joe Berrios, Mike Madigan and getting the endorsement of the Demo-

cratic Party. You see him emerge as this force that is changing not only the pay-to-play politics in our state but changing it into something even worse."

Kennedy has been criticized by Democrats for his unusual praise of Rauner for both airing the Pritzker-Blagojevich ad and attacking entrenched Democratic interests. Even though Kennedy has said he is an "absolute critic" of the GOP governor, he also credited Rauner with "taking on this pay-to-play culture that needs to be criticized."

How rank-and-file Democrats view Kennedy's pro-Rauner comments may be one factor in the attention Pritzker is now devoting to Biss.

The fast-moving forum also included Downstate Madison County regional school superintendent Bob Daiber, Chicago activist Tio Hardiman and perennial candidate Robert Marshall. Moderator Carol Marin covered a variety of topics, ranging from support for increasing the gas tax to whether the state should risk the loss of federal funding by granting sanctuary status to immigrants who

are living in the U.S. illegally. Only Daiber backed a gas-tax hike, while all of them supported sanctuary status.

All of the candidates except Marshall favor replacing the state's current 4.95 percent personal income-tax rate, which Democratic and Republican lawmakers raised last summer, with a graduated tax that would place a higher levy on higher incomes akin to the federal system. The change, which would require a voter-approved constitutional amendment, couldn't be considered for at least two years.

Pritzker, Biss and Kennedy declined to specify the highest tax rate they would support on those making the most money, but Pritzker and Kennedy each said Illinois should adopt changes to the state's tax code to grant additional tax credits to help the middle class until a graduated tax could be considered.

Among the top candidates, Biss is the only supporter of a financial transaction tax, known as the "LaSalle Street tax," on individual transactions in Chicago's financial and commodity exchanges. Such a tax, he said, could generate up to \$8 billion. But the transactions tax, long supported by the Chicago Teachers Union, is viewed as unlikely in an era of digitized trading in which exchanges could leave Chicago. The comment prompted a rebuke from Kennedy, who suggested Biss was trying to "promise something we can't deliver."

The major contenders also voiced wariness over state incentives and tax breaks to lure such companies as Amazon in its search for a second headquarters, though they didn't offer specifics.

"It has become a race to the bottom, unfortunately, around the nation where municipalities and states are offering huge tax benefits to bring companies to their state," Pritzker said. "Talent is what companies are looking for. We've got to invest in that."

Biss said the incentive issue is central to "what kind of economy we're trying to build" and that "large corporations that are famous enough to get a headline in the newspaper, that are big enough to hire the right lobbyists in Springfield, put their hands out. They get what they want."

Said Kennedy: "I think bringing companies, buying them into the states is a terrible economic development philosophy."

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Defendant wrote 124-page manifesto on pimping

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male sexual misconduct, Mr. Biancofiore cannot hope to select a jury that is untainted by the veritable flood of reporting on the subject," Biancofiore's attorney, Andrea Gambino, wrote in her recent motion.

In asking U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber to delay a trial scheduled to begin Monday, Gambino said she needed more time to fashion a questionnaire that would identify potential jurors who have participated in the #MeToo movement or may be prejudiced by "their own individual experiences with male sexual misconduct."

She also cited the intense media coverage of the marathon sentencing hearing for former Michigan State University doctor Larry Nassar, who admitted to sexually abusing dozens of young women — including Olympic gymnasts — under the guise of medical treatment.

Gambino declined to comment Tuesday. The U.S. attorney's office has yet to respond to the requested delay. Leinenweber is scheduled to hear the motion Thursday, records show.

Whatever the judge decides, court records show that a potentially biased jury pool is just one of Biancofiore's problems.

His lawyers are also trying to keep federal prose-



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Benjamin Biancofiore, of Naperville, was charged in 2016 with sex trafficking.

cutors from introducing as evidence a 124-page handwritten manifesto on pimping that was seized from Biancofiore's apartment after his arrest in 2016 in Colorado.

Gambino has described the document as an "incomplete work of fiction" and said it would be extremely prejudicial if it were allowed in the trial.

In the document, Biancofiore wrote in thinly veiled autobiographical style about what it takes to be a good pimp — a businessman he described as "a distinctive character with an exceptional intellect who possesses the ability to deal with the most difficult tasks with ease," prosecutors said in their motion filed last month.

A good pimp, Biancofiore wrote, "has the power to bring out the best in the worst kind of women, whereas most men cant even control one woman," according to the prosecution filing.

He also detailed how he traveled the country with the women he trafficked, setting up sex ads on classified websites and "makin' money in no time," according to prosecutors.

In one section, Biancofiore wrote how he stopped in Pittsburgh with a victim for a weekend, adding that if she "even gave (him) a look" he didn't like, he "was knocking her across the room," prosecutors said.

In her motion asking Leinenweber to keep the jury from seeing the manuscript, Gambino said he began writing the "novel" while doing a stint in prison on an unrelated case and that while some of it was based on Biancofiore's life experiences, the vast majority of the events depicted are fictitious.

"His audience was himself and a select group of his fellow prisoners," Gambino wrote. "An individual's unpublished manuscript, clearly intended to be a novel or other work of fiction, is the embodiment of an individual's 'private inner sanctum of individual feeling and thought.'"

At least three alleged victims are expected to testify that Biancofiore, 38, ran a lucrative sex trafficking business out of his Naperville town home.

A 33-page complaint filed in May 2016 portrayed Biancofiore as relishing the punishment he handed out

to the women he trafficked. One victim told authorities he frequently pummeled another woman while dressed up like a boxer with a black hooded shirt over his head and mixed martial arts-type fingerless gloves with hard plastic knuckles, according to the charges.

Court records show that several of the alleged victims have a history of prostitution and drug arrests — a fact that prosecutors are seeking to keep Gambino from raising at trial. At least two of the women Biancofiore is alleged to have abused also had a romantic relationship with him at one time, court filings in the case show.

Biancofiore, who has been jailed without bond since his arrest, faces up to life in prison if convicted. Two of his alleged associates are also facing charges, court records show.

The sex trafficking charges were just the latest in a two-decade string of alleged criminal activity for Biancofiore.

In 2016, the Tribune detailed in a front-page article how Biancofiore, a reputed west suburban gang member, was given a stunning second chance two decades ago after a Wheaton teenager he'd robbed and beaten, David Kinkley, committed suicide by stepping in front of a train.

Even in the face of the horrific tragedy, Kinkley's parents pushed for leniency.

Biancofiore, then 18, was given just six months in jail — a saga of compassion and forgiveness that was featured in the Tribune and in a later episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Kinkley's mother, Marianne, told the Tribune at the time she and her husband struggled with forgiveness but genuinely cared about Biancofiore's future and feared that spending time in prison amid its rampant gang culture would harden him.

"We asked, 'What's wrong with this picture?'" she said. "It made zero sense to me. In that situation, what was going to keep this kid from eventually doing this to another family?"

Despite his good fortune, Biancofiore didn't straighten out his life. Court records show he amassed a series of arrests in the years after Kinkley's death, culminating with an 18-month stint in prison for a 2011 gun conviction.

Federal prosecutors alleged that Biancofiore began his sex trafficking operation a short time after his release.

In the beginning, Biancofiore, who went by the nickname "Beanz," would accompany his victims to motel rooms and other locations where they met clients for sex, waiting in a car outside to collect the cash they were paid. He gave the women only a small fraction

of what they earned, sometimes paying only in heroin, according to the charges.

He recruited women through a Facebook page littered with testimonials to Biancofiore's gangster lifestyle, including photos of him posing next to luxury cars and wearing expensive jewelry. One video depicted him dropping \$100 bills on the floor while rap music played in the background.

His profile also celebrated his affinity for the tattoos that adorn nearly his entire body. One tattoo across his neck reads, in script, "Power in Motivating People." Another on his abdomen says, "Play for Kids."

In May 2016, just a week before his arrest, a shirtless Biancofiore posted a photo of himself giving the middle finger to the camera with the caption "(Expletive) the law!"

On his finger was a ring that spelled out "MOB" — standing for "money over bitches," prosecutors said — in diamonds.

According to the charges, shortly after Biancofiore got the ring, he asked all the girls who worked for him, "Who is the first one that wants to get this imprinted on their face?"

A few days later, Biancofiore followed through on his threat, the complaint alleged.

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3 Norge Ski Club members in Games

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Brown, of Fox River Grove, credited the team's growing success to coaches, particularly Smith, a member of the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame. He also noted that the club opened its own training center 17 years ago.

The club's biggest jump is a 70-meter hill, which stands 160 feet. More than a dozen years ago, Norge bought that tower from the town of Ely, Minn., to replace its aging 60-meter jump.

"We have a lot of dedicated parents who have helped pay for training and (have) done fundraising for the club and its operation," Brown said.

For the Glasders, Bickners and Larsons, the club became a second home when their kids were growing up.

Maureen Bickner said her son, Kevin, who has been downhill skiing since he was 4 and took to ski jumping when he was 10, learned on the artificial surface at the Norge Ski Club and its training center. Kevin Bickner fell the first three times, landed on his next try and was hooked from that moment, Maureen Bickner said.

"The following winter we were out downhill skiing, and Kevin said to me he always had thought he'd be in the Olympics for downhill, but now he would be there for the ski jump. He was so serious. So sure of himself," Maureen Bickner said. "That seems so long ago. It doesn't seem real, and now that moment is here."

Kathy Glasder, of Cary, said her son, Mike, almost made the team in 2010 and 2014.

"His dream is now reality," she said. "Mike had the courage, determination and strength, and never gave up."

Guy Larson said ski jumping has been a favorite activity for Casey, who started at 6 years old, with his sister, Cara, taking to the sport shortly thereafter.

"They always enjoyed all types of skiing and snowboarding," Guy Larson said.

Guy Larson said his son played football, baseball and lacrosse, but by high school he was on a U.S. developmental ski jump team.

"A coach had told Casey if he stuck with ski jumping he might make the Olympics, so that's where he put his focus," Guy Larson said.

Casey graduated from high school a year early to allow him to compete on the international level, Guy Larson said.

"This is really, really exciting. I thought for a time it was a long shot, but Casey has a tremendous work ethic. All ski jumpers at that level do. It's one of the hardest sports, both physically and mentally," Guy Larson said.

Kathy Glasder said the family's home is just across the Fox River from Norge Ski Club, and Mike took up the sport when he was 5 years old.

"It was during Christmas break. They found a pair of skis there for him to use that were so old they had 'flower power' stickers on them," Kathy Glasder said.



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Casey Larson, of Barrington, competes last March in Slovenia. Larson is expected to be named to the U.S. Olympic team.



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Kevin Bickner is one of three Norge Ski Club members expected to compete in the Winter Olympics.



FAMILY PHOTOS

Mike Glasder, left, and Casey Larson started ski jumping as young boys at the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove.

Mike's uncle, John Glasder, had been a ski jumper and was teaching him some basics. When lunchtime came around, Mike didn't want to eat.

"He said he wanted to do it until he got it right," Kathy Glasder said. "He loved it."

A year later, Mike was taking part in his first competition, and from those days always wanted to be the first one on the hill, Kathy Glasder said. The family juggled schedules while the boys were growing up, with

Kathy, a dental hygienist, frequently heading to weekend meets in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"The club became a second family for us, and coach Scott Smith became a second dad for Mike," Kathy Glasder said.

By the time Mike was 14, he stopped playing soccer and baseball. He was competing on the international level in ski jumping. That meant missing a good amount of school, but he was keeping up with his studies

while overseas, Kathy Glasder said.

When he was in junior high school, Mike took to writing to friends, family and organizations, including the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council, seeking financial assistance, Kathy Glasder said. During the off-season he worked construction jobs. Kathy Glasder said that included work with other jumpers in Park City, site of the Olympic training center.

"Knock wood, but Mike's only injury happened several years ago with some sidework. He was moving a pile of downed trees with an ATV and broke his collarbone. He's never been hurt ski jumping," Kathy Glasder said.

While ski jumping appears perilous, Kathy Glasder said there are risks with competing in any sport. As a parent, injuries might be in the back of her mind, she said. "But you try not to think about it. Mike knows what he needs to do. He's trained properly and he's well-coached."

Getting to this moment meant a move for the Bickner family from Wauconda to Park

City after Kevin made the developmental squad at 16.

Maureen said she took a job teaching math at the winter sports school there for athletes, while her husband, Tom, is in a tech sales job that allows him to work anywhere there is an international airport.

Parents of the skiers are planning their trips to South Korea, where the Olympic Games in Pyeongchang are scheduled to start Feb. 8 (opening ceremonies are the following day).

The Bickners and the Larsons said they have seen their sons previously compete on the international level. For the Glasders, though, this will be the first time they will be traveling to see their son compete outside the United States.

"I'm verklempt about that," Maureen Glasder said. "We don't even know yet if we will get to see Mike when we're there, so we're planning to get to the venue early in case we do."

For Fox River Grove Village President Bob Nunamaker, the Olympic news only adds to the excitement of one of the biggest weekends of the year for his community. He again will be volunteering at the Norge Winter Tournament over the weekend, which is expected to draw a large crowd.

"There's a tremendous amount of civic pride and pride in the guys and the team," Nunamaker said. "The three making the Olympics means great recognition for the management of the Norge Ski Club."

Sedivec said that the biggest crowd at the annual tournament he could recall was the Sunday in 1989 when British ski jumper Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards made a guest appearance.

The Sunday of the club's tournament always is the busiest day of the year for the nearby Tin Man's Cup Sports Pub, and bartender Madelyn Brown said they expect it to be even bigger this year.

"I think it will be busier than usual. There's been a lot of talk already," Brown said.

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State releases scores from 2016 science test — finally

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The Illinois State Board of Education last week released long-delayed scores for the 2016 state science exam for schools and districts, raising questions about what those results will mean for educators and families.

Kids who took the eighth-grade science exam in 2016 have already moved on to high school; fifth-graders in elementary schools have moved on to middle school. And schools in general that have high student mobility may have a tough time getting scores to families who by now could be out of the district, state or country, educators say.

State test results are generally available to schools and parents within months. But the science test results may not have much value at this point, some administrators said.

"What am I going to do with the eighth-grade scores from two years ago,

and do I want to incur that (mailing) cost?" said Carol Baker, a longtime science educator who is now a grade school superintendent in Lyons School District 103.

The new science exam launched in 2015-16 was based on the Next Generation Science Standards that move away from memorizing science facts and toward analysis in key areas of science and engineering. The tests were administered to 420,000 fifth- and eighth-graders and students taking biology classes in high school.

But given budget problems, technical issues and troubles with the federal government, ISBE said it faced continued challenges to get out the scores.

As a result, ISBE said it doesn't plan to post the 2016 science results on the 2016 Illinois Report Card, the major online source of information for public schools.

The 2017 scores are expected to be released to

districts in February, according to ISBE.

Individual student score reports for both the 2016 and 2017 science exams are scheduled to be sent to districts early this year, but it's not clear whether those reports will get to families.

ISBE said "school districts have the discretion whether and when to distribute the score reports to students and families," according to the agency.

That raised concerns for Susie Morrison, a former high-level administrator at the agency and now an ISBE board member. "I noticed we're just leaving it up to individual districts to disseminate (student score reports). I don't know. That raised a little flag for me," Morrison said.

Mary Reynolds, executive director of innovation and secondary transformation at ISBE, stressed that families have a right to the scores and that parents can always request student score reports from their school district, or even from

ISBE if districts do not send out the reports.

Overall, the science results were unusually high compared with state exams in reading and math, called Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or PARCC.

For example, about 32 to 35 percent of fifth-graders statewide were considered proficient on state exams in reading and math in 2016. But 57.5 percent of fifth-graders scored proficient on the new science exam in 2016.

For eighth-graders, 61.1 percent of test takers were considered proficient, considerably higher than the reading and math scores for eighth-graders who took PARCC.

Baker said the science proficiency numbers could be higher because the state set only two levels of performance: proficient and not proficient. In PARCC reading and math, the performance levels are more nuanced, with five levels reflecting achievement.

Federal law requires states to administer science exams three times from grade school through high school, and ISBE got into hot water with the U.S. Department of Education in 2015 because it did not give an exam that year. The state said it was switching to new science learning standards and did not want to give an outdated test to kids.

However, the state was put on "high-risk status" and could have lost millions of federal dollars if it did not administer a science test. Illinois is no longer under that high-risk category, according to federal officials.

At the high school level, the student testing roster is more complicated because the science exams are not given to every student in the same grade. The state administers the test to high school students in certain biology classes.

At Lemont High School, only 149 students took the science exam in 2016 in part because not all incoming freshmen take biology.

Tina Malak, who oversees curriculum, assessment and instruction at the school, said the students who do take biology are all honors students, and those are the kids who took the 2016 science exam. In all, 93 percent of Lemont's test takers were considered proficient. "The caveat is, these are all our honors kids," Malak said.

That 93 percent is much higher than results in the old days of state science exams, according to state data, though those former science exams included aspects of science besides biology.

Malak said the school and the school board will have to figure out when and how to send out the 2016 score reports to families. "Scores that are 2 years old, they don't help us much."

Parents can view school and district science scores on ISBE's website, isbe.net/Pages/Illinois-Science-Assessment.aspx.

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ANALYSIS

VP goes to wall for Trump, suffers brickbats

Pence's survival path is to praise boss, take hits

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JERUSALEM — Sitting directly across the table from Jordan's King Abdullah II, Vice President Mike Pence's face had a placid, mask-like quality as Abdullah publicly lit into him over and over for not heeding Arab concerns over the White House decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The king's voice, polished at Sandhurst and Oxford, quavered slightly as he admonished Pence — sternly calling him “sir” as TV cameras rolled — for ignoring a year's worth of “continuously voiced” objections to Washington. Vowing to be “candid and frank,” he warned of a “potential major source of instability” for Jordan and the region.

It was a rare face-to-face public rebuke of an American vice president, and a public humiliation that Pence's boss, President Donald Trump, is unlikely to have sat through so quietly. Pence said later that he and Abdullah “agreed to disagree.”

Pence's stoic response Sunday in Amman, like the rest of the four-day Middle East tour he wrapped up Tuesday, shows he has honed a unique set of survival skills for serving under a mercurial and vindictive president: Heap double scoops of praise on Trump and his agenda, and be prepared to absorb the uncomfortable criticism of U.S. allies.



Vice President Mike Pence touches the Western Wall during a visit Tuesday to the holy site in Jerusalem.

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It obviously wasn't as bad as when Vice President Richard Nixon's car was pelted with rocks and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Caracas, Venezuela, in May 1958. Still, it's hard to remember a more recent vice president who has pushed the limits of carrying political grudges abroad or endured such public slights and snubs on an overseas trip.

It began when the trip was repeatedly postponed as anger and protests spread across the Middle East over Trump's Dec. 6 decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Pence's aides billed the three-nation trip as a chance to smooth relations with close allies and to offer support to the region's Christian minority. But after Trump's decision, the head of Egypt's Coptic Church said he would not meet with the vice president, and a planned visit to the West Bank city of Bethlehem was scrapped.

Also scrubbed were any meetings with Palestinians after Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority, called for a boycott of Pence's visit and canceled a meeting.

It got worse from there. In Cairo on Saturday,

Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi rebuked him privately and at length, and forced Pence himself to intervene to allow American reporters who had accompanied him on Air Force Two to end a 90-minute standoff with Egyptian officials and to cover their meeting.

The headline in Egypt's state-owned Akhbar al-Yom newspaper described Pence as the vice president for “aborting peace.”

On Sunday, Abdullah publicly chastised Pence at the palace luncheon. “Today we have a major challenge to overcome, especially with some of the

rising frustrations,” he told the vice president as their aides and wives, Queen Rania and Karen Pence, watched silently.

Abdullah's “angry message” was a “dire warning that the U.S. was losing its status and risking its national security,” Issam Qadhmani, a columnist with Jordan's state-owned daily Al Rai, wrote.

On Monday, Pence's speech to the Israeli parliament was disrupted when lawmakers from Arab Joint List, Israel's third biggest party, waved placards and shouted in protest — probably a first for a visiting U.S. leader. Thirteen members

were forcibly escorted from the chamber after grappling with security staff.

That afternoon, after Congress reached a deal to end the shutdown, Pence said “the Schumer shutdown failed” as he stood beside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has relied on Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer as a dependable ally for Israel.

Pence's team believes the three-nation trip was a diplomatic triumph, one they plan to enhance by visiting up to 10 more countries this year, and can use to bolster his otherwise low-wattage record so far if he ever runs for president. They dismiss the complaints as proof that Trump's disruptive policy is shaking up hide-bound views that have failed to produce a Middle East peace deal.

Pence won plaudits in Israel — and among evangelical voters who see Pence as their champion — for announcing that the Trump administration would move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem next year, not five or six years down the road as the State Department previously had indicated.

And Pence's visit is likely to go down well with the Oval Office. Time and again, he said how proud he was to represent Trump — not the United States or the American people, as national politicians normally do.

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Post-shutdown, it's on to immigration showdown

New deadline looms to tackle so-called Dreamers

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WASHINGTON — As Congress searches for a deal to protect so-called Dreamers from deportation, there are parallels to 2013 when immigration legislation won widespread support in the Senate only to be roundly ignored in the more conservative Republican-led House.

But for all the similarities to that undertaking, there are also differences this time around in the politics, players and public opinion, which bring a new dynamic as lawmakers once again try to tackle immigration.

On Tuesday, Congress got to work on relief for the nearly 800,000 immigrants who grew up in the U.S. after arriving illegally as children. President Donald Trump decided to end the program March 5, though a federal judge has ordered it remain in place pending a court challenge.

As part of the agreement to end the shutdown Monday, Congress gave itself less than three weeks to resolve

the issue before the next shutdown threat, Feb. 8, when temporary funding to run the government expires.

“Now, there's a deadline. Kids'll be deported or lose their job or lose their schooling,” said Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., a member of the original gang of eight senators who crafted a 2013 deal and is at the center of this one. “That's the forcing mechanism. That's why it's different.”

Many immigration advocates were displeased with the deal to reopen the government, fearing it created little incentive for Republicans to compromise with Democrats on the immigration issue, which was a problem in 2013, too.

At the time, the bipartisan gang of eight helped pass a bill that, after enduring weeks of hearing and debate, collapsed without consideration in the House under the weight of Republican opposition to President Barack Obama and any hint of “amnesty” for those here illegally.

Then-House Majority Leader Eric Cantor lost a primary election to an unknown newcomer, Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., in part over Cantor's willingness to

consider help for the youngest bloc of immigrants, those in kindergarten. Then-House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, abandoned the immigration bill, but he, too, was later pushed to resign by his party's conservative flank.

Much of that standoff in Congress remains.

A bipartisan group of senators, who represent states rather than narrowly tailored House districts, are working on a compromise, while Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., has assured the conservative House Freedom Caucus — which helped oust Boehner — that he will not bring up an immigration bill that does not have support from the majority of his majority.

“We have a decent shot to get something through the Senate. We have no shot to get something in the House,” said Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice, the immigrant advocacy group. “But if we pass something in the Senate, it puts pressure on Trump to do something.”

Unlike 2013, Republicans now have control of the House and the Senate, and a president from the same party in the White House. Trump has given mixed



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Immigration advocates rally Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington. Lawmakers scrambled to figure out how to forge a deal to protect 800,000 young immigrants from deportation.

views on immigration, but he has said he wants to do something “nice” for the young immigrants, despite his harsh rhetoric and actions toward immigrants and a promise to build a border wall on the Southern border with Mexico.

Confused senators jokingly speak about the “Tuesday president” and the “Thursday president” — referring to the week when Trump welcomed lawmakers to the White House for a televised immigration meeting in which he embraced a bipartisan “bill of love,” only to follow it up two days later when he

rejected a compromise and made vulgar comments about excluding immigrants from poorer, African countries.

The outlines of a potential deal would require both sides to accept compromises that they, as of yet, are not publicly willing to make. An agreement would center on protections for the young immigrants in exchange for border security, including money for Trump's border wall, and changes to family and diversity visas.

A bipartisan group led by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Sen. Dick Durbin,

D-Ill., also members of the 2013 gang, proposed such a bill, but it was rejected by Trump.

Schumer sweetened the offer ahead of the shutdown by putting Trump's \$20 billion wall request on the table, a concession that drew outrage from liberal Democrats, even though the White House disputes it was ever made.

But Trump walked away from that deal, and Schumer said Tuesday that negotiations were starting anew. “The wall offer is off the table,” he said.

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Hawaii Gov. David Ige did not mention the mistaken missile alert during his state address Monday.

Hawaii's Ige lacked Twitter login to wave off missile alert

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Minutes after the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency mistakenly sent a missile alert at 8:07 a.m. Jan. 13 — terrifying residents and visitors across the state — some officials, such as Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, rushed to Twitter to reassure everyone it was a mistake.

But one Twitter account was silent for 17 minutes: that of Hawaii Gov. David Ige. Though Ige was in-

formed by the state's adjutant general that the alert was false two minutes after it was sent, he waited until 8:24 a.m. to tweet, “There is NO missile threat.”

On Monday, after he gave the State of the State address in which he avoided the subject of the missile alert fiasco, reporters demanded an explanation for that long silence.

Ige's answer: He couldn't log into Twitter. “I have to confess that I don't know my Twitter account logons and the passwords, so cer-

tainly that's one of the changes that I've made.”

He also didn't post a correction to Facebook until 23 minutes after the alert went out. “I was in the process of making calls to the leadership team both in Hawaii Emergency Management as well as others,” he added. “The focus really was on trying to get as many people informed about the fact that it was a false alert.”

The state did not issue an official correction until 38 minutes after the errant warning went out.

Ige said he has taken steps to ensure it won't happen again. Namely, he saved his Twitter information on his cellphone.

The missile alert fiasco highlighted flaws both human and technological in the state's civil defense warning system. The false alert was sent out because an employee clicked on the wrong option on an old-fashioned drop-down menu of links. As The Washington Post's Fred Barbash reported:

“The menu, which trig-

gers alerts, contains a jumble of options, ranging from Amber alerts to Tsunami warnings to road closures. Some of them, such as ‘High Surf Warning North Shores,’ are in plain English. “Others, including the one for a missile attack, ‘PACOM (CDW)-STATE ONLY,’ use shorthand initials. (PACOM refers to the United States Pacific Command based in Hawaii.)

“And the menu contained no ballistic missile defense false alarm option — which has now been added.”

Student held after shooting kills 2, hurts 17

Classmates detail how fatal rampage began in Ky. atrium

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BENTON, Ky. — A 15-year-old student killed two classmates and hit a dozen others with gunfire Tuesday, methodically firing a handgun inside a crowded atrium at his rural high school.

“He was determined. He knew what he was doing,” said Alexandria Caporali, 16, who grabbed her stunned friend and ran into a classroom.

“It was one right after another — bang bang bang bang bang,” she said. “You could see his arm jerking as he was pulling the trigger.”

Police led a teenager away in handcuffs minutes later and said the suspect will be charged with murder. Authorities did not identify the gunman responsible for the nation’s first fatal school shooting of 2018, nor did they release any details about a motive.

Kentucky State Police Lt. Michael Webb said detectives are looking into his home and background.

Seventeen students were injured — 12 of them hit with bullets and five others in the scramble as hundreds of students fled for their



Emergency crews and parents rush to Marshall County High School after a shooting Tuesday in Benton, Ky.

lives from Marshall County High School. Many jumped into cars or ran down the highway, some not stopping until they reached a McDonald’s more than a mile away. Parents left their cars on both sides of an adjacent road, desperately trying to find their teenagers.

“No one screamed. It was almost completely silent as

people just ran,” Caporali said. “He just ran out of ammo and couldn’t do anything else. He took off running and tried to get away from the officers.”

The two fatalities were 15 years old: A girl died at the scene, and a boy died later at a hospital, Gov. Matt Bevin said, adding that all of the victims are believed to be students.

The attack marked the year’s first fatal school shooting, 23 days into 2018, according to data compiled by the Gun Violence Archive, which relies on media reports and other information. The anti-violence group Everytown for Gun Safety has counted at least 283 shootings at schools since 2013.

Marshall County High

School is about 30 minutes from Heath High School in Paducah, Ky., where a 1997 mass shooting killed three and injured five. Michael Carneal, then 14, opened fire there nearly two years before the fatal attack at Columbine High School in Colorado, ushering in an era when mass school shootings have become much more common.

Meanwhile, in the small North Texas town of Italy, a 15-year-old girl was recovering Tuesday after police said she was shot by a 16-year-old classmate in her high school cafeteria Monday, sending dozens of students scrambling for safety.

The girl, who authorities have not identified, is “in good spirits,” official said.

“It’s horrifying that we can no longer call school shootings unimaginable’ because the reality is they happen with alarming frequency,” said former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who survived being shot in the head years ago. She called on Congress to strengthen gun laws.

Tuesday’s shooting, moments before classes would have begun, disrupted happy moments at Marshall County High. Lexie Waymon, 16, said she and a friend were talking about the next basketball game, makeup and eyelashes when shots pierced the air.

“I blacked out. I couldn’t move. ... Then I got up and I ran,” she said.

Waymon did not stop running, not even when she called her mom to tell her what happened. She made it to the McDonald’s, her chest hurting, struggling to breathe. “All I could keep thinking was, ‘I can’t believe this is happening. I cannot believe this is happening.’” she said.



A Pakistani girl lights a candle during a memorial for Zainab Ansari, in Islamabad, Pakistan. Zainab, 7, was abducted, raped and killed this month and left in a garbage dump.

After girl’s killing, Pakistani women speak out on abuse

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KASUR, Pakistan — The brutal rape and killing of Zainab Ansari, a 7-year-old girl whose body was left in a garbage dump, has unleashed a wave of revulsion around Pakistan, revealing a string of child abductions and killings by a suspected serial predator and generating outrage at a culture of silence surrounding sexual abuse.

Zainab’s death has even given birth to a nascent Pakistani version of #MeToo movement.

A number of prominent Pakistani women have come forward with their own stories of sexual assault, saying they want to change traditions that consider abuse as a mark of shame for the victim. Those traditions, they say, help predators get away with abuse and encourage an already corrupt police force to ignore such crimes.

Maheen Khan, a legendary Pakistani fashion designer, tweeted that she had been sexually abused as a child by a cleric who taught her the Quran. “I

froze in fear day after day,” she tweeted. At 73, Khan has spoken publicly only once before of the abuse.

“We are now saying enough is enough. We should have woken up long ago,” she said in a telephone interview from her home in the southern city of Karachi. “I am ashamed to say it has taken this one little girl’s death.”

“What disturbs me the most is the silence when a little girl gets raped,” she said. “It has to do with the honor of family. Parents tell their daughters: ‘Don’t talk about it. Don’t tell anyone.’ Our silence is saying it is all right to sexually molest a child.”

The horror of Zainab’s killing was brought home for Pakistanis by a photo of her that went viral on social media, showing the smiling girl in her favorite bright pink coat, with a pink barrette holding back her hair. TV channels aired the photo alongside pictures of her lifeless body found Jan. 9 in Kasur.

Across Pakistan, thousands protested, condemning police inaction and blaming the government

for failing to protect children.

“Whenever anybody saw her picture on social media or on electronic media, everybody started weeping,” said Waqas Abid, a lawyer in Kasur who heads an activist group called the Good Thinkers Organization. “Everybody was self-motivated to come out from his or her house and ask for justice for Zainab.”

The Senate’s Standing Committee on the Interior, which oversees policing, launched an inquiry this week into the sexual assaults in Kasur, as well as into another recent attack in another part of the country — the rape and killing of a 4-year-old named Asma, whose body was left in a field near her home in Kyhber Pakhtunkhwa, in northwestern Pakistan.

Kasur is a congested district of around 2.5 million people in eastern Pakistan, near the border with India. The city of Kasur is surrounded by brick kilns and tanneries and has hundreds of small factories, all of which employ children — making them vulnerable to abuse.

U.S., France to Turkey: Limit attacks against Syrian Kurds

By SARAH EL DEEB AND PHILIP ISSA
Associated Press

BEIRUT — France and the United States on Tuesday urged Turkey to exercise restraint in its offensive against a Kurdish-held enclave in northern Syria, where the U.N. says an estimated 5,000 people have been displaced by the fighting.

Turkish troops and allied Syrian fighters pressed ahead with their operations in Afrin for the fourth day, approaching from three sides and meeting stiff resistance from the U.S.-allied Kurdish militia that controls the enclave.

The U.N. said most of the displaced are still inside Afrin because Kurdish forces are preventing civilians from leaving and Syrian government forces are keeping them out of adjacent areas. International aid groups have no presence in Afrin, which is surrounded by Turkey and rival Syrian forces.

The U.N. said at least 323,000 people reside in Afrin, nearly half of whom have fled from other parts of Syria. Local officials put the number at 800,000.

On Tuesday, the Kurdish militia, known as the People’s Defense Units or YPG, regained control of a village breached by Turkish forces. The Turkish forces were also repelled from a hill they seized a day earlier on the eastern edge of the district.

The YPG is a key U.S. ally against the Islamic State, also called ISIS, and played a major role in driving the extremists from much of northern and eastern Syria. The U.S. military operates bases in Kurdish-controlled territory in northern Syria but not in or near Afrin.

Ankara views the YPG as a threat because of its links to the decades-old Kurdish insurgency in Turkey. Turkey says it aims to create a



Fevziye Demir hugs her dad after a rocket fired from Syria hit her house Tuesday near the border in Kilis, Turkey.

20-mile deep “secure zone” in Afrin, which is in northwestern Syria near the border.

French President Emmanuel Macron spoke Tuesday with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, expressing his concern about the operation, according to a statement from Macron’s office.

He stressed the importance of seeking a lasting political solution for Syria alongside fighting ISIS and ensuring the delivery of humanitarian aid.

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who is traveling in Asia, said the fighting “disrupts what was a relatively stable area of Syria” and “distracts from the international efforts to ensure the defeat of ISIS.”

At least 27 civilians, including eight children and four women, have been killed in the fighting in Afrin, mainly in Turkish airstrikes, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based group that monitors the civil war.

Also, Turkish police have detained at least 55 people in a sweep against alleged supporters of the YPG inside Turkey, according to the state-run Anadolu Agency.

Turkey also shelled a city in northeastern Syria, hundreds of miles away from Afrin, according to the

YPG.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Tuesday that Russia is ultimately to blame for any use of chemical weapons in Syria amid reports of a suspected chemical attack this week near Damascus.

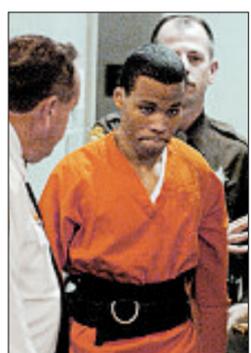
Tillerson said Russia is violating a 2013 agreement it made with the U.S. on the removal of chemical weapons from Syria and is helping the Syrian government breach the Chemical Weapons Convention, which bans their use.

Tillerson said Russia must stop vetoing U.N. Security Council resolutions on holding those who use such weapons accountable. If it cannot support a future Security Council resolution to that end, it should abstain, Tillerson said.

Activists and rescue teams said the Syrian government launched an attack Monday with suspected poisonous gas that affected nearly 20 civilians in a rebel-held suburb near Damascus.

The Syrian government denies using chemical weapons. Russia said extremists have used chemical weapons in the past.

Tillerson spoke in Paris, where the U.S., France and 22 other countries launched a new organization aimed at identifying and punishing anyone who uses chemical weapons.



Lee Boyd Malvo has appealed his life-without-parole sentence under a 2016 Supreme Court ruling.

Sniper who terrified D.C. as teen seeks lower sentence

By DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A sniper convicted in the random killings of 10 people in the Washington, D.C., region more than 15 years ago is entitled to a new hearing to ask for a lighter sentence, his lawyer argued Tuesday to a federal appeals court.

Lee Boyd Malvo was 17 when he and his mentor, John Allen Muhammad, then 41, shot people in Virginia, Maryland and Washington as the victims

pumped gas, loaded packages into their cars and went about their everyday business during a three-week period in 2002.

Muhammad was sentenced to death and was executed in 2009.

A jury convicted Malvo of capital murder for killing FBI analyst Linda Franklin, but spared him the death penalty. Malvo later struck plea deals in other cases in Virginia and Maryland. He ultimately received four life sentences in Virginia and six in Maryland.

Malvo’s lawyer Craig Cooley on Tuesday urged the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a ruling by a federal judge who last year ordered new sentencing hearings in Virginia under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that found mandatory life-without-parole sentences for juveniles unconstitutional. A 2016 Supreme Court ruling made the decision retroactive.

Cooley said the judge who presided at Malvo’s trial gave the jury only two

choices in recommending a sentence for Malvo, life in prison without the possibility of parole or the death penalty, with no option for a lesser sentence.

Jurors, Cooley said, “opted to go as low as they could under the structure they were given on that date.”

But Deputy Solicitor General Matthew McGuire said the trial judge had discretion to reduce the jury’s recommendation, but did not do so. He said the Supreme Court ruling does

not apply to states that don’t have mandatory life-without-parole sentences.

The three-judge panel questioned Cooley extensively about Malvo’s plea deal with prosecutors in which he agreed to plead guilty and receive a sentence of life in exchange for prosecutors dropping some charges and taking the death penalty off the table.

“How do you get around the plea agreement — the finality of plea agreements?” Judge Paul Niemeyer asked Cooley.

Sessions is interviewed as probe narrows

Mueller, from Page 1

nonpartisan Brookings Institution.

The sit-down with Sessions is the latest evidence that Mueller's high-stakes investigation is reaching an advanced stage, although its final outcome is unclear.

Mueller already has arranged to question Steve Bannon, who was Trump's campaign manager and later chief strategist at the White House until he was fired in August. Mueller also is expected to seek an interview with Trump in coming weeks.

Papadopolous and former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn have pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and are cooperating with prosecutors. Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and his deputy have pleaded not guilty to multiple charges.

A Justice Department spokesman confirmed that Sessions met with Mueller's team last week but declined to say what was discussed. The special counsel's office declined to comment.

Trump downplayed news of the interview, news of which was first published by The New York Times, while talking with reporters Tuesday in the Oval Office.

"I'm not at all concerned. Not at all," he said, adding he had not spoken to Sessions about the interview.

Even as the news about Sessions came out, top Democrats on Tuesday were calling on Facebook and Twitter to investigate what lawmakers said are Russian efforts to promote the release of a classified Republican memo criticizing the FBI probe of Russia's meddling in the 2016 campaign.

#ReleaseTheMemo and other hashtags have been trending on Twitter in recent days, and accounts affiliated with Russian influence efforts have been supporting this campaign, according to the Alliance for Securing Democracy, a U.S.-based group that exam-



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Special counsel Robert Mueller's team has arranged to question Steve Bannon and is expected to seek an interview with President Donald Trump.

ines efforts by Russia and other nations to interfere in democratic institutions.

"If these reports are accurate, we are witnessing an ongoing attack by the Russian government through Kremlin-linked social media actors directly acting to intervene and influence our democratic process," said a letter to Facebook and Twitter from Rep. Adam Schiff and Sen. Dianne Feinstein, both Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee, respectively.

The development emerged the day after Sessions said the Justice Department was investigating why five months of text messages between Peter Strzok, a senior FBI agent, and Lisa Page, an FBI law-

yer, had disappeared.

The pair, who reportedly were in a romantic relationship, initially worked on the special counsel team. But Strzok was reassigned last summer after an Inspector General's investigation discovered other texts between them included some critical of Trump, as well as of Democrats. Page had already left the team.

Sessions said Monday that investigators will "use every technology available" to recover the missing phone texts. The FBI blamed a technical problem but Republicans suggested the possibility of a cover-up.

Sessions was an early and impassioned Trump supporter and surrogate during the presidential campaign.

After his upset win,

Trump nominated Sessions as attorney general, making him the country's top law enforcement official.

But Trump criticized Sessions after he abruptly recused himself in March from supervising the Russia investigation, without first telling the president. Sessions withdrew after news reports revealed he had failed to notify Congress about his own meetings with Russia's ambassador.

His position and proximity to the president during the campaign, the transition and Comey's firing could make him a crucial witness.

On the day before he fired Comey in May, Trump summoned Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to the White House, asked their

opinions about whether to fire Comey. They said Comey had mishandled the investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails during the campaign, and the White House initially cited their letters to justify Comey's dismissal.

Two days later, Trump undercut them by telling a TV interviewer that he already had decided to fire Comey before the meeting and "this Russia thing" was on his mind. In the uproar that followed, Rosenstein appointed Mueller to lead the investigation in an effort to protect it from political interference.

Rosenstein has publicly defended the special counsel despite Republican criticisms that the investigation is fueled by a political

agenda.

In several Senate hearings, Sessions has refused to say whether Trump mentioned the Russia investigation in the Oval Office conversation about Comey because the president may choose to assert executive privilege to keep the information confidential.

But that argument likely won't work with Mueller's investigators, said Peter Zeidenberg, a former federal prosecutor who was part of a special counsel investigation in 2003 that revealed the identity of a covert CIA operative.

"I believe that he would have to answer all questions," Zeidenberg wrote in an email.

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Flashpoint of executive privilege

Extent of president's authority has long been controversial

BY CHRIS MEGERIAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — There's no mention of executive privilege in the Constitution. Nor was it discussed at the Constitutional Convention, when delegates gathered in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft the country's bedrock governing principles.

But executive privilege — the president's right to keep some communications and records secret — has been part of nearly every presidency since George Washington tried to withhold documents from Congress regarding a failed military expedition against Native American tribes.

Washington lost that battle with Congress, but the concept has endured and expanded, providing a reliable flashpoint for political controversies and scandals ever since.

President Donald Trump has not invoked executive privilege to keep his current and former aides from answering questions to Congress about Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential campaign. But the issue emerged in full glare last week when Steve Bannon, Trump's former strategic adviser, stonewalled the House intelligence committee during a 10-hour-long, closed-door hearing by saying the White House had strictly limited what he could say.

Another House hearing scheduled for Friday with Hope Hicks, the White House communications director and one of Trump's closest confidantes, was indefinitely postponed after it became clear she might follow Bannon's lead and refuse to answer lawmakers' questions.

"I wasn't surprised" about the postponement, said Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Fla., given the committee's struggles with Bannon.

Bannon clammed up



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Former White House adviser Steve Bannon leaves a House intelligence panel interview last week.

about the presidential transition, his seven months in the White House and his conversations with Trump after he was fired in August — a gaping timeline that frustrated Democrats and Republicans. He didn't open up even when the panel took the unusual step of issuing him a subpoena during the hearing.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the intelligence committee, said Bannon refused to answer questions because "somehow this was covered by a potential claim of executive privilege down the road," a stance he called "breath-taking" in its scope.

"If the White House is permitted to maintain that kind of a gag rule on the witness, no congressional investigation would ever be effective," Schiff said.

Bannon's position grew more puzzling the next day when Rick Dearborn, the White House deputy chief of staff, fully cooperated with the same House committee in closed-door testimony.

Executive privilege also didn't come up last July when Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, testified to a Senate panel.

The inconsistent approach has frustrated Democrats. Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., a member of the House intelligence committee, said the White House has hinted at executive privilege to deflect questions without actually claiming it.

"It's like being pregnant," he said. "It is or it isn't. You can't have a third category."

Lawyers for Bannon and Hicks did not respond to requests for comment.

Jonathan Turley, a professor at George Washington Law School, doubts Congress will take the next step of holding Bannon in contempt if he continues to refuse to answer questions. "The Congress has tolerated this type of misuse of executive privilege," he said. "It would be a curious thing if they actually enforced the principle of congressional integrity and constitutional law."

There were no consequences for Attorney General Jeff Sessions when he deployed a similar approach to avoid Senate Judiciary Committee questions last June, and again in November, about Russia and his conversations with Trump.

Although the president hadn't invoked executive privilege, Sessions said, "I am protecting the right of the president to exert it if he chooses."

While Trump can tussle with Congress, he has less power to block special counsel Robert Mueller, who is leading the criminal probe into Russian meddling and whether the president or his aides assisted the Russians or otherwise broke the law.

The defining case was U.S. v. Nixon in 1974, when President Richard Nixon refused to turn over crucial White House recordings to the special prosecutor investigating the Watergate scandal.

The Supreme Court unanimously said Nixon must turn over the tapes to ensure a fair trial of the Watergate burglars, who had hoped the tapes would show their innocence. But the ruling also formally outlined the president's ability to withhold information to insulate the deliberative process or protect the confidentiality of some communications.

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Cape Town residents wait for water at a collection point this month. The water supply is expected to run dry this spring.

Parched Cape Town nears 'Day Zero'

S. African city's water supply likely to run dry in April

BY ROBYN DIXON
Los Angeles Times

JOHANNESBURG — Cape Town, South Africa's second-largest city, is facing its worst drought in a century, with its water supply expected to run dry April 21.

They're calling it "Day Zero."

In this city of 4 million, people will have to line up in the streets at just 200 water stations. The police and army will enforce a limit of 6.6 gallons per person and adopt measures to control crowds. Some experts believe evacuations will be necessary.

If the city runs out of water, it will be the first major city in a developed country to do so.

But a number of details of the crisis plan remain unclear. How would one person carry 26 gallons of water for a family of four? How would the elderly and disabled cope? What about the fact that officials expect there will be insufficient water to flush toilets?

"A lot of the logistics are not known, and that's worrying and it's causing a lot of alarm. We just never get any answers, which tells us there is no plan," said resident Brigetti Lim Banda, who started a Facebook page on the water crisis. "We are at the point where it's impossible to avoid Day Zero."

This month, the Cape Town city government moved Day Zero a week forward to April 22, blaming citizens for using too much water. Last week, it advanced ominously again, by one day. After three years of drought, towns across Eastern and Southern Africa have faced troubles, and some have had to import water. None, though, are as large as Cape Town.

The problem boils down to sharp population growth and a failure to plan alternative water sources to augment the reservoirs behind six dams, some of which are rapidly dwindling to arid sandy stretches. The dams have fallen to 15.2 percent capacity of usable water, compared with 77 percent in September 2015.

Here, residents are now rationed to 23 gallons a person each day. But only 39 percent of citizens are meeting the target. After February, they will be cut to 13 gallons.

"The average ordinary citizen is reaching the breaking point," said Anthony Turton, a water expert at the Center for Environmental Management at the University of Free State. "You have people saying, 'Enough,' and 'No further.'"

"Everyone has got buckets, and we're using buckets because we have to recycle all the water we can," said Lim Banda. "We have buckets in the shower, buckets in the kitchen, buckets in the laundry."

"I forgo my shower for three days until the fourth day, when I need to wash my hair, so that I can save my water for laundry and so forth."

Swimming pools are empty. People with lush gardens are suspect. Residents capture recycled graywater to flush toilets.

Analysts say there is indeed a serious risk the city will run dry.

"I think it's a very serious threat. Nobody saw how serious the crisis could be until recently," said Magalie Bourblanc, public policy analyst at the Center for the Study of Governance Innovation at the University of Pretoria.

Cape Town, capital of South Africa's Western Cape province, faces a long-term water problem because of climate change and drought, much as has been seen in recent years in Australia, India and the Western United States.

But the water crisis here has been worsened by government planning failures and buck passing between the national and city governments.

Families who surpass their water ration must agree to have a water restriction device installed on their pipes.

The city dropped a drought levy and an initial plan to shame flagrant water guzzlers by publishing an internet map of every household with red dots identifying the worst abusers. But last week it released a milder version of the map — with green dots

identifying those who are meeting targets.

The city has banned filling pools, washing cars, hosing down sidewalks and watering gardens, golf courses or sports fields using municipal water. Play pools and ornamental fountains are outlawed.

Water-saving tips abound on social media. One resident, Shafeek Davids, posted videos of himself in the shower, showing how to cut usage to just 6 pints, standing in a bucket, dousing himself briefly, soaping up, then rinsing. Bourblanc said Cape Town city authorities reacted too late to the crisis, despite warnings dating to 2004.

Until recently, the city rejected the idea of a desalination plant as too costly, but it now has a slew of new water projects, including desalination plants, recycled water plants (which purify reclaimed water) and new efforts to tap groundwater. But all but one of these efforts are behind schedule, and experts fear they will not avert the arrival of Day Zero.

"That was the mistake of Cape Town, ignoring those early warnings and relying only on water conservation and water demand management," Bourblanc said. "It was based on normal rainfall conditions, and in South Africa, you can never rely on that. There was no other plan to quickly augment the water supply."

The national government is responsible for

building water infrastructure, and municipalities distribute water. But part of the problem is political. The opposition Democratic Alliance won control of the city in 2006 and the province in 2009.

Western Cape Premier Helen Zille and provincial authorities have accused the African National Congress government of failing to build and maintain new infrastructure and send adequate emergency drought relief. It was not until August that the national government allocated the city \$1.5 million to deal with the crisis.

But Turton, of the Center for Environmental Management, said both sides were to blame.

"Politicians have been trying to deflect the blame from themselves. None of that energy has been focused on what are we going to do about it," he said. "The response of the national government, the ANC, has been to almost deliberately starve the province and the infrastructure they needed."

For their part, Turton said, city authorities did not recognize the impact of rapid population growth on water demand. The city's population has doubled since 1999.

"The city didn't understand the depth of the crisis," he said. "They incorrectly assumed that this is a short-term drought and the problem will go away when the drought is over."

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Canada takes plain Mary Jane tack on pot

BY GREG QUINN
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Recreational pot should be legal in Canada by summer, but it won't be glamorous.

Producers trying to market their product face a battery of proposed government restrictions similar to those governing the sale of cigarettes. Labels may have to display graphic health warnings, adhere to standardized lettering and limit the use of colors and "brand elements." Celebrity endorsements and consumer testimonials are banned.

It's a reality check on an emerging industry that's seen dizzying growth. Shares of Canopy Growth Corp. have more than tripled in the past year. Its market value of \$5.8 billion now exceeds those of plane-maker Bombardier, grocer Empire Co. and miner Kinross Gold. For some investors, including Norman Levine at Portfolio Management Corp., the branding restrictions make the stock unpalatable.

"You've got no advertising, you have plain packaging, how are you going to differentiate yourself and grow your market?" said Levine, whose company manages \$521.9 million.

Officials say their goal is to squeeze out criminal dealers, not encourage more drug use by making it look fun. "This is really predicated entirely upon a public health model, and not a commercial model," said Bill Blair, the government's marijuana point man and a former Toronto police chief. "We want to do a better job of protecting our kids."

It's a challenge for marketers such as Carol Levine, chief executive of energi PR in Montreal, who says pot producers will have to limit traditional advertising tools such as bright colors or cartoons of celebrities. "That's what's going to make it so difficult, because investors are going to want to see sales," she said.

Canopy and Organigram Holdings were developing deals with rapper Snoop Dogg and the owners of the cult Canadian TV show "Trailer Park Boys," respectively, when a federal task force recommended it should be illegal to promote marijuana by linking it with glamour, excitement or risk.

Greg Engel, Organigram's chief executive, still plans to tie his brand to the series known for drinking, smoking, profanity and general misadventure. "We aren't looking for a celebrity endorsement per se, we are creating a brand off of that group," he said.

Engel wants ad rules closer to those that govern alcohol, rather than tobacco, which are more restrictive.

As Iraq wars wind down, wheels up

Prized vintage cars re-emerge as owners embrace ray of hope

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — When Iraqi forces drove Islamic State militants out of eastern Mosul a year ago, Nashwan Shakir Mahmoud raced back to his home, hoping that his red and white 1955 Chevrolet coupe had survived three years of war and upheaval.

When he saw that it had only suffered light damage from a mortar shell that landed nearby, he was overjoyed.

"I had an unspeakable feeling. I sighed in relief when saw it," he said.

He spent 10 days carrying out his own repairs and then drove it all the way back to Baghdad, a 13-hour journey that would have taken four in a modern car.

"When I reached Baghdad," he said, "people were stopping me in the streets to take pictures and videos. It was like a dream to me and to the people."

The 49-year-old father of six is part of a small community of vintage car aficionados who are hoping to rekindle their passion now that the war against the Islamic State group is over.

For many, the cars remind them of happier times in Iraq, before decades of war and chaos, which they hope are finally coming to an end.

"These cars have something spiritual that lets you feel the happiness of the good old days," said Mahmoud, who also owns a 1964 GMC pickup.

The pickup is in a mechanic's garage in Mosul's Old City, in an unsecured area cordoned off by security forces.

Mahmoud had two other vintage cars — a 1957 Dodge Coronet and a 1967 Dodge pickup — but U.S. soldiers towed them away in 2006 after warning him against parking them on the street without getting them repaired, saying militants could use them to conceal roadside bombs.

He said he cried when they were taken away.

Iraq's vintage cars date to

the period between the discovery of oil in the 1920s and the booming 1970s, when the country was awash in petroleum wealth and boasted some of the finest roads in the region.

Much of that infrastructure was destroyed in the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s and the 1990 Gulf War.

The sanctions in the 1990s made it difficult to secure spare parts.

In the chaotic years after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, many collectors kept their cars hidden or locked up, while the daily bombings, and the blast walls and barbed wire that sprouted across Baghdad and other cities, took the pleasure out of driving.

Now, many of those barriers have come down, and some collectors feel more comfortable showing off their treasures.

Saad al-Nuaimi, 65, has parked six vintage cars in front of his coffee shop in Baghdad's northern Azamiyah neighborhood, including green and blue 1954 Chevrolet Bel Airs and two Townsion cars from mid-1960s.

Three others, including a 1952 Chevrolet and a 1959 Townsion, are being repaired.

"When you feel secure, you have the guts to get money out of your pocket to enjoy such beauties," he said.

Many Iraqis from war-battered areas are desperate to sell old cars, and as Iraqi forces have driven the Islamic State group back over the last three years, more and more models have appeared on the market, al-Nuaimi said.

His latest acquisition was a badly damaged maroon 1952 Chevrolet from Salahuddin province, where the Islamic State group was driven out in 2015.

He restores the cars himself, ordering spare parts from Europe and the United States.

The government keeps its own trove of vintage cars, including a rare 1904 Jeep Levan and luxury models used by the Hashemite monarchy from 1921 until 1958, including a 1936 Mercedes-Benz that was a gift from Adolf Hitler.



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

The promise of better days after Iraq's victory against the Islamic State group is rekindling interest in classic cars.

Others belonged to Uday Hussein, the notoriously brutal son of Saddam Hussein.

Some have had body work restored but do not have working engines, while others are in poor condition.

The collection is stored in a garage for safe-keeping and is only rarely exhibited to the public.

Adil al-Ardawi, the vintage car expert in charge of the royal collection, said at least 1,000 troops were assigned to protect the cars when they were used in a parade last year to mark the 100th anniversary of Bagh-

dad's al-Rashid Street.

Ahmad Shukor, a 39-year-old engineer who runs a Facebook page devoted to documenting Iraq's vintage cars, said only around 100 remain nationwide.

He said a third were in Mosul, and that many of them may have been damaged or destroyed.

He's now in the final stages of opening a vintage car showroom in the central city of Najaf. The owners of more than 60 cars have agreed to display them when the showroom opens in the coming months.

"We want to prove that Iraq is not done yet," he said.

NEWS BRIEFING

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U.S.: Multiple Americans among casualties in Kabul hotel attack

KABUL, Afghanistan — Multiple American citizens were among the dead and wounded in the Taliban's 13-hour siege of a hotel in the capital, Kabul, over the weekend that left 22 dead, the State Department said Tuesday.

Exact figures were not available for U.S. fatalities or injuries. The dead included 14 foreigners, Afghan officials said. Eleven of the 14 foreigners had been previously identified as working for the private

Afghan airline Kam Air. The siege at Kabul's Intercontinental Hotel ended Sunday with Afghan security forces saying they had killed the last of six Taliban militants who stormed the hotel in suicide vests late the previous night, looking for foreigners and Afghan officials to kill.

More than 150 people were rescued or managed to escape, including 41 foreigners.

Allegations against Keillor far beyond single touch, MPR says

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Public Radio provided additional details of allegations of sexual harassment against humorist Garrison Keillor on Tuesday, saying his alleged conduct went beyond his account in November of accidentally touching a woman's back.

MPR said Keillor was accused by a woman who worked on his "A Prairie Home Companion" radio show of dozens of sexually

inappropriate incidents over several years, including requests for sexual contact and explicit communications and touching.

MPR said the woman, whom it did not identify, detailed the allegations in a 12-page letter that included excerpts of emails and messages. MPR said Keillor and his attorney refused to grant access to his computer, emails and text messages.

Twin car bombings in Benghazi kill 27, injure 32, authorities say

BENGAZI, Libya — Twin car bombs exploded as people left a mosque in a residential area of the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi, killing 27 and wounding 32, authorities in Libya said Tuesday.

A spokesman for military and police forces in Benghazi said the first explosion in the Salmani neighborhood took place around 8:20 p.m. Tuesday. Capt. Tarek Alkharraz says the second went off a

half-hour later as residents and medics gathered to evacuate the wounded.

No group has immediately claimed responsibility for the bombings, authorities said.

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Mayon, the most active volcano in the Philippines, spews lava and ash Tuesday in Albay province. Mayon, which has erupted 47 times since 1616, showed signs of unrest Jan. 13.

As deaths surge, report urges U.N. troops to fight, use force

The United Nations says 56 peacekeepers were killed in 2017, marking the highest number of deaths through violence for the international peacekeeping force since 1994, according to a new report.

While there have been spikes in violence against U.N. peacekeepers, the report argues that the sustained nature of current peacekeeper fatalities indicates a dangerous new reality for the United Nations.

"This increase is not a spike but rather a rise to a continuing plateau," wrote Brazilian Lt. Gen Carlos Alberto dos Santos Cruz,

lead author of the report and a former U.N. commander in Congo and Haiti.

The report calls for significant changes in the way that peacekeepers use force while in dangerous environments, arguing that the "the blue helmet and the United Nations flag no longer offer 'natural' protection."

In the future, peacekeepers should be better prepared to fight back when threatened or initiate the use of force themselves, the report argues.

The study was commissioned by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

in November, after a spate of high-profile attacks on U.N. troops. Cruz, along with retired U.S. Army Col. William Phillips and other figures in the U.N. peacekeeping department, visited missions in the Congo, Central African Republic and Mali.

Cruz and his fellow writers also lay some of the blame on the forces provided by contributing countries.

These countries "may seek to participate in peacekeeping for different reasons and interests. This is normal and acceptable, but they must perform."

Trump to invite France's Macron for 1st state visit

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will invite French President Emmanuel Macron on the first state visit of the Trump administration, the White House said Tuesday.

The designation means Macron will be welcomed with a showy arrival ceremony on the White House

lawn, including a 21-gun salute, followed by private meetings with Trump and a joint news conference. Macron will also be the guest of honor at a glitzy state dinner.

Not since Calvin Coolidge in the 1920s has a president ended his first year in office without host-

ing a foreign leader for a state visit, according to the White House Historical Association.

Trump was Macron's special guest at an annual Bastille Day celebration last year that coincided with the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entrance into World War I.

Senate OKs Powell to replace Yellen as Fed chair

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Tuesday approved President Donald Trump's selection of Jerome Powell to be the next chairman of the Federal Reserve beginning next month.

Senators voted 84-13 to confirm Powell to lead the nation's central bank, a post that is considered the most powerful economic position in government.

Powell will succeed Janet Yellen, the first woman to lead the Fed, when her term ends Feb. 3. Trump decided against offering Yellen a second four-year term as chair despite widespread praise for her performance since succeeding Ben Bernanke.

Powell, 64, has served for 5½ years on the Fed's board.

A lawyer and investment manager by training, he will be the first Fed leader in 40 years without an advanced degree in economics.

Alaskan quake: A magnitude 7.9 earthquake struck off an island in the Gulf of Alaska, prompting a tsunami threat that sent the state's residents along the southern coast and western Canada fleeing for higher ground just after midnight Tuesday. The monster waves never materialized. There were no reports of damage.

DUI excuse: A driver with a blood alcohol content nearly double the legal limit had a unique defense after his car slammed into a parked firetruck on San Francisco's Bay Bridge. The driver explained that his Tesla vehicle "had been set on autopilot." He was jailed under suspicion of driving under the influence.

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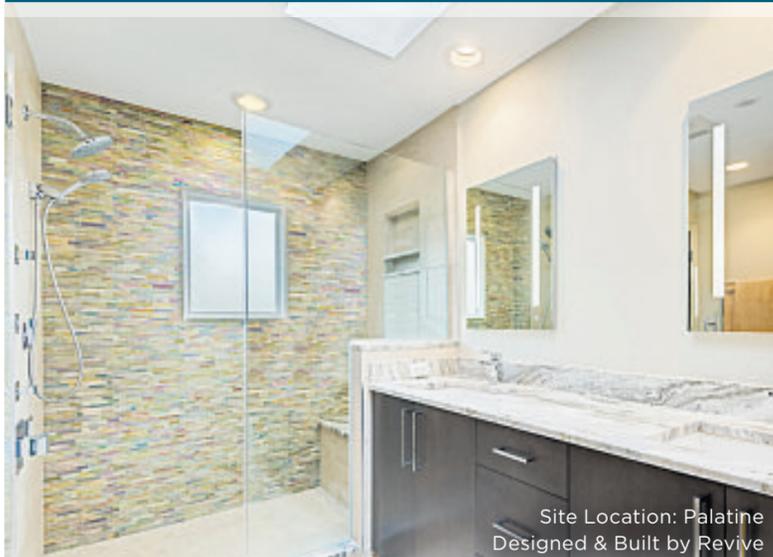
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EDITORIALS

Resign, replace and disempower voters. Keep repeating.

State Sen. Donne Trotter, a South Side Democrat, has served in the Illinois General Assembly since Ronald Reagan was president. But after 30 years in office, Trotter announced last week that he won't run again — or even finish the term that ends less than a year from now. His resignation was effective immediately, for reasons he didn't feel the need to explain.

Odd timing? Not necessarily. Had he quit two months ago, the senator would have given other candidates a chance to file for the March Democratic primary. By quitting now, Trotter allows Democratic insiders to choose his replacement, which is expected to be one of two state representatives he has mentored, Marcus Evans and Elgie Sims.

And that might just be the idea. "Like a proud father, I am not taking sides," said Trotter. "But I think our team that we've developed and nurtured here in the district certainly qualify to go forward." The reference to "our team" is revealing. Trotter and the party establishment seem to think of the Senate seat as their personal property,



PHIL VELASQUEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2014
 State Sen. Donne Trotter has resigned.

to be managed as they please — rather than be left up to the unpredictable whims of actual voters.

Those voters will get to voice their opinion in November, you say? Not really. No Republican candidates are running in the primary — though someone might have if it had been known Trotter wouldn't seek re-election. The deadline for write-in candidates to register for the primary was — surprise! — the day before Trotter announced his retirement. The GOP would

have to get 1,000 signatures by June 4 to name a nominee after the primary, but it may not bother.

So whoever is named to the vacancy Trotter created will take his place on the November ballot — and is virtually certain to win. Given that, the next 17th District senator won't have to worry about a real verdict from the electorate until 2022.

If this sequence sounds familiar, that's because it is. Illinois has a tradition of politicians resigning and having their successors chosen by the state parties without the bother of an election. Then the successors have time to fully exploit the advantages of incumbency before they have to face the voters in a real contest.

In 2016, it was Republican Sen. Matt Murphy, whose abrupt departure opened the door to Rolling Meadows Mayor Tom Rooney, and Democratic Rep. Dan Kottowski, whose seat was promptly filled by Des Plaines Ald. Laura Murphy. Also in 2016, Republican John Anthony left to take a state job, from which he was later fired;

he was replaced in the House by Rep. David Welter of Morris. And — well, you get the idea. Of the 59 current state senators, 26 originally got their posts by appointment, not election.

Chicago has its own version of this on the City Council, where appointment by the mayor is a common practice. At the moment, 12 of the 50 seats are occupied by aldermen who arrived via that route.

One remedy is to require a special election any time a vacancy appears, which would be an expensive hassle. A simpler, quicker solution would be for elected representatives to complete their terms, rather than bail early to take another job or embark on retirement. If they can't do that much, they could at least make up their minds early enough to allow real competition for their seats.

Instead, too often the politicians and parties rig things to serve their interests and negate the voters. It's a dismal tradition that Illinois would be better off without.



SCOTT STANTIS

Breaking the silence of the lambs

The last time we marveled at U.S. Olympic star gymnast Aly Raisman, she was nearly flawless in her floor exercises in the 2016 all-around competition.

Her latest appearance, however, was even more impressive. In a Michigan courtroom, Raisman headlined a legion of former and current gymnasts who confronted Lawrence Nassar, the gymnastics team doctor who sexually abused scores of young female gymnasts over two decades.

"I didn't think I would be here today," Raisman said. "I was scared and nervous. It wasn't until I started watching the impact statements from the other brave survivors that I realized I, too, needed to be here. Larry, you do realize now that we, this group of women you so heartlessly abused over such a long period of time, are now a force and you are nothing. The tables have turned, Larry. We are here, we have our voices, and we are not going anywhere."

Raisman's gutsy performance was matched by more than 150 other wom-

en who, day after day, testified to Nassar's crimes and the terrible impact on their lives. The parade of victims bravely speaking out is as inspiring as it is heartbreaking.

Nassar, a former osteopathic physician at Michigan State University, is expected to be sentenced Wednesday. He has pleaded guilty to 10 counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct for molesting young female gymnasts under the guise of medical treatment.

Before the current #MeToo era, it's not hard to imagine how such flagrant abuse could continue year after year. Some of these young gymnasts didn't dare speak out, for fear of derailing their careers. Some didn't realize, at the age of 8 or 9 or 10, that what Nassar did wasn't medical, it was criminal. And some did report Nassar's behavior, only to be ignored, dismissed or threatened with retaliation.

Adults — who should have been protecting these girls — failed. Reports of the doctor's misconduct reached at

least 14 Michigan State University officials in the two decades before his arrest, The Detroit News reports. At least eight girls told athletic trainers, assistant coaches and other authorities. MSU President Lou Anna Simon was told in 2014, the paper says.

Finally, in 2016, The Indianapolis Star published an investigation into sexual abuse in USA Gymnastics, and former gymnast Rachael Denhollander became the first to file a criminal complaint against Nassar. "A monster was stopped ... after decades of being allowed to prey on women and little girls, and he wasn't stopped by a single person who could have, and should have stopped him at least 20 years ago," Denhollander told The Detroit News. "He was stopped by the victims, who had to fight through being silenced, being threatened, being mocked, by the officials at (Michigan State) who they appealed to for help. And now the very people who should have been protecting us all along ... have thumbed their nose at any semblance of accountabil-

ity."

The chairman and several board members of USA Gymnastics resigned on Monday. But the profound stain on that organization won't be wiped away with those resignations and the sentencing of Nassar. Everyone who knew, everyone who dismissed the girls' complaints, everyone who didn't ask or didn't tell, is complicit in this horror. Several Michigan lawmakers are demanding Simon's resignation as MSU president.

A lesson for people in positions of authority: Accountability does indeed extend to the top of an organization. But all the way down the organization chart, it had better be everyone's priority.

A lesson for parents: Teach girls and boys about inappropriate touching. And encourage them to tell you if an adult — any adult — does that to them.

A warning to would-be predators who rely on the silence of the lambs: Don't. Because they're not silent anymore.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

When I wrote last September about how to properly speculate on Amazon's ultimate selection, I argued that 12 cities would be in the mix based on how I interpreted Amazon's criteria. I suggested that Amazon would make a decision based on presumed autonomy from Seattle, its sensitivity to overall costs (both business and housing), and access to talent. Of my initial 12, nine made Amazon's short list (I'm surprised Minneapolis didn't make it, but I did not expect the Bay Area or San Diego to have a realistic shot). And while my guess is as good as anyone's, I see the winner coming from one of these six metro areas:

Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C./Montgomery County, Md./Northern Virginia.

However, Austin, Dallas and Denver have the ability to pull off an upset.

Pete Saunders, Forbes

Could there be robots usefully serving in Congress? Writing laws? Making, with no human oversight, the day-to-day decisions of governing?

Technologists are quick to say that the technology isn't there yet, but academics aren't waiting around to consider the complex implications of the likely day, not too far off, when citizens will be forced to wrestle with the question. A February 2017 workshop at the University of Pennsylvania looked at the question of government "for the people, by the robots." ...

(Proponents of automating much of what government does make an argument) you hear a lot in the debate over self-driving cars: The machines we're coming to trust with our lives don't have to be perfect. They just have to be better than humans.

Nancy Scola, Politico

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



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Naturally, Republicans termed the fight as the “Schumer Shutdown,” a stab at Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and his fellow Democrats.

Failure to ask ‘then what?’ will prove Democrats’ undoing in shutdown fight



ERIC ZORN

“Big win for Republicans as Democrats cave on Shutdown.”
— President Donald Trump on Twitter Monday night

No, the Democrats didn’t “cave” Monday when they joined a group of moderate senators calling themselves the “Common Sense Coalition” and agreed to halt the brief government shutdown.

Nor did the Democrats “get rolled,” as headlines in Politico and elsewhere proclaimed.

The Senate Democrats extracted a minor concession from the Republicans — a six-year extension of funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program that serves roughly 9 million needy kids— and lost no long-term leverage when they agreed to a brief extension of a continuing resolution to fund the government.

The Democrats also extracted a mealy-mouthed promise from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. “It would be my intention to proceed to legislation that would address (the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program), border security and related issues,” McConnell said, if the parties fail to reach a compromise when funding expires Feb. 8.

I wouldn’t count that as a conces-

sion, however. McConnell’s hypothetical legislation is likely to be laden with compromises difficult for Democrats to swallow — substantial funding for Trump’s preposterous and unnecessary wall along the southern border, for instance — and there’s no guarantee that the Republican majority in the House will even consider it.

In short, the Democrats are very slightly better off today than they were Friday just before the shutdown began. They have brought the long-simmering issue of what to do about the so-called “Dreamers” — immigrants who were brought to this country illegally as children — to a full boil and have bought a couple of weeks to make their case.

Why, then, are so many progressive Democrats so angry and desperate about Monday’s agreement?

Because they know that the only thing inaccurate about Trump’s pronouncement and others is the tense of the verbs.

The Democrats *will* cave on the government shutdown threat in early February.

They *will* get rolled by Republicans on the issue of immigration.

Because they have no choice.

Because politically and practically, the power of a party that lost the House, lost the Senate and then lost the White House is very limited.

The centrist Democrats in the Commonsense Coalition, as well as those liberal holdouts who voted to keep the shutdown going, instead should have formed the Then What? Coalition several weeks ago. This might have prompted them to think through the strategy of refusing to fund non-vital

functions of the federal government until they got their way on DACA.

And look, like the vast majority of Americans, I’m with them on that issue. These young people, currently protected from deportation, are an asset to our nation. Deporting them to countries they barely know is senseless and inhumane. It’s infamous that Republicans are holding their fate hostage to the construction of a largely symbolic wall and the dismantling of family-reunification immigration policies.

But a functioning Then What? Coalition would have recognized that government shutdowns seldom if ever end up redounding to the benefit of the party that causes them, and that, early polling notwithstanding, the public was ultimately (and properly) going to hold the Democrats responsible for gumming up the gears.

Whoever thought that calling it the “Trump Shutdown” would succeed as a branding exercise was daft. Republicans, inevitably, put the votes behind keeping the government open while Democrats, according to plan, withheld their needed support on the grounds that protecting DACA recipients demanded precipitating a funding crisis.

It would naturally, for better or worse, come to be known as the “Schumer Shutdown,” after Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D.-N.Y.

Then what? Then the Republicans, who control nearly everything in Washington, would capitulate? Would say, “Oh, OK, since you feel that strongly about it ...”

Who couldn’t have seen that they’d

fire public relations salvos of their own — keening that the Democrats care more about immigrants here illegally than they do Americans who depend on the government — while waiting for anger and frustration to mount against Democrats?

The ability of minority factions to take hostages is not, should not be, leverage in our political system. I argued that point when the Republicans were throwing tantrums and refusing to raise the debt ceiling unless they got their way, and I’ll argue it again now.

Leverage in our political system is won at the ballot box.

The Democrats will cave on or about Feb. 8 because they have no other realistic choice. Those who have joined the Then What? Coalition will acknowledge that shutting down the government again on behalf of the “Dreamers” won’t get them what they want and would likely cost them with voters in November.

They’ll make absurdly grand compromises in order to claim a victory on DACA.

Republicans will roll the Democrats in a couple of weeks not because they’re on the right or popular side of the immigration debate, but because they rolled them, overall, in the general elections of 2014 and 2016.

The Democrats need to stop wringing their hands and start winning elections.

Then what? Then they will be in a better position to work their will in Congress.

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Democrats caved on immigration, left wing is furious



CLARENCE PAGE

If every picture tells a story, the obviously staged photo released by the White House during the weekendlong shutdown of the federal government spoke volumes about Donald Trump’s presidency.

The photo showed the president seated in the Oval Office behind his desk, stripped barren of papers, wearing a white “Make America Great Again” hat and holding a telephone up to his ear. He casts his gaze toward the camera as if to say, “See? I really am in charge.”

The Twitterverse had fun with the photo. Images went viral that showed an electric train set, a plastic telephone and other toys on the president’s shiny desktop.

Staged or not, the photo’s timing illustrated a troubling reality of the Trump presidency. As a

Washington Post headline put it, “White House shutdown strategy: Keep Trump contained.”

It was the president, after all, who fanned the fires that led to the shutdown and made the crisis worse with vulgar comments about immigrants. His signals were so mixed that even Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., admitted to being unsure on Wednesday, two days before the old budget law ran out, of what the president would sign.

The confusion was understandable in light of President Trump’s ambivalence, swinging from a willingness to sign just about anything Congress might send him to an insistence that the bill include extensive funding for a wall along the Mexican border.

Two weeks ago, Trump declared that if Congress came up with a plan to protect the so-called “Dreamers,” immigrants brought here illegally as children, while building up border security, he would sign it.

Two days later, he rejected a plan brought to him by a bipartisan group of senators — and enhanced the drama by famously

complaining about immigrants from “s----- countries.”

On Friday, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D.-N.Y., appeared to seal a short-term agreement with Trump. But by the time he returned to Capitol Hill, as Schumer described it, Trump withdrew the deal. That caused a frustrated Schumer to remark that working with Trump is “like negotiating with Jell-O.”

That’s probably an insult to Jell-O. The combination of Trump’s short attention span and persistent anti-immigrant pressures from his political base and immigration hawks in Congress apparently persuaded him to harden his heart.

But in the end, it was hard to deny that Republicans won, the Democrats caved and the Democratic Party’s progressive wing was furious at Schumer.

Schumer called off the filibuster after McConnell promised to consider legislation by early February to extend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program beyond the March deadline that President Trump announced last year, a deadline that

could lead to deportation of an estimated 700,000 people.

There is broad support for DACA, even among Republicans, as a matter of fairness to young people who know no other home country but this one. But a minority of Republican hard-liners who want more limits, not expansion, has meant the immigration measure requires some votes from Democrats to win passage.

Now the future of DACA relies on a promise from McConnell to take it up in the next three weeks, now that the rest of the budget deal has been approved. But there’s no guarantee that he will stick by his promise or, if the measure does pass the Senate, that House Republicans will take it up.

That’s why many Democratic progressives, in particular, feel betrayed by their own leaders’ reluctance to fight it out, even if it means a long government shutdown. “This shows me,” said Rep. Luis Guterierrez, an Illinois Democrat and leader on the immigration issue, “that when it comes to immigrants, Latinos and their families, Democrats are not will-

ing to go to the mat.”

But Democrats also have had to face another reality: They’re negotiating from a position of weakness, having lost control of both Congress and the White House. Republicans already have been running robocalls in swing states such as Ohio accusing Democrats of holding up children’s health care in order to help immigrants in the country illegally.

It is a political tragedy that the lives of productive DACA youths have become pawns in Washington’s political games, especially since support for a permanent “Dreamer” fix is high in both parties. Yet when even the controlling party has trouble determining what its own president wants, that’s the reality in which we live — at least until the next elections.

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PERSPECTIVE

Why is Amazon playing this so safe?

BY STEPHEN L. CARTER

So I saw the Amazon list. And what's really interesting is that without my saying more, you know exactly what list I mean. Not the list of Amazon's best-sellers or best deals. The list of cities that are finalists for HQ2, the fabled El Dorado sought by local politicians across the country — the second Amazon.com Inc. headquarters that carries among its rewards 50,000 high-paying jobs and \$5 billion in investment.

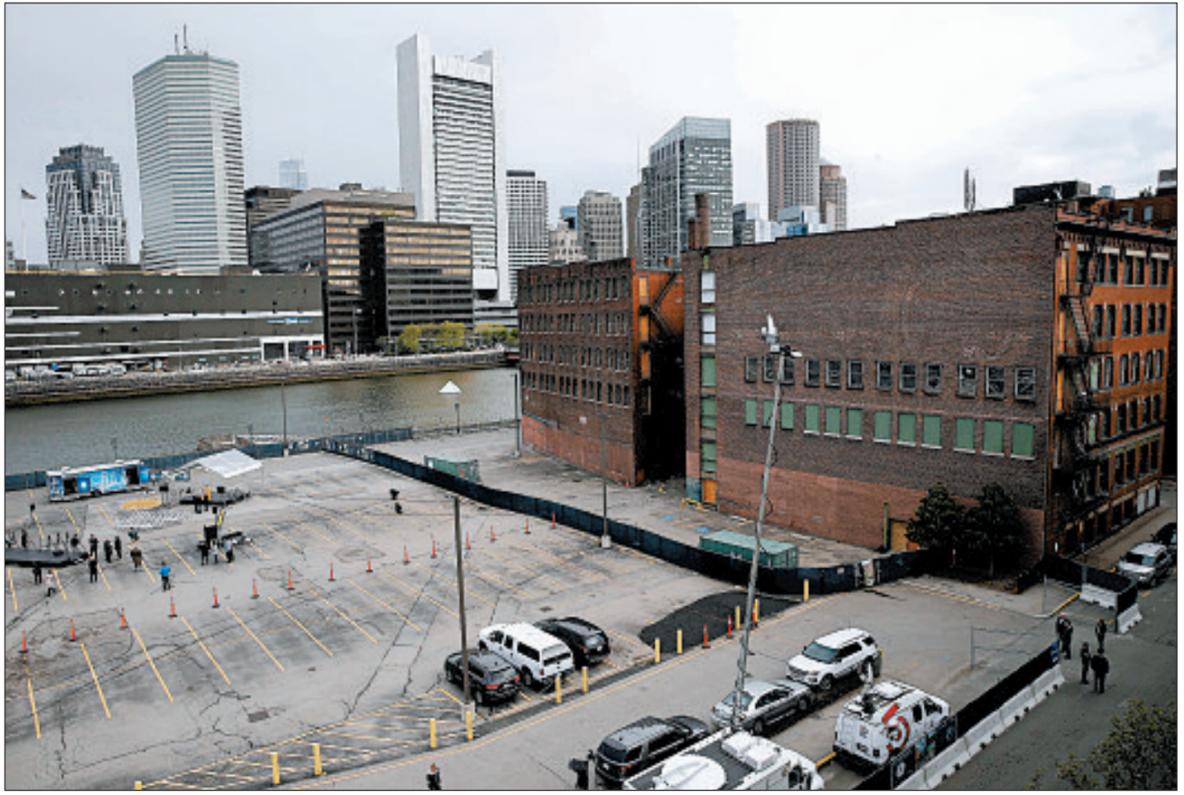
Amazon released the list last week. And, like lots of people who've taken a look, I was left underwhelmed. Because what immediately struck me is how conventional it is. Amazon has pretty much picked the same finalists that any company with an eye toward building a new headquarters would pick.

I mean, seriously. New York. Duh. Boston. General Electric (or what's left of it) is already heading there. Washington, D.C., and its environs. Like they need more jobs and pricey real estate. Atlanta, Dallas and Raleigh, N.C. Where everybody else is moving.

Utterly conventional. Yet we're all talking about it. Writing about it. Arguing about it. Amazon has accomplished an enormous act of public relations. Companies move headquarters all the time. They choose where to invest. But usually it's a semi-private process. They talk to the right city and state officials, presentations and offers are made, and then comes the announcement. The news is a two-day story, if that.

Only Amazon could have turned the process into an extravaganza, full of millions of dollars' worth of free publicity, as the news media cover the story with the breathless anticipation one usually associates with the opening of a new "Star Wars" movie. Or perhaps the better comparison is an election. Because I can remember no time when both "winners" and "losers" in the competition for corporate offices have been so public.

A lot of money has already been spent by the contestants. Although municipalities have been cagey about exactly how much, one suspects that the amount is more than in the usual fight over a siting deci-



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

General Electric moved its headquarters to Boston last year, and the city is a finalist for Amazon's HQ2.

Amazon has pretty much picked the same finalists that any company with an eye toward building a new headquarters would pick.

sion. Why? For one thing, Amazon, by publicly releasing its criteria, likely encouraged a significant investment from cities that might otherwise not have bothered. Beyond that, Amazon is Amazon. What local officials could resist the chance to lure one of the Big Four? Politicians excitedly claim credit for bringing much smaller Amazon projects to their states and cities. As they should. But that we might call business as usual. The publicity that will attach to landing HQ2 will be several orders of magnitude larger than landing a warehouse or fulfillment center. Just imagine being the mayor or governor who can go on television and say, over and over, "I brought Amazon here." The prestige could make a political career.

But the process is humiliating. Victor Luckerson of The Ringer has mocked the quest for HQ2 as "Amazon's megalomaniacal game show." Maybe that's a smidgen over the top. Still, one sees his point. Amazon has towns and cities dancing to its tune. The real game is musical chairs. And, as you may remember, each time the music stops there are fewer chairs left.

In grade school, the game's fun — at least if you're sufficiently sharp-eyed and quick-witted. What I remember, though, is that there were some kids who always lost. Always. They were too slow, or too clumsy, or too easily distracted. The same kids, every time, failing to find a seat in time.

In Amazon's game, after all of that dancing and running

around, the result is an entirely conventional list of cities. What's wrong with that? Arguably nothing. In principle, Amazon should do what's best for Amazon. If HQ2 winds up in Boston or Dallas or Northern Virginia, well, that's where companies are going these days. Decisions about headquarters investment tend to be guided by the decisions of peer companies, even when the peers are in different industries. When we cut past the hoopla, there's no reason for Amazon to be different.

On the other hand, I find it surprising that there's been no great outcry from the left about Amazon's corporate responsibility in siting its second headquarters. Consider what the company could have done for income inequality by selecting Detroit or Hartford, Conn. An unfashionable city that rarely sees positive headlines would suddenly have become the hot new place for hip young professionals and the shopping, restaurants and housing that follow in their wake.

But no. The only even mildly

unusual choice on the final list is Newark, N.J. Except that Newark isn't unusual at all. The city's gentrification is well underway, and (given the explosive growth of the New York metropolitan area) will likely rush onward, with or without Amazon.

By one recent estimate, the favorites to land HQ2 are now Atlanta, Boston and Washington. The rich, it seems, are likely to get richer. Maybe it's not Amazon's job to help out the cities that are struggling. It's sad, though, that a contemporary left that other times obsesses over inequality is content to let the same swift kids keep hogging the chairs.

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Donald Trump's Atlantic City, N.J., hotels and casinos and his airline reportedly lost millions in the 1990s.



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The Moscow Project reported that Trump's Castle was among the properties that lost money.

Where's that dealmaker in chief?

BY JENNIFER RUBIN

Among the many ironies, some would say falsities, inherent in President Donald Trump's image of a successful real estate tycoon is that management and dealmaking have never been his strong suits. Trump University, casinos, vodka, steaks, a new football league ... the list of failures is long. And it was his financial debacles of the 1990s that some would say brought him into the circle of suspicious money men, foreign banks and Russian oligarchs to bail him out. His "deal" was declaring bankruptcy, leaving creditors and employees hanging, and having to be put on a monthly allowance by banks.

In the 1990s, according to The Moscow Project, an initiative of the Center for American Progress Action Fund that analyzes the facts behind Trump's collusion with Russia, "Trump found himself \$3.4 billion in debt, \$832.5 million for which he was personally liable. The Trump Shuttle, Trump Plaza Hotel, Trump Regency Hotel and Trump's Castle Casino lose a combined total of

over \$165 million. Trump defaults on Trump Shuttle debt, and turns it over to creditors." Subsequently, U.S. banks cut him off, citing "the Donald risk."

The Washington Post reported in November 2016: "While he has denied having investments in Russia, the experience in Sunny Isles (Beach, Fla.) and other Trump-branded communities shows how Russians have invested in him.

"In addition to the towers of 'Little Moscow,' Russian investors have been a valuable source of capital for Trump buildings in nearby Hollywood, Fla., and in a large complex in Panama City, Panama.

"Trump does not own these buildings, but, like many Trump projects around the world, he licensed the use of his name and took a percentage of the profits from the initial sales of units. Real estate agents say there have been fewer Russian investors in Florida condos since U.S.-imposed sanctions on Russia took effect in 2014. They predict that the market will improve if Trump wins and reconsiders the sanctions."

In other words, failure in "deal-making" and mismanagement of businesses left him searching for money in unusual places. More from The Moscow Project:

"Though Trump has recently taken to vehemently denying any financial relationship with members of the Russian government, or with Russians in general, he and his namesake company reportedly have long histories of both pursuing deals in the country and accepting investments from Russian oligarchs.

"According to The New Republic, Russian organized-crime syndicates have been investing in U.S. real estate, including Trump Organization properties, to launder money for decades, although there is yet no evidence that Trump himself was aware of his clientele's potentially compromising connections."

Those connections included Deutsche Bank and the Bayrock Group, an investment group powered in part by Russian money and populated with Kremlin-connected figures.

Why Deutsche Bank would lend Trump money is an open

question. While Trump watchers point to the bank's "\$630 million in penalties on (Jan. 31, 2017) over a \$10 billion Russian money-laundering scheme that involved its Moscow, New York and London branches," there is as yet no established connection between the two.

Rather than his dealmaking prowess, Trump's career was saved, one could argue, by foreign money. (His "The Art of the Deal" book should include a chapter on "How to get Russians to give you money when U.S. banks won't.") What success he had in bargaining — chiseling contractors, stiffing lawyers — tended to be where he had all the leverage while the other side had none. That makes him a first-class bully, not a brilliant dealmaker.

In other words, the false promise of business acumen — as Trump critics pointed out in the campaign — did not suggest he'd do any better than professional politicians in striking deals. And in fact, his willful ignorance about policy (at least he presumably knew something about real estate when he was in that industry) has

shown him to be a whole lot worse than recent presidents. He's best at selling himself and whatever he's hawking (vodka, casinos, steaks) with empty rhetoric (the same he uses to describe legislative bills he does not understand — "fabulous" or "some say the greatest"). But that does not translate into policy compromises or political trade-offs.

Weak on substance, he is bossed around by his aides; Republicans have learned that his word is meaningless. Whatever complex issues absorb Congress this year — defense spending, immigration, health care, infrastructure — better be managed without much White House input. The more involved he is, the less likely there will be a deal. The harder disrupter can create chaos and controversy, but the harder task of negotiating policy compromises eludes him.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE



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Here's what the shutdown solved: Zilch

BY ROBERT SAMUELSON

OK, the shutdown is over. But no one should be fooled into thinking that this settles the big questions facing the country.

Even if (a big “if”) the immigration laws are overhauled and the nearly 700,000 young immigrants brought to this country illegally as children stay in the United States, at least three large issues remain that neither party has yet had the courage to confront. Here they are.

1. How will we adapt to an aging population?

In 2000, the 65-and-older population was 12 percent of the total; now it is 15 percent, and in 20 years, it's projected to be 21 percent — 1 in 5 Americans — reports economist Louise Sheiner of the Brookings Institution in a new paper.

Contrary to much public opinion, this aging isn't a one-time event reflecting the graying of baby boomers. “The retirement of the baby boomers represents the beginning of a permanent transition to an older population, reflecting the fall in (birthrate) ... and continued increases in life expectancy,” writes Sheiner.

Driven heavily by higher Social Security and health costs, total federal spending

could rise from about 21 percent of gross domestic product now to almost 30 percent at midcentury, projects the Congressional Budget Office. With tax revenue lagging, this implies an annual deficit of roughly \$2 trillion by midcentury in today's dollars. Government debt, the accumulation of past annual deficits, would soar.

2. How much can we — and should we — pay for national defense?

In recent weeks, the Trump administration has shifted its top military priorities from combating terrorism to deterring China and Russia. Just how much this change would cost is unclear, but it is likely to increase the need for bigger defense budgets. By contrast, the present CBO projections hold military spending to historically low post-World War II levels as a share of GDP.

That's completely at odds with a new defense buildup. Congress seems in no rush to clarify its conflicts. “We literally still do not know if the 2018 national defense budget will be closer to \$700 billion than to \$600 billion,” writes Brookings defense analyst Michael O'Hanlon on his blog.

3. What kind of tax — and how large — does the country need to support

older Americans and more defense?

Even if eligibility ages for Social Security and Medicare were gradually raised — and even if benefits were cut for wealthier recipients — it would be virtually impossible to shrink future budget deficits significantly without added tax revenue. The spending pressures for older people and the military are simply too great.

Inevitably, though, higher taxes would be a hard sell. Congress and President Trump have just cut income taxes; any suggestion that some or all of these cuts be reversed would be highly controversial. Similarly, a value-added tax (in effect, a national sales tax) or a stiff energy tax, often mentioned as alternatives, would presumably be enormously unpopular.

So there's a huge political agenda awaiting debate and action. How these questions are answered will help define the United States' future.

But don't hold your breath. It's an orphan agenda, because hardly anyone wants to claim paternity. Let someone else make the needed sacrifices.

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QUOTABLES

“So, I've never smoked any marijuana, I've had half a dozen drinks in my life and probably half a dozen cigarettes. I have sort of a puritanical personal style on the subject, you know, partly it's a result of coming from a family where alcohol was a real problem.”

— Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, in testimony before an Illinois House-Senate committee in support of legalizing marijuana in the state

“I have to confess that I don't know my Twitter account log-ons and the passwords, so certainly that's one of the changes that I've made.”

— Hawaii Gov. David Ige, who was late in correcting a false missile alert because he did not know his Twitter password

“Breakfast biscuits are a marketing ploy to sell cookies for breakfast. You can do better than a cookie for breakfast.”

— Lindsay Moyer, senior nutritionist for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, on the increased popularity of BelVita, a breakfast biscuit

“They blinked because they'll always put the party and the success of the party first. It's the one word they know in Spanish: *manana*.”

— U.S. Rep. Luis Guterrez, D-Ill., on Senate Democrats voting to end the shutdown of the federal government in exchange for an immigration vote next month

“I'm a die-hard civil servant. The reason I got this job was for the stability. And for the past several years we haven't had it.”

— Billy Young, a federal correctional officer in Texas, on the increased frequency of Congress shutting down the federal government

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The healthy choice

The Jan. 23 editorial “Is a Medicaid work requirement fair?” gets it completely wrong on the Trump administration's recent decision to begin allowing states to impose onerous and harmful work requirements on struggling men and women receiving vital health care through Medicaid.

Much like past attacks on the social safety net, Medicaid work requirements will largely be used to punish people in dire need for forces beyond their control. As the editorial board notes, most Medicaid recipients who can work, already do. But still many face tall barriers to gainful employment — a caregiving responsibility, a criminal record, an undiagnosed mental illness, domestic or sexual violence — that work requirements will only exacerbate. And, as Tribune columnist Steve Chapman pointed out in his Sunday column, even

those who might technically be exempt or remain eligible for coverage will be caught in the endless bureaucratic red tape that work requirements entail.

Ironically, by taking crucial medical assistance away from people who are already struggling, work requirements will make finding or maintaining employment much more difficult. The fact of the matter is that Medicaid, like most other major anti-poverty programs, serves as a work support. Just ask recipients themselves: After Ohio and Michigan expanded Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act, most recipients who were surveyed said that their coverage made it easier to seek or sustain employment.

The editorial board dubiously cites 1996's “welfare reform” to bolster its case. But as researchers have shown, work requirements imposed on recipients of cash assistance have been highly ineffective at connecting them to remunerative work. Instead, alongside steep benefit cuts, those work requirements have driven many low-income people deeper into poverty, forcing more than 1.5 million families — including roughly 3 million children — to now live on less than \$2 per person, per day, in cash income.

Replicating such a policy failure on Medicaid would not just be cruel, but also costly. Instead of seeking preventative care through their insurance, those who lose coverage will have to rely on extremely expensive emergency room visits.

Gov. Bruce Rauner was right earlier this month when he said that it is unrealistic to attach work requirements to Medicaid eligibility in Illinois when there simply are not enough decent jobs to go around in the state.

We hope he will prioritize policies and supports — like comprehensive, voluntary job training and affordable childcare — that will actually improve people's lives and their chances at economic security.

— John Bouman, president, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Where Obama went wrong

Former President Barack Obama surely should have a public monument of some kind that recognizes his undeniable achievements. Creating a presidential library is a great way to do this. I've been to almost all of them; and the ones I've seen are great places to visit and soak up important aspects of our nation's history.

I was pleased that the Obama's presidential library would be placed in Chicago; and the South Side seemed to be the right place — not far from the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois at Chicago campuses so students and scholars could have easy access. However, I've questioned the decision to plant the library on 21 pristine acres in historic Jackson Park. It would be better placed in a locale where it would improve a neighborhood instead of tearing up an established treasure.

My concerns are now heightened after we've learned that Obama's library will not be an official governmental “presidential library” at all. Instead, it

will be a private “presidential center,” and will not house the textual documents, artifacts and audio-visual materials that memorialize the eight-year Obama administration. There will be little point for students, scholars and other researchers coming to Chicago if this material isn't here. Taxpayers now will have to bear the cost of having the federal government's National Archives and Records Administration organize, store and make these materials available elsewhere.

What Chicago will be left with is a mini-Disneyland/Obamaland structure — built on free land given to the Obamas for, essentially, a multimillion-dollar, ego-driven project not unlike film director George Lucas' proposed museum — filled with things that Obama thought were cool and that he wished to place near Chicago's lakefront.

Chicago should relocate or scrap the Obama Center. If scrapped, the tens of millions of tax dollars not spent on infrastructure for the center would pay for a simple Obama monument and a plaque harmlessly placed on an acre in Jackson Park.

— Charles F. Falk, Schaumburg

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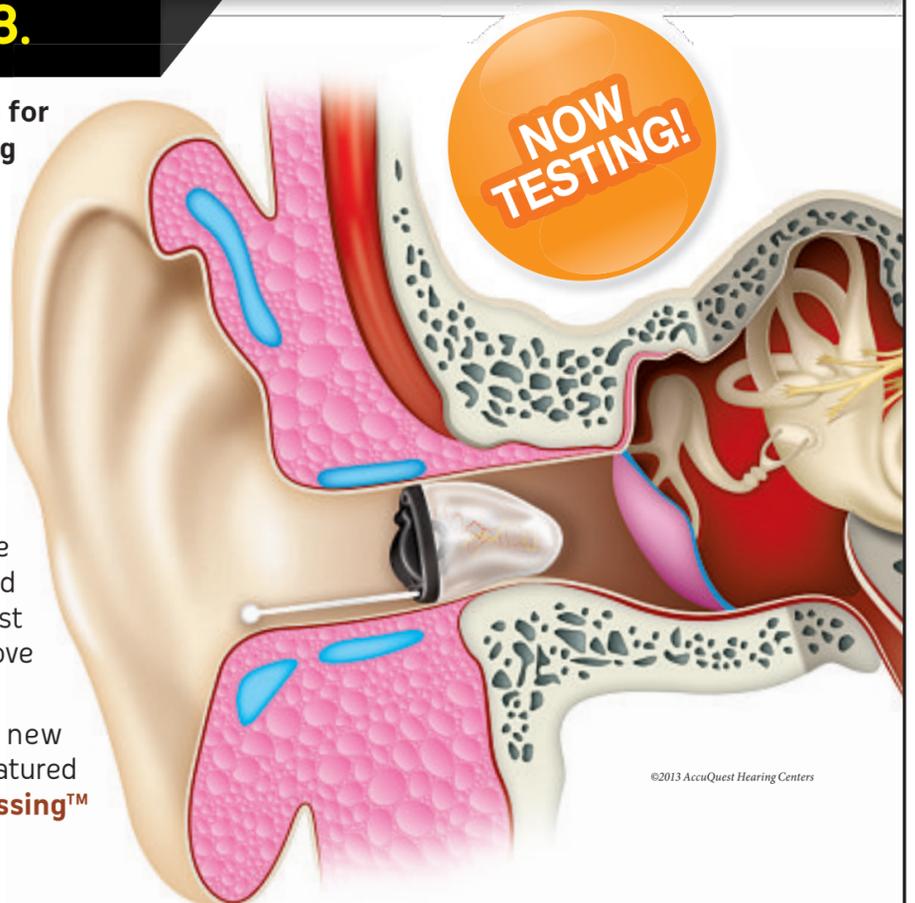
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Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

Lawsuit against Rauner unsealed

Litigation: Governor met about investment despite 'blind trust procedures'

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

While Gov. Bruce Rauner says he has no day-to-day involvement in managing his investments, he allegedly took meetings in 2015 — one on the back porch of the governor's mansion in Springfield — about an investment he made before becoming Illinois' chief executive, according to a lawsuit unsealed Tuesday.

The investment in a Michigan mortgage company earned \$15 million for the governor, who worked in private equity before taking office. But that "apparently is not enough for Rauner," according to the lawsuit, filed by a former investment partner.



Rauner

Harrel N. "Kip" Kirkpatrick III, a onetime Democratic candidate for state treasurer, and Kirkpatrick Capital Partners sued Rauner in Cook County Circuit Court in October, but until Tuesday, the lawsuit's contents were entirely redacted. Kirkpatrick is currently co-chief executive of Vistria Group, a private equity firm founded with Martin Nesbitt, a confidant of Barack Obama's.

Rauner and Kirkpatrick disagree on how a \$67.5 million settlement from other court proceedings was divvied up, according to the unsealed suit.

Kirkpatrick Capital Partners paid \$10 million in 2011 for a 20 percent stake in what is now Troy, Mich.-based United Shore Financial Services. The lawsuit says \$5 million of that investment came from Rauner, who was elected governor in 2014.

Kirkpatrick relocated to Michigan and served as United Shore's CEO from 2011

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New tariffs will probably bump up the price of washing machines, and other products, that are made by foreign manufacturers.

Prices on imported goods likely to climb

New tariffs will force overseas manufacturers of washing machines, solar panels to pay more

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
Chicago Tribune

At \$1,899, one of the priciest washing machines for sale at Abt Electronics in Glenview is Samsung's two-washers-in-one-machine Steel FlexWash. As a result of new tariffs approved by President Donald Trump on Tuesday, that price tag is about to get steeper.

Consumers considering solar panels are going to feel a similar sticker shock.

Responding to complaints from U.S. manufacturers who said imported goods were costing them sales, Trump slapped

on tariffs — 20 percent for the first 1.2 million imported washers and then 50 percent for any other washers imported in year one. The tariff on washers will be in effect for three years, though the tariff percentage will decline in subsequent years.

The move could mean that consumers pay \$50 to \$90 more for machines made by South Korean manufacturers such as Samsung and LG, although other foreign washer manufacturers such as Electrolux and Miele will not escape the tariff.

Solar cells, largely imported from China, are also being slapped with a tariff — 30

percent in the first year.

The Trump administration said the move is meant to return manufacturing jobs to the U.S.

Benton Harbor, Mich.-based Whirlpool Corp., whose 2011 petition to the Commerce Department prompted Trump's action, said it added 200 full-time jobs at an Ohio plant in anticipation of the tariffs.

Whirlpool called the tariffs "a win for American manufacturing jobs" and said it expects the industry to add new manufacturing jobs in Ohio, Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee.

For its part, the solar-installing industry warns that up to 23,000 jobs could be lost.

The decision will "create a crisis in a part of our economy that has been thriving,

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Bank of America draws fire for end of free checking

Few big bank options left for many low-income customers

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

Bank of America has eliminated its only free checking account that doesn't require a minimum balance, causing an uproar from customers on social media and spurring a petition to reverse the decision.

The Charlotte, N.C.-based bank said it moved eBanking customers into accounts that require them to keep a minimum daily balance of \$1,500 or set up a monthly direct deposit of \$250 or more in order to avoid a maintenance fee of \$12 a month.

The move leaves few options for low-income consumers of big banks who either aren't able to keep that much money in their checking accounts, don't use direct deposit or get paid through some other method, like PayPal.

"The debate over Bank of America's accounts and fees points to a larger economic justice issue — people with less income pay more to get cash, make payments and conduct their business," said Dory Rand, president of the Woodstock Institute, a financial advocacy organization. "Without access to safe and



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A \$1,500 balance or \$250-a-month direct deposit now is required for free checking.

affordable bank accounts, low-income consumers often turn to costly alternative financial services, such as currency exchanges or check cashers. The bottom line is: The most financially vulnerable need more and better options to transact their business and participate in the financial mainstream."

Bank of America's eBanking account didn't charge a monthly maintenance fee as long as consumers didn't require paper statements or visit bank tellers. It had an \$8.95 monthly fee if customers used those options. The account was introduced in 2010, but the bank stopped offering it to new customers several years ago, Bank of America spokeswoman Betty Riess said.

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Sluggish sales as birthrate falls force Huggies maker to cut jobs

Kimberly-Clark also planning to close or sell about 10 plants

Associated Press

DALLAS — Americans are having fewer babies, and diaper-makers are feeling the pinch.

Kimberly-Clark said Tuesday it will cut as many as 5,500 jobs, or 13 percent of its workforce, in an attempt to lower costs.

The job cuts come as the maker of Huggies and Kleenex — like other consumer-products companies — is seeing a decline in demand for some core products as U.S. birthrates fall.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the general fertility rate fell 11 percent from 2007 to 2016. Only provisional data are available for 2017, but it tells the same story: Women younger than 30 are having fewer children and aren't in the market for diapers, tissue and other products that new parents buy in bulk.

"You can't encourage moms to use more diapers in developed markets when the babies aren't being born in those markets," Kimberly-Clark CEO Tom Falk said in a conference call.

The Dallas-based company also said that it plans to close or sell about 10 manufacturing plants while expanding

production elsewhere. It's also looking to exit or sell some low-margin businesses that make up about 1 percent of company sales.

The company did not say where the job cuts would take place.

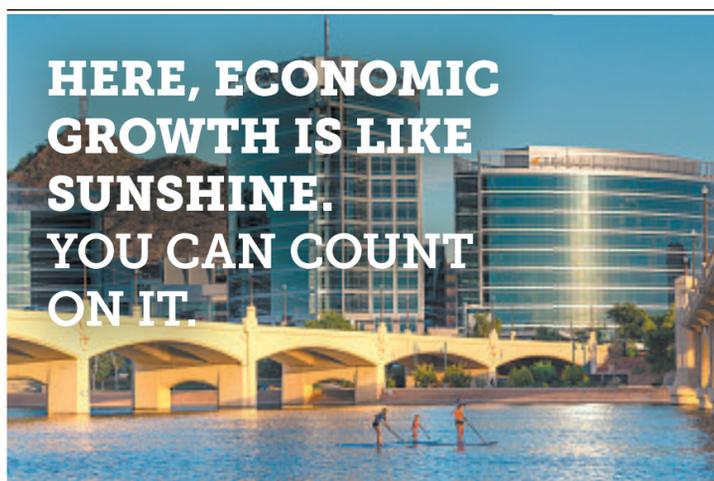
Makers of consumer products are also getting squeezed between higher commodity prices and lower retail prices as shoppers scour the internet for the best deals.

While competitor Procter & Gamble also reported earnings that met expectations, analysts showed some concern about the first quarterly price decline since 2011, as well as poor diaper sales.

Kimberly-Clark Corp. anticipates pretax savings of \$500 million to \$550 million by the end of 2021 from the cost-cutting moves. It foresees total pretax restructuring charges in a range of \$1.7 billion to \$1.9 billion.

The company also reported mixed fourth-quarter results Tuesday. Its adjusted profit of \$1.57 per share was 3 cents better than what analysts polled by Zacks Investment Research forecast. But revenue of \$4.58 billion was slightly below Wall Street's expectations.

Kimberly-Clark's annual sales declined for the three-year period from 2013 to 2016, according to FactSet. But annual sales rose slightly in 2017 from the prior-year period.



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Audit slams oversight of Medicaid managed care

As program grows, agency cited for poor cost tracking

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-QUIZ
Chicago Tribune

The state agency responsible for overseeing Medicaid in Illinois failed to properly monitor \$7.11 billion in payments made to and by managed care organizations, according to a report issued Tuesday by the Illinois auditor general. The report, requested by the state legislature last May, comes as Illinois shifts hundreds of thousands more people into the Medicaid managed care program

and raises questions about its ability to oversee the expanded program.

Medicaid managed care organizations, or MCOs, are private insurers that administer benefits for Medicaid, a state and federally funded insurance program for the poor. The state pays the organizations a set amount per person per month, allowing them to derive profits from the savings they might create.

According to the report, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services could not provide auditors with numerous data points required in its contracts with the 12 MCOs it contracted with in 2016, including the number of paid

claims MCOs made to providers; the numbers of claims denied by MCOs; administrative costs and coordinated care costs incurred by MCOs; and what percentage of each MCO's premium income goes to health care and quality improvement as opposed to marketing and other costs, which is information required by federal law.

The report also found that the agency may have made duplicate payments to the MCOs to the tune of \$590,237.

To Rep. Fred Crespo, D-Hoffman Estates, who requested the audit, the findings suggest more than shoddy bookkeeping.

"To me this almost bor-

ders on the criminal when you look at the failure to keep track of administrative costs," Crespo said.

Crespo requested the audit after several hospitals in his district told him that many claims were being denied by MCOs. His attempts to get information from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services went nowhere, he said, and "now I know why."

The report comes as the state launches the revamp of its Medicaid managed care program to cover 80 percent of people on Medicaid across Illinois' 102 counties, or about 2.7 million people. Until now, managed care covered about two-thirds of Illinois Medi-

caid recipients in 30 counties, or 2 million people.

The new program, which launched Jan. 1, reduced the number of MCOs from 12 to seven, which Gov. Bruce Rauner has said will streamline administration and improve care. The new four-year plan has a \$63 billion price tag, 40 percent more than the state's current Medicaid managed care costs, though the administration has said it will ultimately save the state \$1 billion.

Auditor General Frank Mautino expressed concern that the state is adding 700,000 people and 72 counties to a program that previously was not properly monitored.

"The policymakers in the General Assembly and the department are going to have to ensure in the contracts they have issued that they give the proper oversight, which has not been done to this point," he said.

The audit gives several recommendations, including that the agency provide clear guidance to the MCOs for reporting denied claims and that it monitor administrative costs to ensure they don't exceed what is allowed by contract.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services did not immediately provide comment.

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Samsung and LG machines, on display at Abt Electronics in Glenview, could soon cost more because of tariffs.

Import prices likely to rise

Tariffs, from Page 1

which will ultimately cost tens of thousands of hard-working blue-collar Americans their jobs," said Abigail Ross Hopper, president and chief executive officer of the Solar Energy Industries Association, in a statement. Hopper expects the impact on solar investments to be billions of dollars.

In 2016, there were 3,718 solar workers in Illinois and 260,077 in the U.S., according to the Washington, D.C.-based Solar Foundation. Solar industry employment has nearly tripled since the first Na-

tional Solar Jobs Census was released in 2010.

The impact on consumers buying washing machines could be short-term, and buyers may just get used to it.

"It's like any other product, if they want an LG machine, they'll pay for it," said Jon Abt, co-president of Abt Electronics, who said he expects consumers will see prices increase by about \$50.

Once Samsung's \$380 million manufacturing facility in Newberry, S.C., and LG's \$250 million plant in Clarksville, Tenn., are up and running, the impact will be lessened, Abt said.

Samsung has said it has already hired 600 workers to staff the new facility.

Chris Rogers, an analyst at New York-based research firm Panjiva, agreed. Rogers' analysis shows that Samsung, LG and other foreign producers have been aggressively importing washers in the past year, so it might be a while before consumers see prices go up because of stock on hand. "LG and Samsung have a cushion on the cheaper washing machines they can sell for the next few months," he said.

There's no certainty that many jobs will be added if

manufacturers turn to the U.S. to produce washing machines and solar cells, Rogers said.

After all, it's not clear how foreign makers such as Samsung and LG will operate their U.S. plants, he said.

They could make the parts in another country and then have them assembled here in the U.S. "If they mostly use overseas parts and assemble them using robots instead of people, the employment impact could be minimal," he said.

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P&G says it's trying to stop dangerous 'Tide Pod challenge'

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Procter & Gamble says it's working to stop the "Tide Pod challenge," a social media-fueled trend in which teenagers eat single-load laundry detergent packets.

The American Association of Poison Control Centers warned last week that it had seen a spike in teenagers eating the detergent pods, which it says can cause seizures, respiratory arrest and even death.

CEO David Taylor called the trend "dangerous" and "extremely concerning" in a blog post Monday. He said the company is working with social media companies to remove videos of people biting into the detergent and asked adults to speak with children about the hazards.

"Let them know that their life and health matter more than clicks, views and likes," Taylor said.

Poison control centers said they had handled 39 cases of intentional misuse among 13- to 19-year-olds in the first 15 days of the year. Poison control centers handled 53 such cases for all of last year.

The pods have generally been hit a for Procter & Gamble Co., which also makes Crest toothpaste and Charmin toilet paper. The company posted quarterly revenue Tuesday of \$174 billion and fiscal second-quarter net income of \$2.5 billion. Its results topped



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Procter & Gamble also faced problems with Tide Pods in 2012, when some children mistook the detergent for candy.

Wall Street expectations.

P&G has faced safety issues with Tide Pods before. Shortly after it introduced the product in 2012, the company announced that it would create a double-latch lid to deter young children from accessing and eating the detergent packets. Some children mistook the brightly colored 1-inch pods for candy.

To deter teenagers, P&G released a 20-second video of football player Rob Gronkowski earlier this month telling viewers not to ingest the pods.

"What the heck is going on, people?" he said in the video. "Use Tide Pods for washing, not eating."

A New York City pizzeria even launched "Pied Pods" because of the trend, offering rolls stuffed with cheese and pepperoni and topped with dyed cheese made to look like a detergent pod.

Claire's faces debt issues, hires investment bank

Struggling teen chain Claire's Stores has hired investment bank Lazard to help the company address its debt.

"We believe this is the right time to undertake this initiative and we want to assure our vendors, employees and stakeholders that we believe we have ample liquidity to honor our commitments through the completion of this process," CEO Ron Marshall said in a news release Monday.

Hoffman Estates-based

Claire's said its operations remain strong. Sales at stores open at least a year were up 1.1 percent during the third quarter of 2017, Marshall said during a December call with investors.

But the retailer also has sizable debts. Claire's total long-term debt topped \$2.1 billion as of Oct. 28, more than \$1.4 billion of which is due in 2019.

Claire's said it is working to adapt to changes in consumers' shopping habits while dealing with those debts, including giving

shoppers more ways to buy that don't require a trip to its mall-based stores. Claire's plans to have its products in roughly 4,000 CVS stores in 2018 and is working to boost its online business, Marshall said.

That would nearly double the number of locations Claire's sells its jewelry and accessories. Claire's says it has 4,220 company-owned stores, concessions and franchise stores in 45 countries.

— Lauren Zumbach

Lawsuit alleges governor met to discuss investment

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to 2013. The company's founding family asked him to grow the business and position it for sale, according to the lawsuit. He negotiated a bonus that entitled him to an escalating percentage of the proceeds from the sale of United Shore, the lawsuit says.

"Prior to investing, Rauner understood that if Kirkpatrick was successful in growing United Shore, not only would Rauner receive a significant return on his investment, but Kirkpatrick would also receive a sizeable transaction bonus," the lawsuit says.

But in May 2013, Kirkpatrick was replaced as CEO by the founder's son.

Kirkpatrick Capital sued United Shore and Jeffrey and Mathew Ishbia, members of the founding family that remains the majority owner, in 2015. Kirkpatrick himself also sued United Shore regarding the bonus he was promised, according to the lawsuit unsealed Tuesday.

The lawsuit says the parties reached a settlement agreement in June 2016 that redeemed Kirkpatrick Capital's investment in United Shore and resolved Kirkpatrick's claim for his bonus. United Shore was to pay Kirkpatrick Capital \$67.5 million over six years.

Rauner claims that none of that money should go toward Kirkpatrick's per-

sonal claim, according to the lawsuit. William O'Neil, an attorney representing Kirkpatrick, declined to comment.

The settlement agreement reflects that there was also an agreement between Kirkpatrick and Kirkpatrick Capital on how the proceeds would be allocated, the suit says. The portion of the settlement that would go to the limited partners in Kirkpatrick Capital's investment in United Shore was determined after discussions with those investors, including Rauner, the suit says.

Kirkpatrick allegedly kept the governor up to date on the court proceedings and the expected return on Rauner's investment. The lawsuit alleges Kirkpatrick met with Rauner on May 11, 2015, on the back porch of the governor's mansion and on the evening of Sept. 15, 2015, at the Chicago Club.

The lawsuit says Rauner did not object to his portion of the settlement proceeds during either of those meetings.

Rauner spokeswoman Rachel Bold said in an email that the governor "disputes Mr. Kirkpatrick's allegations, including Mr. Kirkpatrick's characterizations of any conversations."

The governor's office did not answer directly when asked whether he or his staff had any concerns about conducting private

business on state property. Rauner's office did not provide copies of the governor's schedule from the day of either alleged meeting.

Just before Rauner took office in early 2015, he committed to following "blind trust procedures" to make sure there was no conflict of interest between his personal investments and public duties.

Rauner granted power of attorney over much of his wealth to an investment adviser.

Asked in October why he was fighting to keep the Kirkpatrick lawsuit sealed, Rauner again said he doesn't control his investments.

"So to be clear, my assets, all my investments, are in a trust that I don't control," Rauner said. "I did that when I became governor. I can't comment on any business disputes. That gets settled in its own process."

Asked if the "blind trust" was the reason the lawsuit had been sealed, Rauner said, "I can't even tell you why. I mean, I don't really have much to do with that."

The suit says that in summer 2017, after Rauner had received his \$20 million, he filed a private demand for arbitration before the American Arbitration Association.

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Winnetka trader pleads guilty to commodities fraud

Scheme cost Rock Capital Markets almost \$13.8M

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

A Winnetka commodities trader pleaded guilty Tuesday in federal court in Chicago to a scheme that saddled a trading firm with nearly \$13.8 million in losses, leading to its collapse, according to federal prosecutors.

Thomas Lindstrom, 49, a longtime options trader at the Chicago Board of Trade, was charged with fraudulently inflating the value and profitability of his positions in 2014 and early 2015, drawing \$285,000 in compensation from Chicago-based Rock Capital Markets while concealing substantial losses, according to an eight-count indictment.

Lindstrom pleaded guilty to a single count of wire fraud under a plea agreement reached with the U.S. attorney's office. Sentencing was scheduled for June 19, and Lindstrom faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison and a fine equal to twice the losses suffered by Rock Capital.

"The plea agreement contemplates the dismissal of the remaining counts at the time of sentencing," Jeff Steinback, Lindstrom's attorney, said Tuesday. "I know Tom ... is grateful to be able to have this day, taking one further step towards resolving this matter."

The indictment, filed in September 2016, charged Lindstrom with buying hundreds of thousands of worthless options on U.S. Treasury note futures, options that would temporarily appear profitable.

An option on a futures contract gives the owner the right to buy or sell the futures at a fixed price before an expiration date. An option that would have no value if exercised is considered to be "out of the money," Lindstrom is

accused of buying deep out-of-the-money options on U.S. Treasury futures at a discount to their minimum settlement value of about \$15.63 each, making the trades seem profitable until the options expired as worthless.

Lindstrom covered up the realized losses by continuously acquiring larger out-of-the-money positions and sent Rock Capital false reports to further conceal the scheme, according to the indictment.

In November 2014, Lindstrom falsely told Rock Capital's owner that a loss of about \$475,000 was a trading error, which he then covered up by acquiring more out-of-the-money options. By the time the fraudulent trading activity was discovered in January 2015, Lindstrom had accumulated more than 950,000 out-of-the-money option positions, causing a loss of nearly \$13.8 million to Rock Capital, resulting in the firm's collapse, according to the plea agreement.

Rock Capital remains an active business, according to the Illinois secretary of state's office. Anthony Fata, a Chicago attorney representing Rock Capital in an unrelated suit, declined to comment Tuesday on the firm's status or the Lindstrom matter.

Under the agreement, Lindstrom pleaded guilty to fraudulently obtaining \$35,000 of the compensation from Rock Capital through an interstate wire transfer in August 2014. While the maximum sentence is 20 years imprisonment, advisory guidelines call for a range of about eight to 10 years.

"He (pleaded) guilty to one count, the remaining counts will be dismissed at sentencing," Sunil Harjani, assistant U.S. attorney, said Tuesday. At sentencing Lindstrom will be ordered to pay Rock Capital restitution in addition to any fine, Harjani said.

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JPMorgan Chase raising wages, hiring

Bank also plans to open 400 more branches in U.S.

BY KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — JPMorgan Chase announced Tuesday that it will boost wages, open new branches and hire thousands of new workers, citing improved economic performance and sweeping changes to the U.S. tax code.

Wages will rise to between \$15 and \$18 an hour from a range of \$12 to \$16.50 an hour, affecting 22,000 employees, the bank said. Employees in Chicago and Detroit, for example, will see wage increases to \$16.50 an hour. In other cities, such as New York, San Francisco and Boston, wages will rise to \$18.

Chase will also open 400 new branches and hire 4,000 people in its new U.S. markets, housing and small business divisions. Loans to customers seeking "affordable" homes will rise by 25 percent to \$50 billion and the bank will boost philanthropy by 40 percent, to \$1.75 billion over the next five years.

While JPMorgan Chase is the nation's largest bank by deposits and assets, its branch network reaches only 23 states and it does not serve large markets such as Washington, D.C., or Boston. A major branch expansion will likely include going into these markets. The expansion will take place over the next five years in up to 20 new markets, the company said.

A bank adding branches is somewhat notable. Most banks have been closing or

consolidating branches, as more of their customers migrate to digital-only banking and rarely step foot inside a branch. Even JPMorgan has closed or consolidated branches since the financial crisis. But it is difficult for a bank to break into new geographic markets without at least a handful of branches, particularly competitive metropolitan markets.

The bank also said, as an additional benefit to existing employees, it will reduce medical plan deductibles by \$750 per year for employees making less than \$60,000.

JPMorgan, like other major banks, expects to benefit heavily from the new tax law. It now expects its effective tax rate to be 20 percent, compared with the roughly 30 percent tax rate it was paying previously.

"Having a healthy, strong company allows us to make these long-term, sustainable investments," said Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon. "We are excited about further investing in our outstanding workforce and expanding into new U.S. markets."

The bank also plans to expand its small business lending division. It will add 500 new bankers focused on small business lending and will increase small business lending to \$4 billion over the next three years.

The company recently reported a 37 percent drop in fourth-quarter profit, mainly on a charge related to the recent changes in the tax code. Excluding the \$2.4 billion charge, JPMorgan earned \$6.7 billion in the quarter, and Dimon called the new tax bill a "significant positive for the country."



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The SHOT Show, the gun industry's largest trade show, is likely to draw 65,000 people.

Gun industry meets near Vegas shooting

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

The gun industry is holding its biggest annual trade show this week just a few miles from the site where a gunman slaughtered 58 concertgoers outside his high-rise Las Vegas hotel room in October using a display case worth of weapons, many fitted with bump stocks that enabled them to mimic fully automatic fire.

Gun control advocates, meanwhile, pointed to the irony of the location and planned a protest to renew calls for tighter gun sale regulations, including expanded background checks.

"We're trying to show the connection between the industry that makes all the money and the damage that their products cause," Lee Goodman, an organizer with Chicago-based Peaceful Communities, said Tuesday.

His organization advocates for a rewrite of the Constitutional Second Amendment right to own guns.

What exactly will be among the thousands of products crammed into the exhibition spaces at the National Shooting Sports

Foundation's SHOT Show convention, running Tuesday through Friday, will be a bit of a mystery, shielded from the public and, this year, members of the general-interest media.

One thing is known: Slide Fire, the leading manufacturer of bump stocks, a once-obscure product that attracted intense attention in the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, won't be among the exhibitors.

Still, the convention floor is likely to have plenty of other devices that gun-control advocates have taken aim at in recent years: accessories that make it easier to carry a firearm, shoot it or reduce the noise it makes.

On the list of products they oppose are "trigger cranks," which, like bump stocks, make it easier to fire a long gun rapidly, and "assault pistols," which look remarkably like short-barreled AR- and AK-style firearms but skirt certain federal restrictions because they aren't designed to be shot from the shoulder.

"For a person from the general public, I think the thing that would startle them the most about the

SHOT Show is just the sheer scope and the vastness of this show," said David Chipman, a former agent with the federal agency that regulates firearms and now a senior policy adviser with the gun safety organization founded by former Rep. Gabby Giffords, who was gravely wounded in a shooting in 2012.

SHOT Show has been held for 40 years, half that time in Las Vegas, and this year's gathering was scheduled well before the bloodshed last fall. It will have some 13 miles of aisles featuring products from more than 1,700 companies. More than 65,000 visitors are expected.

The general public is not allowed to roam the aisles; the only people who can attend are those with direct ties to the industry: manufacturers and dealers of firearms or associated products.

Michael Bazinet, NSSF director of public affairs, said that while those attending are well aware of the tragedy that occurred nearby, "they also know that legal gun ownership and the lawful commerce of arms is something quite removed from the act of an individual such as this."

Loss of mini Walmarts hurts small-town budgets

BY KEN MILLER
Associated Press

LUTHER, Okla. — Luther sold its youth football field to Walmart about three years ago so that the company could build one of its Express stores, using the money from the sale and the new tax revenue to pay off the roughly \$200,000 in debt that resulted from an embezzlement scandal involving the former town treasurer.

The store opened in May 2015 and closed only eight months later when Walmart pulled the plug on its Express experiment, shuttering all 102 of the smaller stores it had opened in mostly Southern and Midwestern towns to compete with dollar stores. Although many locations were taken over by Dollar General, the tax collections just don't measure up even though the Dollar General stores offer many of the same products, but not a pharmacy.

Tax collections in Luther, a town of about 1,600 on the outskirts of Oklahoma City, rose by \$12,000 to \$16,000 per month while the Express store was open, said City Manager Scherrie Pidcock. Since Dollar General opened in the larger building, the town's monthly revenue has recovered about two-thirds of the amount it was collecting with the Walmart Express, Pidcock said.

Luther has tried to pinch pennies any way it can. When its lone paid firefighter — the chief — quit the otherwise all-volunteer department in July,



SUE OGRICKI/AP

When Walmart closed its Express store in Luther, Okla., Dollar General took over the site. But Dollar General doesn't generate as much tax revenue, causing a budget gap.

he was replaced by a volunteer, saving the town his roughly \$2,800 a month salary. Mayor Jenni White, who took office a few months after the Walmart Express closed, said Luther had to put off buying two new police cars.

"We're just trying to go slowly, moving forward and not overspend the budget," White said.

Walmart closed its Express locations because of the demand of customers, who wanted more than the 12,000-square-foot stores could offer, according to Anne Hatfield, a spokeswoman for the Bentonville, Ark.-based company.

"What we learned from the Express stores was that our customers still wanted to shop at the supercenters," Hatfield said. "The customers were traveling to the other (supercenter) stores," which sell a full range of groceries, clothing, household and sporting goods, and basic automotive services.

Dollar General also simply doesn't generate the level of business of Walmart, said Craig Johnson,

president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consulting and research firm.

"Reason number one, Walmart was selling fresh," Johnson said, referring to produce and meats. "Dollar General I just don't think they do a good job on it" by displaying items that do not always "appear" fresh, Johnson said.

The disappearance of the Walmart Express pharmacy, which in many towns were the only pharmacies, has also played a role by reducing the number of customers entering the Dollar General stores.

"The pharmacy made customers come to the stores to fill purchases," Johnson said. "There's less people visiting store, and mathematically if there's less people in the store, there are less purchases being made," of various other items.

"The Walmart is what kept this town from going under," former Luther Mayor Birlene Langley said. "With Walmart, that was the best thing that ever happened to Luther. And then they just up and left."

Netflix's value tops \$100B for first time

With strong growth abroad, service has 117.6M subscribers

BY LUCAS SHAW
Bloomberg News

Netflix surged after a blowout quarter, vaulting past \$100 billion in market value for the first time to put the video service on a lofty perch with the likes of Goldman Sachs and Qualcomm.

The world's largest online TV network late Monday reported its strongest year of subscriber growth to date. Netflix added 24 million customers in 2017, bringing its global total to 117.6 million. For the final three months of the year, the Los Gatos, Calif.-based company crushed Wall Street estimates and suggested it will continue to do so in 2018.

While rival media companies merge, fire staff and fret about the future of their businesses, Netflix keeps chugging along, adding customers at home, in Europe and Latin America. Fourth-quarter sales grew by a third to \$3.29 billion, the company said, while earnings almost tripled from a year prior to 41 cents, meeting estimates.

Netflix will plow all of that and more into new TV shows and movies. The company has said it will spend as much as \$8 billion on programming this year, and disclosed Monday it will shell out an additional \$2 billion for marketing. Netflix is also dramatically increasing its non-English programming, with plans to release 30 local-language productions in 2018.

Netflix signed up 8.33 million customers in the fourth quarter, surpassing analysts' estimates of 6.34 million, thanks in large part to the popularity of the fantasy series "Stranger Things" and the new Will Smith movie "Bright."

That success has inspired Facebook, Apple and Amazon.com to try their hand at original programming. It has also spurred rivals like Walt Disney Co. to invest more in online services and acquire competitors. Yet Netflix enjoys a head start on all those players.

International territories accounted for the bulk of the subscriber growth and hold the key to Netflix's future, with additions of 6.36 million topping the 5.05 million average of analysts' estimates. Netflix said Rodolphe Belmer, the CEO of Paris-based Eutelsat Communications SA, will join its board.

The U.S. business, where growth had been slowing, also showed vigor. The company signed up 1.98 million new customers at home, up from a year ago and beating analysts' projections of 1.29 million, according to Bloomberg data.

"In only five years since launching our first original series, Netflix had three of the top five most searched TV shows globally for the second year in a row," the company said in its letter to shareholders.

Netflix expects to add 6.35 million customers in the first quarter, more than the average 5.18 million projection of analysts. That includes 1.45 million new subscribers in the U.S.

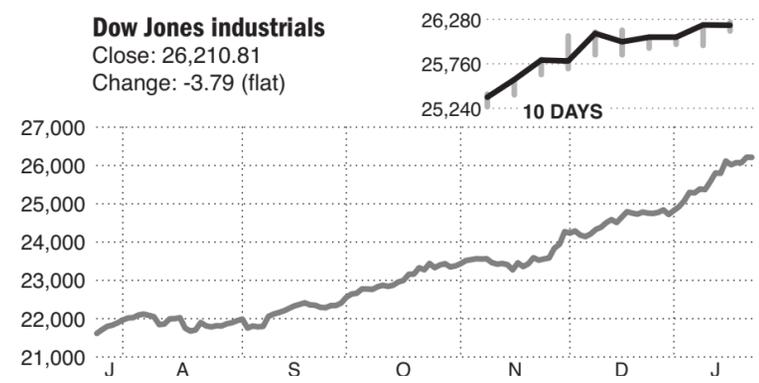
Splurging on new shows comes at a cost. Netflix will burn through as much as \$4 billion in cash this year and said it will borrow again. Critical analysts continue to wonder when spending will level off. The company has stayed around break-even, but continues to need cash for programming.

Long-term debt stood at \$6.5 billion at year-end, while long-term content liabilities totaled \$3.33 billion.

The ability to raise prices could boost Netflix's profitability in the long-term. The company's October price increase — \$1 a month for the most popular plan — had little impact, if any, on growth. While a previous increase slowed subscriber gains, this one passed with less scrutiny or media coverage. The most popular plan costs \$11.

MARKET ROUNDUP

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Summary table for Nasdaq (+52.26), S&P 500 (+6.16), and Russell 2000 (+5.54) with close, high, low, and previous values.

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Tesla's 10-year plan: Musk could be paid billions or zero

BY JIM PUZZANGHERA, Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Elon Musk has a lot riding on the growth of Tesla Inc.: his entire paycheck. The electric car manufacturer said Tuesday that a new 10-year compensation plan for Musk, its chief executive, could result in a windfall for the billionaire entrepreneur if the company's stock value rises sharply.

nounced. "Instead, Elon's only compensation will be a 100 percent at-risk performance award, which ensures that he will be compensated only if Tesla and all of its shareholders do extraordinarily well," the company said. "Because all Tesla employees are provided equity, this also means that Elon's compensation is tied to the success of everyone at Tesla." Tesla said the pay plan would keep Musk at the company while allowing flexibility for his role to change. "This ensures that Elon will continue to lead Tesla's management over the long term while also providing the flexibility to bring in another CEO who would

report to Elon at some point in the future," the company said, adding: "there is no current intention for this to happen." The plan is modeled after Musk's 2012 performance package, which also was tied to growth in the company's stock. But with the company much larger now — its value, based on market capitalization, is \$59 billion — the stakes are higher. For Musk to receive the maximum compensation, Tesla's market capitalization would have to swell more than tenfold to \$650 billion over the next 10 years. Musk will get paid in 12 tranches if he meets market capitalization and operational milestones, Tesla said. The first tranche



YAN HAN/TNNS

Tesla's board has come up with CEO Elon Musk's 10-year compensation plan, which is tied to growth. would kick in if Tesla's market capitalization hits \$100 billion and the company reaches targets for revenue and earnings. Each additional tranche requires a \$50-billion increase in market capitalization and escalating revenue and profitability targets.

Online petition targeting bank

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Reiss said the shift was part of the bank's broadening of digital banking services across all accounts. Brittany Williams, a doctoral student in Georgia, was one of those vowing on social media to close her Bank of America account after news of the account elimination. Williams said she's been a Bank of America customer for more than a decade; it was the first checking account she opened when she was 18. But because the University of Georgia does not allow her to split direct deposit between her main checking at another bank and the Bank of America account, "it made no sense to continue using their services," she said.

third-largest bank by deposits after Chase and Bank of America, still offers an account without monthly fees, as long as customers opt for digital statements. Paper statements run \$2 a month, and there's a minimum opening deposit of \$25. The lowest-fee option now at Bank of America is a Safe Checking account. That charges a monthly fee of \$4.95 but does not include checks or allow overdrafts. Because basic checking accounts are costly for banks to maintain, their availability among traditional banks should continue to dwindle, said Kimberly Palmer, a banking expert and writer at NerdWallet. She recommends consumers explore online banks like Ally that tend to have fewer maintenance fees and may have higher interest rates than their bricks-and-mortar competitors. However, although the digital divide has narrowed in recent years because of the prevalence of smartphones, roughly 3 in 10 of the poorest Americans — those with household incomes below \$30,000 a year — don't own one, according to Pew Research. Almost half of those people don't have internet or a traditional computer at their home. That prevents many of them from accessing online banking as an alternative. A Change.org petition asking Bank of America to reinstate the eChecking account garnered more than 50,000 signatures on Tuesday.

SEC chair: 'Blockchain' can't just be investor bait

Corporate moves on cryptocurrency to receive scrutiny

BY BEN BAIN, Bloomberg News

Companies looking to ride the cryptocurrency wave are drawing a stern warning from the top U.S. securities regulator: You better do more than change your name. The Securities and Exchange Commission will be watching firms taking on new names and business models to make sure they're not just trying to lure investors eager to jump on the blockchain bandwagon, Chairman Jay Clayton said Monday in comments prepared for a conference in Coronado, Calif. "The SEC is looking closely at the disclosures of public companies that shift

their business models to capitalize on the perceived promise of distributed-ledger technology," Clayton told an audience at the conference, sponsored by Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law. The SEC wants to ensure disclosures comply with securities laws. Clayton has been sounding the alarm about initial coin offerings, which he says often are technically securities whose issuers in many cases aren't complying with U.S. laws. Clayton didn't name any names in his speech, delivered by video conference because of the government shutdown, but he quipped about a company with no cryptocurrency expertise changing its name to "Blockchain R Us." A number of companies have tweaked their names or business strategies in

recent weeks to embrace the mania over digital coins and seen their stock prices soar. For instance, Long Island Iced Tea more than tripled after it became Long Blockchain and Eastman Kodak surged more than 200 percent earlier this month after it said it would create a Kodakcoin that could be used to buy photos on an online database. The SEC also has been pushing back on the rush to offer cryptocurrency exchange-traded funds. Agency staff last week raised investor protection concerns over the products after halting at least a dozen proposed bitcoin ETFs and two cryptocurrency mutual funds that had tried to use a fast-track process to become listed earlier this month. Clayton on Monday repeated his concerns over

how ICOs and cryptocurrencies could affect retail investors. He said he was bothered by the "completely unregulated nature" and retail focus of cryptocurrencies and related products. The SEC chairman, a former deals lawyer, warned that attorneys could come under scrutiny if they're not sufficiently diligent in advising cryptocurrency clients. He chided some for not counseling clients on the need to treat the coins as securities and comply with related laws. "These lawyers appear to provide the 'it depends' equivocal advice," he said. "I have instructed the SEC staff to be on high alert for approaches to ICOs that may be contrary to our securities laws and to the professional obligations of the U.S. securities bar."

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Ursula Le Guin, the award-winning science fiction and fantasy writer, died Monday.

Award-winning science fiction writer of six Earthsea books

BY CAROLYN KELLOGG
Los Angeles Times

Acclaimed science-fiction author Ursula K. Le Guin died Monday in her hometown of Portland, Ore., her agent confirmed. Le Guin was 88.

Although best known for her science fiction — particularly the Earthsea series — Le Guin was a creative, curious writer whose more than two dozen books encompassed fiction, poetry, essays, criticism, children's books, works of translation, fantasy and even blogging.

Le Guin was born Oct. 21, 1929, the daughter of Alfred Louis Kroeber, an acclaimed anthropologist who recorded Native American oral histories, and Theodora Kroeber, who penned the widely read book about a California Indian, "Ishi in Two Worlds."

She was raised in Berkeley, Calif., got her undergraduate degree at Radcliffe followed by a master's degree at Columbia in French and Italian literature and then earned a Fulbright

scholarship that took her to France. It was there that she met her husband, Charles Le Guin. Together they settled in Portland, Ore.

Le Guin published her first book, "Rocannon's World," in 1966. It was followed in 1968 by "A Wizard of Earthsea," a fantasy novel that cemented her reputation and launched her most famous series, which ultimately included six books.

"I love concrete facts, whether they're real or invented," she told the Los Angeles Times in 1985. "Part of the grip of fantasy is the day-to-day realism of the story."

Le Guin was awarded the 1972 National Book Award for children's literature for "The Farthest Shore." In her speech, given at the 1973 ceremony, she used her time to emphasize the seriousness of science fiction and fantasy. "Sophisticated readers are accepting the fact that an improbable and unmanageable world is going to produce improbable and hypothetical art," she said. "At this

point, realism is perhaps the least adequate means of understanding or portraying the incredible realities of our existence."

She often found herself making this argument. Finding herself among a cohort that included Gene Wolfe and Philip K. Dick, Le Guin explained to The Times in 1985 that "we were expressing serious concerns through the metaphors of science fiction and fantasy, as Tolkien did." She added, "In the days of flow-erdom we were going to make the future better. Instead of a cold, sterile futuristic place full of 'Star Wars,' there was a feeling for a while of making the world more livable, more human. My kind of science-fiction writer fit right into this."

When asked to express her thoughts about Steven Spielberg's "E.T.," Le Guin stuck out her tongue. She hadn't seen it.

She was a winner of the National Book Award, the Hugo Award, the Nebula and many other honors.

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ON JANUARY 24 ...

In A.D. 41, Roman Emperor Caligula, 28, was assassinated by members of the Praetorian Guard after a reign of nearly four years; he was succeeded by his uncle Claudius.

In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1862 novelist Edith Wharton was born in New York.

In 1908 the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

In 1924 the Russian city of St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (It has since reverted to the name St. Petersburg).

In 1965 Winston Churchill died in London; he was 90.

In 1972 the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people who had resided in a state for less than a year.

In 1978 a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering

radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1985 the space shuttle Discovery was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on the first secret, all-military shuttle mission.

In 1986 the Voyager II space probe swept past Uranus, coming within 50,679 miles of the seventh planet of the solar system.

In 1989 confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was put to death in Florida's electric chair.

In 1993 retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Md.; he was 84.

In 1994 President Bill Clinton promoted William Perry, the Pentagon's No. 2 man, to the post of defense secretary.

In 1995 President Bill Clinton appealed for common ground as he delivered his second State of the Union address, this time before a Republican-led Congress.

In 1996 the FDA approved Olestra, the nation's first zero-calorie artificial fat.

In 2000 Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore posted victories in the Iowa caucuses.

In 2001 Lucent Technologies said it would eliminate up to 16,000 jobs.

In 2003 the new Department of Homeland Security officially opened as its head, Tom Ridge, was sworn in.

In 2004 NASA's Opportunity rover landed on Mars, arriving at the Red Planet exactly three weeks after its identical twin's landing.

In 2005 the United Nations broke with years of protocol and commemorated the 60-year anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, directly linking its own founding with the end of the Holocaust in some of the strongest language ever.

In 2013 New Orleans Hornets owner Tom Benson announced he was changing his team's nickname to the Pelicans for the start of next season.

In 2016 one of the fiercest blizzards to strike the eastern U.S. in decades left a trail of record snowfalls in major cities, heavy flooding and at least 30 people dead.

In 2017 President Donald Trump tweeted about Chicago's violence, saying he would "send in the Feds!", a vague missive that prompted days of debate.

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ILLINOIS Jan. 23	
Mega Millions	02 06 30 31 55 / 07
Mega Millions jackpot: \$63	
Pick 3 midday	194 / 9
Pick 4 midday	1725 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto midday	19 31 34 41 43
Pick 3 evening	415 / 1
Pick 4 evening	9105 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto evening	01 18 28 33 34
Jan. 24 Powerball: \$92M	
Jan. 25 Lotto: \$2M	
WISCONSIN Jan. 23	
Pick 3	332
Pick 4	3484
Badger 5	02 05 16 22 30
SuperCash	05 08 10 11 25 37

INDIANA Jan. 23	
Daily 3 midday	139 / 1
Daily 4 midday	2571 / 1
Daily 3 evening	260 / 3
Daily 4 evening	3255 / 3
Cash 5	19 21 36 37 45
MICHIGAN Jan. 23	
Daily 3 midday	045
Daily 4 midday	2750
Daily 3 evening	229
Daily 4 evening	9355
Fantasy 5	05 08 09 18 30
Keno	01 02 05 08 09 10
	12 24 35 38 41 46 53 54
	56 59 60 64 66 71 78 79

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Angsten, Robert P.

Robert P. Angsten "Prange". Age 86. Longtime resident of Park Ridge, retired Deputy Fire Chief, and firefighter for the Skokie Fire Department for 40 years; previously serving for the Park Ridge Fire Department for 5 years. Beloved husband of the late Edith Evelyn Angsten, nee Ford. Loving father of Anne (Dan) Schimmel, Robert Angsten,



Peter (Conn) Angsten, and Marie (Tom) Stenger. Dearest grandfather of Daniel (Nadia) Schimmel, Melissa (Pat) Maigler, Christopher (Erica) Schimmel, Kristyn (Joe) Buss, Randy Angsten, Peter (Alexis) Angsten, Kellie (Mark) Beranek, Brandon Stenger. Cherished great-grandfather of Connor, Sierra, Alana, Kaitlin, Emma, Willa, and Otto. Fond brother of the late Aloysius "Al", Mathias "Fritz", Peter "Jimmy", Jerome "Jerry", Thomas Angsten, Marcella Solberg, Lucille Zink, Phyllis "Jean" Anderson and Josephine "Joanne" Mueller. Visitation Friday, January 26, 4-9 p.m., at the **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday, 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials to the World Wildlife Fund, www.worldwildlife.org. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.

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Arthur, Garris

Garris, Arthur P. Beloved husband of the late Vada E. Garris (nee Quinn). Loving father of Deborah (Robert Busscher) and Cynthia (Richard) Bauknecht. Devoted grandfather of Nicole (Eric Reckling), Melissa (Stephen Adams) and Lauren (Jeremiah Hatcher). Proud Great Papa to Emily, Daniel and Zander. Fond brother of 4 late sisters and brother. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Former proprietor of Four Seasons Coin Laundry (Old Irving Park), retired from the Illinois State Tollway. Visitation at Cooney Funeral Home, 3918 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL. Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. Funeral, Thursday 9:15 a.m. to St. Viator Church. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

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Barnoski (Elenteny), Madonna L.

"Donna" (nee Cerney). Beloved wife of the late William Barnoski. Loving mother of Annmarie Elenteny, and the late Jack Jr. Elenteny. Cherished grandma of Briana Elenteny and Ariana Stewart. Dear sister of the late Thomas Cerney. Memorial visitation Friday 4-8 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Memorial Mass 10:00 a.m. Inurnment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers masses are preferred. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Bertucci, Francis M. 'Frank'

Francis "Frank" M. Bertucci passed away peacefully on January 22, 2018. He was born December 3, 1933 in Evergreen Park, IL. Frank was a Korean War veteran and an active member of the Phoenix Club. He retired as an electrical engineer in management from Western Electric, a division of AT&T. He is survived by three daughters, Laura (Bill Smith), Jennifer (Nick Salazar), and Pamela (Kraig Smith); six grandchildren; his siblings Elizabeth Bertucci, Robert (Nellie), and Donald; many nephews and nieces; his former spouse, Frances; and by his sister-in-law, Idella. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruno and Concetta; and two brothers, James and Fred.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 26, 2018 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 9:30 AM to St. Mary Church at 10:00 AM. Fr. Timothy Piasecki will officiate with private inurnment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Hillside. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 5:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, IL 60506. (630)631-5500. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church, 430 E. Downer Pl., Aurora, IL 60505. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Frank's family.

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Bradley, Maria M.
Maria M. Bradley, nee Margosein, age 96, WWII Veteran W.A.A.C. Beloved wife of the late Walter C.; loving mother of Cynthia Binkis and Jeffery Bradley; dearest grandmother of Brenda, David, and Nicole. Visitation Friday 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 12 Noon at **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. Private interment at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Member of Clearing Post #600 A.L. For info 773-767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com

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Brokaw, Jr, Richard V.
Richard V. Brokaw, Jr., age 68, of Hoffman Estates. Beloved husband for 37 years of Judith A. Brokaw, nee Sperry. Loving father of Jennifer (Kenneth Sweeney) Brokaw. Dear grandfather of Jonathan. Devoted son of the late Richard V. Sr. and Mary Brokaw. Brother of Barbara Murphy and Faye Kenney. Richard was dedicated to his career as a registered nurse at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Care for over 20 years and at Good Shepherd for over 10 years. He loved bass fishing, especially when visiting Table Rock Lake. He will be missed so much by his family and friends. Visitation will be held Friday from 3 - 8 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral Service Saturday 10 AM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated to American Diabetes Assn., 55 E. Monroe Street, Ste 3420, Chicago, IL 60603. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Cassettari, Albert P.

Albert P. Cassettari, age 100, beloved husband of 78 years to the late Angela Cassettari nee Tomaso; loving father of Diane Scarpelli and the late Louise Paul; proud grandfather of Debbie Paul and Susan (Louis) Czech; and great grandfather of Jaclyn, Lindsay and Louis Czech; loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 9:00 am until service 10:30 am at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. to St John Brebeuf Church Mass 11:00 am. Entombment St. Joseph Mausoleum. Army Veteran WWII. Member of the St. John Brebeuf Golden Ager's Club and the Niles Bocci Team. for information 847-966-7302 or sign a guest book at www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Dayiantis, Loretta T

Loretta was born in Chicago in 1935 when a loaf of bread was 8 cents. She was an incredible wife to the late George Dayiantis, daughter to Gus and Flora, sister to Mona (Myron), Elizabeth, and Steve. An amazing mother to four beautiful daughters; Kathryn(d), Linda (Nick), Dena and Niki (Michael). Nurturing grandmother of Jacob, Dean (Maria), Nicoletta, Anastasia, Acacia, Lola, and George. Loving great-grandmother of Philip, Paraskevi, & George. Adored Nouna. She loved her family, the Cubs, reading, gardening, singing while playing the piano and being with her friends. We will never forget her lyrical laughter, quick wit and generosity. Our love for Loretta and the memory of her incredible spirit will live in our hearts forever. Join us to celebrate her life Friday, January 26 at St. Demetrius 2727 W. Winona St. Chicago 12:30pm Visiting, 1:30pm Service. Interment Elmwood Cemetery.

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Donahue, Jr., Orville J. 'Jim'

Orville J. Donahue, Jr. "Jim", age 90, of Arlington Heights. Beloved husband of Margaret Donahue, nee Wilhelm, for 60 years. Loving father of Mary (Mack) Bell, Michael (Monika) Donahue. Cherished grandfather of Lucas and Jackson Donahue. Dear brother of Jerry (the late Alice) and the late Robert (the late Suzanne) Donahue. Fond uncle of many.

Jim served his country proudly in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Des Plaines Elks Club and a former President of the Mt. Prospect Senior Advisory Council.

Visitation Thursday, 3:00 PM. - 9:00 P.M. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd. (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect. Visitation Friday, 9:00 A.M. until Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL.

In lieu of flowers memorial in Jim's name may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Dorgan, William F. 'Bill'

Beloved husband of Jean M. Dorgan (nee Vlazny). Loving father of Tim (Jamie) Dorgan, Molly (Ed) Layman, and Matt Dorgan. Proud grandfather of Kevin, Nathan, Elizabeth, Ryan and Michael. Dear brother of Donna (Bob) Pines, Susan (Mark) O'Brien. Caring brother in law of Eleanor (late Charlie) Mitchell, late Laurence (late Jill) Owl, Jim (Susan) Vlazny, Jack (Patty) Vlazny, and Julie (Ralph) Rottier. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3 - 8 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Bede the Venerable Church, 8200 S. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Driscoll, Betty

Betty Louise Driscoll, nee Hale, 85, of Flossmoor IL. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Jack Driscoll; loving father of Larry, Patrick (Carol), Bridget (Ron) Salata, Brian (Nanette), and John (Kelly) Driscoll; fond grandmother of Ginny, Katie (Coleman) Bacon, John Patrick, Eamon (Daria), Shea, Sandra and Riley Driscoll, Nicole, Ron (Lizzie), Margaret (Brendan) Smith and Stephen Salata; dear great grandmother of Aaron and MacKenzie Salata; cherished sister of Mary (Joe) Daues. Talented artist in multiple mediums and an avid gardener. Memorial mass 11 AM, Saturday, February 3rd at Infant Jesus of Prague Church, Flossmoor Road & Leavitt Ave., Flossmoor. Reception following at Glenwood Oaks Restaurant, 106 North Main Street, Glenwood. Donations to the Association of Horizon (www.associationofhorizon.org).

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Dziedzic, Dennis J.

Dennis J. Dziedzic. Age 74 of Park Ridge. Retired CPD Detective and Vietnam Veteran US Army. Beloved husband of the late Mary Agnes, nee Moore. Loving father of Eileen. Dear brother of the late Richard. Member of Morton Grove Post 134 American Legion. Visitation Friday, January 26, 9 a.m. until time of funeral, 9:45 a.m. from **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Mass to follow at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

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Dziedzic, Joseph H.

Joseph H. Dziedzic; beloved husband of Helen nee Kuss; loving father of Mary Ellen (Philip) Peterson, Janice (Michael) Moran, Karen (Dan) Lincoln, Joseph Jr. (Nancy Schuler), Robert (Kathy), David, and Mark (Chris); cherished grandfather of Chrystal, Kevin, Sean, Ryan, Katie, Sarah, Matt, Peter, Michael, Allyson, Jason, Rachel, Ben, Amanda, Zach, and Jacob; great grandfather of Kyle, Erik, Reagan, Emerson, and Eliana; also loving uncle and friend of many.

Visitation Friday, January 26, 2018 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, January 27, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Cornelius Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Ellis, Nicholas C.

Nicholas C. Ellis of Chicago, beloved brother of Johanna Ellis and Katherine Saxe; loving uncle of Kelly Kleamenakis and the late Tom Klement; cherished great uncle of Christopher Felcan and Jacqui Felcan. U.S. Army veteran served during the Korean war. An Architect, he is described as "an amazingly accomplished multi-faceted individual". A gifted writer, historian, linguist and best remembered for his artistry. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00p.m. at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Rd.) Roselle. Trisagion service 6:00p.m. Visitation Friday 10:30a.m. until time of service 11:00a.m. at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church 733 S. Ashland Chicago. Interment Elmwood.(630) 529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com.

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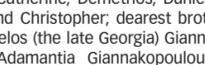
Gancarz, Theodore

Theodore F. "Butch" Gancarz, Jan. 21, 2018. Age 74. U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved brother in law of David S. (late Phyllis) Josephitis. Butch was also survived by many cousins. He was a member of the Stickney American Legion Post #687 and an avid Chicago Cub's fan. He was the former proprietor of Turnabout Pizza in Lemont, IL. Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave., (at Derby Rd.), Lemont. Religious services at 7:00 P.M. Private interment at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings in Butch's name may be made to the Wellness House, 131 N. County Line Rd., Hinsdale, IL. 60521, and will be deeply appreciated. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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Geanon, M.D., Demetrios G

Demetrios G. "Giannakopoulos" Geanon, M.D., 96, Beloved husband of the late Louise M. (nee Gerak); devoted father of Helen M., George D. (Alison), Mary L. (Terrence) Hlavaty and John D. (Letitia); Cherished grandfather of Joseph, Catherine, Demetrios, Daniel, Amanda, Gregory and Christopher; dearest brother of the late Evangelos (the late Georgia) Giannakopoulos, the late Adamantia Giannakopoulou, the late John (the late Evgenia) Giannakopoulos, the late Evridiki (the late Vasilios) Paraskevopoulos, the late Konstantinos (the late Georgia) Geanon, the late Vasilios (the late Panagiota) Geanon, the late Persephone (the late Christos) Cossyphas, the late Panagiotis and the late Efsthathios Giannakopoulos; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Dr. Geanon was a dedicated physician who brought many children into this world and dearly loved the Parish family of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Visitation, Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 4 - 9 p.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. (3/4 mile west of Roselle/Bloomingtondale Rds.) Roselle, IL. Family and friends will meet Friday morning at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 893 N. Church Rd. Elmhurst, IL. for 9:30 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.** 630-889-1700.



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Gelfand, Edmund

Edmund Gelfand, 91, beloved husband of the late Gayle nee Osovsky; loving father of David (Carey) and Mark (Melissa) Gelfand; cherished grandfather of Moriah, Zach, Eli and Sam; son of the late Minnie nee Mizel and Hyman Gelfand; brother of the late Maynard Gelfand and the late Donna Apple; dear uncle, cousin and friend to many. Funeral service Friday, January 26, 10:30 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Council for Jewish Elderly, www.cje.net or Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation, www.fhnr.org. Funeral info: 847-256-5700.



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Gibbons, William M.

William M. Gibbons, age 74, beloved husband of Rachel "Randy" Gibbons nee Cuthill. Loving father of William C. (Stacey) Gibbons, Anne Elizabeth Conway, Ryan J. (Amy) and Theresa "Tracey" Gibbons. Devoted grandfather of Casey, Erin and Madeline Gibbons, Patricia Conway, Charlotte, Calvin, Alexander and Lucy Gibbons. Dear brother of Patricia Anne Lawrence and brother-in-law of Douglas (Mary) Cuthill. Visitation Friday, Jan.26 from 4 to 8pm at the **JOHN E. MALONEY FUNERAL HOME**, 1359 W. Devon Avenue. The family and friends will meet Saturday, Jan 27 for funeral Mass at 10:00am at St. Ignatius Church, 6559 N. Glenwood, Chicago, interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 would be appreciated. Funeral information-773-764-1617



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Gounaris, James G.

James G. Gounaris, Beloved fiance of Maria; Devoted husband of the late Helen; Dear father of George (Jeanette), Harry (Pam), Penny (Stephanie) and John (Olivia) Gounaris; Loving pappouli of Robert, Katharina, Georgina, Jonathon and Demetri; Dear brother of Andrea Marmaras, Mina (John) Kologridis and the late Perry (Maria) Gounaris. Funeral Saturday, family and friends are asked to gather 9:00 a.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapels 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 893 Church Rd. Elmhurst, IL. Entombment Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.saleronfuneralhomes.com.



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Hawerbier, Henry F.

Henry F. Hawerbier, 63, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Charlene nee Vande Kerkhoff; loving father of Matthew H., Mallory (Roberto) Gallo and Jordan (Chris) Van Duerm; dearest grandfather of Giuliana, Francesco, Matthew, Emmeline, Camilla and Viviana; brother of James and the late Chris; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, January 26, 2018. Services and Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the Pediatric Congenital Heart Association - Illinois, P.O. Box 1094, Elgin, IL 60120. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.



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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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Hoak, Rosemary B.

Rosemary B. Hoak age 70; beloved wife of the late Martin J.; cherished "Mother" of Baby Girl; loving daughter of the late Walter and the late Lorraine Miller; fond sister in law of the Hoak brothers and their wives; best friend of Betty and Valerie DeFalco; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday January 25, 2018; 3 pm to 8 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Friday January 26th 10:30 am at Chapel Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Humikowski, Rudolph M. 'Rudy'

Loving and devoted husband of 42 years to his late wife Margaret, adoring father to Raymond, Heather, and Cathy, sweet Papa to Owen, Will, and Nora. He was a true friend to many, including neighbors in Woodridge, buddies from Mack Truck and Local Union #701, fellow servicemen of the U.S. Army, and his many dedicated caregivers over the last years of his life. Rudy is remembered by all as funny, strong, selfless, and kind to the last. Family and friends to gather Friday January 26 10:00 AM until time of service 12:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Private interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, please feed an animal, help a child, or tell a joke. Donations to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or any hospice organization are also welcome and appreciated. For more information, please call (630)355-0213 or visit www.Friedrichjones.com



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Jaszczor, Joyce A.

Joyce A Jaszczor, 79, Beloved wife of Kenneth N. Jaszczor. Devoted mother of Vanessa (Billy), Desiree (Fredrick), Machel, Kenneth (Jami) and Aimee. Proud Grandmother to; Marci, Kathryn, Jeffrey, Christopher, Veronica, Fredrick, Aaron, Matthew and Isia. Cherished great grandchildren; Ronald, Anna, Nylah and Jaxon. Beloved sister of Linda and Richard Thomas. Sister-in-law to Conrad and Sandra Jaszczor. Loving aunt to Jill. Services to be held at Christian Funeral Home 3100 W Irving Park Road, Thursday 1/25/2018 4-9pm. Funeral Mass Friday 1/26/2018 at St. Teresa of Avila 1037 West Armitage, viewing 9am, Mass 10am. In lieu of flowers please make donations to PAWS, or American Diabetes Association. Christiafunerals.com

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Kacick, Robert 'Bob'

Robert "Bob" Kacick, 81, of Marion, went to join his heavenly Father peacefully with family around him at Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy, in Hiawatha, on Monday, January 22, 2018. A Parish Vigil service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Marion. Following the vigil service, the family will greet friends until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home, where a Rosary will immediately follow the visitation. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1790 14th Street in Marion with Father David O'Connor officiating. A luncheon will follow Mass. A committal service for the family will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018, at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pinhook, Iowa.

Bob was born at Grant Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, on January 19, 1937, where he lived most of his life. He moved to Marion, Iowa, to be closer to his wife's family in 2011. Bob served as a United States Marine in the Philippines and he worked on a part-time basis in the hospitality business in Chicago for several years when he returned to the states. In 1958, he joined Pickens Kane Moving & Storage and was with them for over 50 years. Bob retired in 2011 as the Vice President of Sales. He had the opportunity to move large companies (law firms, accounting firms, publishing companies, etc.) not only in Chicago, but their offices located in other cities around the country. Bob is highly respected in the industry and was always considered to be a 'man's man' by all who had the pleasure to know him on a personal basis or to work with him.

Over the years, Bob grew to love musical theater, travelling, playing golf and spending time with family and friends. He liked to place a bet now and then on the major horse races, football games, and NCAA teams. Bob greatly enjoyed introducing people he thought should get married...and was a successful cupid three times. He was generous when he saw people in need and was the first to reach in his pocket to help. Bob never 'loaned' anyone anything. If they needed help, he gave it and never expected repayment of any kind. He also had a very creative side writing poetry, a children's book, a novel and a screen play.

Bob always livened up a gathering as he had many interesting stories to share and a wry sense of humor which is evidenced by the following inscription on his headstone - 'I knew this was going to happen'. Well, it did 'happen' and his passing leaves a huge void for all who have known and loved him during his lifetime. May he rest in peace.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Jean; sister, Joan; three brothers, Daniel, Steven and Michael; children by his first marriage, Lyndon (Kathy) Kacick, Whitney (James) Hey; step-children, Barbara (Brad) Anderson, Tamara (Larry) Alt, and Timothy (Kimyca Bryant) Schellhorn; as well as nineteen very special grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Anita, and daughter, Kimberly.

Memorials may be made to the family in Bob's memory for later designation. Please share a memory of Bob at www.murdoch-funeralhome.com under obituaries.

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Kiely, Shirley Mae

Shirley Mae Kiely (nee Collins) Age 91, Formerly of Chicago, IL, Dowagiac, MI, and Naples, FL, Born into Eternal Life on January 22, 2018. Loving wife of the late John J. "Jack" Kiely, C.P.D. Loving mother of Michael (Judie), Daniel (Joan), Timothy (Margaret Kerr), and Jack (Kimberly) Kiely. Cherished grandmother of Michael, Megan (Charles) Hayes, Timothy, and Bridget (Matthew) Carlson. Proud great-grandmother of Clare and Jack Hayes. Dear sister of the late Burnell (the late Russell) Martin, and the late Jack (Elizabeth) Collins. Devoted sister-in-law of the late James (Marguerite) Kiely. Fond aunt and friend to many. Visitation Friday 3-8pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)** 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Funeral Saturday 9:15am to St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60655. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Franciscan Village, 1270 Village Drive, Lemont, IL 60439 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com

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Labkon, Diane L

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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Lewis, Hermina Katherine

Hermina Katherine Lewis (nee Jun), 80, of Wood Dale, IL entered eternal life on January 18, 2018 at Alexian Brothers Hospital. Her loving daughters, Denise and Michelle, were there singing to her until she passed. She was truly all that the special name of Mom embodies to her two girls. She was a musician and was one of the 1st females to earn a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Vandercook College of Music in Chicago. It was there that she met her husband, Fred Lewis, who predeceased her in June, 2015. Besides spending time with family & friends, she enjoyed playing the piano, reading, nature & gardening. She had a great smile. A private remembrance and burial took place where she was interred at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Forest Park, IL. An open Memorial will follow in several weeks; date & location TBD. Please check Woodlawn Funeral Home's website at www.woodlawnchicago.com or call 708-442-8500 for information.



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Madsen, Jeanne E.

Jeanne E. Madsen nee Mueller; Beloved wife of the late Morton Madsen; loving mother of James (Veronica), John and Elizabeth (Mark) Sippel; devoted grandmother of Jacqueline, Jonathan, Kaitlan, Chandler, Joshua and ReAnna; dear sister of James R. Mueller. Fond friend and second mother of many. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. until time of service, 11:00 a.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Interment private. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

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Malone, Clarice F.

Clarice F. Malone, 90 formerly of Arlington Heights was born June 20, 1927 in Chicago to Felix and Bernice (nee Wojciechowski) Figliuolo and passed away January 21, 2018. Clarice was a lifelong educator in Chicago and the Northwest suburbs. Clarice was the loving mother of Matthew (Karen) Malone and Mark Malone and dear sister of the late William (Mary) Figliuolo. Visitation will be Friday, January 26, 2018 from 3-8 PM at Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Prayers will be said on Saturday, January 27 at the funeral home at 10:30 AM and proceed to St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 1201 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine for a funeral mass at 11:15 AM. Interment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, #800, Chicago, IL 60631 appreciated. Funeral information 847-253-5423 or visit lauterburgoehler.com

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Marsik, Joseph G

Schaumburg, IL- Joseph G. Marsik, age 91, passed away on Nov. 28, 2017, at Friendship Village in Schaumburg IL. Following his graduation from J.S. Morton H.S., he enlisted in the U.S. Army in May 1944, where he participated in the Army Specialized Training Program and subsequently, the Army Corp of Engineers. He graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign School of Civil Engineering in 1949 and later, obtained his P.E. certification. He spent his entire career with the Cook County Highway Department, becoming head of the design division and later head of the road maintenance division. During the Eisenhower administration, he was involved with the design of the Interstate Highway System. In his spare time, he and his father built numerous homes in the Western suburbs of Chicago. Joseph was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Lillian (Hula) Marsik. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Patricia (Svolos), four children: Dr. Joseph M. (Donna) Marsik, Deborah (Roger) Caruana, Ellen (John) Garner, Dr. Victoria (Vince) Castillo, and five grandchildren: Joseph (Keely) Marsik, Julia (Bryce) Marsik, John Garner, Jordan Castillo and Jenna Castillo. A celebration of life service will be held on Jan. 27, 2018 at 1:30 PM at Friendship Village, 350 W. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL.

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Marunde, Lorraine

Lorraine Marie Marunde nee Schultz, 88 of Addison. Beloved wife of the late William "Buddie". Loving mother of Susan (Jeff) Pathmann and Michael (Debra) Marunde. Dearest grandmother of Justin (Brenda) Pathmann, Kira (Anthony) DeNovo, Derrek and Brett (Amie) Pathmann. Cherished great grandmother of Blake, Jillian and Ethan, Trey and Walker. Dearest daughter of the late Harold and Suzanne Schultz. Dear sister of the late Doris Kolvitz and the late Harold Schultz. Also survived by nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters in law and cousins. Visitation Sunday January 28th, 3PM, Funeral Service 5PM at New Apostolic Church, 854 E. Algonquin Rd. #100, Schaumburg. Interment Oakridge Cemetery, Hillside at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to The New Apostolic Church Charitable Ministries. For info, www.humesfh.com or 630.628.8808.



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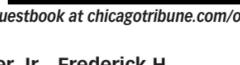
McCloy, John M.

John Michael McCloy; Age 83; Beloved husband of Maryanne, nee Whitehead; Loving father of John CFD (Sherrin), Kevin, Barry CFD (Joan), Michele (Eddie), Michael, and Jeff (Jennifer); Cherished Papa of Matt, Mary, Brendan, Archie, Riley, Lily, Jake, Michael, Nora, Charlie, and Abby; Devoted son of the late Nora and Michael McCloy; Dear brother of the late Thomas, Veronica (late Jim) Boylan, late Rose (late John) Curran, and Noreen (late John) Sullivan; Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews; Retired member of Local Union 399 Stationary Engineers, at Marshall Field & Co.; Proud U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, and former Commander of American Legion Post 757; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday, 9:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Germaine Church, 9711 S. Koln Ave., Oak Lawn; Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Meeder, Jr., Frederick H.

Frederick H. Meeder, Jr. age 92, of Wilmette. Beloved husband of the late Hester V. Meeder; loving father of Robert (Margaret), Charles (Gwen) and James (Martha) Meeder; dear grandfather of Wendy, Robert Jr., Lisa (William) Berkenkamp, James, Bradley, David and Joni Meeder; great-grandfather of Lilly, Quinn, and Henry; dear brother of Edith (Tim) Annin and the late Richard (the late Betty) Meeder; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, January 27, 2018, 1:00 p.m. until time of Funeral Service 4:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077. Interment will be in Mt. Clemens, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091 or Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 60201. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Meeder, Jr., Frederick H.

Frederick H. Meeder, Jr. age 92, of Wilmette. Beloved husband of the late Hester V. Meeder; loving father of Robert (Margaret), Charles (Gwen) and James (Martha) Meeder; dear grandfather of Wendy, Robert Jr., Lisa (William) Berkenkamp, James, Bradley, David and Joni Meeder; great-grandfather of Lilly, Quinn, and Henry; dear brother of Edith (Tim) Annin and the late Richard (the late Betty) Meeder; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, January 27, 2018, 1:00 p.m. until time of Funeral Service 4:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077. Interment will be in Mt. Clemens, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091 or Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 6020

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Merlo, Patricia

Patricia Merlo, 84, passed away on Jan. 3, 2018 in Brooksville, FL. A memorial Mass is being said on Sat, Jan. 27 at 10:00 AM at St. Anastasia Church, 624 Douglas Ave, Waukegan with a luncheon in the church hall afterwards for family & friends.

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Meyers, Dennis E.

Dennis Edward Meyers died suddenly on January 9, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois. He was 61. Beloved son of the late Charles R. "Jerry" Meyers and Virginia Meyers, nee Paczkowski. Dearest brother of Patricia (Michael) Allen and Darlene M. Meyers. Dennis was also survived by three first cousins, Beverly, Lynn and Laura, and many friends, especially his longtime friend, Maureen Lewus (Reflexions). Dennis was a lifelong fan of blues music and was a talented blues harmonica musician. At his request, his body was donated to Anatomical Gifts. A memorial service will take place at a future date.

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Millett, III, Richard M.

A cradle born Episcopalian, Rich was born on March 19, 1949, to his loving parents the late Margaret Jane and the late Richard Millett, II. He is survived by his beloved wife Patricia, nee Platek; and son Richard M. (partner Carolyn Winter-Rosenberg) Millett IV. Rich received degrees from Northeastern Illinois University and Business of Banking School at Cornell University. In 1971, he was hired at Alden's Incorporated, where he served as credit division training manager. At Alden's, Rich met Pat Platek and they became engaged in 1975. They married in 1976 and joyfully welcomed their son, Richard IV in 1977. In 1981 Rich was hired at First National Bank of Chicago and served on the board of directors for American National Standards X-12 Group, also as vice chair of the United Nations Business of Banking Group and later, became a founding member and president of the Greater Chicago Electronic Data Interchange Forum. In 1991, Rich joined Harris Bank/Bank of Montreal and served as a vice president in systems management and development. He later became head of resource management for the data processing division. Rich retired in 2005 due to health reasons. He was completely devoted to his family and friends and his beloved Christ Episcopal Church. In his 52 years at Christ Church, he served several terms as senior warden, church treasurer, acolyte, fund raisers chairperson and Sunday school teacher. The deep love for family, friends and church were profoundly felt in his heart every day of his wonderful life. Memorial visitation will be held Saturday January 27th, 9:30AM until the beginning of an 11AM Memorial Service at Christ Episcopal Church, 515 Franklin Ave, River Forest, IL 60305. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Christ Episcopal Church. Info: 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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Mulcahy, Thomas Patrick

Mulcahy, Thomas Patrick Born March 18, 1957 Passed Jan 16, 2018 at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. As Thomas donated his body to Science, Memorial Service will be Saturday March 3, 2018 at 10:00 am at St Alexander's Church 300 S. Cornell Ave. Villa Park, followed by Celebration Luncheon at VFW Post # 2801 At 39 E. St Charles Rd. Villa Park. He was preceded in death by his parents Eva Crager Mulcahy and Roger Mulcahy and his older brother Michael Mulcahy.

Thomas is survived by his spouse Melinda A. (Mindie) (Bright), his children and grandchildren Holly (Richard) Mulcahy Barr, Grandchildren, Jack, Reagan, Cameron, Jonathan, Tracy (Thomas) Mulcahy Jones, granddaughter Abigail; Angel Mulcahy, Ben Mulcahy, Alexandra Mulcahy. Thomas' Siblings Kathy (Mike) Mulcahy Chancy, Robert (Donna) Mulcahy, Mary Mulcahy Randolph, Carol Mulcahy Johnson, Theresa (Mulcahy) Louis Valadez John (Christine) Mulcahy, William (Karen) Mulcahy, and their children and grandchildren.

Memorials can be directed to St Alexander's Prayer Blanket Committee as they make blankets for hospital and Hospice Patients.

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Neeson, Doris R.

Doris R. Neeson (nee Kruger) June 25, 1928 – January 21, 2018. Beloved wife for 62 years of the late John Lester Neeson. Loving mother of Leslie (John) Tario. Proud grandmother of Johanna (Richard) Schulte, John Erik (Jessica) Tario. Fond great grandmother of Kellen Brady Schulte and Dean Patrick Tario. Sister in law of Rosemary (the late Emil) Kopfman. Aunt, cousin, friend and neighbor of many. Visitation Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. Family and friends will meet Friday directly at St Cajetan Church 2445 West 112th St. for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Int. Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Nelson, Lillian M.

Lillian M. Nelson, nee Burnson, age 88, beloved wife for 68 years to the late Robert A. Nelson (2016). Loving mother of Craig (Gilda) Nelson and Scott (Pamela Pedersen) Nelson. Cherished grandmother of Amanda (Angelo) Berardi and Ashley (Jason Mankowski) Nelson. Dearest great-grandmother of Angelo, Luca, Mateo and Nico Berardi. Treasured step-grandmother of Kurt Pedersen and Corinne (Patrick) Morgan. Precious step-great-grandmother of Lincoln Flynn Morgan. Preceded in death by three sisters and six brothers. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon with a Memorial Service to follow at 12:00 Noon at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Nihill, Jr., John Francis 'Jack'

John F. Nihill, Jr., age 91 and longtime resident of Wheaton, passed away peacefully in his more recent home at Tabor Hills of Naperville surrounded by his family. In his final days, his children, and grandchildren were able to enjoy his teasing and sweet visits. He will be sorely missed by all. We know he is resting peacefully now with his wife Terry and will remain in our hearts forever. Jack was born in Chicago, the son of the late John and Mary (Mae) Nihill. He attended St. Mel's and Crane Tech High School and enlisted in the Navy in June 1944. He served on the US Hopping APD 51 as Fireman 1st class- Electrician during World War II. In 1946 he was proudly initiated into the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union local 134 where he remained for the last 72 years. While working for Gibson Electric most of his career, Jack was nicknamed Duke because his tool belt looked like holsters and he called himself the John Wayne of the Western suburbs.

He met the love of his life, Terry Burke through his sister Marylou and they were engaged in 1947 and married in June of 1949. They lived in Chicago until 1953, when they moved to Wheaton where they raised their nine children. A longtime member of St. Michael's Parish, this father of nine, volunteered over 20 years to coach football at St Michaels and coached Little League baseball with his friends, Dick Sandberg and Bill Cashin. He loved to cheer at the many sporting and school events of his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

Jack is survived by his nine devoted children: Jack (Marsha Felps); Marty (Kathy Boarini); Mary (Mike) Fitzgerald; Cathy Rademaker; Tisha (Ron Botto); Nancy (Darrell) Adkins; Tom (Theresa) Coye; Ann (Larry) Impola; and Dan (Christi Rachwal); his 20 loving grandchildren and 32 delightful great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his dear sisters Peggy (the late Ray) Lies, Nancy (the late Bill) Andrie, Martha and Don Hojnacki. He is also survived by his dear friend and brother in law, Richard (the late Winnie) Virzi. He was also preceded in death by his wife Theresa (Terry, nee Burke), his loving grandson Brian (Joanne Sneed) Fitzgerald and his sweet great grandson Patrick Duke Fitzgerald (parents Patrick and Carolyn). John was also preceded in death by his parents, John Sr and Mary (Mae), his toddler brother Thomas and his sister Mary Lou (the late Bud) Bruhn and many of his Burke in-laws. Jack was also the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and lots of wonderful friends and neighbors.

His family wishes to especially thank the nurses, caregivers and staff of Tabor Hills and the Kindred Hospice family where they were able to allow his peaceful transition into death among friends and family and loving caregivers.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 25 from 3pm until 9 pm at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home 430 E. Roosevelt Rd (1 block east of Naperville Rd.), Wheaton Illinois. Funeral mass will be on Friday, January 26 at 10 am at St. Michael Church in Wheaton. Interment will take place at St. Michael Cemetery following mass.

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Norkiewicz, Genevieve

Genevieve Norkiewicz nee Marchewka, 98, of Niles, formerly of Mt. Prospect, passed away Dec. 25, 2017. Arrangements by **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.** Funeral information and obituary at www.GlueckertFH.com or 847-253-0168.

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O'Brien, Ellen Mary

Ellen Mary O'Brien, age 87, a resident of Naperville, IL and longtime of Schaumburg, IL, passed away January 22, 2018. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Ellen's life, memorials to St. Patrick's Residence would be greatly appreciated in lieu of flowers. Visitation Thursday, January 25, 4:00-8:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, and Friday, January 26, 9:00-10:00 AM at St. Patrick's Residence, 1400 Brookdale Rd., Naperville. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 AM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com for a complete obituary.

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Olechny, Helen M.

Helen M. Olechny nee Wsol, Las Vegas, formerly of Antioch, IL and Chicago. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of the late Robert (Tillie) Olechny, Patricia (Jim) Travis, John (Carol) Olechny, Eileen (George) Duty, Carolyn Olechny. Devoted grandma to 6, great-grandma to 5. Fond sister to the late Bernice (Frank) Murphy, and the late Frank (Florence) Wsol. Dear aunt to many. Visitation will be Friday, January 26, from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W Lawrence Ave, Norridge. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info: 708-456-8300

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Owles, Dorothy Marie

Dorothy Marie Owles, 94, of Port St. Lucie, FL, formerly of Lansing, IL, passed away January 19th, 2018.

Dorothy was born April 19th, 1923 in Chicago, IL, daughter of Monroe and Ida Brogan. She raised her family in Lansing, IL before retiring to Port St. Lucie, FL. She enjoyed a successful career as a secretary in the banking industry. She remained a lifelong Chicago sports fan and was thrilled to see her much loved Cubbies win the World Series.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, Frederick (Ted) Owles. She is survived by daughters Arlene Owles and Debra Owles, son Daniel (Christine) Owles and granddaughter Elizabeth (David) Rachowicz.

Dorothy will be remembered for her kind and loving personality, her cheerful disposition and her love of music. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Pytko, Selma M.

Selma M. Pytko, 94, formerly of Forest Park. Beloved wife of the late Casimir A. Loving mother of Walter (Kay), Terry (Mary) and Diane (August) Pilati. Cherished grandmother of Robert, Sally, Alexander, Andrew, Christina, Francesca and Claudia. Dear sister of the late William, Elizabeth, George, Waltrout, Irma and Eleanor. Visitation Thursday 10:00-11:00am at St. Bernardine Church 7246 W. Harrison St., Forest Park, IL. where Mass will be held at 11:00am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Info: 708-366-2200 or www.ZimmermanHarnett.com.

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Rakowsky, Carol J.

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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Roti, Marie A.

Suddenly. Loving mother of John Thomas. Beloved daughter of the late Fred J. "Bull" and Elvera (nee Vegetable) Roti. Dear sister of Frank "Murphy" (Paulette "Sis"), Ronald (Ann), Stephen (Catherine), Fred, and the late Carl "Rick" Roti. Fond aunt of Alesia, Caroline, Natalie, Jessica, and Sydney. Visitation Thursday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Chapel Services 12 p.m. at **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home** 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago) Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For Service Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Sampson, Doris P.

Doris P. Carr Sampson was born in 1927 in New Jersey to Rev. Ralph and Elsa Carr. She is predeceased by her parents, her sister Evelyn Carr Davis, and her brother Ralph W. Carr, Jr., and loving husband Harold "Sam" Sampson. Surviving relatives are 3 nieces, Barbara Davis French (Charles), Carol Davis and Carolyn Carr Holland (Bruce) and grandnieces and grandnephews. Doris graduated from Western Michigan University (which at the time was called the Michigan College of Education) with a B.S. in education followed by Masters in Elementary Education. Doris also attended and graduated from theological studies at Moody Bible Institute. She taught in Michigan prior to relocating to marry Harold, who at the time was LaGrange's "flooring man." Professionally, Doris taught first grade at District 102 and Pleasantdale School for over 30 years. Doris dedicated much of her life to making a difference in the lives of children. Doris loved to travel and was able to enjoy extensive travels throughout Europe, Asia, South America, the Middle East and most recently the Philippines. She spent her childhood summers at Gull Lake Bible Conference near Kalamazoo, was an active member of Western Springs Baptist Church for over 50 years, where she sang in the choir, was Prayer Pal to Pioneer Girls and delivered "meals on wheels" for the LaGrange Senior Center. Doris was a breast cancer survivor and was able to maintain her independence, living the final years of her life at home under the devoted care of her friend and caretaker Marissa Vazquez. Doris passed into the loving arms of her Savior Jesus on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018. Visitation will be from 9am until Funeral Service at 11am Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at Western Springs Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Parkholm Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Western Springs Baptist Church appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** at 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com

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Schiltz, Michael E.

Michael E. Schiltz age 88, longtime resident of Evanston. Beloved husband of the late Barbara A. Schiltz nee Lautz; loving father of Tom (Roxanne) Schiltz, Paul (Cathy) Schiltz and Katherine Schiltz; proud grandfather of Kristen, Alexi, Hannah, Molly, Austin, Michelle, Holly and Sam; great grandfather of Jayden; dear brother of Diane Schiltz and the late Gene M. (Mary) Schiltz; brother-in-law of George (Nancy) Lautz; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday January 26, 2018, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Interment private, All Saint Cemetery. A Funeral Mass is being planned for May 2018 at St Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to St Nicholas Church or Loyola University School of Social Work, 820 North Michigan Avenue, Maguire Hall, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611 Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

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Schmidt, Richard P.

Richard P. Schmidt, 86; U.S. Army Korean War Veteran; Beloved husband of Anna nee Pollara; Loving father of Karen Jarnigo, Sandra (Terry) Casey, Peter (Kandise) Schmidt and the late Michael Schmidt; Dear grandfather of Megan, Abbey and Jake Casey and Aidan and Austin Schmidt. Visitation Friday Jan. 26th from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service begins Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home proceeding to St. Eugene Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. Info: www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300

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Sigmund, Walter S. 'Walt'

Age 87, Waukesha, WI, formerly of Mt. Prospect, IL, was called to eternal life with the Lord on Jan. 21, 2018. Walt was born on June 26, 1930 to Sigmund and Bertha (Woltersdorf) Schmidt in Chicago, IL. He graduated from Lane Tech HS then worked for Perfect Punch Mfg. Co., where he retired in 1995 (32 yrs) as VP and Sales Mgr. Walter also served in the US Naval Reserves for 19 years. He married Lillian (nee Neumann) in 1963, in Forest Park, IL. They moved to Mt. Prospect and lived there until they relocated to Waukesha, WI in 2012. He felt called to serve at his home churches (Jefferson Park Lutheran and Our Redeemer Lutheran) and held leadership positions for many years. He is survived by his wife, Lillian of Waukesha, WI; one child, Karen Schindwein (Tom), Waukesha, WI; 2 grandchildren Amalie Bowling (Jason), Waukesha, WI, Joseph Schindwein, Waukesha, WI; 2 sister-in-laws Judith, Des Plaines, IL, Ermanna, Lincolnwood, IL, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and great-grand foster children. Preceded in death by his parents Sigmund and Bertha Schmidt and brother, Alfred. Visitation will be held Fri, Jan. 26th from 10AM until the 12PM funeral service at Wisconsin Memorial Park-Chapel of the Chimes (Main Building), 13235 W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield, WI. Burial following. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 1205 S. East Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186, or Chosen, Inc. 217 Wisconsin Ave #105, Waukesha, WI 53186. For further information please call the **Randle-Dable-Brisk Funeral Home** at 262-547-4035 or visit our website at www.randedable.com for directions or to leave the family an online tribute message.

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Siwek, Maryann S.

It is with great sadness that we announce Maryann's passing. She was a loving wife to her husband, Chris Krall; a caring sister to her brothers Dan, Ron and Ed; a dear sister-in-law to Jeanne; a proud aunt to Michelle, Mark and Melissa; a source of joy to her parents, Stanley and Frances, and her in-laws, Matt and Kaaren; and a good friend and neighbor to so many. We miss her terribly, but know we will find her again. Please join us to celebrate her life at St. Benedict's, 2215 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, on Sat. Feb. 10. Mass begins at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society.

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Sofedes, Elaine M.

Elaine M. Sofedes, 89, passed away on January 23, 2018. Beloved wife of John; loving mother of Karen (Dr. Stephen) Reilly; adored grandmother of Meghan and Colleen Reilly. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 9:00 am until time of funeral mass at 10:00 am at St. Patrick Church, 950 W. Everett Rd. Lake Forest, IL 60045. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

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Supanich, Richard M.

Richard M. Supanich; beloved husband of Catherine; loving father of Mary Kay, Paula (James) Jarolim, Joyce (Chuck) Surina and David (Denise); cherished grandfather of Matthew, Thomas (Liz), Jason, Zoe, Paige, Zachary and Kyle; dear brother of Jim (Jeanine) Supanich; fond uncle & friend of many. Proprietor of Lawn Lanes in Chicago. Visitation Friday 3-9 PM, Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 AM at Lawn Funeral Home 7909 State Road (5500 W) Burbank, IL 60459. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Park Lawn for Developmentally Disabled Adults 10833 S. LaPorte, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-636-2320

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Thomas, John N.

John N. Thomas, 73, of Homer Glen, formerly of Orland Park. Beloved husband for 55 years of Kathy nee Ruskamp. Loving father of Jack, Paul (Nadine), Cindy Moser and David. Dear grandfather of Elizabeth, Madeline, Brittany, Hannah, Megan, Will and Cassie. Fond brother of Virginia Puls, Theresa (Chuck) Mazurowski, the late Mary Ellen, Jean Lyons and Bunny (Phil) Budny. Visitation Friday 9am until time of Mass 10am at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, 16043 S. Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHIL D PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Aaron Green

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Maria Daniels (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00972

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 7, 2016, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Andrea Buford in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/06/2018, at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 24, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHIL D PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Maria Daniels (Mother)

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January 24, 2018

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TO: Estate of Robert Berkeley; Estate of Edward Paul Berkeley; Estate of Robert Berkeley, c/o Anthony E. Ruff; Estate of Edward Paul Berkeley, c/o Anthony E. Ruff; Town of Cicero, c/o Town Clerk; Town of Cicero, c/o Del Galdo Law Group, LLC; Occupant, 2444 S. 57th Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD 000514 FILED January 11, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: December 29, 2015 CERTIFICATE NO. 155-0001085 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2011-2013 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2444 S. 57TH AVE., CICERO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 16-29-220-038-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 9, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2018 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the County Court House in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Tuwana Dennis Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 tbalin@balinlawpc.com Pub: 1/23, 24, 25/2018 5414587

TO: Sophia Melmaroglou; 1201 S. Western, LLC, a/k/a 1201 South Western, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State, Defunct Corporation Division; 1201 S. Western, LLC, a/k/a 1201 South Western, LLC, c/o Louis Belpedio, Manager; 1201 S. Western, LLC, a/k/a 1201 South Western, LLC, c/o Louis Belpedio, Manager; Pennstar Bank, a division of NBT Bank, N.A.; GAN C, LLC, c/o Greg R. Bingham, Reg Agent; Occupant, 3362 S. Giles Ave., Apt. 1, Chicago, IL 60616; Occupant, 3362 S. Giles Ave., Apt. 2, Chicago, IL 60616; Occupant, 3362 S. Giles Ave., Apt. 3, Chicago, IL 60616; City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, Corporation Counsel; City of Chicago, Dept. of Buildings; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD 000525 FILED January 11, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: January 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO. 155-0008362 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2009-2013 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 3362 S. GILES AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 17-44-121-052-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 9, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2018 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the County Court House in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Tuwana Dennis Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 tbalin@balinlawpc.com Pub: 1/23, 24, 25/2018 5414557

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TO: Veronica L. Majors; Mario H. Fedrick; National Lending Center, Inc.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-3; Occupant, 7521 S. Emerald Ave., Chicago, IL 60620; Mia Fedrick; Jerron Lewis; Lee Dun; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD 000521 FILED January 11, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: January 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO. 155-0006110 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2009-2013 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 7521 S. EMERALD AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 20-28-301-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 9, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2018 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the County Court House in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Tuwana Dennis Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 tbalin@balinlawpc.com Pub: 1/23, 24, 25/2018 5414531

TO: Tony Lampkin; Janice Rolling; Raimundo Mizrahi, as Trustee of trust deed recorded 10/15/1997 as Document Number 97764984; Citigroup, Inc., as Successor to Associates Finance, Inc., c/o The Corporation Trust Company, Reg Agent; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., c/o Genpack Realty, Reg Agent; Reg Agent; PHM Financial Incorporated, d/b/a Professional Home Mortgage, c/o Chae H. Bae, Reg Agent; Albert Williams; Dion Williams; Sherman Williams; Thomas Clemons; Antonio Rolling; Douglas Brent; Jasmine Gilmore; Occupant, 8611 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60620; Illinois Attorney General; Illinois Department of Revenue, Lien Unit; State of Illinois, c/o Dept. of Revenue; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD 000522 FILED January 11, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: January 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO. 155-0007268 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2009-2013 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 8611 S. HALSTED ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 20-33-318-004-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 9, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2018 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the County Court House in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Tuwana Dennis Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 tbalin@balinlawpc.com Pub: 1/23, 24, 25/2018 5414539

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TO: Esther F. Rice; City of Chicago, Water Dept.; Occupant, 10617 S. Bensley Ave., Chicago, IL 60617; City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, Corporation Counsel; City of Chicago, Dept. of Buildings; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD 000516 FILED January 11, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: January 4, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO. 155-0003862 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2010-2013 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 10617 S. BENSELY AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Permanent Index No. 25-13-201-011-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 9, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2018 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, IL at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the County Court House in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Tuwana Dennis Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 16, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 tbalin@balinlawpc.com Pub: 1/23, 24, 25/2018 5414515

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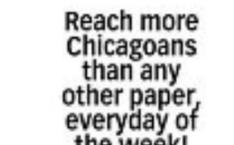
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Tank it or leave it

High picks invaluable, but Bulls likely to leave lottery quickly

K.C. JOHNSON
On the Bulls

The wonderful website www.tankathon.com details the, ahem, race for the most pingpong balls heading into the final NBA draft lottery before reform measures. Even after Monday's gut-wrenching, double-overtime loss to the New Orleans Boogies, er, Pelicans, the site as of late Tuesday night listed the Bulls' chances at the top pick at a mere 1.7 percent and a meager 6.1 percent for a top-three pick. Even with the draft lottery in Chicago on May 15, those are long odds to overcome for a franchise that once cashed in a 1.7 percent chance to move from ninth to first and drafted Derrick Rose in 2008.

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DRAFT LOTTERY PROBABILITIES

The top three positions vs. where the Bulls stand

The Bulls have the ninth-worst record in the NBA. As it stands, here are their draft-order probabilities (rounded to the nearest percentage point) and those of the NBA's three worst teams.

% chance of pick ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
T1 Magic (14-33)	22	20	17	34	6					Entering late Lakers game		
T1 Kings (14-33)	22	20	17	34	6							
3 Hawks (14-32)	16	16	16	23	26	4						
9 Bulls (18-29)	2	2	2						81	12	<1	<1

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING A NUCCIO DINUZZO PHOTO OF JOHN PAXSON

Strus pushes his potential to max

DePaul found gold mine in underrated guard from the southwest suburbs



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Things went so well for Max Strus on a recruiting trip to Xavier that his parents figured the process was over.

"We told Max that he didn't have to make the visit to DePaul," said Debra Strus, Max's mother.

But not even Mom and Dad realized how much staying close to home meant to a player known for his long range.

"That was important to me," said Max, a Stagg High School graduate.

DePaul coach Dave Leitao sensed that family-first vibe when Strus officially received his release from Division II Lewis University after two outstanding seasons that included a 52-point game.

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BLACKHAWKS

Crawford is 'getting closer'

Coach Joel Quenneville called it "a positive" that injured goalie Corey Crawford worked out the last two days, but there's still no timetable for his return to the ice. **Page 3**

Gymnastics rot runs deeper than Nassar

Doctor a monster, but enablers failed to prevent toxic culture that led to crimes



HEIDI STEVENS

I keep thinking about that People magazine cover, the one that declared them "America's Sweethearts!" while they grinned for the camera, more than half of them sharing an unspeakably painful secret.

The Final Five — Gabby Douglas, Simone Biles, Aly Raisman, Lauren Hernandez and Madison Kocian — held a record-setting number of

Olympic team medals among them, embodied precision, grace and muscle that defied what we understood to be humanly possible, and were united by more than their athletic prowess.

They were united, at least three of them, in their abuse by a predator who exploited their trust and by a system of enablers that did nothing to stop him.

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JOE KNOWLES

Hawks' woes lack quick fix

The Blackhawks woke up in Chicago on Tuesday to a light cover of snow, but not the kind of stuff that requires a shovel.

They also woke up in last place in the Central Division, seven points out of the playoff race. Digging out of that will require some heavy lifting.

"That hole's getting deeper," coach Joel Quenneville said after the Lightning blanked his team 2-0 Monday night at the United Center.

Three Stanley Cups in a decade represent a great source of pride for Chicago hockey fans, but those Cups don't get you dubs on a playoff spot. And, unlike in the past when the Hawks have started slowly, this team doesn't look like it's one or two moves from climbing back into the championship hunt.

This looks like a team that is broken. Other than Patrick Kane, do the Hawks have a meaningful player who is in the prime of his career? Kane is going strong, sure, but he's a 10-year veteran who will turn 30 next season. Brandon Saad is only 25, and while he hasn't put up big numbers so far this season (23 points in 47 games), he remains a valuable two-way player with a significant upside. Let's not give up on him just yet, though he may be the most attractive trade chip on the roster.

Most of the Hawks' core players are aging, injured, underperforming or some combination of the three.

Jonathan Toews is only 29, but his decline in productivity has to be a cause for concern. Toews often is compared, perhaps unfairly, to another three-time Cup-winning captain, Sidney Crosby. And while their games are different, their paychecks are similarly weighty. Toews' deal carries an average salary of \$10.5 million annually compared with Crosby's \$8.7 million. With 31 points in 47 games, Toews is on pace for a 50-point season, which would be a career low. The 30-year-old Crosby already has 51 points in the same 47 games.

Patrick Sharp is 36. Whatever magic the Hawks had hoped to recapture by bringing him back to Chicago has failed to materialize. Duncan Keith is 34 and still looking for his first goal of the season. Brent Seabrook is 32, and while some of the fan criticism that comes his way is unwarranted, it's clear his role will not be commensurate with his \$6.8 million salary. (His contract, by the way, does not expire



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

David Kampf gets sandwiched by the Lightning's Braydon Coburn, left, and Ryan Callahan.

until 2024.) Corey Crawford, who remains out with an "upper-body" injury, is 33. Is there a young goalie in the system ready to take his place? Marian Hossa is 39 and unlikely ever to return from a debilitating skin condition.

Otherwise, the roster consists mainly of young players, some of them promising but still unproven. Can Alex DeBrincat and Nick Schmaltz become Kane and Toews 2.0? Do Ryan Hartman and Vinnie Hinostroza have top-six potential, or are they merely nice role players? Is there a Keith-like Norris Trophy candidate among the group of Erik Gustafsson, Connor Murphy, Jordan Oesterle, Jan Rutta and the recently demoted Gustav Forsling?

The competition in the Western Conference, and the Central Division in particular, is not standing still while the Hawks spin their wheels.

The Predators look like a team on a mission. The Jets actually are a legitimate playoff team. The Wild have recovered from a shaky start. The Stars had won seven of their last 10. The Blues are deep and dangerous. The Avalanche's 10-game winning streak vaulted them past the Hawks and into playoff position.

Are the Hawks capable of going on a long run? Maybe general manager Stan

Bowman has a deadline trick up his sleeve. Maybe college hotshot Dylan Sikura can give the team a late-season spark.

If that hot streak doesn't happen, when will the Hawks decide this season is unsalvageable? If they are 10 or 12 points out of a playoff spot at the trade deadline, do they become sellers? If so, can they find takers for some of their highly paid veterans?

If the Hawks can't dig their way out of this predicament soon, they may have no choice but to dig in and join the Bears, White Sox and Bulls in full-on rebuilding mode. With their contract commitments and a hard NHL salary cap, that could get messy. Big heads would have to roll.

More likely, if the Hawks miss the playoffs this year, they'll try to reload rather than tear it down and start over — sort of a Kenny Williams-style rebuild as opposed to the Theo Epstein model.

Neither method comes with a guarantee, but as we've seen here in Chicago, it may be better to endure some intense short-term pain rather than suffer through a prolonged period of frustration and anguish.

That's the whole truth. And, yes, either way, it hurts.

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THE LINEUP

He's a man for all season



A baseball pariah just a few years ago, Alex Rodriguez has ensured he'll be a major-league presence from opening day to the World Series.

Rodriguez — who was suspended for the entire 2014 season over his involvement in a PED scandal — has signed on as an analyst on ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball" telecasts, adding that duty to work on Fox Sports' postseason pregame and postgame shows. He will join analyst Jessica Mendoza, reporter Buster Olney and new play-by-play announcer Matt Vasgersian beginning with a season-opening Dodgers-Giants game on March 29, ESPN announced Tuesday.

Rodriguez, 42, replaces Aaron Boone, who left to take over for Joe Girardi as Yankees manager. Coincidentally, it was an offseason injury to third baseman Boone in 2004 that led the Yankees to acquire Rodriguez in a trade with the Rangers.

Phil Rosenthal

Golden years rewarding



Kobe Bryant might get another trophy — at the Oscars.

The former Lakers star was nominated with Disney animator Glen Keane in the animated short category for "Dear Basketball," based on a poem he wrote in 2015 announcing his impending retirement.

"What??" Bryant, 39, responded on Twitter. "This is beyond the realm of imagination. It means so much that the @TheAcademy deemed #DearBasketball worthy of contention."

Bryant's poem begins: "Dear Basketball, from the moment I started rolling my dad's tube socks, and shooting imaginary game-winning shots in the Great Western Forum, I knew one thing was real: I fell in love with you."

It ends by counting down the final five seconds on a game clock.

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The Hawks are taking their time as injured goalie Corey Crawford tries to work his way back to the team.

Waiting game is going into OT

Crawford working out, but still no word on when he'll return

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Corey Crawford's tools of the trade sat at the ready Tuesday in his locker stall at the United Center, where the Blackhawks goalie worked out Sunday and Monday.

But the 33-year-old isn't ready to shed his street clothes in favor of his Hawks sweater or the masks, shin pads, chest protector and gloves with his name on them just yet.

But coach Joel Quenneville said that day is "getting closer."

Crawford "had a good workout" with team trainers during the last two days, according to Quenneville. Crawford is recuperating from an upper-body injury that landed him on injured reserve Dec. 27.

"Feeling much better," Quenneville said after the team practiced Tuesday at the United Center. "When we get him on the ice soon, hopefully we'll get a better assessment."

Crawford was last seen on the ice Dec. 23, when he allowed three goals on seven shots and

was pulled during the first period of a road loss to the Devils.

He wasn't seen around the team again until Monday, when he sported a long black coat, a suit and a stocking cap outside the team locker room at the United Center before the Hawks' 2-0 loss to the Lightning, the team's third consecutive defeat.

The month Crawford has missed has been littered with speculation — he could miss the rest of the season because he had vertigo-like symptoms; he has concussion issues — rumors and a lot of awkward silence from the team.

Quenneville reiterated after Monday's loss that there is no timetable for Crawford's return, though he does expect him back this season.

He said seeing Crawford was "a positive."

Seeing him back on the ice would be even more of a positive, as far as the Hawks are concerned.

"We view him as the best goalie in the league," Patrick Kane said a day after Crawford was put on injured reserve. "When you're missing that piece it's going to hurt a little bit, but that shouldn't change how we want to play."

When Crawford might return to game action remains unknown. The Hawks have gone 5-6-1 in

Crawford's absence, with Jeff Glass and Anton Forsberg mostly holding their own.

But Crawford's All-Star pedigree — he is 16-9-2 with a .929 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average this season — couldn't hurt on a team clinging to postseason hopes.

For now, though, the Hawks are just happy to see Crawford's face in a familiar place.

"He looked good; he looked still in shape," teammate Ryan Hartman said. "It was good to see him. I know a lot of guys missed him. He's a key part of our locker room."

Connor Murphy said his interaction with Crawford was short.

"He just said hi to guys," Murphy said. "It wasn't too in-depth."

That the Hawks haven't placed Crawford on long-term injured reserve suggests they believe he will return this season.

Still, will the Blackhawks even be in contention for a postseason spot if and when that happens?

They are last in the Central Division and fading quickly in the wild-card race.

And how long would Crawford need to return to the form that he had before his latest injury?

Those are questions for later. How much later remains to be seen.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Glass: Good luck comes with hard work

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Jeff Glass couldn't see the puck — or any symbolism of the Blackhawks season it carried with it as it bounced off his back and into the net Monday night.

With 2 minutes, 46 seconds left in the second period of a scoreless game, and the Hawks on a five-on-four advantage, Chris Kunitz's shot from behind the net ricocheted off Glass' back for a 1-0 Lightning lead.

The goal arguably shouldn't have counted because of a hand pass that preceded it. But no matter — Glass wasn't about to subscribe to excuses or bad luck.

"That's on me. I thought it went out of play," Glass said of the puck, which was deflected before Kunitz's shot. "I couldn't find it. Everybody stood still, which is usually a pretty good indication it went out of play. Next thing you know, it was in."

And the Hawks were out of luck again in what turned out to be a 2-0 loss, their third in a row.

Earlier in the game, Patrick

MAPLE LEAFS AT BLACKHAWKS

TV/radio: 7 p.m. Wednesday; NBCSN, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Blackhawks have lost three in a row and have been shut out in their last two, pushing them further down the Western Conference wild-card standings. ... The Maple Leafs will be the third of four consecutive Eastern Conference teams the Hawks face.

Trending: With 57 points, the Maple Leafs are all but assured of making the playoffs, but they are just 3-4-3 in their last 10, including a 4-2 loss Monday against the Avalanche. ... Blackhawks center Nick Schmaltz topped 20 minutes of ice time for the third straight game Monday.

Kane's shot ricocheted off the post and appeared to hit the back of Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy. The puck was headed for the net before Dan Girardi swatted it away.

"You have to create your own luck, create your own bounces," said Glass, who will start Wednesday against the Maple Leafs. "We seem to be on the short end of that. We just have to keep working hard. Hard work seems to find luck; they seem to work hand in hand. We're going to get some good luck here."

One-timers: Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith did not practice Tuesday, but both are OK,

according to coach Joel Quenneville. With Toews absent, Brandon Saad, Nick Schmaltz and Patrick Kane skated together during practice. Quenneville said it's a line he's considering using. ... Tommy Wingels was bleeding after taking a puck off the face during practice, but he's also expected to be OK.

He said it: "Can you blame him, when you end up a (minus) 4 in a game?" — Hawks defenseman Jan Rutta on Quenneville making him a healthy scratch Monday after he played poorly Saturday.

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BULLS

BULLS NOTES

Extra work pays off only in more fatigue

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

The original plan called for a Tuesday practice in Philadelphia.

But after the Bulls played 58 demanding minutes on Monday in New Orleans and arrived at their hotel in Philadelphia after 3 a.m., coach Fred Hoiberg opted for a lighter day — recovery and medical treatments. No practice or individual workouts.

Jerian Grant played a team-high 47 minutes against the Pelicans. Justin Holiday logged 41. Asked if the game was exhausting, Holiday replied it was the "losing" that made it tough, not the running around.

You know who also earned a day off after the Pelicans won 132-128 in double overtime? DeMarcus Cousins.

He put up a stat line that had his fantasy owners chest-bumping strangers: 44 points, 24 rebounds and 10 assists. The last NBA player to post a 40-20-10 game was Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1972.

LeBron James tweeted: "chill out man!! Sheesh!!! Super sick stat line."

More big digits: The game produced other notable numbers: ■ The Pelicans attempted a franchise-record 44 3-pointers, hitting 16.

■ Grant had a 22-point, 13-assist (a career high), five-rebound performance but also turned it over

BULLS AT 76ERS

TV/radio: 6 p.m. Wednesday; WGN-9, WLS-AM 890.

Storylines: The Bulls won 117-115 at home last month as Joel Embiid sat. He is expected to face the Bulls for the first time Wednesday. Kris Dunn (concussion) remains out.

six times — five after the third quarter, when the Pelicans pressured and rallied. "My nephew got a little rattled when the pressure was on," Horace Grant said on NBC Sports Chicago's postgame show.

■ Lauri Markkanen posted a Dennis Rodman line in the first half: 11 rebounds and two points. He finished with 14 points and a career-best 17 rebounds. That's the second-most rebounds for a rookie this season after Ben Simmons' 18 against the Wizards in November.

Time's a-changing: Zach LaVine cracked the 20-minute mark for the first time since his return from ACL surgery, totaling 24 minutes, 15 seconds. They were evenly distributed over four quarters: 6:01, 6:32, 5:29, 6:13.

"(It) sucks that I had to sit out the remainder of the game," LaVine said of the overtimes. "It's just the way it is right now, so I have to deal with it."

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Lottery visit may be short

Johnson, from Page 1

Thus, it seems as good a time as any to revisit how Bulls management refused to place a timeline on a rebuild that appears ahead of schedule.

This isn't revisionist history. Management absolutely expected — and hoped for — a top-five pick when it decided to trade Jimmy Butler last June and fully rebuild. And there are still 35 games to play, not to mention a likely trade of Nikola Mirotic before the Feb. 8 deadline.

But management also consistently said it wouldn't tap the brakes on the development of the young core. And Lauri Markkanen and Kris Dunn have showed the ability to close out games, while Zach LaVine's return has mostly been a smooth through five games.

Before the Butler deal, general manager Gar Forman routinely cited how internal organizational studies showed rebuilding teams historically stayed in the lottery for four to six years. Of course, once confronted with that comment after the Butler deal, Forman couched matters.

"Historically, you look at it and it can (take that long), but there are situations where it has been much quicker," Forman said in September. "I think we have a leg up. We're not starting at ground zero because of the three young core pieces we got in the trade. And some of the young players we have here can grow and develop. We also have our draft assets as far as first-round picks into the future and then having (financial) flexibility. So we would never put a timeline on it."

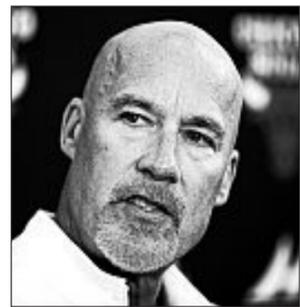
Time may prove Forman right. Plus, Wednesday's opponent, another foe on the upcoming West Coast trip and last June's trade partner are proof positive that living in the lottery is no surefire path to success.

The 76ers are 22-21 and in eighth in the East. They have trusted former general manager Sam Hinkie's process long enough to start bearing some fruit. But question marks remain on Joel Embiid's ability to stay healthy and 2017 No. 1 overall pick Markelle Fultz, who has played just four games because of a shoulder injury.

Hinkie drafted Embiid third in 2014 behind Andrew Wiggins and Jabari Parker in a year the 76ers dropped one slot from No. 2 to No. 3 during the draft lottery.

The Kings, whom the Bulls visit on Feb. 5, have languished in the lottery for 11 straight seasons. They dropped the farthest a team can under the current structure in the 2009 draft lottery, from first to fourth, and selected Tyreke Evans. The lottery dropped them from third to fifth the following year, but at least they got DeMarcus Cousins out of the deal.

In 2017, the Kings jumped from eighth to third in the lottery but had to swap picks with the 76ers. So they drafted DeAaron Fox at No. 5. He's averaging 10.5



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John Paxson knows the value of talent — but also acknowledges luck plays a role in success.

points and 4.4 assists for the league-worst Kings. Who, by the way, still owe the 76ers an unprotected 2019 first-round pick for a 2015 salary-dump trade of Nik Stauskas, Jason Thompson and Carl Landry.

Then there are the Timberwolves, who have qualified for the lottery 13 straight times, although they surrendered their 2012 pick to New Orleans.

They dropped from second to fourth in the 2010 lottery and selected Wesley Johnson over Cousins. They dropped from first to second the following year and drafted the not-so-immortal Derrick Williams as their consolation prize for missing out on top pick Kyrie Irving.

And even after they nailed winning the No. 1 overall pick in 2015 by drafting Karl-Anthony Towns, it took the arrival of Butler for them to resemble a playoff team.

Again, none of this is to say the Bulls aren't hoping to land a top-five pick this year. It's more to say the play of the young core is making it look like the stay in the lottery will be short.

There are plenty of recent examples of impact players drafted without a top-five pick: Stephen Curry at No. 7 in 2009; Klay Thompson at No. 11 and Butler at No. 30 in 2011; Giannis Antetokounmpo at No. 15 in 2013.

Otherwise, the need to add another impact player via trade or free agency will be at a premium.

The last time this current management team of Forman and executive vice president John Paxson engineered a full rebuild, it hit on draft-day acquisitions Kirk Hinrich, Ben Gordon and Luol Deng before missing on Tyrus Thomas and signing a free agent who didn't fail as much as some perceive but also didn't put them over the top in Ben Wallace.

There's a lot of season left. Who knows what numbers combination the pingpong balls will produce? But Paxson and Forman know from the Rose experience, there's another essential element to a successful rebuild.

"Let's face it," Paxson said in September, "you need to stay healthy and you need to have some luck too."

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GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics rot runs deeper than Nassar

Stevens, from Page 1

On Monday, Indianapolis-based USA Gymnastics announced the resignations of three leaders — Chairman Paul Parilla, Vice Chairman Jay Binder and treasurer Bitsy Kelley — just a few days after Raisman’s gut-wrenching testimony in court about sports doctor Larry Nassar, who stands accused of sexually abusing her and more than 100 other women.

Douglas and Biles also have accused Nassar of sexual abuse. Close to 100 women testified last week at sentencing hearings for Nassar, a former USA Gymnastics doctor and sports medicine physician at Michigan State University who pleaded guilty to charges of criminal sexual conduct and child pornography.

Nassar already has 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 for molestation.

Then what? Are his survivors healed? Is the culture that bred and fed Nassar? Not even close.

John Geddert, the U.S. women’s gymnastics coach for the 2012 Olympics, was suspended while USA Gymnastics completes an investigation and Tuesday informed members of his gym that he plans to retire.

ESPN magazine published an article last week, “Nassar Surrounded by Adults Who Enabled His Predatory Behavior,” that examines, among other things, Geddert’s relationship with Nassar. It will boil your blood, but it’s essential reading if you want to understand this mess.

“John and Larry were like this perfect storm,” said Priscilla Kintigh, a former student and, later, employee of Geddert. “You become so unapproachable that your own gymnasts don’t feel comfortable telling you what’s going on. ... Kids were terrified of (Geddert).”

One Michigan State University trustee, Mitch Lyons, is calling for the university’s president, Lou Anna Simon, to step down, following questions over what she knew about Nassar and when she knew it.

“I don’t feel that President Simon can survive the public outcry that has been generated by this tragedy and even less so after hearing the testimony of these brave survivors of Larry Nassar’s abuse,” Lyons wrote in a statement. “I feel that our best recourse is for President Simon to resign immediately to allow the healing process



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The U.S. team of, from left, Aly Raisman, Madison Kocian, Lauren Hernandez, Gabby Douglas and Simone Biles stands for the national anthem at the 2016 Olympics.

to begin, first and foremost for the survivors and secondarily for our university.”

On Friday, the university’s board of trustees asked state Attorney General Bill Schuette to launch a review of the university’s handling of the events surrounding Nassar.

Where was this outrage in 2014, when Simon learned about a Title IX complaint and a police report filed against a school physician?

A damning Detroit News story alleges at least 14 Michigan State representatives — athletic trainers, assistant coaches, a university police detective and an official who is now MSU’s assistant general counsel — were warned about Nassar in the two decades before his arrest. The women testifying in Nassar’s sentencing hearing are alleging the same.

Where was the outrage then? “Your abuse started 30 years ago,” Raisman read to Nassar in her incredibly powerful impact statement last week. “But that’s just the first reported incident we know of. If over these many years, just one adult listened, and had the courage and character to act, this tragedy could have been avoided.”

That’s what I keep coming back to. How badly we wanted to believe these girls are our sweethearts. How badly we want to win.

How little we’ve evolved, really, since the days of Roman gladiators — ready to watch flesh torn from bones, complicit in human suffering, willing to sacrifice human dignity for our entertainment.

“Larry ... molested me at the 2012 London Olympic Games,” Raisman said in court. “(The U.S. Olympic Committee says) now they applaud those who have spoken out, but it’s easier to say that now. When the brave women started speaking out back then ... they were dismissed.”

“That’s the response a courageous

woman gets when she speaks out? And when others (spoke) out with more stories of abuse, were they acknowledged? No. It is like being abused all over again.

“USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic Committee have been very quick to capitalize and celebrate my success. But did they reach out when I came forward? No. So, at this point, talk is worthless to me. We’re dealing with real lives in the future of our sport. We need to believe this won’t happen again.”

Is that even possible? Maybe. If the sport undergoes a complete overhaul, and if Raisman and her fellow survivors are involved. They deserve a say in a whole lot more than Nassar’s future.

If USA Gymnastics CEO Kerry Perry is willing to accept, and ask for, even more resignations.

If gyms get smarter about their logistics — where they place exam rooms, who’s allowed into them and how empowered they feel to speak up, for starters — and about their culture.

Athletes shouldn’t live in fear of their coaches. Victory shouldn’t be so paramount that athletes who do find the courage to speak up are brushed aside for fear of wrecking the winning formula. Adults shouldn’t be so enamored of medals that they silence kids’ voices and their own instincts.

Olympic gold medalist Shawn Johnson East released a video Monday night saying if she had a daughter, she wouldn’t enroll her in gymnastics.

“Until we protect these little girls as human beings,” she said, “instead of protecting them as gymnasts just to make sure they win gold medals, we aren’t going to make any progress that’s meaningful.”

Exactly. Let’s go.

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LARRY NASSAR SENTENCING

Punishment coming for sex assaults

Another victim speaks out: ‘You were never a real doctor’

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Judge Rosemarie Aquilina will sentence Larry Nassar on Wednesday after hearing from a few more of the former sports doctor’s accusers.

Under a plea deal, Nassar — who has admitted to sexually assaulting athletes while employed by Michigan State and USA Gymnastics — faces a minimum of 25 to 40 years behind bars, although the punishment could be much higher. He already has been sentenced to 60 years in federal prison for child pornography.

Nassar, 54, pleaded guilty to assaulting seven people, but the sentencing hearing has been open to anyone who said she was a victim. More than 150 women and girls have confronted him in court or had a statement read on their behalf since Jan. 16.

One of them, Isabell Hutchins, said Tuesday that Nassar overlooked what turned out to be a broken leg while he molested her during late-night appointments in the basement of his home in 2011.

“You were never a real doctor. You did not heal me. You only hurt me,” Hutchins told Nassar, who was seated a few feet away in the Ingham County courtroom.

Mattie Larson, a former member of the national gymnastics team, said Nassar’s fingers “always seemed to find a way” to her genitals, even when he was supposed to be treating her for ankle and foot injuries. Larson also gave an unflattering portrayal of the Karolyi ranch outside Huntsville, Texas, where the national team trained. She said it was very remote, the “perfect environment” for Nassar and abusive coaches “to thrive.”

USA Gymnastics said last week the ranch would no longer serve as the national training center.

The NCAA confirmed late Tuesday it had sent a letter of inquiry to Michigan State regarding potential rules violations related to Nassar’s assaults. Among his victims were former Spartans athletes.

Meanwhile, a senior member of Michigan State’s governing board said President Lou Anna Simon will not be forced out over the Nassar scandal — “period.” Joel Ferguson said Simon has been the best leader in his 30 years as a trustee.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

New perspective on the game

Former coach Crean finding satisfaction as TV analyst

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Tom Crean was seated in the back of the cafeteria with classic rock playing from the speakers as he huddled with his notes and film on his laptop to prepare for Tuesday night's game between Oklahoma and Kansas.

Crean, the former Marquette and Indiana coach, is out of coaching for the first time since he entered the profession, but he is as attached to the game as ever. Crean said he is learning a fresh perspective as an ESPN analyst, and he has received credit for offering keen insight during games.

Crean was fired in March after his ninth season at Indiana, which ended with an 18-16 record. His Hoosiers teams made three Sweet 16 appearances in the NCAA tournament but couldn't advance further.

Now, Crean spends his time at his home in Florida, where his son Riley — a 35th-round draft pick of the White Sox — is playing at IMG Academy and will be eligible for the baseball draft again in June. Crean had time to help his older daughter move to California and rarely misses his younger daughter's volleyball games. He runs into fellow Florida resident Dick Vitale, who "pumps me up."

And of course Crean is still on the road, soaking in college basketball from the media side. His former Hoosiers team, now coached by Archie Miller, plays at Illinois on Wednesday.

Here's what Crean told the Tribune in a phone interview about a year of transitions and when he would like to get back to coaching:

On working for ESPN: "You're a part of a big team, but every night you're a part of a different team. It's a lot of fun. When (I was) coaching, I watched a lot of film — I watched us, I watched our opponents, I watched breakdowns. When I got home, I watched NBA and Europe. What I didn't really do was sit and watch a ton of college basketball."

"This was really good for diving into the whole level of college basketball. The last thing (I) want to be is unprepared (for a broadcast) or throwing something out there that I'm not sure about. ... I'm trying to help the viewer. I try to give them something they might not have known and they're glad they found out."

On being out of coaching: "If I look at these games and was totally focused on the fact I'm not in the middle of competition, it would drive me nuts. But I do get a lot of energy from it. I love the preparation and the research of it. My energy was high, and it's probably higher now."

"The most important thing was to make sure my family was settled and happy and moving forward. ... This is the first time they don't have (college basketball) either, and that's hard. I probably underestimated how much of a challenge it would be to them. So many of the former players have been so good not only with me but the family. ... What you learn is don't focus on the relationships that didn't make it or the friends who weren't, but be thankful for the ones who were even more than you thought they were."



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Tom Crean wants to give TV viewers information "they're glad they found out."

On processing being fired: "I think you just go through it. The one thing I've never had is any loss of confidence. I know exactly what transpired back there at Indiana. ... Once you get over your initial anger of what you didn't take care of, you move right on. I've never had any loss of confidence. I wasn't going to let my family have that either. Nobody sat around the house, kept the curtains down and (didn't go) outside."

On his relationship with Northwestern coach Chris Collins (Crean contacted Collins after Northwestern's NCAA tournament loss last season): "I had been where he had been. I just reached out to him in the sense of being encouraging, and at the same time he was extremely encouraging to me. Then he made a phone call and sent a text to my son about what it means to be a coach's kid and the things he had gone through. That was an incredible act of caring and friendship right there."

On whether he will coach next year: "I've never lost the drive to coach, but I haven't (been) consumed with the fact I'm not coaching. I've tried to dive into everything I'm involved with. I just look at everything as an opportunity to be even better than what I was and what we were."

"I wouldn't say 10 months later I'm used to not coaching, but I'm very comfortable with learning. Do I expect to coach again? Absolutely, but it's not (as if) I have to do this by (a certain date). For me, it's more about what's the opportunity to really build it? To me, (it's) a place that has athletic tradition. Do they have a fan base? It's not about facilities. But I don't think about it yet. I'm sure I will at some point."

On Illinois: "I think they are in great shape for the future. Brad (Underwood) has tremendous understanding of what it takes to be successful offensively, defensively and competitively. I've never seen him work before. I saw the practices before (calling) the games. I was really impressed with his staff. They're developers."

On Northwestern: "At times, they've had to deal with the injuries, but (the players have) not made each other better with quick ball movement and the connectivity they need to have defensively as much as they should. It's not like Chris hasn't addressed it (or) it caught him by surprise. He knew that team had an edge about (it) a year ago. When they don't have it, they're just an average team; when they have it, they can be really good."

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Underrated gem thriving at DePaul

Haugh, from Page 1

So DePaul's successful pitch stressed how Strus could lean on his support system in the southwest suburbs during a long, occasionally lonely season he had to sit out under NCAA transfer rules. None of the other programs in pursuit — besides Xavier, Strus also considered Butler, Louisville and Oregon — could beat DePaul's geography.

Heredity also favored the Blue Demons. DePaul inducted Debra Strus, nee Brinkman, a volleyball and basketball player from 1977 to 1981, into the school's Athletics Hall of Fame when Max was a little boy.

"But I didn't want to push DePaul at all," Debra said. "He had to feel comfortable."

It didn't take long for the guy whose goal always was to play Division I basketball to find a comfort zone.

"After about a week of practice, I took him aside and said I thought he should readjust his expectations because he could go as high as he wanted to dream," Leitao recalled. "He has an ability to absorb and understand people, an insatiable work ethic. And, of course, the ease with which he shoots."

As natural as the shooting stroke looks for the 6-foot-6 Strus, basketball happened almost accidentally. The erstwhile quarterback quit football his freshman year after breaking his collarbone for the second time in five years — both injuries oddly occurring on the same day, Oct. 16. The former pitcher considered a college career like his dad, John, a former Eastern Illinois pitcher, but his fondness for basketball grew as he did.

A late bloomer at Stagg who was only 5-9 as a sophomore, Strus received only one scholarship offer, from Chicago State, after his prep career. He landed at Lewis, a respected Division II program in Romeoville where his older brother, Marty, played. In two seasons, Strus dominated, averaging 16.8 points, earning All-America honors and enjoying one of those nights he will relive long after his last shot.

It came Nov. 24, 2015, at Midland, Mich., in front of only 385 fans inside Northwood University's gymnasium. Strus felt a knot in his neck pregame that made him feel tight. During warmups, he missed more shots than he made.

"But then my first one went down in the game and the rest was surreal," he recalled.

He hit 14 of 18 field-goal attempts in a 99-95 victory, including 12 3-pointers, and all 12 free throws. More importantly, he made an indelible impression in the minds of anybody who saw video of his 52-point performance — a Max effort indeed.

"It was his athleticism as much as his skill," Leitao recalled. "No matter who you're playing against, 12 3s is 12 3s."

Word spread quickly. Occasionally, his mind wandered. After Lewis lost its final NCAA tournament game in Somers, Wis., Strus discussed his future at dinner with his parents. John Strus trusted the opinion of good friend Jack Fitzgerald, the longtime Richards coach and NBA scout who saw potential for Max to do more on a bigger stage.

"We said to Max, 'If you want to do this, we're behind you,'" John recalled.

The toughest conversation involved telling Lewis coach Scott Trost, for whom Strus started 64 games. Trost understood and after Lewis officially granted Strus his release, a flood of Division I coaches called within three hours.

"I decided to chase my dreams," Strus said.

The reality that Strus found his level comes every time he puts on No. 31 for DePaul, which he leads in scoring at 18.2 points



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Max Strus leads DePaul with 18.2 points per game after transferring from Lewis.

heading into Wednesday's game at Georgetown. Hitting 36 percent from 3-point range, Strus exploded for 33 against Xavier and Northwestern and scored 27 Saturday against Butler. For the NBA, Strus will need to develop a stronger midrange game. But for DePaul, the junior easily has been the most consistent player for a rebuilding 8-11 team. Big East defenses have tried anything and everything to harass Strus, who is humble but not shy.

"If my shot is going, I'm pretty hard to guard," Strus said.

The pride can be pretty hard to process for his parents, who attend every DePaul game. Max's brother, Marty, is in his first year as Stagg boys basketball coach. His sister, Maggie, who played volleyball at UIC, just joined the DePaul volleyball staff. Grandparents John Sr., 95, and Mary Jane, 90, still crack a smile reading about their grandson in the sports section. John Strus used the word overwhelming to describe

the family's emotions.

"A couple years ago, I'm driving to a Lewis game at Truman State in (Kirksville) Missouri, where there's one hotel and today I booked for the Big East tournament at Madison Square Garden," John said.

It isn't Times Square, but a DePaul billboard on East Jackson features Strus dunking alongside the words "Sweet Home Court Chicago." The campus bookstore should consider giving away "Strus On The Loose" T-shirts to students. Maybe the ticket office can pick up the tab.

Before the DePaul-Notre Dame game at Wintrust Arena, John Strus says he reserved 200 tickets for family and friends. For DePaul-Villanova it was 150.

"I've got relatives I didn't know I had," he said.

And apparently, they can recruit.

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ROUNDUP

McIntosh, Law key NU's 2nd-half rally

Beat Gophers for 2nd in row; Oklahoma tops No. 5 Kansas

Tribune news services

Bryant McIntosh and Vic Law scored 18 points apiece, leading a spirited comeback from a 10-point deficit to rally Northwestern past reeling Minnesota 77-69 on Tuesday night.

Law also had 13 rebounds and five assists, Scottie Lindsey scored 15 points and Derrek Pardon had 10 points and eight rebounds for the Wildcats (13-9, 4-5 Big Ten), who won their second straight.

The Gophers (14-9, 3-7) got 25 points from Nate Mason, including four 3-pointers.

The Wildcats came through in the clutch in a difficult place to play, their experience and confidence complementing a cranked-up second-half defense to take over down the stretch.

Oklahoma 85, Kansas 80: Trae Young had 26 points and nine assists as the No. 12 Sooners won at home.

Young, the nation's leader in scoring and assists, made 7 of 9 field goals and 10 of 12 free throws. Christian James scored 15 points and Brady Manek added 14 for Oklahoma (15-4, 5-3 Big 12), which won its 13th straight at home.

Svi Mykhailiuk had 24 points and Malik Newman 20 for No. 5 Kansas (16-4, 6-2), which had won five straight.

Top 25: Top-ranked Villanova (19-1, 6-1 Big East) got 17 points from Eric Paschall and won its sixth in a row, crushing visiting Providence 89-69. ... Devon Hall scored 14 points and No. 2 Virginia (19-1, 8-0 ACC), which leads the nation in scoring defense, allowed its fewest points of the season in a 61-36 rout of No. 18 Clemson. Gabe DeVoe, with 11 points, was the only player in double figures for the visiting Tigers (16-4, 5-3). ... Wendell Carter Jr.'s double-double of 23 points and 12 rebounds helped No. 4 Duke (18-2, 6-2 ACC) to an 84-70 victory at Wake Forest. ... Keenan Evans scored 22 of his 26 points after halftime, and No. 14 Texas Tech (16-4, 5-3 Big 12) rallied from a 15-point deficit to win 75-70 at Oklahoma State. Jarrett Culver added 25 points. ... Jordan Bowden scored 19 points and No. 22 Tennessee (14-5, 3-3 SEC) nearly blew a 20-point second-half lead before hanging on for a 67-62 victory over visiting Vanderbilt.

Iowa 85, Wisconsin 67: Freshman Luka Garza scored 17 points with a career-high 16 rebounds and the host Hawkeyes (11-11, 2-7 Big Ten) won for just the second time in seven games. Tyler Cook scored 17 points and Isaiah Moss had 15 points for Iowa. Ethan Happ finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Badgers (10-11, 3-5).

State: Eugene German made all seven shots he took, including five from 3-point range, for a game-high 19 points as host Northern Illinois (10-10, 3-4 MAC) posted a 93-62 rout of Bowling Green (12-8, 3-4). The Huskies shot 61 percent and had five double-figure scorers. ... Darrell Brown scored 20 points and Elijah Childs had 12 points and 12 rebounds as Bradley (14-7, 4-4 MVC) rolled to a 72-52 win over Missouri State (15-6, 5-3).

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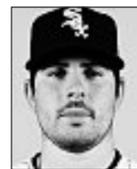
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BASEBALL

WHITE SOX

Rodon return remains in flux

By **CHRIS KUC**
 Chicago Tribune



Rodon

The timetable for Carlos Rodon to return to pitch for the White Sox after his late-September shoulder surgery ranged from six to eight months.

Now it appears it will be closer to eight as the left-hander has yet to begin a throwing program and Sox pitching coach Don Cooper said Tuesday he is “not anticipating (Rodon) being ready to start the season.”

Rodon, 25, had significant bursitis in his shoulder and had arthroscopic surgery to debride the area, a procedure that removes dead, damaged or infected tissue to promote healing. The projected ace of the Sox staff missed nearly three months at the start of the 2017 season with bursitis issues and subsequently made only 12 starts during which he went 2-5 with a 4.15 earned-run average, 76 strikeouts and 31 walks over 69 1/3 innings. While warming up for a Sept. 7 start, Rodon complained of discomfort in the shoulder and was shut down for the season. He then had the surgery Sept. 27 in Los Angeles.

Cooper has been in touch with Rodon and the pair will speak again during SoxFest, which runs Friday through Sunday at the Hilton Chicago. But it is when spring training begins in mid-February

that the Sox will have a better idea of a possible return date.

“Spring training is the time that I’m going to know kind of where he is at,” Cooper said. “Right now, he’s rehabilitating and he’s probably getting close to a throwing program. He’s doing what he needs to do post-surgery.”

The longtime pitching coach said he has no doubt Rodon will return to form and make a significant impact during the 2018 season and beyond.

“What I believe is this: Carlos last year missed a good chunk of time and then the problem came out and he had that problem taken care of,” Cooper said. “He’s going to get through this. He’s going to work, he’s going to get back and then we’ll restart his process, so to speak. But as far as when, I don’t know.”

Local signee: Dean Anna, a Lincoln-Way East graduate, tweeted Tuesday that he had signed with the Sox. The 31-year-old infielder has played 13 career games in the majors, including 12 with the Yankees in 2014 and one with the Cardinals in '15. Anna spent last season at Triple-A Omaha in the Royals system, hitting .285 with five home runs and 33 RBIs in 112 games.

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CUBS

Darvish talks stay in slow lane

By **PAUL SULLIVAN**
 Chicago Tribune



Darvish

The Cubs continue talks with Yu Darvish this week as the slow-motion pursuit of the free agent pitcher appears to be picking up.

The Cubs and Brewers both are pursuing Darvish, along with the Rangers, Twins and a few others.

An Associated Press report Monday said the Cubs talks are “active.” President Theo Epstein has made no secret the Cubs would like to add another starter before the season, and Darvish seemingly is at the top of his list.

The Cubs traveled to Dallas in December to talk to Darvish and later shot down a rumor that a deal was done.

With spring training approaching, most players want to know where they’re

headed so they can make housing arrangements for themselves and their families. But plenty of free agents are expected to be signed during spring training because of the sluggish market, and there doesn’t seem to be any big rush.

Chris Gimenez, a backup catcher for the Twins who signed a minor-league deal with the Cubs, told the Minneapolis Star-Tribune he had joked with Darvish recently about being a “package deal” on the free-agent market. Gimenez previously caught Darvish in 2014 with the Rangers.

“He laughed,” Gimenez said. “He said, ‘Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah.’”

But Gimenez admitted he hadn’t spoken with Darvish in a while.

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 TOR 7 NBCSN AM-720		@DET 6:30 NBCSCH AM-720				@NAS 7 NBCSCH AM-720	

WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

BASEBALL	TIME	Event	Channel
2 p.m.	Hall of Fame voting announcement	MLBN	
NBA			
6 p.m.	Bulls at 76ers	WGN-9, WLS-AM 890	
7 p.m.	Rockets at Mavericks	ESPN	
9:30 p.m.	Celtics at Clippers	ESPN	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
5:30 p.m.	Marquette at Xavier	FS1	
6 p.m.	Nebraska at Rutgers	BTN	
6 p.m.	Boston College at Syracuse	ESPNU	
6 p.m.	St. Joseph's at St. Bonaventure	CBSSN	
6 p.m.	Louisville at Miami	ESPN2	
7:30 p.m.	DePaul at Georgetown	BTN, WIND-AM 560	
8 p.m.	Indiana at Illinois	BTN, WSCR-AM 670	
8 p.m.	Stanford at USC	ESPNU	
8 p.m.	Temple at Cincinnati	CBSSN	
10 p.m.	Nevada at Wyoming	ESPNU	
10 p.m.	Colorado State at San Diego State	CBSSN	
GOLF			
1 p.m.	Web.com Bahamas Classic	Golf Channel	
10 p.m.	Dubai Desert Classic	Golf Channel	
NHL			
7 p.m.	Maple Leafs at Blackhawks	NBCSN, WGN-AM 720	
TENNIS: AUSTRALIAN OPEN			
6 p.m.	Doubles semifinals	Tennis Channel	
9 p.m.	Women's semifinals	ESPN2	
2:30 a.m.	Men's semifinal	ESPN	
NFL			

POSTSEASON GLANCE

PRO BOWL
Sunday in Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 2 (ESPN/ABC-7)

PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

Quarterbacks (3)
Derek Carr, Oakland
Russell Wilson, Seattle
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City

FREE SAFETY

Eric Weddle, Baltimore Ravens
Kevin Byard, Tennessee Titans
Reshad Landry, Kansas City Chiefs

WIDE RECEIVERS (4)

Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh Steelers
Jarvis Landry, Cleveland Browns
DeVante Adams, Green Bay Packers

RUNNING BACKS (3)

Le'Veon Bell, Pittsburgh Steelers
Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams
Mark Ingram, New Orleans Saints

FULLBACK

Rosevelt Nix, Pittsburgh Steelers
Tight ends (2)
Jack Doyle, Cleveland Browns
Delanie Walker, Tennessee Titans

TACKLES (3)

Taylor Lewan, Tennessee Titans
Clayton Kershaw, Los Angeles Rams
Akiem Hicks, Chicago Bears

DEFENSIVE ENDS (3)

Cameron Heyward, Pittsburgh Steelers
Melvin Ingram, Los Angeles Rams
Yannick Ngakoue, Jacksonville Jaguars

INTERIOR LINEMEN (3)

Joe Staley, Seattle Seahawks
Drew Brees, New Orleans Saints
Jared Goff, Los Angeles Rams
Russell Wilson, Seattle Seahawks

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Davante Adams, Green Bay Packers
Doug Baldwin, Seattle Seahawks
Adam Thielen, Minnesota Vikings
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LATEST LINE

NBA	WEDNESDAY
at Philadelphia 5	Bulls
at Charlotte 2½	New Orleans
at Detroit 1½	Utah
at Indiana 7½	Phoenix
Toronto 6	at Atlanta
at Memphis off	San Antonio
Houston 5½	at Dallas
at Portland off	Minnesota
at LA Clippers off	Boston
COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
at Xavier 7½	Marquette
at Syracuse 7½	Boston Coll.
Rhode Island 14½	at Fordham
at St. Bonaventure 8	St. Joseph's
at Duquesne 3½	Richmond
at Florida 11½	S. Carolina
at Florida St. 11½	Georgia Tech
at La Salle 6	UMass
Nebraska 1	at Rutgers
at Miami 3	Louisville
Loyola (Chi.) 2½	at Drake
at S. Illinois 2½	Indiana St.
at N. Iowa 7	Illinois St.
at Valparaiso 4	Evansville
at Georgetown 4½	DePaul
at Illinois 1	at Wright State
at Utah St. 13½	Air Force
at Cincinnati 8½	Temple
NC State 7	at Pittsburgh
at Kentucky 2	Auburn
at USC 9½	Stanford
at Boise St. 21½	San Jose St.
at UC Irvine 10	UC Riverside
at San Diego 15½	Colorado St.
Nevada 5	at Wyoming
NHL	
at Blackhawks -110	Toronto +100
at Calgary off	Los Angeles off
NFL	
SUPER BOWL LII	SUNDAY, FEB. 4
New England 5½	Philadelphia
NBA G LEAGUE	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
CENTRAL	W L PCT GB
Fort Wayne	16 13 .552 -
Wisconsin	16 14 .533 ½
WINDY CITY	13 14 .481 2
Grand Rapids	14 18 .388 3½
Canton	11 18 .379 5
TUESDAY'S RESULTS	
Westchester 100, Canton 93	
Northern Arizona 118, Oklahoma City 114	
Lakeland 116, Greensboro 114 (OT)	
Long Island 120, Maine 111	
Ten 122, Reno 109	
Salt Lake City 118, Grand Rapids 104	
GOLF	
WEB.COM-BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC	
3rd of 4 rounds; The Abaco Club on Windward Bay; 111 yards, par 72	
202 (-14): Willy Wilcox 66-71-65	
203 (-13): Rhie Gibson 71-65-67	
203 (-13): Sungen Im 71-67-65	
203 (-13): Adam Svensson 68-67-68	
204 (-12): Hank Lebioda 66-72-66	
204 (-12): Adam Long 70-66-68	
205 (-11): Ryan Yip 67-72-66	
205 (-11): Chase Wright 70-69-60	
205 (-11): Keith Reeves 68-69-70	
206 (-10): Kevin Dougherty 72-68-66	
206 (-10): Sebastian Munoz 71-68-67	
206 (-10): Mark Hubbard 69-70-67	
206 (-10): Max Rottluff 69-69-68	
206 (-10): Justin Hueber 71-66-69	
206 (-10): Brad Hoffer 67-68-71	
206 (-10): Wyndham Clark 66-68-72	
207 (-9): Chad Ramey 68-72-67	
207 (-9): Kramer Hickok 68-71-68	
207 (-9): Dicky Pire 71-67-69	
207 (-9): Brett Drevitt 67-71-69	
208 (-8): Mark Blakefield 70-71-67	
208 (-8): Vince Covello 71-68-69	
208 (-8): G. Fernandez-Castano 67-69-73	
209 (-7): Jimmy Stanger 69-71-69	
209 (-7): Bo Hoag 70-71-68	
209 (-7): Max Homa 71-69-69	
209 (-7): Billy Kennerly 70-70-69	
209 (-7): Anders Albertson 75-67-67	

PGA FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN

Site: San Diego.
Courses: Torrey Pines GC, South Course (Yardage: 7,698, Par: 72) and North Course (Yardage: 7,258, Par: 72).
Purse: \$6.9 million. **Winner:** \$1,242,000.
TV: Thursday-Friday, 2-6 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 1-2:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); 3-6 p.m. (CBS); Sunday, noon-1:45 p.m. (Golf Channel), 2-5:30 p.m. (CBS).
Defending champion: Jon Rahm.
Last week: Rahm won the CareerBuilder Challenge.
FedEx Cup leader: Patton Kizzire.
Notes: Tiger Woods plays his first PGA Tour event in a year.
Next event: Waste Management Phoenix Open.
Online: www.pgatour.com

PURE SILK BAHAMAS LPGA CLASSIC

Site: Paradise Island, Bahamas.
Courses: Ocean Club GC, Yardage: 6,625, Par: 73.
Purse: \$1.4 million. **Winner:** \$210,000.
TV: Thursday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 2-4 p.m. (Golf Channel).
Defending champion: Brittany Lincicome.
Laureanum: Ariya Jutanujorn won the CME Group Tour Championship.
Next tournament: ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open on Feb. 15-18.
Online: www.lpga.com

EUROPEAN TOUR

OMEGA DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC
Site: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
Courses: Emirates GC, Yardage: 7,238, Par: 72.
Purse: \$3 million.
TV: Thursday 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.; 5-7 a.m. (Golf Channel); Friday, 1:30-7 a.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 2:30-7 a.m. (Golf Channel).
Defending champion: Sergio Garcia.
Last week: Tommy Fleetwood won the Race to Dubai leader: Fleetwood.
Notes: Garcia at No. 9 is the highest-ranked player in the field.
Next week: Maybank Championship.
Online: www.europeantour.com

OTHER TOURS

Asian Tour and Japan Golf Tour: Myanmar Open, Pun Hsiang GC, Myanmar. Defending champion: Todd Simont. Online: www.asiantour.com and www.jgto.org

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIFF	DIV
Winnipeg	29	13	7	65	161	132	17-3-1	12-10-6	75-2	10-3-2
Nashville	28	11	7	63	142	123	16-4-3	12-7-4	10-3-2	10-3-2
St. Louis	29	18	3	61	145	129	16-10-0	13-8-3	6-4-1	6-4-1
Dallas	28	17	4	60	154	130	17-6-1	11-11-3	7-10-0	7-10-0
Colorado	27	17	3	60	156	136	18-7-1	9-10-2	7-5-1	7-5-1
Minnesota	26	17	5	57	141	134	17-4-4	9-13-1	8-8-0	8-8-0
BLACKHAWKS	22	19	6	50	139	132	12-2-0	10-9-4	5-7-2	5-7-2
PACIFIC										
W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIFF		
Vegas	32	11	4	68	163	126	19-2-2	13-9-2	11-1-1	11-1-1
San Jose	26	14	7	59	138	127	14-6-3	12-8-4	12-2-3	12-2-3
Calgary	25	16	6	56	133	129	12-11-2	13-5-4	8-5-1	8-5-1
Los Angeles	25	18	5	55	137	120	12-9-3	13-9-2	5-9-3	5-9-3
Anaheim	23	17	9	55	137	138	13-9-3	10-8-6	8-5-5	8-5-5
Edmonton	21	24	3	45	131	152	10-13-1	11-11-2	9-2-0	9-2-0
Vancouver	19	23	4	44	127	155	8-12-3	11-11-3	5-9-1	5-9-1
Arizona	12	28	9	33	117	170	6-14-3	6-14-6	1-7-5	1-7-5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC										
W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIFF		
Tampa Bay	33	12	3	69	170	124	17-5-1	16-7-2	9-3-1	9-3-1
Boston	28	10	8	64	154	144	18-5-4	12-5-4	9-1-2	9-1-2
Toronto	26	18	5	57	153	143	13-8-2	13-10-3	6-4-1	6-4-1
Detroit	19	20	8	46	125	141	10-9-7	9-11-1	6-9-2	6-9-2
Montreal	20	22	6	46	124	129	12-9-5	8-13-1	9-8-2	9-8-2
Florida	19	21	6	44	130	154	11-7-3	8-14-3	6-4-1	6-4-1
Ottawa	15	29	12	39	122	163	9-10-5	6-12-4	5-7-3	5-7-3
Buffalo	13	26	9	35	110	163	6-12-3	7-14-6	3-5-2	3-5-2
METROPOLITAN										
W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIFF		
Washington	28	15	5	61	146	136	18-7-1	10-8-4	8-4-3	8-4-3
New Jersey	24	18	5	56	144	137	17-3-3	11-8-5	5-6-2	5-6-2
Columbus	26	19	3	55	132	140	10-11-3	10-11-3	8-5-2	8-5-2
Philadelphia	24	16	8	56	140	136	13-8-4	11-8-4	5-2-4	5-2-4
Pittsburgh	26	21	3	55	145	150	16-7-1	10-14-2	10-4-0	10-4-0
N.Y. Rangers	24	20	5	53	147	146				

SENIOR BOWL



UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE PHOTOS

Dubuque cornerback Michael Joseph is on the NFL's radar, with the Bears being the first team to scout him on campus a year ago.

A path less traveled

Unknown prospect to most, Joseph on verge of being drafted



BRAD BIGGS
On the NFL

MOBILE, Ala. — Everyone has a back story for how they arrived at the Senior Bowl that is detailed in dedication and dogged pursuit of football's highest level, but no one has taken a more circuitous path here than Michael Joseph.

After all, the University of Dubuque cornerback is at the premier college all-star game but rarely saw the field as a senior at Oswego High. Joseph is the only Division III player in the game and just the second in the six years former Browns general manager Phil Savage has served as Senior Bowl executive director.

One story said Joseph made nine tackles as a senior for the Panthers. Another said it was six.

"It was probably somewhere between six to nine tackles in my whole high school career," Joseph clarified Tuesday morning before the North practice at Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

That's certainly part of what makes his presence here as a bona fide prospect — after last month winning the Cliff Harris Award, given to the small college defensive player of the year — so intriguing. The NFL didn't just stumble on to Joseph either. The Bears were the first team to set foot on campus last spring and Dubuque coach Stan Zweifel says there have been 30 since.

"And I'm not going to say which one hasn't been here," Zweifel said. "Probably four teams, and it's going to sound like I am (pulling your leg), have been here at least four times."

A national scout for an NFC team said this was the first fall he ever had been to the school of 2,300 students that competes in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, a league that last sent a player to this game in 1960. He called it a big week for Joseph, saying he potentially could be a Day 2 NFL draft pick if his speed

holds up. Another scout expects Joseph to time well in the 40-yard dash this spring at the NFL scouting combine, hinting at a time in the 4.4's.

Bears area scout Scott Hamel was a combine scout last spring when he went to Dubuque for a junior day. Joseph ran the 40-yard dash, Hamel got his measurements and then administered the Wonderlic test.

"When he came, it still hadn't really hit me," Joseph said. "I didn't really believe him. When he was about to leave, I said, 'Is this legit? Do I really have a shot?'"

Things got real over the summer as Zweifel began fielding calls and scouts added the small campus to their list of stops. Joseph was working out every morning at 6 a.m. before interning in the football office where he was tasked with entering information on recruits in a database. From the football office, he went to Kwik Star where he worked in the evening as a cashier. In his spare time, he watched tape. Lots and lots of tape.

"I always tell this story to the scouts who came in," Zweifel said. "And we had everybody here. We watch our tape in Hudl and of course the NCAA restricts the hours we can have face-to-face contact and meeting time with our kids. But that summer between his junior and senior years, he watched 187 hours of tape on Hudl. Phenomenally driven to be better."

At the top of Joseph's list? Josh Norman because he excels in zone coverage, which the Spartans primarily played. Also A.J. Bouye — they're about the same size — along with Marcus Peters and Marshon Lattimore.

"It's really a long list," Joseph said. "Film is just something I like to do in my spare time. If you ask me what are my hobbies, film would be one of them. I don't go out much. I do other things, maybe play a little basketball. Film is something I've always enjoyed."

He backed up the interest with an impressive senior season as he led the conference with eight interceptions and had 16 passes defended, 56 tackles and a kickoff

return for a touchdown.

What's wild is Joseph's opportunity almost never came. Joseph was a late bloomer and that, along with a good crop of defensive backs during his 2012 senior year, according to Oswego coach Brian Cooney, combined to keep him on the periphery. Teammate Jamaal Richardson earned a scholarship to Iowa State and there were some other quality athletes that were bigger. Joseph was 5-foot-2, 92 pounds as a freshman and by the time that senior season rolled around, he had sprouted up to about 5-10 but was a rail-thin 145 pounds. He contributed on special teams and got limited time on defense.

Joseph produced a highlight tape after his senior season at Oswego, admittedly brief, and sent it to some junior colleges and Division III programs. None of the jucos replied while a few D-III schools got back with him, including Dubuque. He went on a visit, liked it and decided it was where he would go. A couple of weeks before summer practice in 2013, he was informed that he would have to be on the developmental squad, meaning he wasn't on the team. He played intramural flag football that semester and committed himself in the weight room. He was miles from seeing the playing field for the Spartans.

"And light years away from the NFL," Joseph said. "But I tried to stay positive."

He hit a growth spurt, and when Joseph went back to see Zweifel before spring ball in 2014 he had shot up.

"He probably grew close to 1 1/4 inches, 1 1/2 inches in the first six months he was with us and got up himself up 25 pounds pretty quickly," Zweifel said.

So the Spartans put Joseph on the field for the unpadded practices. It was a tryout. He showed good ability right away covering wide receiver Tyler Rutenbeck, who bounced around the NFL briefly with the Colts and Redskins, and earned a spot on the team.

Joseph spent that 2014 season on the scout team but was a starter beginning in 2015 and his career



"When I get drafted, I want to make an impact early."

— Dubuque cornerback Michael Joseph

took off. He continued to get a little bigger to the point that he measured 6-0 5/8 and 186 pounds Tuesday. That's almost three inches and 40 pounds more than when he first showed up in college.

"Kids hit it at different times," Cooney said. "Michael hit a spurt going to college. Couple growth spurt with work ethic and dedication and team-first mentality, ends up being a recipe for a winner."

Joseph has met with a handful of teams through the first two nights here and the question is the same.

"How'd you end up at Dubuque?" Joseph said. Pull up a chair, it's a heck of a tale. Joseph doesn't know how the story will end, but he does have a good idea how he would like the next chapter to unfold.

"I want to get drafted somewhere," he said. "When I get drafted, I want to make an impact early whether it's special teams or whatever. Eventually I want to play some snaps at cornerback in my first year and in the second year hopefully win a starting job and have a long, successful career."

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SENIOR BOWL NOTES

Brother's time for spotlight

Sibling of Bears WR White gains attention

By Brad Biggs
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MOBILE, Ala. — West Virginia safety **Kyzir White** talks to his older brother, Bears wide receiver **Kevin White**, on a daily basis.

Little brother had some good news to share with big brother after the North's Senior Bowl practice Tuesday at Ladd-Peebles Stadium. Kyzir read the eyes of Nebraska quarterback **Tanner Lee** and stepped in front of a pass for an easy interception during seven-on-seven drills.

White's a big safety at 6-foot-2, 216 pounds. In 25 games for the Mountaineers the last two seasons, he had 152 tackles, four sacks, four forced fumbles and three interceptions.

White is going to have to be the right fit in the right scheme, and he projects as a mid-round pick to join his brother in the NFL. Think of a defense such as the Seahawks' that covets thumpers on the back end.

The Whites have been training at Exos in Phoenix since the end of their respective seasons. Kevin missed the final 15 games with a fractured scapula that required surgery as part of the bone actually broke off. It was the third consecutive injury-marred season for White, who has missed 43 of 48 NFL games.

"It has been real frustrating just seeing people talk bad about him," Kyzir said. "I know how hard he works and what he brings to the table."

"My dad (**Kevin White Sr.**) makes sure we keep our spirits up. He doesn't let us get down. (Kevin's) going to be good this year. Trust me, he's going to break out."

QB watch: Heisman Trophy winner **Baker Mayfield** arrived in time for the North squad's practice after a trip home to visit his ill mother. Mayfield has yet to be measured and will check in undersized when that happens Wednesday, but a relatively small stature didn't stop a Senior Bowl participant named **Russell Wilson** in 2012.

The Broncos, who are in need of a quarterback and are directing the North squad, requested to have Oklahoma's Mayfield placed on their team so they could better evaluate him. There are questions about a public-intoxication arrest last February, and teams are doing their digging.

"I want to show the type of guy I am," Mayfield said after practice. "Everyone wants to portray (me) as a bad boy, the **Johnny Manziel** stuff. If I paid too much attention to it, I'd be focusing on the wrong things."

"I'm an emotional player — I'll do anything it takes to win. I love being around my teammates, leading and having responsibilities."

Mayfield showed some nice touch, but the difference in arm strength when he was paired in the same group with Wyoming's **Josh Allen** was striking. Allen has a cannon.

Bear watch: General manager **Ryan Pace** and coach **Matt Nagy** took in the practices from a high perch in the stands. Nagy is the only member of the Bears coaching staff who has been spotted.

Ben Wilkerson, the assistant offensive line coach the last three seasons, was at practice. He said he was informed last week he will not be retained.

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NFL NOTES

American Veterans denied ad space in Super Bowl program

Tribune news services

The NFL has denied advertising space in the Super Bowl program for a veterans group that declined to alter language about standing for the national anthem.

NFL spokesman **Brian McCarthy** confirmed Tuesday that American Veterans, or AMVETS, submitted an advertisement last week to the third-party publisher of the game program with the message "Please Stand."

McCarthy said the league, which has editorial control over the content, asked AMVETS to consider other options for the message, such as "Please Honor our Veterans" or "Please Stand for our Veterans." The two organizations were unable to agree on language in time to meet production deadlines. McCarthy said a separate ad from the Veterans of Foreign Wars group with the words "We Stand for Veterans" was approved.

Bears trainer out: Bears head athletic trainer **Nate Breske** will not return to the team, a source confirmed to the Tribune.

The Bears are parting with Breske after three seasons. He joined the organization in 2015 after seven seasons with the 49ers as the director of rehabilitation and assistant head athletic trainer. The Sun-Times first reported the news of Breske's departure.

Bears general manager **Ryan Pace** said Jan. 1 that he would be

assessing how to address the onslaught of injuries the team has suffered in recent seasons. The Bears finished with 16 players on injured reserve in 2017 and had 21 players on IR in 2016.

Extra points: **Bob Costas** won't be working the Super Bowl for NBC. The longtime broadcaster was not included in the network's lineup for the Feb. 4 telecast from Minneapolis, leading to speculation that Costas' comments

about head injuries in football might have affected the decision. **Dan Patrick** and **Liam McHugh** will host the broadcast. ... The Nielsen company said television ratings for the conference championship games were down 8 percent from last year. ... The NFL established a player-owner committee focusing on social justice initiatives, a campaign that includes digital content and commercials highlighting player-led work on equality issues.

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



JORGE CASTILLO/WASHINGTON POST

Evaristo "Varo" Roldan Stadium is doubling as the home of the defending Puerto Rico winter league champions and, as the sign notes, the site of a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center.

Baseball sign of normalcy in devastated Puerto Rico

BY JORGE CASTILLO
Washington Post

GURABO, Puerto Rico — By first pitch, the parking lot outside Evaristo "Varo" Roldan Stadium was jammed. Inside, the Criollos de Caguas, the defending Roberto Clemente Professional Baseball League and Caribbean Series champions, were seeking their third straight win against the Gigantes de Carolina.

It was a Monday afternoon earlier this month, but it didn't feel like one. Music pulsed. Many of blue seats were empty, but the ballpark was alive.

Some fans weren't entering the stadium for entertainment, though, instead seeking the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center, No. 22 of 43 in Puerto Rico, located behind home plate and under the part-public address announcer, part-DJ entertaining the crowd from the concourse. For many Puerto Ricans, lives remain in disarray four months after Hurricane Maria crushed the island Sept. 20.

The two realms, separated by concrete and two round-the-clock security guards, encapsulate Puerto Rico as it faces a daunting recovery. Still reeling from one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, evidence of Maria's wrath was inescapable. Utility poles were toppled, trees knocked down and traffic lights out. Blue tarp roofs dotted neighborhoods, and swaths of homes were without power. The hum from generators joined the coqui chirps to remix the island's nighttime soundtrack.

But Puerto Ricans have had baseball this month. They've had the opportunity, almost every day, for their minds to go elsewhere, away from their frustration and hardships, for three or so hours. They're striving to make life normal again, and for some on the island, life is normal when there's baseball.

"The rehabilitation of a country in a situation like this isn't just fixing homes and buildings," Hec-

tor Rivera Cruz, president of the 80-year-old winter league, said in Spanish. "It's also spiritual and emotional."

'The miracle' season

Edwin Ramos Rodríguez made the half-hour drive to the game at Varo Roldan Stadium because he had the afternoon off and, well, why not? The janitor had worked a half-day at an elementary school in neighboring Caguas without power. He didn't have electricity at his home 40 minutes away in Cidra either. A few hours at the ballpark was therapeutic — and the game, like every other regular-season game in Puerto Rico this unusual winter season, was free.

"Tomorrow I'll get out at 4 p.m. because classes start," he said. "The teachers and students will have a half-day until the power comes back, but it'll be full days for me."

Ramos Rodríguez, a bespectacled baseball fanatic in his early 50s, leaned over a railing as he rattled off winter league factoids. The scoreboard beyond the center-field wall was still standing, but the storm left it inoperable. The shades above the stands, there to protect spectators from the relentless sun, were stripped. The roof was damaged. But the ballpark survived the storm relatively unscathed for the several hundred people in attendance.

"This is a chance to see the next Carlos Correa or Francisco Lindor," Abimail Pascual, a former PA announcer for the Criollos, said in the stands during the first inning. "We have to come see them because we know it gets difficult for them to play here the higher they rise as pros. So, as a fan, I come to watch them play."

Baseball was an afterthought in Maria's wake, as millions of Puerto Ricans hunted for basic necessities and waited in eight-hour lines for gas to fuel their generators while another couple hundred thousand residents fled to the mainland U.S. The winter

league season, which normally begins in November, was suspended a couple of weeks after the hurricane made landfall. Players whose rights were held by the league's teams were permitted to sign with clubs in other winter leagues. A decade after financial troubles forced the winter league to shut down for a year, Maria's fallout was threatening another season.

But league officials were determined to salvage it. Cruz Rivera believed suspending the campaign — and, consequently, not fielding a team to defend Puerto Rico's first Caribbean Series title since 2000 against clubs from Mexico, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic — would have hurt the next crop of Puerto Rican talent, players who depend on the league as a developmental tool. It also would have eliminated a rallying diversion when people could use one most.

"We knew that, in a way, we could do something for the people," said Rivera Cruz, a trained lawyer and former Puerto Rico Secretary of Justice. "The people here need help. Some entertainment helps."

A little over three months later, the season was underway. "I call this season 'The Miracle,'" Criollos manager Luis Matos, a former major-leaguer, said in Spanish.

The first step was ensuring there was enough money. In previous years, municipalities bankrolled most of their franchises' expenses, but Rivera Cruz emphasized that even with fewer sponsorships, the league assumed the entire burden this year. After negotiations with the Players Association of Puerto Rico, the league settled on a \$500,000 player pot for four teams instead of the usual five — financial constraints forced the Tiburones de Aguadilla to merge with the Indios de Mayaguez. That gave each club \$125,000 to construct rosters, most of which are filled with minor-leaguers paid measly

salaries during the regular season.

Officials eventually created an 18-game schedule with an opening-day doubleheader featuring the four teams on Jan. 5. A one-game playoff between the second- and third-place clubs will follow the slate on Jan. 24. The winner will face the first-place finisher in a best-of-five championship series to determine Puerto Rico's representative in the Caribbean Series next month in Mexico. To spur interest, games are broadcast on public television, and fans don't pay for tickets until the championship series.

"We're lucky," Indios manager and former major-leaguer Jose Valentín said in Spanish. "We're blessed that we have a season this year."

Space divided

The game's din could be heard faintly in the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center down the hall from the Criollos' clubhouse. The room had thinned out from the morning rush, but some people remained, patiently waiting for help in folding chairs after registering at the folding table in front. The only fans permitted entry were those who needed the elevator to access the stands. Two guards provided security.

"I don't mind," said Max Torres, the center's manager. "We just try to work together. As long as the music isn't too loud."

A baseball game and a disaster-relief center were sharing the same building because of a ballpark shortage. Two of the four franchises' stadiums were deemed playable after the hurricane: Isidoro García Stadium in Mayaguez, a city on the west coast, and Hiram Bithorn Stadium, home of the Cangrejeros de Santurce in the capital of San Juan, which is slated to host a two-game series between the Cleveland Indians and Minnesota Twins in April.

Evaristo "Varo" Roldan Stadium — a 2,500-seat stadium that

hosts amateur summer league games located a half-hour south of San Juan — was designated as the Criollos' home field. The Gigantes were left displaced. Further hampering the situation, only Isidoro García Stadium has functioning lights. The circumstances forced officials to schedule most games in the early afternoon, which has suppressed attendance for week-day games — and forced the double booking earlier this month.

Torres said the majority of people arrive at the center seeking help with paperwork. Their problems usually stem from not having the documents proving they owned their home when the hurricane hit. Proof is required to qualify for FEMA assistance.

"A lot of times they don't have access to faxes or telephone lines because power is down," Torres said. "So we open these centers to give people a face-to-face setup so they can talk to somebody who can tell them what's happening with their case. What's the situation? Which documents do you need? If they bring the documents, we'll fax them and explain the options they have."

The center opened Nov. 12, nearly two months after Maria swept through, and will remain open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. indefinitely. The staff spends the next three days at the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center in Canovanas, a municipality 40 minutes to the north. Both centers are closed on Sundays.

So Torres and his staff weren't at Evaristo "Varo" Roldan Stadium when it hosted a Sunday doubleheader. They returned as the sun rose the next day, helping people get back on their feet as others descended in search of a hint of the normalcy.

It was temporary. After the Criollos slugged their way to an 8-7 victory that afternoon, fans filed into the parking lot and drove back to their realities.

The escape was over.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

New Yorker Stephenson right at home in Indiana

BY CANDACE BUCKNER

Washington Post

ZIONSVILLE, Ind. — Lance Stephenson loves the simplicity of silver, white and black, which cover the NBA player's 8,440-square-foot estate.

Big, black decorative letters spell out his nickname, "B-O-R-N R-E-A-D-Y," on one wall. Two paintings of silver Buddhas, one upside down — Stephenson thought they'd look cooler that way — hang side by side. But the piece de resistance sits in the corner of his living room: a platinum, life-size replica of a horse.

"Indiana, you know," Stephenson said. "I figured a horse would fit in here."

The horse indeed fits Indiana, and somehow so does Stephenson.

After several years of bouncing around the league without a steady home, Stephenson seems to have found one in his second tour of duty with the Pacers. Now in his second season back with the team that drafted him in 2010, he is the tongue-wagging, hip-gyrating guard injected into the veins of Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

"The energy is just contagious," said Bill Manlove, a season ticket holder in the section devoted to Stephenson, "The Born Ready Crew."

How did a city kid bred on the swagger of Brooklyn street ball become so beloved in one of the NBA's most culturally conservative markets, where the humble ethos of "Hoosiers" still lingers? It's a marriage between a flyover state with an underdog mentality and a brazen, overlooked second-round pick made good.

Stephenson couldn't find acceptance in five other NBA cities but returned here to wide-open arms. In Indiana, basketball conquers all.

Indiana's adopted son

The limelight followed him as a teenager.

Stephenson starred in his own reality show as a high school junior. By his senior year, he mean-mugged on the cover of Slam magazine. He was a phenom in the big city, graduating as the career scoring leader in New York state high school basketball.

Even after a year at Cincinnati, in which he was named Big East Rookie of the Year, Stephenson had to fly to 17 pre-draft workouts in search of his NBA shot. He arrived in Indianapolis as a relative unknown in June 2010 when then-Pacers President Larry Bird chose him with the 40th pick.

"Nobody had expectations for Lance," said Tom Lewis, founder of Pacers fan blog "Indy Cornrows."

But Indiana has a soft spot for the overlooked. Maybe it's because "Hoosiers," a movie celebrating the underdog, is so ingrained that it seems to be a requirement for state residence — "I've seen it 12 times," bragged Manlove, whose father was an extra in one of the scenes.

With Stephenson, fans found another stray.

He treated Pacers practices like Game 7, causing veterans to admonish: "Rook, you got to relax! This is just practice!" He nonetheless spent most of his rookie season as a question mark, fans having no clue that such fire and energy was bottled up in a suit on the bench.

By the next season, Stephenson was becoming a cult hero, coming out of nowhere to score 22 points in the regular-season finale against the Bulls. There he was again in the playoffs, holding a choke sign after Heat star LeBron James missed a free throw in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"As soon as he did that, everybody was like, 'I don't know if the kid can play, but that's great,'" said Scott Lagler, another longtime fan.

In 2012-13, Stephenson started 72 games. The next year, he averaged 13.8 points, flopping theatrically for calls and celebrating big shots by squatting low and wiggling his hips.

"He's got that type of swagger to him," said Cory Joseph, a current Pacer who played against Stephenson from 2011-17. "That's how he gets himself going. ... It tends to get under people's skin."



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

After bouncing around the NBA, Lance Stephenson is in his second stint with the Pacers and has once again been embraced by the fans in Indiana.

Stephenson was an irritant, but he was Indiana's irritant. And he was James' thorn.

For three straight postseasons, the Pacers ran into the Heat as Stephenson conducted a master class on how to frustrate The King, once going so far as to blow into James's ear.

"Lance has swagger to go up to the biggest, baddest dude in the NBA and blow in his ear," said Dominic Dorsey, a native and Pacers fan. "And that's Indiana."

"They call us 'Naptown' — everybody sleeps on us. Here's the thing: Nobody expects us to sneak up from behind and come away with the win. (When) you've got Lance Stephenson on your squad, you think you might just have a shot."

Just happy to be here

At first, Stephenson didn't know what to make of this place.

"It's more country-like to me," he said of Indiana. "I'm from the city. There's always something to do in New York. ... When I got here, I didn't know what to do."

He was entering a market unlike New York in other ways too. Indianapolis, the state capital, is a contradiction at the crossroads of America.

The Pacers play in downtown Indianapolis, a rare dot of blue in a statewide sea of Republican red. But where Stephenson has settled, 22 miles away in quiet Boone County, residents voted 60.4 percent for Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election. Then-Indiana Gov. Mike Pence was tapped as Trump's running mate, and in

October the vice president returned for a Colts game — walking out when a handful of players knelt during the national anthem. A Republican state lawmaker recently announced plans to push legislation that would force the Colts to offer refunds to fans offended by kneeling players.

Stephenson may ooze confidence and have no problem preening on the court, but he is reluctant to wade into political waters.

"There's been stuff that went on I wanted to talk about," he said. "I feel like ... my words ain't really going to help what's going on."

"I don't feel I can really change ... I feel I would be hurting myself more than anything (by) trying to speak my own opinion and how I feel. So I just stay quiet because I don't want that type of energy and stuff around me."

Indianapolis has long been a pocket of liberalism — at least by Indiana standards. The Pacers long had a reputation for signing more white players than the average team. In 2004, when asked by ESPN whether the NBA needed more white superstars, Bird replied, "I think it's good for a fan base because, as we all know, the majority of the fans are white America. And if you just had a couple of white guys in there, you might get them a little excited."

Following a few franchise-altering events — most notably "The Malice at the Palace" in 2004, when Indiana players fought with fans in the stands in Detroit, and a 2006 incident in which Stephen Jackson fired a gun outside of a strip club — four of the Pacers' top

seven players were white.

"A lot of people in Indiana want a white face for their professional basketball franchise," said Lagler, who is white.

When Dorsey, a community organizer who's black, planned and participated in more than a dozen Black Lives Matter protests in his hometown, he read the ugly opinions posted under reports about the events. In Dorsey's view, a professional athlete in Indianapolis should tread carefully before tweeting #blacklivesmatter, so he doesn't blame Stephenson for remaining silent.

"The comments you'll see from thumb thugs and internet warriors just sitting there watching the broadcast, saying, 'How dare you? Go get a job! Welfare queens!' " Dorsey said. "(Trump) being in office has emboldened that type of behavior and that type of rhetoric. If you value your fans and just want to make your money and go home, why would you step into that arena?"

Stephenson said he doesn't censor himself because he plays in Indiana, but he remembers how low he was before this second chance. He doesn't want to risk it.

"I was going team to team and couldn't figure out a role, what team needed me," said Stephenson, who was cut in March by the Timberwolves, concluding a journey in which he suited up for five teams over three seasons after leaving Indiana in free agency. "I was at my weakest."

Then, just as Bird was stepping down as team president in April, he brought Stephenson home on a three-year contract.

At Stephenson's home debut April 4, the ovation was so loud that he had to stare at the rim to keep from crying. After games, fans followed him to his favorite hangout, Hooters.

"He saw my shirt and wanted it," said Jared Beeler, who was wearing a gold "Born Ready" T-shirt at the restaurant. "I couldn't say no."

Fans would give Stephenson the shirts off their backs because of nights like Jan. 12. In the Pacers' 97-95 win over the Cavaliers, Stephenson was back to bothering James.

After hitting a 3-pointer, he got in James' face on defense and remained there after a whistle. When James delivered a forearm to his chest, Stephenson exaggerated the contact and flashed an incredulous expression as he searched for a referee.

James got hit with a technical foul. Indiana, of course, loved it.

"You hear about guys having a quiet 20-point, eight-assist night?" Indy Cornrows' Lewis said. "Lance does not have a quiet night. If he has a 10-point, five-assist night, it's loud!"

When he's in Indiana, Stephenson isn't the kid from Brooklyn, the second-round pick with too much swagger or the castaway forgotten by the NBA. He is their humble Hoosier.

"I feel like I get all the energy from the fans — it just goes inside of me and I fight for them," Stephenson said. "I do whatever I can to win for them, and I feel the fans make me the player that I am now. ... I feel like this is home to me."

90TH ACADEMY AWARDS

8 PREDICTIONS (WAY) OUTSIDE EBBING

‘The Shape of Water’ dominates Oscar nominations, but times give ‘Three Billboards’ an air of triumph

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS | Chicago Tribune

Frances McDormand’s character, Mildred Hayes, says it in “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”:

“In this case, the chick ain’t losing.”

The line, a rabble-rouser in a movie full of them, came to mind Tuesday morning during the announcement of the 90th Academy Awards nominations. Now that “Three Billboards” has acquired the veneer of topicality, as Paul Haggis’ “Crash” did back in 2006, there may be no stopping it.

Suddenly writer-director Martin McDonagh’s movie seems to have sprung wholehog from our current, roiling, post-Weinstein cultural ferment. McDonagh’s film, tipped by many to win the top Oscar on March 4, speaks the language of the Trump era: comic brutality. In other words, this doesn’t feel like the year for a film of plaintive comic charm (“Lady Bird”) or conspicuous technical achievement (“Dunkirk”).

In “Three Billboards,” Mildred, whom McDormand has said she modeled after John Wayne, is the iron-willed mother of a rape and murder victim. Her quest for justice sets a cycle of small-town vengeance in motion. Sometimes it’s played for laughs; occasionally, it’s sincere.

If the film does indeed continue its awards-season winning streak, the debates will rage on regarding what, if anything, the film says (and doesn’t say) about race in America.

But wait! I thought “Get Out” was supposed to be that movie! If you find yourself thinking along those lines, or thinking at all, 11 months after its release date, about writer-director Jordan Peele’s astonishingly profitable and infinitely more interesting social thriller, you can take heart from “Get Out” finding its way onto the list of nine best picture Oscar contenders announced Tuesday.

“The Shape of Water” topped the list with 13 nominations. Coming off a significant win last weekend at the Producers Guild of America awards, director and co-writer Guillermo del Toro’s romantic Cold War-era fantasy is the other probable best picture contender. Del Toro is even more likely to nab his first Oscar for best director.

This is the category showing the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences at its best and most discerning.

In addition to del Toro, the nominated directors include Peele for “Get Out,” Greta Gerwig for “Lady Bird,” Paul Thomas Anderson for “Phantom Thread” and Christopher Nolan for marshaling the forces on “Dunkirk.” Nolan’s

formidable achievement received the second-highest number of total nominations, eight. All five of the directorial nominees’ films got best picture nods.

Filling out that top category: “Call Me By Your Name”; “Mudbound,” which scored an overdue first nomination for a woman, Rachel Morrison, in the field of cinematography; and “The Post.” Steven Spielberg went unrecognized for his direction of that First Amendment rouser; its only other nomination went to Meryl Streep. It’s her 21st. Her Oscar nominee roster is now officially of age.

Underneath “The Shape of Water,” the nomination wealth was spread fairly evenly, even if the commercial popularity of the nine nominated films reflected a wide range of big hits, profitable low- and medium-budget players and an outlier or two.

At well over \$500 million, the worldwide box office take for “Dunkirk” makes Nolan’s the biggest WWII movie in history. Meanwhile, with its lean budget and huge critical and popular response, Peele’s “Get Out” ranks as 2017’s most profitable title in its cost-to-revenue ratio. Peele spent \$4.5 million to make it, and the result was a \$254 million worldwide box office return.

The six nominations for the daunting, eccentric, beautiful “Phantom Thread” notwithstanding: At Oscar time you can usually follow the money. Last year’s best picture winner, “Moonlight,” cost \$4 million and made \$65 million worldwide. This year we’re looking at low- to medium-budgeted pictures making just enough money to acquire the aura of a classy success. That goes for “Three Billboards” and it goes for “The Shape of Water,” both Fox Searchlight titles.

And here’s your Illinois-related paragraph: Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member Laurie Metcalf received a supporting actress nomination for “Lady Bird” (though fellow nominee Allison Janney has the heat in that category for “I, Tonya”). “Shape of Water” supporting actor nominee Richard Jenkins is from DeKalb. Greta Gerwig once did a Joe Swanberg movie here and was the best thing in it by several thousand miles. Kumail Nanjiani honed his stand-up chops here, years before he and Emily V. Gordon received a screenwriting nomination for “The Big Sick.” “Mudbound” co-screenwriter nominee Virgil Williams is a Chicago native.

The Oscars air at 7 p.m. March 4 on ABC.

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MERRICK MORTON/FOX SEARCHLIGHT

BEST PICTURE

“Call Me by Your Name”
 “Darkest Hour”
 “Dunkirk”
 “Get Out”
 “Lady Bird”
 “Phantom Thread”
 “The Post”
 “The Shape of Water”
 “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri” ▲

Should win: “Lady Bird”

Will win: “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”

Seriously: You really want to sideline “Mudbound” or “The Big Sick” or “The Florida Project” in favor of “Three Billboards”?

BEST ACTRESS

Sally Hawkins, “The Shape of Water”
 Frances McDormand, “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri” ▲
 Margot Robbie, “I, Tonya”
 Saoirse Ronan, “Lady Bird”
 Meryl Streep, “The Post”

Should win: Sally Hawkins, “The Shape of Water”

Will win: Frances McDormand, “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”

Seriously: All excellent. But if you’re going to go to the trouble of six nominations for “Phantom Thread,” how about a seventh for Vicky Krieps?

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Willem Dafoe, “The Florida Project”
 Woody Harrelson, “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”
 Richard Jenkins, “The Shape of Water”
 Christopher Plummer, “All the Money in the World”
 Sam Rockwell, “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri” ▲

Should win: Willem Dafoe, “The Florida Project”

Will win: Sam Rockwell, “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri”

Seriously: Every category this year could’ve been tripled in total nominations, but this one hurts the most, leaving out everyone from Michael Stuhlbarg in “Call Me by Your Name” to Tracy Letts for “Lady Bird.”



Gary Oldman

Should win: Daniel Kaluuya, “Get Out”

Will win: Gary Oldman, “Darkest Hour”

Seriously: Can Denzel Washington be renominated for “Fences” instead?

BEST ACTOR

Timothee Chalamet, “Call Me by Your Name”
 Daniel Day-Lewis, “Phantom Thread”
 Daniel Kaluuya, “Get Out”
 Gary Oldman, “Darkest Hour”
 Denzel Washington, “Roman J. Israel, Esq.”

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

“The Big Sick,” Emily V. Gordon and Kumail Nanjiani
 “Get Out,” Jordan Peele
 “Lady Bird,” Greta Gerwig
 “The Shape of Water,” Guillermo del Toro and Vanessa Taylor
 “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” Martin McDonagh

Should win: “Get Out,” Jordan Peele

Will win: “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” Martin McDonagh

Seriously: Academy, this is going to hack me off more than “The Boss Baby” even getting nominated.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Mary J. Blige, “Mudbound”
 Allison Janney, “I, Tonya”
 Lesley Manville, “Phantom Thread”
 Laurie Metcalf, “Lady Bird”
 Octavia Spencer, “The Shape of Water”

Should win: Laurie Metcalf, “Lady Bird”

Will win: Allison Janney, “I, Tonya”

Seriously: Can we trade Spencer (good in a functional role) for Tiffany Haddish in “Girls Trip”? Or Beanie Feldstein in “Lady Bird”? Or Betty Gabriel in “Get Out”?

BEST DIRECTOR

“Dunkirk,” Christopher Nolan
 “Get Out,” Jordan Peele
 “Lady Bird,” Greta Gerwig
 “Phantom Thread,” Paul Thomas Anderson
 “The Shape of Water,” Guillermo del Toro

Should win: “Lady Bird,” Greta Gerwig

Will win: “The Shape of Water,” Guillermo del Toro

Seriously: I don’t have a single problem with these nominees. I’m serious.

BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

“Call Me by Your Name,” James Ivory
 “The Disaster Artist,” Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber
 “Logan,” Scott Frank, James Mangold and Michael Green
 “Molly’s Game,” Aaron Sorkin
 “Mudbound,” Virgil Williams and Dee Rees

Should win: “Mudbound”

Will win: “Mudbound”

Seriously: If this goes to “The Disaster Artist,” I promise to make a non-ironic lousy movie so that somebody else can make a movie about the making of it.

IN PERFORMANCE ‘Yank! A World War II Love Story’ ★★★

Pride Films and Plays opts for drama and romance over polemic on rights

By CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

Not only was every seat taken at the Pride Arts Center on Sunday afternoon, but also so many tardy people were trying to squeeze into the former North Broadway speakeasy that a couple of gentlemen of a certain age appeared eager to fall in with the company onstage and re-enlist in the United States armed forces.

Which, thank the heavens and the United States Constitution, have become more enlightened toward gays and lesbians since

World War II, the setting for the afternoon’s big draw, the Chicago premiere of “Yank! A World War II Love Story,” as penned by two gay brothers, Joseph (the composer) and David (the bookwriter and lyricist) Zellnik. As directed in Chicago by David Zak. And as performed by a fresh, non-Equity company of 11 all-singing, all-dancing men and one aptly named woman, Molly LeCaptain, cast as both an influential lesbian and as a chanteuse, or the siren call of home.

If you’ve read the evidence presented in “Conduct Unbecom-

ing” by the late, great Naperville-born journalist Randy Shilts, you’ll know that there have always been gays and lesbians in the United States armed forces, the Army’s tacit tolerance invariably increasing during times of war, World War II included, and the relative safety of the individual gay serviceman varying drastically according to the whims of the brass on the ground. Which, as this show makes very clear, is not really safety at all, especially since the requisite subterfuge

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PAUL GOYETTE PHOTO

“Yank!” explores a love affair between two enlisted men.

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Neil Diamond, 77, says he is retiring from touring after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Neil Diamond says he has Parkinson's

Neil Diamond, one of America's most enduring songwriters, best known for his singalong hits "Sweet Caroline" and "Cracklin' Rosie," has announced that he has Parkinson's disease.

Diamond, who turns 77 on Wednesday, said Monday he is retiring from concert touring as a result of the diagnosis.

"It is with great reluctance and disappointment that I announce my retirement from concert touring. I have been so honored to bring my shows to the public for the past 50 years," Diamond said in a statement on his website. "My sincerest apologies to everyone who purchased tickets and were planning to come to the upcoming shows."

Diamond said he will continue writing and recording music.

He made the announcement while in the midst of his "50 Year Anniversary World Tour." In March, Diamond was set to visit New Zealand and Australia on the third leg of the tour.

Diamond, who has been nominated for 13 Grammys and won one, will be given a coveted Lifetime Achievement Award at Sunday's Grammy Awards. Diamond, who has sold more than 125 million records, was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2011.

— The Washington Post



JEFF CHRISTENSEN/AP 2006

Masekela dies at 78: South African jazz trumpeter and anti-apartheid activist Hugh Masekela, above, has died at 78. A family statement issued on Twitter on Tuesday says Masekela died in Johannesburg after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. Masekela went into exile after the 1960 Sharpeville killings in which 69 protesters were shot dead. In 1968 he scored an international hit with "Grazing in the Grass." Many of his compositions were about the struggle for majority rule in South Africa and full democratic rights. Masekela's composition "Bring Him Back Home" calling for Nelson Mandela to be released from prison became an international anthem for the anti-apartheid movement.

Cosby performs: Bill Cosby performed in public for the first time since a sex abuse scandal embroiled him in 2015, joking that he "used to be a comedian" and playing with a jazz band in his hometown as a retrial looms in his criminal sexual assault case. He took the stage for about an hour Monday at a Philadelphia jazz club.

Drilling spat: Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday blasted President Donald Trump's move to allow increased offshore drilling, saying he ought to drill in the waters off his Palm Beach, Fla., resort rather than California. "If you want to drill, do it off Mar-a-Lago," Schwarzenegger tweeted.

Jan. 24 birthdays: Singer Aaron Neville is 77. Olympian Mary Lou Retton is 50. Actor Ed Helms is 44. Actor Daveed Diggs is 36.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Accusations about mentor devastating

Dear Amy: Recently, a close mentor of mine was accused by multiple women of sexual misconduct in the 1990s. The accusations (many of them quite graphic) were made public in a national and highly respected publication.

I was absolutely devastated. He is a relatively high-profile figure, and I looked up to him. Within 24 hours of the public disclosure, he had stepped down from his job without any investigation or even a chance to respond to the accusations.

I am a man who considers myself a feminist, and I wouldn't for a second want to question these women's accounts just because they pertain to someone I know and trusted. At the same time, it is extremely surprising to me that this person, who from my immediate experience and that of many others' (both women and men) was a genuinely good person with a solid set of ethics, would do such things.

My head is spinning, and I have a lot of conflicting thoughts and feelings. This person gave me guidance and support when I was in a very dark place in my life, and reignited a passion for my work that burns even stronger now.

In a weird way, I feel like my trust has been betrayed or that I didn't choose the right person as a mentor. We haven't been in touch since this news broke. I don't know if I should maintain a relationship, or if doing so would suggest that I tacitly condone his (alleged) behavior. What should I do?

— Confused Mentee

Dear Confused: Your

reaction to this is a perfect example of how the consequences of this sexually aggressive behavior radiate outward, affecting all other relationships, until you are left feeling bewildered and guilty, and are now questioning your own judgment. I think we have all seen how complex this can be, and how someone who can hold positions of trust and responsibility can abuse that trust with some and keep it with others.

I hope you will find a way to accept that you bear no responsibility for not knowing about this behavior. Abusers seem to choose their victims carefully, understanding that their abuse of power wraps those they abuse in a veil of secrecy and shame.

You should contact your mentor, express your dismay and ask for answers. I doubt you will receive them. If he admits this to you, you should sever your ties with him. You will have to use your own discernment and decide on the most ethical path forward, but believing the women is a place to start.

Dear Amy: My ex-husband told me he wanted a divorce over a month ago. I did not want to split, but he insisted — so I moved out.

I did not contact him, but he has been calling me almost every day. We keep the conversation light and have not spoken about us as a couple — or about what happened.

How do I broach the subject without him shutting down, as he often did when we were together?

I get the sense he wants to get back together, but he's not mentioning it, and I am too worried to bring it

up myself.
— Worried in Hartford

Dear Worried: If you two can't communicate about your relationship, even to the point of you asking him if he even wants to be married to you, then your relationship is destined to carom along in this cycle.

And if you can't muster the courage to ask your husband if he wants to be married to you without fear of him shutting down, then you probably shouldn't be together.

You might start by asking, "Why are you (really) calling me?" No matter how he responds, leave some silence around it. Tell him, "I'd like to talk about what happened between us. If you're not ready to do that now, let's take some time off until you are ready."

Dear Amy: "Broken-Hearted Niece" wondered if she should invite her toxic aunt to her wedding. I couldn't believe that you suggested that she should! A wedding is the worst place to try to repair family relationships. It should be about what the marrying couple wants, period.
— Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: I suggested that this niece should invite and confront her aunt over the aunt's behavior.

Laying out clear expectations and consequences: "If there is a problem at the wedding, you will be asked to leave," should put the niece firmly in charge on her wedding day.

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Saxophonist helping crack the glass ceiling



HOWARD REICH
My Kind of Jazz

Chilean saxophonist Melissa Aldana made global news in 2013, at age 24, when she became the first female instrumentalist and the first South American musician to win one of the most competitive events in jazz: the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition.

Stranger still, Aldana lived up to the hype.

Ever since her Chicago debut in 2015, at the Jazz Showcase, she has turned in performances that challenge what one might expect of a competition victor. For though she obviously possesses the technical elan and expressive urgency that distinguish contest winners, she also sounds like no other under-30 tenor player. The austere and translucent beauty of her tone, the serpentine complexity of her solos and the gnarly idiosyncrasies of her compositions point to a young artist clearly determined to go her own way.

Though Aldana is quick to acknowledge that the Monk win sped the tempo of her career, she maintains that it had scant effect on her music.

"Being Melissa, it didn't really change anything," says Aldana, who will make her Orchestra Hall debut on Friday evening, on a double bill with John Beasley's MONK'estra.

"But it opened a lot of doors, because I'm from South America and the first Latina that won the competition, the first woman (instrumentalist) also.

"When I do clinics or go to schools, I see more women" playing horns, she adds, rather than acceding to the role long accorded females in jazz: as singers, pianists or both.

"These women have been inspired," adds Aldana. "I think that is the most beautiful thing — to be able to inspire young women."

By dint of her Monk win, Aldana certainly became an instant role model, though that was not her intent. Nor was vanquishing her opponents, she says.

"I never thought about me winning or not winning," insists Aldana. "At the end of the day, it's hard to judge people's art.

"But my main goal, when I knew I was in the semifinals, was: OK, if I'm able to play like I do at home or when I play at Smalls (in New York) with friends, being able to be myself and be comfortable — that was my real goal.

"And because I was playing for Wayne Shorter and Branford Marsalis," adds Aldana, referring to a jury that also included Jimmy Heath, Bobby Watson and Jane Ira Bloom, "they have heard everything. I can't go there and play all the licks I know. I just wanted to present myself: This is Melissa."

That's exactly what comes across whenever Aldana performs, a point that has become increasingly apparent each time she has returned to Chicago. But where did this approach come from, and how does a young musician from Chile become so deeply immersed in the rigors of jazz in the first place?

Aldana came to music through her bloodline, for her father, Marcos Aldana, is a prominent saxophonist in Chile and the son of another saxophonist, Enrique Aldana. So Melissa Aldana grew up immersed in the sounds of jazz but, she says, not coerced into them.

"My father always has been looking to the tradition," says Aldana. "I grew up hearing Charlie Parker, Cannonball (Adderley), Michael Brecker, Weather Report, and that's how I fell in love with the music."

Her father, in other words, "never obligated me," says Aldana. "It was always born from my heart."

And though Aldana at first focused on alto saxophone, at age 12 she heard music of tenor colossus Sonny Rollins and knew she had to switch.

"It was his sound," says Aldana. "His sound, and the way he improvises. It seems very fun and organic. ... It sounded like the right direction."

Still, there's no question that Aldana has forged a musical persona of her own, which she attributes not only to her upbringing in Chile but also to her studies with tenor titan George Garzone at the Berklee College of Music in Boston in 2007.

"It wasn't about him teaching



HOLLIS KING PHOTO

Tenor saxophonist Melissa Aldana has her Orchestra Hall debut Friday.

me something to play — it was about the spirit and the love of the music," says Aldana. "He'd be at school at 6 in the morning practicing. He became like a second father to me. It was the spirit and the love and how organic his playing was."

Stylistically, Aldana counts Rollins, Don Byas and Mark Turner as her greatest influences, and she says has developed a specific methodology for absorbing their work and others'.

"I've always been willing to transcribe and imitate," says Aldana, who moved to New York in 2009. "Transcribing solos — not just the notes, but the spirit of how people play. That's what I want to try to understand."

"I spend two or three years where I try to imitate a person. It's part of my process. It gets to a point where I feel like I've got the intention: How Sonny is playing a ballad; what is the energy he has.

"When I get to that point, I try

to forget everything that I learned from that person, and I try to mix it with what I already have. ... And then I add another person and another person."

Which is how, perhaps, Aldana has come to sound like none of them at all.

Melissa Aldana appears on a double bill with John Beasley's MONK'estra at 8 p.m. Friday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; \$24-\$76; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.

Chi-Town Jazz Festival

Trumpeter Bobby Lewis and saxophonists Eric Schneider and Geof Bradfield will headline the ninth annual Chi-Town Jazz Festival, which raises funds to fight hunger in Chicago and will run March 7-11. Below is the lineup; for details, visit www.chitownjazzfestival.org.

March 7, Jazz Showcase, 806

S. Plymouth Court: Glenbrook South High School jazz groups, 7 p.m.; Bobby Lewis Quintet, 8:30 p.m.; Tim Fitzgerald's Full House, 10 p.m.

March 8, Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.: Neal Alger's Brazilian Quartet, 6 p.m.; Eric Schneider and Friends, 8 p.m.; Ernie Denov Band, 10 p.m.

March 8, Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court: Matt Wiffler's New Orleans Quartet, 7:30 p.m.; Abigail Riccards Quartet, 9:30 p.m.

March 10, Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway: Ryan Cohan Group, 8 p.m.; Geof Bradfield Group, featuring Bobby Broom, 9:30 p.m.; Greg Ward Group, with Dennis Carroll and Greg Artry, 11 p.m.

March 11, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 1427 Chicago Ave., Evanston: The Seven Divas (featuring Frieda Lee and Maggie Brown); Sherry Cothran Group, 4 p.m.

Exposure Series

The third annual Exposure Series, presented by Elastic Arts, will run March 22-26 and will spotlight six visiting artists: Steve Baczkowski, Luke Stewart, Brandon Lopez, Molly Jones, Michael Foster and Tashi Dorji. The lineup is below; for more details, visit www.elasticarts.org.

March 22, Elastic Arts, 3429 W. Diversey Ave., second floor: Rempis/Lopez/Packard, 9 p.m.; Baczkowski/Gay/Adasiewicz/Hatwich/Sudderberg, 10 p.m.

March 23, Elastic Arts: Foster/Young/Zerang, 9 p.m.; Stein/Dorji/Abrams/Avery, 10 p.m.

March 24, Elastic Arts: Jones/Hatcher/Ernst/Rumbach, 9 p.m.; Wilkerson/Vandermark/Baker/Stewart/Ra, 10 p.m.

March 25, May Chapel, 5800 N. Ravenswood Ave.: Brandon Lopez solo, 2 p.m.; Dorji/Damon Duo, 3 p.m.

March 25, Hungry Brain, 2319 W. Belmont Ave.: Baczkowski/Lopez Duo, 9 p.m.; Heart of the Ghost, 10 p.m.

March 26, Experimental Sound Studio, 5925 N. Ravenswood Ave.: Molly Jones solo, 7:30 p.m.; Foster/Bennett Duo, 8:30 p.m.

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After lockout, Minn. Orchestra resets, thrives

Labor dispute lasted over a year, but both sides work together now — as Chicago soon will see



JOHN VON RHEIN
Heard & Scene

While American symphony orchestras face never-ending challenges on the business end, few major ensembles have taken it on the chin so badly yet fought their way back from virtual extinction so successfully as the Minnesota Orchestra.

The ensemble, which will return to Orchestra Hall on Sunday afternoon for the first time in more than 50 years, seemed to be on the verge of dissolution in October 2012, when the orchestra's governing body locked out the orchestra musicians and eventually canceled the entire season after failing to reach a new collective bargaining agreement. The players and their union contended that the proposed draconian cuts in salaries and benefits threatened the orchestra's existence.

The lockout dragged on for 16 months, during which time the orchestra lost 30 to 40 percent of its subscriber base, according to Kevin Smith, its current president and chief executive. Osmo Vanska, its respected, Finnish-born music director, made good on his vow to resign if the lockout persisted but demonstrated his support for the musicians by leading them in three self-produced concerts.

The irony that Minneapolis had a newly renovated Orchestra Hall that the musicians were barred from performing in no doubt helped to rally the musical and philanthropic community behind their orchestra.

"What came out strongly during the lockout was that the public wanted the quality, legacy, personality and character of the orchestra to continue," said Smith. "That was the orchestra the community knew. They did not want a reconfigured, rethought or reconstituted orchestra."

The lockout ended in January 2014 when the musicians announced they had reached a new collective bargaining agreement that included a reduced roster and less severe pay cuts than had been originally proposed. Vanska was rehired as artistic chief, effective with the 2014-15 season. (His contract has since been twice

extended, now running through 2021-22.)

As a reconstituted administration worked to rebuild the subscriber base and boost revenues, new dialogues were created between labor and management, stronger bonds of support forged across the musical and philanthropic communities.

A new spirit of mutual trust has emerged since the orchestra began transitioning between what Smith calls its "near-death experience" to its present financial and artistic stability. The musicians demonstrated their good faith in December 2014 when they closed down the nonprofit they had created during the lockout and donated the \$250,000 remaining in their accounts to the orchestra.

Interviews with the music director, officials and players suggest that, traumatic as the lockout was, it may have been just the wake-up call the institution needed. All agree that a leaner, meaner Minnesota Orchestra has risen from the ashes, a better-run institution whose musicians enjoy a greater say in a wide range of policy decisions, from programming to touring to work rules.

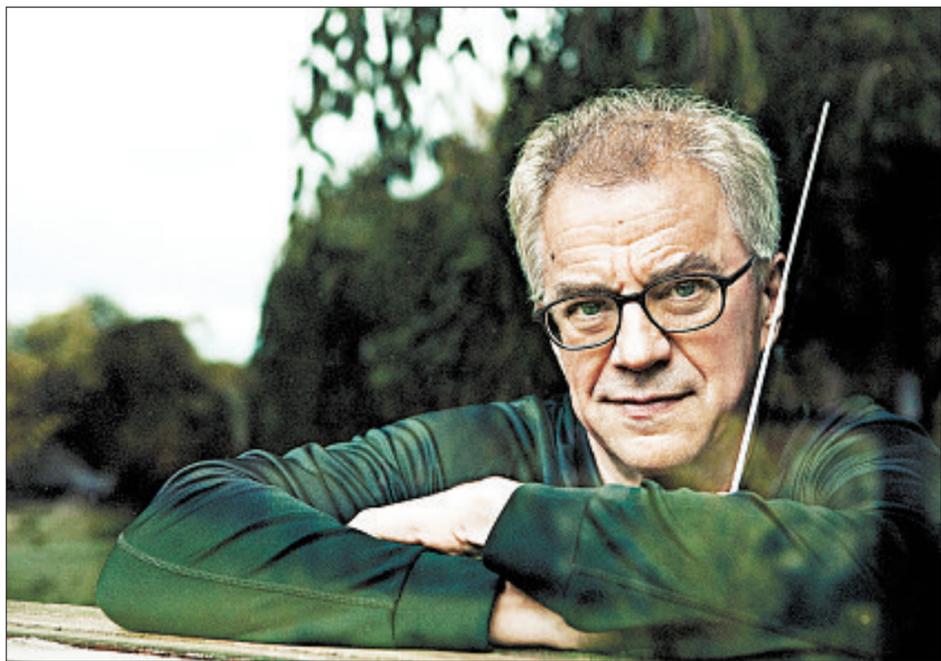
At its annual meeting in November, the Minnesota Orchestral Association reported a balanced budget for the third year in a row, with strong gains in ticket sales, contributed income and size of contributor base, on an operating budget of \$32.6 million.

"Every year we are substantially exceeding what we were pre-lockout," Smith said. "Not only are we getting good attendance, but the energy between the orchestra and the audience, and just the energy level in the hall generally, is substantially better than it was before."

"In many ways it's like a new orchestra," said Vanska, 64, who is married to the orchestra's concertmaster, Erin Keefe. "It's really in good artistic shape, playing better and better all the time. I think many things are growing, and I want to be involved in that."

Chicago will be the final stop on a three-city Midwest tour that is to include concerts in Bloomington, Ind., and Champaign-Urbana. The Minnesotans will present core repertory by Beethoven and Sibelius (also Tchaikovsky) that has been central to Vanska's programming since he became music director in 2003 and that he believes reflects the enormous artistic strides the orchestra has made since then.

"The mood of the group is



LISA MARIE MAZUCCO

Minnesota Orchestra music director Osmo Vanska: "In many ways it's like a new orchestra."

optimistic, excited, energetic," said Doug Wright, who has held the orchestra's principal trombone chair for the last 21 years and has served as a lecturer in trombone at the Northwestern University Bienen School of Music since 2013. "The transformation that has happened in this organization has been nothing short of miraculous. The orchestra is playing with a renewed passion, almost like its life depends on it."

One thing that has not changed is the esteem in which orchestra members hold Vanska as a musician, conductor and orchestra builder.

"He is a taskmaster with very high standards, and he pushes the group," Wright observed. "The orchestra is playing phenomenally well under him. The new players we've hired — those who didn't go through the lockout — bring a fresh energy and optimism that are good for all of us."

Wright pointed to a newfound collaborative spirit between management and musicians that, because the players are more directly involved in artistic and administrative decisions, has given them a greater sense of ownership. (Several musicians now sit on the artistic advisory committee.) In May 2015, a new labor contract was signed, two years early.

"Everybody saw that (contract signing) as an opportunity to show that we had turned a corner, that we are all in this together," Wright said.

If the morale is high across the organization, it's high on the public end as well: Concerts are averaging some 80 percent of capacity at 2,087-seat Orchestra Hall, despite the increases in ticket prices adopted after the lockout.

The Minnesota Orchestra in 2015 beat out more prominent ensembles, including the Chicago Symphony, to become the first U.S. orchestra to play in Cuba

since the thaw in relations with that country. Last week it was announced that Vanska will take the orchestra to South Africa in August, performing five concerts in honor of the Nelson Mandela centenary. The concerts will mark the first visit to South Africa by any American professional orchestra, according to Smith.

That said, nobody pretends there are any magic formulas to wipe the books clean of all the problems that precipitated the lockout.

Player salaries still remain below the 2012 pay scale. Fully half of the tenured musicians in the first violin section quit during the lockout, and not all have been replaced. The orchestra hires "ringers" on one-year contracts to bring the roster up to what Vanska deems an acceptable number of musicians to perform big orchestral repertory such as the Mahler symphonies. (He and his Minnesotans are recording a Mahler symphony cycle for the BIS label.)

Before Smith's contract expires in August, the administration must grapple with paying off old debts, including \$21.8 million in pensions and hall renovation costs, along with narrowing a \$5 million gap between expenses and revenues. Also in place is a fund campaign designed to rebuild an endowment that was severely depleted during the budget crisis that led up to the lockout.

If any single lesson was to be learned from the lockout, Smith said, it was that management must base the orchestra's future on growing revenue and contributions, rather than slashing expenses to the detriment of the musical product.

"All of us, including the musicians, acknowledge that the lockout, with all its pain and hardship, really was a turning point for the organization," the CEO said. "It's a different dynamic when people are all looking at the big picture

and working together on it."

"Believe me," he added, with a chuckle, "it's a lot more fun growing an organization that downsizing it."

One of the results of the new spirit of collaboration that has accompanied the orchestra's rebirth, he said, is an increased openness on the part of the musicians to innovation and experimentation. "Before the lockout, if management proposed something new, the players were a little suspicious. Now, a lot of these ideas come from the players themselves."

A recent innovation is Orchestra Hall Plus, an array of pre- and post-concert events given in the 200-seat Target Atrium and other locations in the orchestra's renovated concert facility. During a two-week Tchaikovsky Marathon this month, dancers from a local troupe demonstrated Russian ballet. Meanwhile, in another part of the lobby, a social event billed as Attorneys' Night attracted about 100 potential symphony subscribers, Smith reported.

In short, it's all about teamwork at today's Minnesota Orchestra.

"People are realizing the necessity of working together and connecting more closely with what others are doing within the institution," said Vanska. "With everyone moving in the same direction, and with greater mutual understanding, the orchestra is stronger."

Music director Osmo Vanska will lead the Minnesota Orchestra in Sibelius' "En Saga," Beethoven's Seventh Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1, with Inon Barnatan as soloist, at 3 p.m. Sunday at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., \$25-\$160; 312-294-3000, www.cso.org.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

'Waco' 6-part series recalls grim '93 standoff in Texas

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

In Episode 3 of Paramount Network's "Waco," a six-parter airing on CMT and Paramount (formerly known as Spike), there's a Michael Shannon moment built on four little words at the beginning of a phone call: "Hey, David, it's Gary."

David is David Koresh, self-appointed messiah of the Branch Davidian compound Koresh himself called "the Ranch Apocalypse." He's played by "Friday Night Lights" alum Taylor Kitsch, in a game but dutiful performance that leaves a lot of Koresh's more sinister manipulations off the table.

Gary is Gary Noesner, FBI hostage negotiator and key player in the disastrous 1993 siege on Koresh's compound about 10 miles east of Waco, Texas. Shannon starts the "Hey, David" phone call with a casual, just-checking-in air; he's trying to disarm the cult leader. As played by Shannon, Noesner's is a calm, straight-arrow lawman, though not an unblemished one.

The role presents the actor with a nice change of pace; he's certainly undertaken a lion's share of flamboyant antagonists. More than one person has asked me, "How's Shannon as Koresh?" because they assumed he'd be playing the other guy.

Perhaps Shannon should've played both leads, judging from the three episodes made available before Wednesday's launch. As is, "Waco" is a reasonably effective dramatization of what led to the siege and little more. The miniseries also concerns how the deadly 1992 Ruby Ridge, Idaho, raid, in which Noesner was in-



PARAMOUNT

Taylor Kitsch stars as David Koresh, leader of the Branch Davidian compound, in the six-part miniseries "Waco."

involved, helped stoke anti-government sentiment and why the Branch Davidian standoff, following a deadly shootout, dragged on for 51 days, ending in a fire claiming scores more.

Screenwriters Drew Dowdle, John Erick Dowdle and Salvatore Stabile (John Erick Dowdle and Dennie Gordon directed) freely adapt two nonfiction accounts: "A Place Called Waco" by Branch Davidian survivor David Thibodeau (played by Rory Culkin), and Noesner's autobiography "Stalling for Time." The narrative seesaws between Koresh and Noesner.

At a band gig in a honky-tonk, Koresh meets drummer Thibodeau and invites him to visit Koresh's Mount Carmel Center ranch. "We play music," Koresh says to his new acquaintance. "And we study. And we live as a family. And it's kinda fun."

Thibodeau ends up staying six months. During that time, the FBI plants surveillance agents (the main one, a functional, fictionalized character, is played by John Leguizamo) in a shack neighboring the compound. The FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms acted on reports of weapons and child abuse. Koresh

'Waco'

9 p.m. CST Wednesday, CMT/
Paramount Network

fathered 12 children, and his unofficial "wives" ran as young, possibly, as age 10. In the early episodes "Waco" goes easy on Koresh's physically and sexually abusive behavior; you sense the creative team nervously (and perhaps legally) weighing how much to get into the worst of it.

The larger question: How to sustain interest in a true-crime story with a higher-than-usual "hurry up and wait" quotient? Though the acting duel at the center is unevenly stacked in Shannon's favor, "Waco" boasts a fine supporting cast. Melissa Benoist ("Supergirl") portrays Rachel Koresh as a wary caretaker, surrounded by other women under the same roof whom her husband has claimed for himself. "I've assumed the burden of sex for us all," Koresh informs Thibodeau, played by Culkin in a perpetual state of deadpan wonder.

Paul Sparks is Koresh's right-hand man and cuckold Steve Schneider, with Andrea Riseborough as Judy Schneider, who gives birth to a child by Koresh. The naked fear and paranoia in the air at Mount Carmel, according to survivors of the siege, came from a frighteningly unpredictable leader. That, we don't get from Kitsch in "Waco." At least not yet.

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A+E NOTES

Franco accusers detail misconduct allegations

Two women who have accused actor James Franco of sexual misconduct said on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Tuesday that they're waiting for him to make amends.

Violet Paley and Sarah Tither-Kaplan repeated accusations they've made on Twitter that Franco abused his power and behaved inappropriately.

Paley has accused Franco of coercing her into performing oral sex on him. "He kind of like pushed my head down and was like, saying, 'Come on,'" she said Tuesday.

Asked what she'd like Franco to do now, Paley said, "A lot of things but please just apologize."

Tither-Kaplan said she was a student in a master class on sex scenes taught by Franco and a lot of scenes "seemed gratuitous and exploitative."

Tither-Kaplan said she'd like to see Franco use his power to "give opportunities to women that are real and valuable and actually give them career advancement."

The two women initially made their allegations on social media after Franco attended the Golden Globes wearing a "Time's Up" pin indicating support for victims of sexual misconduct. Franco's representative said the women's claims are not accurate.

— Associated Press



JAY L. CLENDENIN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Laurie Metcalf has been nominated in the supporting actress category for "Lady Bird."

90TH ACADEMY AWARDS

A first on Oscar front for Metcalf

'Lady Bird' co-star cites power of a 'mom's fears and regrets'

BY MARK OLSEN
Los Angeles Times

Laurie Metcalf, a Step-pewolf ensemble member and a three-time Emmy winner and recent Tony winner, on Tuesday earned her first nomination for an Oscar — a supporting actress nod for "Lady Bird." The mother-daughter comedy is up for five Academy Awards, including best director (Greta Gerwig) and leading actress (Saoirse Ronan). The Times caught up with Metcalf shortly after the nominations were announced.

Q: Where are you? Where were you when the nominations were announced?

A: I'm in New York right now. I just got in yesterday, I got in last night because I'm in rehearsals on a play today.

Q: What's the play?

A: Oh, it's "Three Tall Women" by Edward Albee, with Glenda Jackson. So I get to go down to 42nd Street and meet Glenda Jackson today. So I'm doubly excited today.

Q: Tell me what the Oscar nomination means to you.

A: I can't tell you how happy I am that the film itself got so much recognition. For Greta and Saoirse, everybody who worked on the film just poured their hearts into it and seemed so attached to it. For it to be recognized in this way is so thrilling to me, and really, it just feels really personal.

Q: How so?

A: Just that I loved working with Greta and Saoirse so much, and I feel like my nomination is due to them. And at the same time I'm just so happy for each of them. We just had a remarkable time making it, and now it's thrilling to see it recognized.

Q: Has this role felt special to you all along, even as you were making it?

A: Greta had done such a wonderful job writing such a complex character, that I really felt responsible to make it as three-dimensional as it was on the page. So yeah, it was really an emotional part to work on because of the complexity, because of the mom's fears and regrets, and I was kind of shocked when I saw it afterward, not so much in the scenes as I was doing it, but some of the lines that my character says to her daughter made me think twice about saying things in the heat of the moment with my own kids. I mean, out of love, out of wanting them to be the best version of themselves that they can be, like Marion says in the film. So it was really a personal movie for everybody.

Q: Greta was only the fifth woman nominated for best director. Tell me what she was like on set. What was it like being directed by her?

A: Well, for one thing, we had the source material right there because she had also written. Let alone having the director's hat on, she had done that also, so she had done all the heavy lifting on the movie. She was a natural. I

would never have known it was her solo directing debut. She made everybody feel welcome, it was collaborative. I have an image of Greta standing at the monitor with the headphones on next to her DP, Sam Levy, with a giant grin on her face, just filled with joy. I know she felt so comfortable in that position. I know she's wanted to direct for a long time, and she has said that while she was acting on films she was also observing, and that was her way of going to film school. ... Her direction made everyone feel really secure, and I always felt like she had my back, which makes an actor feel very confident.

Q: This year in particular, having a story of a mother and a daughter, written and directed by a woman, feels particularly meaningful. Do you feel that way, too, and what do you think it means to have a film like "Lady Bird" be embraced in the way that it has been?

A: It's so apparent, especially this year, when you see something written, directed and at the core, a complex female relationship. The film was always going to be successful, because it's so universal and everybody is responding to it. In this particular time, it just makes it all the more apparent that women's stories are really powerful, and I couldn't be happier for Greta. I just keep thinking about it, that she has made history. What is she, the fifth woman ever ever nominated? I'm just so proud of the whole thing and everybody involved in it.

'Code Black' is coming back to CBS this spring

BY RICH HELDENFELS
Tribune News Service

You have questions. I have some answers.

Q: What happened to the show "Code Black"? I hope it's not canceled; love that show.

A: CBS held back the medical drama starring Marcia Gay Harden and Boris Kodjoe from its fall lineup for use later in the season. Later in this case will be May 2. After "Criminal Minds" finishes its current season April 25, "Code Black" will get the time slot.

Q: I watched the first season of "Agatha Raisin" on Acorn TV in 2016. PBS ran the series in the winter of 2016-17. Is there a Season 2? If so, when will it be released?

A: Acorn TV has commissioned new episodes for telecast late in 2018; production begins in April. The program stars Ashley Jensen ("Ugly Betty," "Extras") as a public relations whiz who retires to a small village and turns amateur detective when crimes pop up around her. Based on novels by M.C. Beaton, the new series will adapt three of them: "The Wizard of Evesham," "The Curious Curate" and "The Fairies of Fryham."

Q: Is "Elementary" coming back to CBS?

A: Yes, it will get "Scorpion's" time slot after that adventure series completes its current season April 23. New episodes of "Elementary," the present-day interpretation of Sherlock Holmes with Jonny Lee Miller and Lucy Liu, arrive April 30.

Q: There was a show on last year about a father, his three sons and daughter. They all worked together as blacksmiths. Will it be coming back?

A: You are remembering



NEIL JACOBS/CBS

"Code Black," with Marcia Gay Harden, center, and Luis Guzman, right, is set to return to CBS on May 2.

a show called "Milwaukee Blacksmith," which aired on the History Channel and showed the Knapp family's blacksmith-made artworks. Kent Knapp, the father on the reality series, told me History did not renew the series because, he said, they had unrealistic expectations about the time projects took. And even if History had wanted more, the Knapps would have turned down another season because "we did not feel we were accurately represented and didn't care for the direction they took us. ... I harbor no ill will toward History or the production company, but wish the world to see us as we are."

The company will now do its own videos about some large sculpture projects and see if another programmer is interested. At the very least, those will end up on YouTube, Knapp said.

Q: I have a question about the show "My Five Wives." It was on TLC for two seasons. Recently TLC showed some reruns, and I am hoping it will come back.

A: I do not know of any new telecasts for TLC. When the show ended there in 2015, the family of

Brady Williams and his wives continued on other platforms. There is a "Brady and Wives" YouTube channel (though it has not been updated in about a year), and relatively new posts on the "Brady and Wives" Facebook page.

Q: I would like to know if the series "Shots Fired" with Stephen James will be available for purchase as a Blu-ray or DVD. Please tell me it is available, because I will buy so many copies to give to everyone I know.

A: The series dealing with race and law enforcement is not on DVD yet; Amazon is taking orders but lists no release date. There are other ways to revisit the series. Amazon.com and iTunes both have all the episodes available for download. At this writing, the 10 episodes are also streaming via Fox.com and the Fox Now app.

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IN PERFORMANCE

'Cal in Camo' ★★ 1/2

Cracks showing in family foundation

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

"Cal in Camo" at the intimate Rivendell Theatre begins with a new mother, Cal, sitting in a kitchen and desperately trying to overcome a loathed and invasive device and pump milk from her breasts.

It is not going well — indeed, very little is going well for Cal or her beer-distributor husband Tim, new residents of southern Illinois, a region of the state where the demand for a former Chicagoan's boutique malt beverages is, alas, limited. They're fighting a lot, these two new parents, here in their new starter home, an ill-chosen residence, being as it is built on a sinkhole.

As dramatic metaphors go, cracks and leaks threatening the very walls of a house owned by a crumbling couple is not an especially subtle choice, nor even an original one. So it's greatly to the credit of the two lead actors in director Hallie Gordon's very intense production, Ashley Neal and Eric Slater, that they dive so deep into these characters that you not only believe in them, but you're moved by a predicament of which you never fully buy the veracity, especially since one of the two apparently knew about these sinking problems all along. And still closed on the house.

"Cal in Camo," which was written by William Francis Hoffman and premiered at New York's Rattlestick Theater in 2016, is one of those plays where the metaphors are so hefty and portentous that they get in the way of the human themes, which becomes especially apparent when the work is



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Keith Kupferer and Ashley Neal star in "Cal in Camo," written by William Francis Hoffman.

When: Through Feb. 17

Where: Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$28-\$38 at 773-334-7728 and www.rivendelltheatre.org

acted at the elevated level you find here. In its best moments, this is a play about how the first weeks with a new baby can be very difficult — a challenge made all the more acute by the likelihood that the parents, especially the mother, will be surrounded by people telling them how thrilled they must be. As Neal shows us without stinting, Cal just does not feel bonded to her own child. And that makes her feel incredibly inadequate and alone.

So alone, in fact, that she calls in her brother, Flynt (Keith Kupferer), one of those small-town, closed-mouth, deer-hunting, gun-loving kinds of guys who don't show up very often in plays, unless they are written by Jeff Daniels. Flynt drinks a beer with Tim — he actually likes the orange infusion — stares out at the woods toward an imagined deer and cleans an antique rifle. Questions

of the play include who has the greater right to this territory — the hunter or the subdivision dweller or neither of them — and how much Cal and Flynt resemble each other. Kupferer doesn't mess around either; his Flynt is not the stereotype you often see, but a complex evocation of man who knows not what to feel, and, therefore, not what to do. Or even how to stay present.

This trio of actors, all of the Chicago school and with Neal the formidable standout, holds your attention throughout the 90 minutes, and the level of personal crises they embody is intense enough that the piece, intriguingly designed by Joanna Iwanicka, achieves a lot of dramatic tension. I think the show could do to breathe more in places and you wish Hoffman had dialed back the wrought ambition of the piece, and better trusted his ability to create nuanced humans, all doing their best, allowing us to apply more of our own thematic attributions.

Still, you feel the rains and the trauma coming, and you know there is a baby in the room.

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Bryce Lorenzo

"Happy!" (9 p.m., Syfy): Finally back together as a team, Sax and Happy (Christopher Meloni, voice of Patton Oswalt) make a last, desperate push to rescue Sax's kidnapped daughter, Hailey (Bryce Lorenzo), in a new episode called "The Destroyer of Worlds." Elsewhere, Hailey's mom, Amanda (Medina Senghore), chases a perilous lead all by herself, while Blue and Isabella (Ritchie Coster, Debi Mazar) clash violently over a dark family secret.

"Riverdale" (7 p.m., CW): As the rest of the town prepares for an annual festival, Jughead (Cole Sprouse) uncovers some shocking details about the history of Riverdale when he interviews Toni's (guest star Vanessa Morgan) grandfather. After discovering that Hiram (Mark Consuelos) is a big fan of the sport, Archie (KJ Apa) tries out for the school's wrestling team in the new episode "Chapter Twenty-Four: The Wrestler."

"Mosaic" (7 p.m., HBO): After investigators catch a break in the case of Olivia's (Sharon Stone) disappearance, Petra (Jennifer Ferrin), Eric's (Frederick Weller) sister, heads to Louisiana to track down Joel (Garrett Hedlund), who has relocated there with Laura (Maya Kazan), his girlfriend. He reluctantly agrees to return to Utah with Petra, and winds up searching through several local bars in search of a shadowy intruder, in the new "Zebra-itis."

"Alone Together" (7:31 p.m., FREE): Esther (Esther Povitsky) makes a visit to a fertility clinic to have some of her eggs frozen in case they're needed for some future personal use, but she later decides to offset some of the costs of the procedure by donating some of her eggs to be used by other clients in the new episode "Fertility."

"Waco" (9 p.m., CMT): Michael Shannon and Taylor Kitsch share top billing for this new limited series (simulcast on CMT), which chronicles the events leading up to and during the 51-day standoff in 1993 between the Branch Davidian religious sect led by David Koresh (Kitsch) in the titular Texas town and federal officers from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, supervised by FBI negotiator Gary Noesner (Shannon).

"The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story" (9 p.m., FX): This gripping true-crime docudrama continues to unfold in a new episode called "Manhunt," which finds serial killer Andrew Cunanan (Darren Criss) arriving in Miami, where he intends to stalk his next victim, Gianni Versace (Edgar Ramirez). Penelope Cruz and Ricky Martin also star.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Musician DJ Khaled; actor Natasha Leggero; The Ghost of Paul Revere performs.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Ice T; singer Meghan Trainor; The Avett Brothers perform.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Willem Dafoe; TV personality RuPaul Charles; comic Roy Wood Jr.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Lisa Kudrow; TV host Rich Eisen; Bahamas performs.*

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	NBC	5	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Contrapasso."		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ©	Chicago P.D.: "The Thing About Heroes." ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC	7	The Goldbergs (N)	Am Housewife (N)	Modern Family	Am Housewife (N)	Match Game (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN	9	*(6) NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Philadelphia 76ers. (N) (Live) ©		Last Man Standing ©		WGN News at Nine (N) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
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	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Animal Misfits." ©		NOVA: "Petra -- Lost City of Stone." ©		
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	FOX	32	The X-Files: "The Lost Art of Forehead Sweat." (N) ©		(N) ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♦
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	AMC		A Bronx Tale (R,'93) ***	Robert De Niro, Chazz Palminteri. ©		True Lies (R,'94) ***		Tanked ♦	
	ANIM		Tanked ©		Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition: "NBA Center Tanks." (N)		Tanked ♦		
	BBCA		Planet Earth: Blue Planet		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II ©		Planet Earth: Blue Planet		
	BET		*(6:25) Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13,'06) *				Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son ♦		
	BIGTEN		College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Indiana at Illinois. (N) (Live) ©		The B1G		
	BRAVO		Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ (N)		Relative Success (N)		Watch (N)
	CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
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	HGTV		Property Brothers ©		Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦
	HIST		Vikings: "A Simple Story."		Vikings (N) ©		(9:02) Knightfall: "IV." (N)		Knightfall ♦
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	LIFE		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little ♦
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MTV		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Catfish ♦	
NBCSCH		Point (N)	Inside Look	All-Access	Chicago	Poker Night	Postgame	The Loop (N)	
NICK		Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG,'12) ** ©				Two Men	Two Men	Friends ©	
OVATION		*(6) Notting Hill (PG-13,'99) **	Julia Roberts.			Field of Dreams (PG,'89) ***			
OWN		If Loving You Is Wrong		If Loving You Is Wrong		Loving You (N)		Loving ♦	
OXY		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime ♦	
SPIKE		*(6:30) John Wick (R,'14) ***	Keanu Reeves. ©			Waco (Premiere) (N) © (Part 1 of 6)		Waco © ♦	
SYFY		*(Pirates of the Caribbean		The Magicians (N) ©		Happy! (N) ©		Wild Card ♦	
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N) ♦	
TCM		The Learning Tree (PG,'69) ***	Kyle Johnson. ©			The Negro Soldier ('44) **		Trouble ♦	
TLC		My 600-Lb. Life: "Alicia's Story." (N) ©				Family by the Ton (N) ©		My 600-Lb ♦	
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USA		Spider-Man 3 (PG-13,'07) **	Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. ©			Law-SVU ♦			
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WE		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Phobia."		Law ♦	
WGN America		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Believe: "Pilot." ©		Cops ♦	
PREMIUM	HBO		Mosaic: "Zebra-itis." (N)		The Zookeeper's Wife (PG-13,'17) ** ©			Divorce ♦	
	HBO2		Morgan (R,'16) **	Kate Mara. ©	High Main.	Crashing	Deepwater Horizon ***		
	MAX		Watchmen (R,'09) **	Billy Crudup, Malin Akerman. ©			The Blair Witch Project ♦		
	SHO		The Chi: "Ghosts." ©		The Girl on the Train (R,'16) **	Emily Blunt.		The Chi ♦	
	STARZ		*(6:16) Bewitched ('05) **	Payback (R,'99) **	Mel Gibson.		(9:44) Ghost ('90) ****		
STZENC		*(6:05) Overboard ('87) **		Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (PG,'82) ***			Weird ♦		

'Yank!' is more focused on heart

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always included a level of sublimation not only of conduct but of self.

It greatly honors acts of survival. But "Yank!," which was first seen at the New York Musical Theater Festival in 2005 and then attracted more attention at the York Theater Company in 2010, is, as accurately designated by its subtitle, more a romance than a polemic of human rights. It is also one of those shows that never quite made it to Broadway. There was much talk of a Broadway berth for the show, which was attached to the long-time Chicago director David Cromer and explores both a love affair between two enlisted men and the gay underground network of the era. But it never happened. Watch the sentimental and midscaled "Yank!" and you can see why, which is not to say this highly enjoyable and moving musical, intentionally traditional in form except for the obvious subversive twist, does not have a lot to offer a Chicago audience. It does, as the evidence Sunday clearly showed.

The young protagonist, Stu, played in Zak's production by Matthew Huston, survives firstly because of the loyalty of his company, and then because he scores a gig as a reporter for Yank magazine, an assignment that protects him from the front lines and also allows him freedom to roam, with the savvy gay photographer Artie (the excellent John Marshall Jr.) as his guide through treacherous terrain. But Stu's main love interest is a man named Mitch (William Dwyer), who returns Stu's affections but not his acceptance of his own sexuality.



PAUL GOYETTE PHOTO

William Dwyer, left, plays Mitch, and Matthew Huston is Stu in "Yank!"

When: Through Feb. 18

Where: Pride Arts Center, 4139 N. Broadway

Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$30-\$40 at www.pridefilmsandplays.com

And thus the relationship becomes sufficiently fraught to make it deeply dangerous for Stu, and also for the greater community of gays and lesbians in the vicinity, given the Army's then-proclivity for asking suspects of "degeneracy" to name names.

Huston also is asked to play a modern San Francisco man who finds Stu's intimate diaries — the very ones that betrayed him and his desires — in, of all places, a junk store, suggesting a gay man of the early 1940s who did not go on to find a happy home. He doesn't differentiate these two characters very well, which is a shame, but also a byproduct of this particular young actor's great strength, which is his honesty. You feel like he's so deep into Stu that he cannot pull himself out, and that gives Zak's production a lot of moral authority, as well as a pretty decent level of technical accomplishment. The singing of the traditional romantic score is strong,

for the most part, under the musical direction of Robert Ollis, who has a small band. And Marshall, in particular, cuts a rug as part of Jenna Schoppe's entertaining choreography.

The Pride Arts Center — formerly known as both the Profiles Theatre and the National Pastime Theatre — is the right, retro space for this show, an easy joint wherein to summon the era and its ghosts. You could imagine a much darker or more melancholy production of this material. (I did not see either New York production, but they were reportedly more of that vein.) In Chicago, you can anticipate the trouble ahead, but the production goes light on the forces of intolerance. There is more interest here in the celebration of the resistance. Which is fair enough and clearly what pleases the audience. Pride Films and Plays will be able to run this one as long as it wishes to do so.

You'll believe in Dwyer's Mitch, I think. In many gay dramas, the closeted man is presented as the source of greatest danger to his comrades in arms. That sense is surely present here, but the show is sympathetic to his situation. As it is to the comradeship offered by the Army, mostly, allowing for the realization that war, sacri-

fice and fellowship all were steps on the way to official enlightenment.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 24): Scale your professional ladder this year. Discipline with scheduling pays off. Taking a new path with a partner this winter leads to growing confidence and personal power. Transform your health and fitness this summer. Update your style before romance swirls. Focus on what you love.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Harmony requires effort. Secrets get revealed, and word gets out. Focus on making money with your partner over the next few days. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. You're especially confident today and tomorrow. Measure and count what you've gained. A formidable barrier blocks the path. Work with someone who sees your blind spot.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Take it easy, and rest for a few days. Avoid confrontation, controversy or expense. Consider a spiritual perspective to current circumstances. **Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Your team pulls through. Collaborate with friends over the next few days. Find efficiencies. Avoid conflict. Recognize the value of work done in the past.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Professional challenges have your focus. Discover a mess, and clean it up. The truth gets revealed. Provide leadership and persistent attention. **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Education, classes and adventures appeal over the next few days. Discover hidden facts and truths. Try new tactics. Avoid risk, and aim for practical objectives.

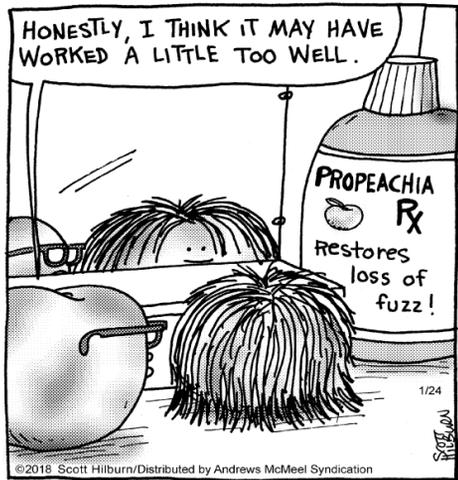
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Get practical with finances today and tomorrow. Share responsibilities with your partner. Sign and file papers. You can't do everything. Treat each other kindly. **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Collaborate for mutual support. Provide a stabilizing influence. Focus on practicalities and basics. Stay respectful. It's time, not money, your sweetheart wants.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Slow down, and keep moving. Get into a groove you can maintain. Listen to your coach, and make adjustments. A steady pace wins the race. **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Relax, and let controversy pass you by. Focus on what's really important: family, friends and love. Let go of a misconception. Keep an open mind.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Get into a practical domestic phase. Conserve resources. Old assumptions get challenged. Clean, organize and speculate on color and style. Friends provide a connection. **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Stick to the facts. Avoid elaborations to the story. Take a big picture view. Coordinate efforts with your team. Network to support a cause.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, North deals

North	♠ A3	♥ AQJ6	♦ A5	♣ AQ1075
West	♠ K62	♥ 743	♦ Q7	♣ KJ432
South	♠ J984	♥ K108	♦ K9863	♣ 6
East	♠ Q1075	♥ 952	♦ J1042	♣ 98

The actual auction is unknown to us. We offer the auction above. West was the late Bobby Richman. Richman was from Cleveland, but made his life in Australia. He became one of the most colorful and beloved characters on the Aussie bridge scene, not to mention one of their finest players.

Declarer won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace, led a diamond to his king, and a club to dummy's queen for a successful finesse. The ace of clubs and another club saw East show out and South ruff with the eight of hearts. There were five side-suit tricks and declarer would succeed if he could score seven trump tricks on a cross-ruff. The battle was on to prevent dummy from scoring a trick with the six of hearts.

South crossed to the ace of diamonds, ruffed another club with the 10 of hearts, and led another diamond. Richman ruffed this with the seven of hearts, dummy over-ruffing with the jack. The last club was ruffed with the king of hearts, leaving a four-card ending. Dummy had the spade three and the ace-queen-six of hearts. East had the spade queen and the nine-five-three of hearts.

South led a diamond. Richman had to ruff or dummy's spade would have been discarded, forcing East to give dummy the six of hearts. Dummy over-ruffed with the queen, and East smartly under-ruffed! Had he shed his spade instead, the ensuing spade lead would have end-played him. Dummy's spade was led, and Richman overtook East's queen with the king. Any lead from him at this point would ensure the nine of hearts as a trick for the defense.

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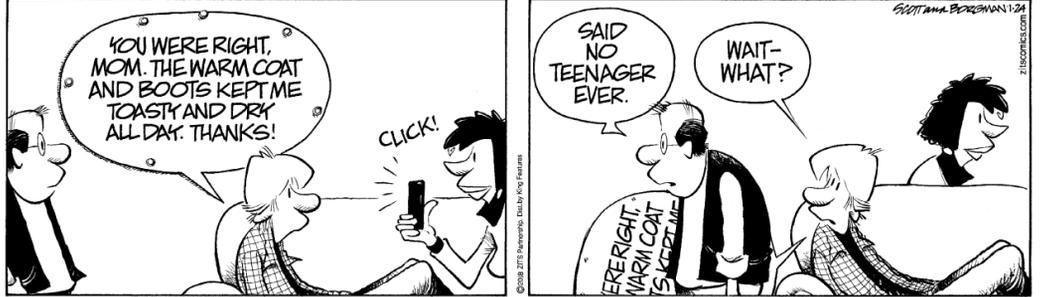
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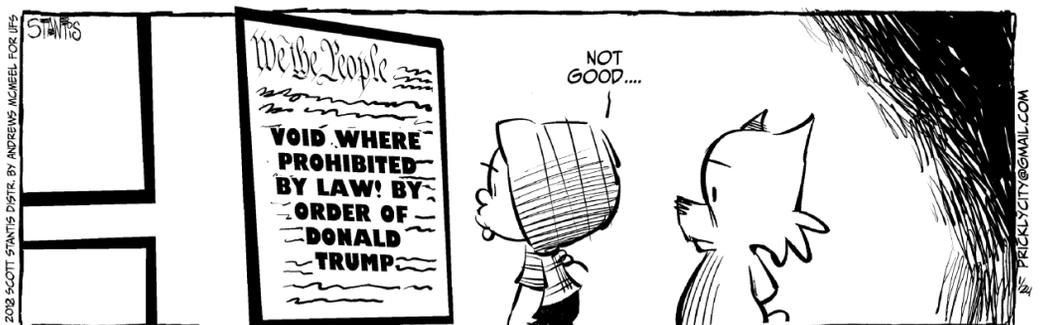
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 65° (1967) RECORD LOW: -15° (1897)

Cold holds one more day, then warming sets in

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 30 **LOW** 24

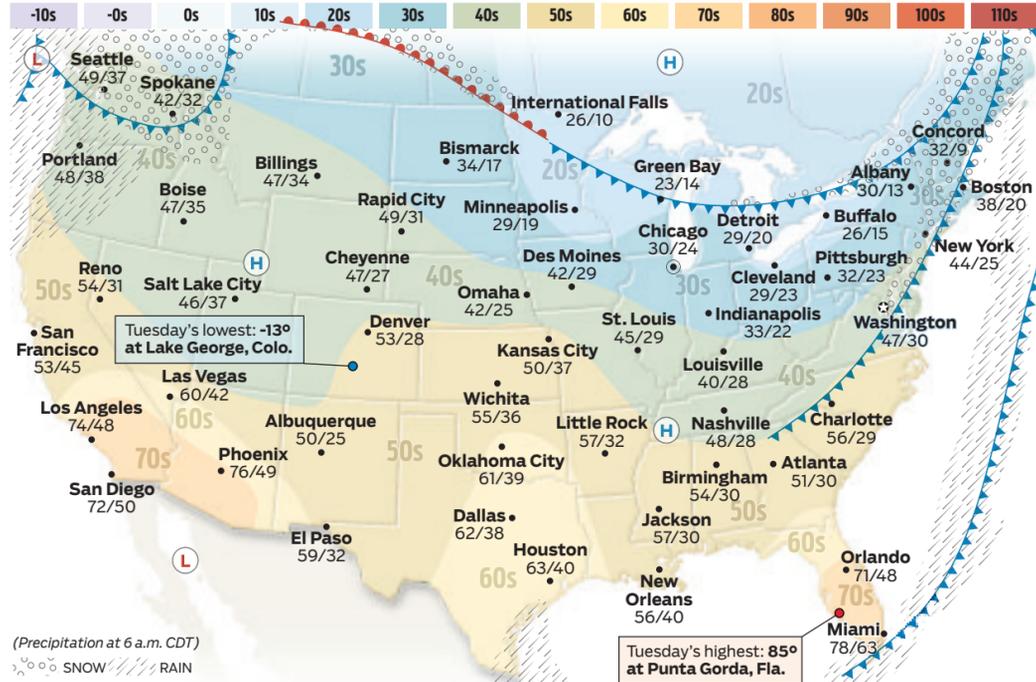
■ An upper-air impulse ripples over our area Wednesday morning giving some mid-level cloudiness and perhaps a few snowflakes.

■ Some cloudiness during the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. West to northwest winds.

■ Cold air holds over our area with high temperatures in the upper 20s to lower 30s – about normal for this date.

■ Fair skies overnight. Lows in the mid 20s in the city to upper teens far west and north. Southwest winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After up to an inch of rain fell across a good portion of northeast Indiana and 2 to 5 inches of snow fell between Chicago and the Illinois-Wisconsin state line, cold high pressure settled over the Chicago area Tuesday. Wednesday, the cold air mass will remain, and northwest winds flowing over snow cover to the north will help keep temperatures low here with daytime highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s for a second straight day.

Things begin to turn around Thursday, as winds pick up out of the southwest, boosting afternoon readings into the 40s. Warming continues Friday, with highs expected to peak well into the 50s most areas. Clouds thicken Friday night into Saturday, with increasing chances of rain, as a cold front approaches and moves through our area.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

HIGH 41 **LOW** 32

Scattered mid- and high-level clouds but still plenty of sunshine. Warmer with highs 40-45. Partly cloudy overnight. Brisk winds out of the south.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

HIGH 54 **LOW** 37

Some sun early then increasing and thickening clouds during the afternoon. Mild with highs well into the 50s in many locations. A chance of light rain spreading into the area from the west overnight. Gusty SW winds.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

HIGH 43 **LOW** 23

Overcast skies with periods of light rain likely. Highs 40 to 45. Winds shift to the west. Rain becoming mixed with and changing to wet snow before ending from the west overnight.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

HIGH 33 **LOW** 20

Cloudy skies for the most part and cold. Chance of snow showers in NW Indiana. Blustery north winds gusting to 30 mph. Highs 30 to 35. Partly cloudy and cold overnight with lows in the teens away from the city.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

HIGH 30 **LOW** 23

Mostly cloudy and cold. High temperatures in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Partly cloudy at night. North winds.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

HIGH 43 **LOW** 36

Partly cloudy and warmer. High temperatures 40-45. Partly cloudy at night. Winds pick up out of the southwest.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What was the weather like Jan. 23, 1909, in Yorkville? I have a photo from that day, and the caption says the high was 76.

— Roger Weiss

Dear Roger,
Jan. 23, 1909, was a very warm day in Yorkville, but the 76-degree high is a bit exaggerated. Frank Wachowski provided the actual Yorkville records for that day, which indicate an unseasonably warm high of 65.

It was sunny and windy with brisk southwest winds boosting temperatures to record levels statewide, including Chicago, where a still-standing record high of 65 was established downtown near the lake.

Since 1871, Chicago has never recorded a 70 in January, the only month that has failed to do so, but that day 70s were recorded as close as Peoria, where the mercury peaked at 71.

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Mild surge ahead, but models hint at major arctic outbreak

CHICAGO TEMPERATURE OUTLOOK

Forecast departures from normal

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Models hint at major late-season arctic outbreak

BY WEEK'S END Mild temps to dominate most of eastern North America

Friday's predicted high temps: 40s Chicago, 50s, 60s

Projected snow totals through Sunday Jan. 28: Mountain top/high elevation snows measured in feet

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

'PINEAPPLE EXPRESS' PROMISING PACIFIC NORTHWEST A SOAKING

Total rainfall through Tues. Jan. 30

Chicago: 1" (LOCAL 12-15" TOTALS)

UNSEASONABLY MILD PACIFIC AIR

WESTERN MOUNTAINS WRING MOST OF THE MOISTURE OUT OF THE EASTBOUND OCEANIC AIR

HEAVY MOUNTAIN SNOWS!

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SETTING THE STAGE FOR A MAJOR ARCTIC AIR OUTBREAK IN FEBRUARY'S OPENING WEEK

Predicted 11 to 15 day temperature trend (FEB. 2-7, 2018)

BELOW NORMAL

MUCH BELOW NORMAL

PREDICTED JET STREAMS A WEEK FROM FRIDAY

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MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	45	29	su	54	35
Carbondale	pc	36	24	su	49	30
Champaign	pc	38	26	su	51	34
Decatur	pc	38	26	su	51	34
Moline	pc	38	27	su	49	36
Peoria	pc	38	26	su	49	35
Quincy	su	42	30	su	55	38
Rockford	pc	33	23	su	45	34
Springfield	pc	41	27	su	53	36
Sterling	pc	37	23	su	48	34
Indiana	sh	36	24	su	49	32
Bloomington	pc	40	27	su	52	33
Evansville	pc	31	22	su	41	33
Fort Wayne	sh	33	22	su	47	32
Indianapolis	sh	34	22	su	47	32
Lafayette	sh	34	22	su	47	32
South Bend	sh	30	19	su	42	31
Wisconsin	pc	23	14	pc	38	29
Green Bay	pc	31	22	pc	40	30
Kenosha	pc	32	22	pc	41	33
Madison	pc	31	20	pc	42	32
Milwaukee	pc	29	15	su	39	32
Wausau	pc	23	10	pc	34	26
Michigan	sh	29	20	su	35	27
Detroit	sh	21	9	pc	30	25
Grand Rapids	pc	31	22	pc	41	33
Marquette	sh	21	9	pc	30	25
St. Ste. Marie	pc	16	3	pc	21	17
Traverse City	cl	22	11	pc	35	27
Iowa	pc	40	25	su	50	36
Ames	pc	38	26	su	47	35
Cedar Rapids	pc	42	29	su	52	40
Des Moines	pc	35	25	su	44	33
Dubuque	pc	35	25	su	44	33

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su	62	34	su	64	46
Albuquerque	su	50	25	su	52	30
Amarillo	pc	60	30	pc	63	34
Anchorage	su	6	-4	pc	0	-3
Asheville	pc	44	25	su	47	26
Aspen	su	41	16	pc	45	21
Atlanta	pc	51	30	su	55	32
Atlantic City	pc	45	24	su	39	22
Austin	pc	65	40	pc	66	48
Baltimore	pc	45	30	pc	43	28
Billings	pc	47	34	cl	47	26
Birmingham	pc	54	30	su	58	35
Bismarck	pc	34	17	pc	38	25
Boise	sh	47	35	pc	43	30
Boston	pc	38	20	pc	29	16
Brownsville	pc	64	52	pc	66	60
Buffalo	sh	26	15	su	27	20
Burlington	pc	23	5	pc	16	3
Charlotte	su	56	29	su	53	30
Charltn SC	pc	58	37	su	60	44
Charltn WV	sh	37	25	su	44	27
Chattanooga	su	50	26	su	53	30
Cheyenne	pc	47	27	pc	47	24
Cincinnati	sh	35	23	su	46	31
Cleveland	sh	29	23	su	35	29
Colo. Spgs	pc	52	29	pc	61	28
Columbia MO	su	45	32	su	59	38
Columbia SC	pc	60	31	su	63	30
Columbus	sh	33	24	su	41	30
Concord	pc	62	39	su	62	5
Corps Christi	pc	65	45	pc	62	56
Crofton	su	62	38	su	65	46
Dallas	su	62	38	su	65	46
Daytona Bch.	su	61	45	pc	62	52
Denver	pc	53	28	pc	59	25
Des Moines	cl	26	15	pc	30	27
El Paso	su	59	32	su	63	35
Fairbanks	sh	-29	-34	sh	-29	-33
Fargo	pc	31	20	pc	37	25
Flagstaff	su	48	20	pc	45	18
Fort Myers	pc	76	52	su	75	58
Fort Smith	su	58	31	su	64	37
Fresno	pc	66	46	pc	65	38
Grand Junc.	su	42	19	cl	44	22
Great Falls	pc	48	35	pc	43	27
Harrisburg	pc	39	25	pc	37	22
Hartford	pc	36	20	su	29	17
Helena	pc	39	22	sh	34	24
Honolulu	pc	82	72	pc	81	68
Houston	pc	63	40	pc	61	50
Int'l Falls	sh	26	10	cl	32	25
Jackson	su	74	48	pc	63	46
Jacksonville	pc	64	42	pc	57	47
Jameau	ss	27	21	pc	26	16
Janeau	su	50	37	su	60	44
Kansas City	su	60	42	pc	63	39
Las Vegas	su	60	42	pc	63	39
Lexington	cl	38	25	su	48	33
Lincoln	su	43	23	su	51	36
Little Rock	su	57	32	su	62	33
Los Angeles	su	74	48	pc	63	46
Louisville	cl	40	28	su	50	35
Macon	pc	57	32	su	60	32
Memphis	su	52	31	su	57	35
Miami	cl	78	63	pc	73	66
Minneapolis	pc	29	19	pc	36	33
Mobile	pc	58	36	pc	61	43
Montgomery	pc	56	32	su	59	36
Nashville	su	48	28	su	53	33
New Orleans	pc	56	40	pc	59	43
New York	pc	44	25	su	48	33
Norfolk	su	55	32	su	55	32
Norfolk	su	61	39	pc	63	44
Omaha	su	42	25	su	50	35
Orlando	su	71	48	pc	68	54
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Portland, OR	su	48	38	su	45	37
Providence	pc	38	21	pc	31	16
Raleigh	su	55	30	su	61	28
Rapid City	pc	49	31	pc	59	31
Reno	sh	54	17	pc	42	23
Richmond	pc	54	29	su	48	28
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San Diego	su	72	50	pc	62	51
San Francisco	su	53	45	su	51	44
San Juan	pc	84	74	pc	82	74
Santa Fe	su	45	24	su	46	26
Savannah	cl	60	36	su	57	38
Seattle	ts	49	37	sh	45	38
Shreveport	su	61	33	pc	63	41
Sioux Falls	pc	35	18	pc	38	28
Tallahassee	cl	59	36	pc	64	37
Tampa	su	70	48	pc	69	51
Topeka	su	51	33	su	54	38
Tucson	su	74	45	su	76	44
Tulsa	su	60	36	su	66	44
Washington	pc	47	30	su	44	28
Wichita	su	55	36	pc	62	43
Wino Bars	pc	31	17	su		

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HEALTH & FAMILY

Big strides in diabetes care

2017 saw major improvements, advancements in understanding the disease

BY SERENA GORDON
HealthDay

This past year was a busy, productive one for diabetes research and care. "2017 was a year of progress in our understanding of diabetes and its complications, the tools available to help people manage their diabetes, and attention to the economic and accessibility challenges faced by people with diabetes," said Dr. William Cefalu, chief scientific and medical officer for the American Diabetes Association.

Here's a look at where strides were made:

Artificial pancreas technology

Probably the biggest and most anticipated news of 2017 was the rollout of the so-called artificial pancreas. Created by Medtronic, the device combines an insulin pump, a continuous glucose monitor and a computer algorithm that measures blood sugar levels and then delivers insulin automatically when those levels rise. Insulin delivery is also temporarily suspended if blood sugar levels drop too low.

The device isn't completely automated yet. People with diabetes still need to know how to count the carbohydrates in their food and enter that information into their insulin pump.

And the device still requires people with diabetes to check their blood sugar several times a day and enter that information into the machine — this is known as "calibrating." The hope is that future versions of the device won't require these steps.

Aaron Kowalski, chief mission officer for JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), said, "We've waited a long time to see these systems come to market, and while it's not yet perfect, it has opened the door, and there's definitely a benefit."

He added that a number of other insulin pump manufacturers and independent companies are working on their own artificial pancreas systems. "Competition is really important and helps drive innovation. The next few years will hold promise," Kowalski added.

Improving heart health

Heart disease is a significant concern for people with diabetes. New re-



ABBOTT LABORATORIES

The Food and Drug Administration last year approved Abbott Laboratories' FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring device, which continuously monitors diabetics' blood sugar levels without requiring backup finger prick tests to calibrate or adjust the monitor as other devices currently on the market do.

search suggested that long-term use of metformin could reduce the risk of heart disease in people with Type 1 diabetes. Other medications have been linked to a reduced risk of heart disease in people with Type 2 diabetes. These include Jardiance, Invokana and Victoza.

"Cardiovascular disease is the most deadly and expensive complication of diabetes, and a number of recent studies have shown that certain medications also have a strong protective effect against cardiovascular disease in people at high risk for it," Cefalu said.

Competition in the CGM market

The artificial pancreas wasn't the only innovation in diabetes technology in 2017. Another continuous glucose monitoring device was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Made by Abbott and called the FreeStyleLibre, this device has been in

use in Europe for several years.

The major difference in the Libre is that you have to request the blood sugar information. Other devices on the market — from Dexcom and Medtronic — send blood sugar information collected by a tiny sensor wire inserted under the skin to a receiver every five minutes or so.

The Libre also uses a tiny sensor wire inserted under the skin, but the person with diabetes has to request that the information be sent to the receiver. In addition, the Libre doesn't require any finger-prick calibration as other devices on the market do.

"Some people find the constant information provided by continuous glucose monitors to be stressful. With the Libre, you ask when you want the information. It's also a little bit flatter than other CGMs, and it comes in at a much lower price point," Kowalski said.

Better blood sugar levels in pregnancy

One of the most promising uses of CGM technology became evident with the publication of the results of an international study of women with Type 1 diabetes who wore the devices during pregnancy.

Women with Type 1 diabetes have to manage their blood sugar levels very tightly during pregnancy, because high blood sugar levels are associated with birth defects and other pregnancy complications.

Women using CGM spent more time in the "target" range than women who didn't. That means their blood sugar was neither too high nor too low for longer periods of time.

"This study helped show that mothers and babies do better when the mother (with Type 1 diabetes) has a CGM," Kowal-

ski said. The study was published in *The Lancet*.

Insulin speed

Novo Nordisk received FDA approval for a new insulin called Fiasp. This insulin starts working in about 2.5 minutes. Currently, NovoLog, another product from Novo Nordisk, takes about five to 10 minutes to start working.

That difference may not seem like much, but unless people with diabetes who are dependent on insulin inject at least five to 10 minutes before they eat, their blood sugar levels may spike too high after eating.

It's not always possible or even safe to pre-inject insulin. For example, in a restaurant, you have no way of knowing when your food might arrive, and if you pre-inject and your food is late, you can have a dangerously low blood sugar level. The shorter time it takes Fiasp to work could help prevent

spikes in blood sugar after eating, which ultimately leads to better diabetes control.

Awareness of costs and increased coverage

The cost of insulin has come under sharp scrutiny recently because it has in some cases tripled in about a decade. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., first brought the issue up during the 2016 presidential campaign. The ADA started a campaign called "Make Insulin Affordable" and is working with members of Congress to bring more attention to the issue.

This was also the first year that people on Medicare with diabetes could get coverage for CGMs. Initially, Medicare only offered coverage for the Dexcom CGM, but on Jan. 4 the agency announced that it would also cover the Libre CGM.

Thin Mints, Tagalongs and Trefoils, oh, my!

HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Like a lot of Girl Scouts, Rogers Park eighth-grader Phoebe Williams is hoping to increase her year-over-year cookie sales this season.

Here's the thing: She sold 5,155 boxes last year. (And 5,004 the year before.)

"All of my Saturdays and Sundays and after-school days that I wasn't doing sports or student council I was out selling cookies," Williams, 13, told me.

She also set up a cooking-selling table decorated with signs and streamers, which she carted to various

stores — Jewel, Dollar Store, Walgreens — that allowed her to set up shop.

"I'm a very competitive person," she said. "I always want to do more. I want to sell 200 more this year than last year and see if I can put the money toward a college fund or a local food pantry.

Something that gives me and the people around me a chance to experience new things."

The proceeds from Girl Scout cookie sales are passed on to individual Girl Scout councils and troops, who then decide how to spend the money — travel

opportunities, group activities, donations to a chosen cause.

"The cookie program is the largest entrepreneurship program in the country for girls," said Nancy Wright, CEO of the

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Wheezing in athletes may not be asthma

Exercise-induced respiratory issues common in youths

BY AMANDA LOUDIN
The Washington Post

In two years, professional triathlete Danielle Mack saw 18 different physicians: gastroenterologists, neurologists, allergists, pulmonologists and specialists of other sorts. She had many tests, but she got no explanations for what she called her “invisible illness.”

Mack's symptoms included numbness in her legs, lightheadedness, dizziness, shortness of breath, chest pain, nausea and full-body cramps. The signs suggested exercise-induced asthma. Her physicians treated her with an inhaler, which made her feel worse. Finally, Mack, who lives in Boulder, Colo., tried a stress test at National Jewish Health Hospital in Denver.

Under the supervision of pediatric pulmonologist Tod Olin, Mack rode a stationary bike while a tiny camera, inserted through her nose, filmed her vocal cords. As she increased her pace, the cords narrowed, blocking air. The result: a repeat of the symptoms she had been experiencing while training and racing. Olin diagnosed her in September with exercise-induced laryngeal obstruction, or EILO.

Exercise-induced respiratory symptoms are fairly common in adolescents and young adults (Mack is 30 years old), and the most likely explanation is asthma. A condition that has been recognized since the early 1980s, EILO is often missed by physicians, Olin said.

“Without intending to, patients often mislead doctors by unconsciously using the word ‘wheezing,’ which causes confusion,” Olin said. “If patients were to act out symptoms, the



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Exercise-induced laryngeal obstruction, or EILO, is often misdiagnosed as exercise-induced asthma. Experts say the prevalence of EILO is surprisingly high, at around 5 percent of adolescents and young adults. Asthma medications do nothing to alleviate symptoms; breathing exercises can help.

physicians could make a more accurate diagnosis, but that's generally not part of the routine screening.”

This confusion leads physicians to prescribe asthma medicine, as in Mack's case. “The next step is often to throw more medicine at the problem,” Olin explained, “which doesn't fix anything.”

The prevalence of EILO is surprisingly high, Olin said, at around 5 percent of adolescents and young adults.

“Compare that to Type 1 diabetes, for instance, which is around 1 percent,” he said, “or asthma, which stands at 8 to 12 percent.”

Perhaps even more problematic is the lack of knowledge about treatment.

“The clinical reality is

that even if you have the right diagnosis, the breathing exercises that have served as the standard really don't work for most patients,” Olin said. “By the time patients get to me, they've inevitably tried multiple approaches and are discouraged and frustrated.”

Erika Westoff, a mental-skills coach in Pleasanton, Calif., knows the toll the condition can take on patients. Affected athletes often feel helpless, hopeless and extremely frustrated.

Westoff became aware of EILO when she met a high school soccer player. “She had just been diagnosed with EILO but couldn't find a fix,” Westoff explained. “I wasn't familiar with the condition, so I told

her we'd start the journey together.”

Meanwhile, Westoff began helping that soccer player by employing the approach she offers to other athletes dealing with stress. She teaches mental skills such as setting and tracking goals, learning imagery skills, improving focus and managing emotions. She said her techniques worked well enough that the soccer player didn't have to seek further treatment. But that's not always the case.

Shortly after, Westoff learned of Olin's breathing technique for treating EILO. The two now often refer patients to one another.

“I think most patients need both the mental and physical treatment to get on

top of EILO,” Westoff said. “Dr. Olin's technique is key for those times when a patient has an episode and needs rescue breathing to get on top of it.”

Olin stumbled onto his treatment while filming the vocal cords of a patient. “We were using the camera, and the athlete began crying because it's a scary feeling to have your throat close up as it does with EILO,” he explained.

As she was crying, there was a combination of sniffing through her nose and gasping for air, Olin said, that led the patient to open her vocal cords for a moment. “The technique involves a very controlled change in speed and resistance of the airflow in an unnatural way,” he said.

In an October article in the *Journal of Voice*, Olin and colleagues reported that of 61 patients they evaluated over about 18 months, 79 percent were able to employ the technique in a high-intensity exercise situation, and 66 percent were able to breathe normally.

An out-of-state athlete seeking treatment typically pays about \$6,000 and spends about a week at Olin's clinic learning the technique. That is the approach Mack took. “Some patients can feel the difference right away,” she said, “but it took me a while to get it. I can say it's made a massive difference for me.”

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Phoebe Williams, an eighth-grader at George B. Armstrong elementary school in Chicago, would like to go to business school and then to open her own diner.

Girl Scout hopes to top last year's 5,155 boxes of cookies

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Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana. “It teaches them about financial literacy, setting budgets, reaching targets, thinking about the future. They're running their own business.”

And Williams, by all accounts, is a boss. Her past sales figures earned her the title “Cookie CEO,” which means she spent Columbus Day at Wright's office, along with other top sellers, shadowing the actual CEO.

“Phoebe is so well-spoken and confident,” Wright said. “One of the joys of my job is meeting these amazing young women. They're so hungry and eager and curious. Phoebe is brilliant.”

Williams has six siblings — five older and one younger. Girl Scouts gives her a space to carve out her own identity and use it to set an example for others, her mom, Autumn, told me.

“She's one of the older Girl Scouts — a lot of them

lose interest by now,” Autumn Williams said. “So to see her recognize the impact she can have and make every effort to be kind and helpful and supportive to the younger girls, with absolutely zero prompting, it's just so much fun.”

Her Cookie CEO gig also landed her in the spotlight at Allstate Arena earlier this month, when 5,000 or so people gathered to watch Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana compete for the official Guinness World Record for most cookies dunked in milk at one time.

They clinched the record, dunking 3,236 cookies simultaneously and beating out the previous record of 1,800, which was set in India.

Williams dropped the puck for a Chicago Wolves game that took place after the Girl Scouts event and posed for photos with Scouts and their families.

“It was wonderful to watch her in her element and see her so proud of the choices she's making,” Autumn Williams said.

If your workplace and your social media feeds are anything like mine, you know that cookie sales are well and truly under way right now. I love Williams' story because it's the human side, the happy outcome, of those sugar-fueled transactions.

“Selling cookies teaches me people skills and how to be out there with strangers in a way that's safe, but also allows me to represent myself and show people who I really am,” Williams said.

She wants to open her own diner when she's older, where she can put some of those skills to work.

“I want to go to business school first and then get a job, so I can pay my way through culinary school and then go open up my diner,” she said. “I don't really know where. I just want it to be a place where I have regulars, like people who I really get to know.”

I look forward to visiting.

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January blahs are a thing. And I kind of like them.



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

In January, a house is a million little things.

The kettledrum thump of the furnace kicking on.

The burned coffee smell when you yank the pot out a little too early and the last few drips sizzle on the heating plate.

The booming echo of a shower door.

Add in quirky people, quirky traits and you get the full family symphony. Not a good symphony. Just three movements, all out of tune.

People, eh? We live in stubborn, caustic times. I was grumbling the other day how our little newspaper, once as jovial as a college campus, has grown less friendly over the years.

To me, acknowledgment is such a simple gesture. Look up from your phone, note the person passing, fake a nice nod. It's not such a difficult thing.

Basic civility used to be taught at home and school, but that was in the days before our little Einsteins were primped, coddled and treated like celebrities. I'm pretty sure there are kids today who have never said “thank you.”

Perhaps our increasingly cold and unwelcoming ways are tied to this. Or, perhaps it's the nature of popular entertainment. TV is wonderful, but loaded with dark and dysfunctional shows, and our movies are all so cynical and loud.

And when was the last time you heard a love song?

It's as if we're afraid of hope and happy endings. If I'm wrong, I'm wrong

— and I often am. But on this particular issue, probably not. I must sound like your grandpa. Truth is, I like grandpas more and more.

Or maybe it's just a seasonal thing, the warmth and sparkle of December giving way to gloomy middle winter.

My buddy Sam made an excellent point the other day.

Sam noted that if you wedge your way into a line of cars and don't raise your hand as a thank-you to the driver who let you in, you've got issues.

I agreed with him, though someone else added that you need to wave only if you're allowed in. If you have to wedge your way in, a wave is just sarcastic.

Who knew life could be so nuanced, and that a wave could be sarcastic? Yet these are the times in which we live.

Look, I'm all for sarcasm; it makes my world spin. It greases the gears of daily conversation and makes tolerable the tiny injustices of my too-common life. Sarcasm is the little guy's revenge on the bully. It's Boise State beating Oklahoma. It's the Bulls or Clippers beating anyone.

I take sarcasm like I take my coffee. Black. Like I take my steaks — charred and on fire.

Point is, we need to laugh any way we can. So don't be so damn choosy, OK?

“A good laugh is sunshine in the house,” noted British writer William Makepeace Thackeray.

“If you have no tragedy, you have no comedy,” said Sid Caesar.

“Crying and laughing are the same emotion. If you laugh too hard, you cry. And vice versa.”

Or, versa vice, as I always like to say, in another

desperate stab at Dad humor, which also makes my world spin.

Like someone who sees Jesus in the clouds, I remain buoyant and a little naive.

To be too wise is to be a little dead. To have all the answers is to have none of them.

Certainly, January is an optimist's finest challenge.

January is dads on ladders taking down the lights and moms deciding when to toss the half-dead poinsettias. It's boxes of Kleenex all over the house ... the dog sleeping on the furnace vent ... stale eggnog forgotten in the back of the fridge.

January is the lent before the Lent. It's diets and boot camps and proclamations to be a better person.

If you start to feel sorry for yourself in January, just remember that February is even worse. Why do we always insist on starting a year like this anyway?

The January blahs are a thing. I actually kind of like them, because they remind us that much of life is mopping floors and taking care of those you love at your own expense. January is obligation and duty — de-linting the dryer and de-gunking the stove.

None of this is fun, but there are payoffs to that as well. It is a deep, unappreciated subset of our love for those we live with.

When I tell my kids that an adult's life is 70 percent chores, largely unacknowledged, I can see the gloss of youth leave their beautiful eyes.

They start to tremble a little, and the words catch in their throats.

“Chores?” they say, a word they only half-know. “Are you ... kidding us? In our experience, life is life.”

But, oh, kids, this is January. And this is life too.

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Study: 'Facial stretches' appear to take years off women's looks

BY ALAN MOZES
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Could facial "yoga" be a new fountain of youth? A new, small study suggests it's possible.

Investigators asked 27 middle-aged women (ages 40 to 65) to embark on a 20-week facial exercise regimen. For the first half of the study, the women were asked to perform 32 specific facial exercises daily, for about a half-hour in total. For the remainder of the study period, the exercise regimen was performed every other day.

Two dermatologists then compared photographs taken before the study began with photographs taken both halfway through and again at the end.

The result: By the study's end, participants appeared to have turned back the clock by an average of nearly three years.

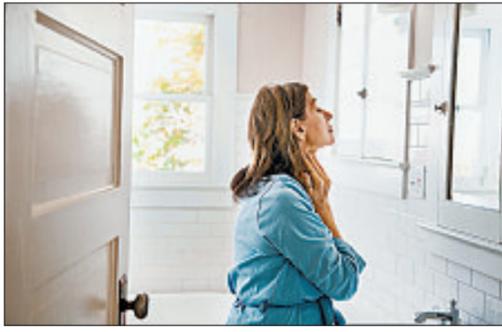
"The scientists looking at appearance changes found that the upper and lower cheeks were full after the study," said study author Dr. Murad Alam, vice chair in the department of dermatology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

"Patients themselves found even greater benefits, and noticed that 18 of the 20 areas and features of the face that were studied got better over the course of the study," Alam said. "In general, the appearance benefit was that the contour of the face became smoother, fuller and firmer."

The investigators noted that skin elasticity tends to loosen over time, and fat "pads" located between the muscle and skin thin out.

The exercise experiment set out to combat that.

Participants first underwent two 90-minute training sessions. Each exercise



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Facial exercises like pursing the lips seemed to make middle-aged participants in a small study look younger.

was one minute in duration, and they included such movement-to-hold positions as smiling without showing teeth, pursing the lips and smiling while forcing the cheek muscles upward.

Before the study, age appearance was pegged at 50.8 years old, on average. Midway through the program that dropped to 49.6 years, finishing at 48.1 years by the end of the 20 weeks.

Not all the women stuck to the program, with 11 dropping out before the study ended. But a survey of those who stuck with it suggested a high rate of satisfaction with the regimen and results.

The findings were published in January in the journal JAMA Dermatology. Alam noted that none of the researchers had a financial interest in the facial yoga exercise program.

As for whether men or perhaps younger women might achieve a similar benefit, Alam said, "We would expect to see an effect. But until we study it we won't know if it is a little more or a little less."

Still, exercise alone may not be enough "to replace the tried-and-tested methods of improving facial appearance" that can be achieved with fillers, lasers and the like, Alam acknowledged. Instead,

exercises might best serve to enhance such interventions, he said.

Meanwhile, Dr. Steve Xu, who also teaches dermatology at Northwestern University but was not involved in the study, cautioned that the study was small and 11 of the 27 patients dropped out.

But Xu said that facial exercise "makes a lot of intuitive sense."

Why? "Facial aging is so much more than just seeing more wrinkles on the face," said Xu. "It's a complex process, and includes thinning of the upper layers of the skin, loss of collagen and elastin in the deeper layers of the skin, and loss of fat and muscle."

"Oftentimes," Xu added, "it's the loss of the fat and muscle that really adds years to a person's face. High cheekbones is a large component of an attractive face. When we age, this definition fades, leading the cheeks to lose their fullness pulling the face inward and downward. This then leads to the jaw becoming less defined as well."

"Strengthening facial muscles through exercise makes a lot of sense in helping reverse some of those changes, by allowing the muscles of the face to get bigger and provide more fullness to the overlying skin," he said.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

New generic Viagra should help consumers save cash

BY JOE GRAEDON
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King Features Syndicate

Q: The last time I filled a prescription for Viagra, they wanted \$400 for six pills. That's insane. I pushed the prescription back across the counter and walked out.

A: Depending upon the pharmacy, Viagra (sildenafil) could cost as much as \$65 to \$80 per pill. A generic version has just become available because the patent on Viagra has expired. That means substantial savings.

Greenstone, a subsidiary of Viagra-maker Pfizer, will sell an authorized generic sildenafil for approximately half the price. That means you are getting the same quality at a reduced price. It's still not cheap, however.

Brand-name Viagra from Canada costs even less. According to Pharmacy Checker.com, the per-pill price ranges from about \$14 to \$20 from a legitimate Canadian source.

Q: As a middle-age, fair-skin redhead, I have had several run-ins with precancerous and basal skin cell cancers. I see my dermatologist every six months, and usually have many "rough" precancerous spots "burned" off, particularly from the back of my hands.

My friend's son lives in Australia, and she told me about studies there showing that niacinamide supplements reduce the incidence of precancerous cell growth. My dermatologist wasn't really familiar with these studies, but said it can't hurt to try.

I've been taking 500 mg of niacinamide supplements daily for the past year, and have had zero recurrence of these



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Greenstone, a subsidiary of Viagra-maker Pfizer, will sell a generic, right, for about half the price of the brand name.

rough spots on my hands. It has been a truly remarkable change for me. Have you heard anything about taking niacinamide to prevent some skin cancers?

A: Your friend is right that Australian dermatologists and scientists have done most of the studies in this arena. One recent review of the research concludes that nicotinamide (another name for niacinamide) holds promise for preventing both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers (Photodermatology, Photoimmunology & Photomedicine, online, July 5). Another summary concludes that nicotinamide acts in several ways to reduce actinic keratoses (your rough spots) and nonmelanoma skin cancers (Australasian Journal of Dermatology, August). Thank you for letting us know of your success.

Q: Can you recommend a natural alternative to help reduce blood sugar levels? At my last lab test, my fasting blood sugar was 119, though it should be under 100.

The doctor wants to test my HbA1c, but I would first like to try to bring down my sugar

level naturally. I do not eat a lot of sugar or desserts. I do, however, eat white pastas and white rice, which I know then turn to sugar. Do you think cinnamon bark would help? Any ideas would be appreciated.

A: Your recent fasting blood sugar result was a wake-up call. There are a number of tactics you might want to try before the test for HbA1c, which is a measure of blood sugar over several weeks rather than at a moment in time.

In addition to adding cinnamon to your daily diet (preferably in a water-based extract), you may want to reduce your reliance on pasta and rice. Vegetables such as cauliflower and squash might be reasonable substitutes that wouldn't raise blood sugar much.

You also might want to finish your meal with a salad dressed with vinaigrette. Vinegar helps to prevent blood sugar spikes after eating (Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice, May).

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Hormones cut menopause depression risk

Research finds use of estrogen patch reduces symptoms

By SERENA GORDON
HealthDay

A year of hormone therapy cut the risk of depression symptoms in women going through menopause and early postmenopause, new research shows.

"Thirty-two percent of women randomized to treatment with a placebo experienced clinically significant depressive symptoms. But for women randomized to hormone therapy, the risk was cut nearly in half, to 17 percent," said co-principal investigator Susan Girdler, a professor of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Girdler added there were two main factors that predicted whether or not women would experience fewer depression symptoms while on hormone therapy. One factor was being in perimenopause (the transition to menopause) and the other was experiencing significant life stress, such as losing a loved one or divorce.

Surprisingly, for women with a past history of major depression — which is a known risk factor for future depression — hormone therapy didn't appear to lessen the risk of depressive symptoms.

Girdler said normally women going through menopause have a twofold to fourfold higher risk of depression symptoms. There are a number of theories as to why that is, including recent life stress and the idea that some women may be more vulnerable to wildly fluctuating hormones, she explained.

To see if hormone therapy might have an effect on the risk of depression, the researchers recruited 172 women between the ages of 45 and 60. All of the wom-



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Women going through menopause are vulnerable to symptoms of depression. A new study suggests hormone therapy might help some, though the author of an editorial accompanying the study said nondrug therapy is preferred if it works.

en were either perimenopausal or recently postmenopausal at the start of the study.

Half of the women were aged 51 or older. Seventy-six percent of the women were white, and 19 percent were black. The mean household income was between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

The women were randomly selected to one of two groups. One group was given an inactive placebo patch to wear. The other group received skin patches that delivered 0.1 milligrams per day of estrogen.

Every three months,

women in the estrogen patch group were also given 12 days of the hormone progesterone to ensure that women who still had a uterus shed their uterine lining (endometrium), which helped to offset a potential increase in the risk of endometrial cancer related to estrogen therapy. Hormone therapy was given for a year.

The researchers also asked the women to complete a depression symptom questionnaire. However, they didn't diagnose any of the women with depression, just "clinically significant depressive symptoms." Girdler said that signifi-

cant fluctuations in hormone variability, as well as stressful life events, can destabilize the cortisol stress axis.

Cortisol is a stress hormone that "helps mobilize the body to respond to stress and to release energy stores so we can prepare for the 'fight-or-flight' response. This worked beautifully in cave people, but the problem is we still respond to stress as if there's a tiger coming after us, but instead we're just sitting at a computer," she explained.

Dr. Hadine Joffe, executive director of the Connors Center for Women's Health

and Gender Biology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, co-wrote an editorial accompanying the new study. Joffe said factors such as hot flashes and sleep disturbances may also play a role in the increased risk of depressive symptoms.

"Those factors can be intervened with nondrug therapies, such as cognitive behavioral therapy," Joffe said. And if you can improve sleep by reducing hot flashes and chronic insomnia, you may also reduce depressive symptoms.

If you can use a nondrug therapy, that's preferred if it helps, Joffe said.

The average time for the menopausal transition is about four years, according to Joffe. Girdler said it's not clear how long women would need to take hormone therapy, but she doesn't envision it would be needed for the entire transition time, particularly because the study found that hormones were most beneficial in women early in the menopause transition.

Joffe and obstetrician/gynecologist Dr. Jill Rabin, from Northwell Health in New Hyde Park, N.Y., said the advice for premenopausal women remains the same. Recently, the nation's leading authority on preventive medicine, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, stood firm and said only postmenopausal women should avoid hormone replacement therapy.

"When the benefits of hormone therapy outweigh the risks, women should be on the lowest dose for the shortest time," Rabin said of women going through the early stages of menopause.

Rabin noted that women in the study did have irregular bleeding, which was a bit concerning. Girdler added that one woman experienced a blood clot.

Rabin said the study raises some very interesting questions, but that it needs to be replicated in a larger, more diverse group of people.

Dr. Alan Manevitz, a clinical psychiatrist from Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, agreed that the study finding raises questions and needs to be duplicated.

None of the experts recommended asking your doctor for hormone therapy to prevent depression, but Manevitz urged women going through menopause who are experiencing depressive symptoms to get a depression assessment.

The study was published online in the journal JAMA Psychiatry.



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Trendy cleanses and fad diets are no substitute for exercise and a healthy diet. Always eat some protein at breakfast, and try to get some exercise every single day.

How to keep off the pounds

The trick is to address core issues vs. losing weight fast, experts say

BY KAREN D'SOUZA
The Mercury News

The holidays are over, and as the fog of eggnog and gingerbread lifts, many people find themselves confronting the harsh reality of the bathroom scale.

Now is the time to make good on those New Year's resolutions and get serious about healthy living. For

many people, that includes weight loss — not just how to shed a few pounds fast but how to take off the extra weight and keep it off for good.

The trick is to address core issues, experts say, rather than lose weight fast only to let the pounds creep right back on. This is not about a trendy cleanse or quick fix diet you will have forgotten about come Val-

entine's Day. So think beyond those apple cider vinegar shots you've heard of to make lasting changes.

"A lot of diets can help you lose weight, but the hard part is finding a diet you can stick to over the long haul," says Dr. John Morton, chief of bariatric surgery at California's Stanford Health Care. "That's the real challenge. Can you maintain the weight loss over time?"

Discipline was always the sticking point for

Robert Brandyberry. The San Jose, Calif., resident says he could barely get himself to plow through one workout at his previous weight of 433 pounds. But now, 28 weeks into his latest diet and workout plan, he has lost a whopping 136 pounds. He went from having high blood pressure and borderline diabetes to a clean bill of health.

"Before when I got stressed out, I lost myself in cheeseburgers and Mountain Dew because food never talks back," he says. "Now I go to the gym and get rid of the stress that way."

Changing the way he eats has been key to winning the battle of the bulge. "I follow a high protein, low carb diet. No sugars and very, very low sodium. I drink well over a gallon of water a day," says Brandyberry, 44. "The diet is hard to stick to. It takes a lot of mental power that I didn't have before. The lifestyle changes I have made are for good."

Social media has played a huge role in keeping him on track.

"Before I had no accountability. I'd say, 'I will start soon' and that passed," he says. "Now I have the best support system with my friends. They comment on my Facebook posts with so much positive energy, it makes me want to keep going."

Meanwhile, slow and steady is the plan for Diana Crawford. She's been on the Jenny Craig program since 2016 and has whittled her weight down from

300 to 195, which has improved her quality of life immeasurably.

"I will have to eat the way I'm eating now for the rest of my life if I don't want to gain weight again," says the 64-year-old from Pinole, Calif. "Bodies are funny and mine is funnier than most in that it will try to take me back to my highest weight."

For John Manoj Vastrad, the motivation to make a lasting change and keep pushing himself was more emotional. After getting a divorce from his wife of 18 years in 2013, he went through a dark period. Fitness was the light at the end of the tunnel.

"After going through an initial bleak period, I had a lot of time on my hands and I was also between jobs," says the 46-year-old from Fremont, Calif. He filled the void with a workout regimen worthy of a triathlete. "I started with 100 pushups, 100 squats, 200 bicycle crunches, 50 pull-ups every alternate day and I peaked at 250 pushups, 150 squats, 300 bicycle crunches and 65 pullups every alternate day."

To top it off, he also tried to go hiking or biking almost every week. He has had moments of weakness, he admits, but he has always found a way to push through the wall of inertia. Knowing he has a family history of heart issues and diabetes is what keeps him going.

"It wasn't always easy and I still have to drag myself to work out, but the aftereffects are better than any drug," he says. "By far the biggest motivator is just

the wonderful feeling of being healthy and fit, free from illnesses, depression, aches and pains and stress. I would rather spend a few hours every week in the gym than in the doctor's waiting room or in a hospital."

From a doctor's perspective, Morton suggests that no matter what combination of diet and fitness plan you choose, you should try to follow some basic rules, such as eating some protein at breakfast, even if all you have time for is a little Greek yogurt or peanut butter, and trying to get some exercise. Every single day.

"That old adage about eating like a king at breakfast and a pauper at dinner turns out to be true," he says.

He also advises patients to exercise in between leaving work and coming home so the activity can be a sort of emotional buffer zone that helps fight stress, which is one of the factors that causes people to overeat in the first place. Calming down and eating more mindfully may be crucial in combating the American obesity epidemic.

"Stress triggers cortisol, the fight-or-flight hormone in the body," says Morton, "and that makes your body fight even harder to hold onto those pounds."

Brandyberry admits there are obstacles, but he remains resolved.

"You have to keep reminding yourself why you are doing it," he says. "For me, I could care less about looking good at the beach. I just want to be here for my kids, you know?"

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CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK

Too many to choose from? Start here.

BY PHIL VETTEL
Chicago Tribune

In 2008, Chicago's very first Restaurant Week featured 35 restaurants.

The 11th annual Chicago Restaurant Week, which begins Friday and runs through Feb. 8 (yes, it lasts two weeks) boasts more than 370 city and suburban participants.

I'd call that a success story. It's a great way to entice diners, during the slowest times of the year, with prices that are often significantly lower than usual.

If you're new to this event, here's how it works:

Restaurants offer a three-course lunch (or brunch) for \$22, and/or three- or four-course dinner for \$33 or \$44. Some restaurants feature lunch only, or dinner only; some offer both (or all three, if there's a separate brunch menu). In nearly every case, the restaurants' regular menus also are available.

It starts with the First Bites Bash, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier. Produced by Choose Chicago, the event features host chef Lee

Wolen (Boka) and at least 60 other local restaurants offering food tastes. Tickets, \$125, are still available at firstbitesbash.com.

The toughest part of all of this is deciding where to eat, out of nearly 400 candidates. There are two easy ways to narrow your search. One, log in at eatitupchicago.com, where there's a searchable list of participating restaurants, links to their respective Restaurant Week menus and one-click links to opentable.com to make online reservations.

Two, take my advice. Following are my lunch/dinner/brunch picks. The list includes restaurants that have performed well in previous CRWs, newcomers in which I have great confidence (based on other visits) and restaurants I admire generally.

Lunch

Beacon Tavern, 405 N. Wabash Ave. I really like the blackened-redfish sandwich here, and it's part of Beacon Tavern's three-

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The three-course \$44 menu at Tanta includes Peruvian favorites, such as lomo saltado.

CRAVING SMART EATING

Next-gen veggie burgers

New kind of meatless patty threatens old-school versions. We look for Chicago's best.



NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The best veggie burger in Chicago would seriously confuse most meat eaters. It certainly looks like a regular burger, with two thin Impossible Burgers draped in gooey cheese.

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER
Chicago Tribune

Can a veggie burger be great? If you'd asked me a few years ago, I'm not sure I would have been able to answer yes. While I've had good ones, which completely satisfied the craving I had for something filling, portable and meatless, it's much easier to describe what a veggie burger shouldn't taste like — mushy, dry and crumbly — than what it should.

But it's a time of radical change for veggie burgers in Chicago. What used to be considered a stodgy, vegetarian-only dish has gotten a shot of adrenaline. The status quo has been upended by newcomers on the scene with science and

some serious tech money behind them.

It's mostly changed because of the Impossible Burger, a new meatless option that looks and tastes astonishingly like ground beef. Forget any faux-meat options you've tried before; we're talking eerily close, enough to trip up the most dedicated carnivore.

I know you are skeptical. So was Tim Hockett, the chef and partner at M Burger (various locations), the popular burger franchise from Lettuce Entertain You. That was until he cooked with it for the first time. "I put (the Impossible Burger) on the griddle, and it crisped up like beef," says Hockett. "Actually, it caramelized better than a regular burger, so you had all these crispy edges. Plus, it cooked in about the same amount of time. Most veggie burgers take forever to cook."

I swung by M Burger to see for my-

self, ordering both a regular cheeseburger and an Impossible Burger. Before I took a bite, I realized how difficult it was to tell them apart. Each had a beautiful dark sear from the hot griddle, and with all the usual toppings and condiments, telling them apart took effort. You could certainly taste a difference — the meat one tasted, you guessed it, beefier — but the Impossible Burger actually did have a more caramelized crust, plus surprisingly juicy innards. It instantly made every veggie burger in Chicago look dated.

Everything used to be so different. Sorting through what I like to refer to as old-school veggie burgers in Chicago used to be a bit like ranking every Coldplay song. Sure "Clocks" bests "Hymn for the Weekend," but there are way more albums than you remember and many of the songs sound exactly the

same. Mustering the energy to plow through them all also kind of kills any appreciation you may have had for the band.

And forget about comparing old-school veggie burgers to the real deal. That's like watching Coldplay's lead singer Chris Martin get shown up at his band's own Super Bowl halftime show by Beyoncé — it's not a fair fight.

Yet, a lot of people claim to love these old-school veggie burgers. And instead of dismissing the idea out of hand, as I wanted to do, I decided to actually dig in and try as many as I could.

What a terrible idea. It might come as a bit of a surprise, but most veggie burgers don't exactly have a lot of fresh vegetables in them. Instead, they are primarily made of

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New burger upsets the veggie cart

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grains and/or beans. The first four ingredients of an Original Garden Burger, the popular brand found in many grocery stores, are brown rice, button mushrooms, rolled oats and mozzarella cheese. Set this starchy mass on top of a bun, and it's no wonder most can't compete with meat.

After visiting 15 places, I'd reached my breaking point. Honestly, most were perfectly inoffensive, the sort of offerings that might scratch an itch in the right setting. Some even managed to exceed expectations, like Revolution Brewing's (2323 N. Milwaukee Ave.) veggie burger (\$13) made with beets, and Azul 18's (1236 W. 18th St.) black bean burger (\$10.50) stuffed with chiles.

Still, some were bafflingly bad. In my research for veggie burgers, both Victory's Banner (2100 W. Roscoe St.) and Chicago Diner (2333 N. Milwaukee Ave.) popped up again and again, yet they both served veggie burgers that were dry and tough to get through. Do we have abysmally low expectations for veggie burgers, or do people really like them when they taste like this?

There's only one old-school veggie burger that I'd actually go out of my way to eat again. And it's new.

Flying in the face of the Impossible Burger revolution is chef Jason Hammel, who recently put a sort of old-fashioned veggie cheeseburger (\$14) on the lunch menu at his new restaurant Marisol (205 E. Pearson St.), albeit one with more than 25 ingredients, which also manages to be crisp and creamy, complex and satisfying. This comes as a bit of a surprise, considering Hammel never served a veggie burger before at his acclaimed Logan Square restaurant, Lula Cafe. In fact, he's never even served a regular burger.

So I called and asked him to defend the honor of the old-school veggie burger.

While he didn't question the fact that veggie burgers will never eclipse a regular burger, he did have a fascinating way to look at the relationship. "It's kind of like reading a translation," says Hammel. "Of course, reading something in the original language is probably the best, but the translation is still interesting. And it's interesting because it's not exactly the same; it's not a direct copy."

Hammel pointed to Brooks Headley of Superiority Burger in New York for helping him rethink the veggie burger. (If you want to try to make them at home, Headley just released a cookbook called "Superiority Burger.") But in Chicago, Marisol is the exception.

While the Impossible Burger gets the most attention, there's also Beyond Meat, which you can find at Epic Burger (various locations) and a few other spots. It has the texture right, but it's missing the savory aroma and flavor of the Impossible Burger. I still prefer Beyond Meat to most old-school veggie burgers, but it's not quite in the same league.

How does the Impossible Burger do it? The product is made mostly of wheat protein, coconut oil, potato protein and an ingredient called heme. That last ingredient is abundant in meat, and researchers at the company, Impossible Foods, concluded that it helped give meat its unique taste. Heme exists in plants, albeit in extremely small doses, but the company figured out how to capture vast sums in soy plant roots.

Currently, the company can't make enough of its burgers. That explains the high price, absence in grocery stores and availability at only a few restaurants. Though I have to imagine that when the company figures out how to expand production, the number of restaurants serving them will expand dramatically.

But even with the small sampling size, it became clear that the Impossible Burger tastes better when it



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The Impossible Burger at Uncommon Ground gets a great sear, allowing it to stand up to some well-chosen toppings.



It's not cheap, but M Burger's Impossible Burger looks and tastes a lot like the shop's regular single cheeseburger.



Like all the burgers at Kuma's, the Converge is enormous, but that makes it easier to tell that it's not beef.



Revolution Brewing's veggie burger is made with roasted red beets, cremini mushrooms and black beans.



Azul 18's burger isn't dry like other black bean burgers. Pepperjack cheese and chipotle aioli added a nice burn.



Marisol's veggie burger features 25 ingredients. The bun is soft, and the condiments enhance the intricate flavors.



The Beyond Meat patty has a beeflike texture, but it lacks the savory aroma and flavor of the Impossible Burger.

is thinner. It has crispier edges, holds together better and seems more burger-ish. You can see that clearly at M Burger and Uncommon Ground (3800 N. Clark St.), which both serve exemplary versions. Compare those with the Converge burger (\$16) that features the

Impossible Burger patty at Kuma's Corner (852 W. Fulton Market), which, like all of the burgers at the heavy metal burger bar, is enormous. While still good, it is much easier to tell that you aren't eating meat. It's much harder to make

that call at Umami Burger (945 W. Randolph St.), my current pick for best veggie burger in Chicago. Here, the Impossible Burger (\$16) comes freakishly close to the real thing. It's a double cheeseburger, with two skinny, well-griddled patties draped in gooey,

melted cheese. Each bite tastes juicy and fatty, and if you're not careful, grease will leak down onto your chin. You know, the way a great double cheeseburger would.

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EAT THIS!

Why you should be eating conservas

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune



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Fahlstrom's Fresh Fish Market offers 29 types of Spanish and Portuguese tinned fish, known as conservas.

joining restaurants like Wicker Park's Black Bull, Boston's Saltie Girl and New York's Maidenlane as evangelists of the humble-but-tasty canned goods.

Fahlstrom's stocks 29 varieties (which include fish pates), from tuna in olive oil to more exotic octopus in a paprika sauce. Prices span from \$5.25 at the lower end (for mackerel pate) to as much as \$35.75, for sea urchin roe packed in brine. The restaurant sells the tins for dine-in only, bundled with either soft toasted bread and butter (\$3.75) or with a deluxe charcuterie-style tray (\$13.45). The latter comes with thinly sliced ham, softened rosemary onions, pungent garlic confit, fruit preserve, a generous serving of bread and a dill-infused mustard.

"It's a way of having a quick meal for two before going to the theater," Fahlstrom said. The tins themselves are stylish, especially those from Portuguese purveyor Jose Gourmet featuring charming illustrations by different artists. The com-

pany's trout pate in Port wine (\$7.95) was merely OK — the trout pleasantly soft but otherwise neutral — but the spiced sardines (\$12.25) were a delight. Delicate nuggets of fish, the sardines were soaked in a sharp yet luscious oil, marinating alongside a carrot and pickle. The other flavors on the deluxe board are different yet complementary, but ultimately you return to the aggressive fish, which leaves a lingering heat on your palate. Don't forget to sop up the oil with your bread.

In the future, Fahlstrom wants to offer sandwiches for the conservas, just dumping the canned goods — and they are good — right onto crusty bread and call it a day. "A workingman's treat."

So much for tuna sandwiches.

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DRINK THIS!

Black-as-night charcoal lattes claim detoxifying properties

BY LOUISA CHU
Chicago Tribune

Forget fairy toast and unicorn Frappuccinos. It's time to embrace the darkness. Charcoal lattes as black as night are being spotted around town, but there's more to them than their dramatic presentation: Charcoal can be loosely tied to ancient medicinal uses.

"The whole premise of a charcoal latte is that it's a detoxifying drink because charcoal itself is a detoxifying agent," said Werewolf Coffee Bar general manager Lindsey Reason on a recent wintry day.

"We take some charcoal, half a shot of espresso, honey and lavender, to make it a little more floral and fragrant, and pair that all with some steamed milk," said Reason.

These lattes (\$5) may wink at the ancient medicinal use of charcoal, but they just started popping up last spring on Instagram feeds from London to New York. Recent history of the trend appears to date to mid-2016 Melbourne, during their winter and our summer, where coffee trends are born. (But don't confuse the charcoal latte with the black latte made with sesame seed paste, created at a coffee shop there called White Mojo.) Werewolf, owned by



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Werewolf Coffee Bar serves a charcoal latte.

DMK Restaurants, makes its charcoal lattes with whole milk by default, but dairy alternatives are available upon request, though no soy milk. Soy milk has fallen out of favor in some circles due to scientifically inconclusive health concerns.

"We have oat milk, almond milk and coconut milk," said Reason.

"We don't have to do it with honey if you're vegan, so it's absolutely easy to make accessible to anybody with dietary restrictions," she added.

Quite frankly the flavor of the charcoal latte is, well, just like a latte. There's a hint of grit, but it's intentional.

Regardless of health claims, Werewolf is worth

seeking out for stunning presentation and perfect preparation alone. Plus you can pair it with the best of a handful of bakery goods from Floriole, Firecakes and the elusive bialys from The Bagel Chef.

I personally can't wait until the blue algae latte makes its way up to our hemisphere.

Do note that Werewolf is only open weekday mornings to early afternoons, closed by 4 p.m. and on weekends.

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How oak barrels affect wine flavor, aroma



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There's something about a barrel room in a winery.

On the surface, it's just a giant room filled with a bunch of identical wooden barrels stacked in rows. That alone can be an impressive sight, but when you think about what is happening in that room, that's when the potential and energy of the situation become almost palpable. Inside those barrels, wine is evolving, maturing, taking what it can from the wood or — if the wood has very little to give — taking what it can from the air and the passage of time.

Barrels (most often made of oak from France or the United States) can contribute a lot of different things to wine, and not all of them are automatically good. When you consider the many expressions of wine either aged or fermented in wooden barrels (or less-expensive alternatives to barrels, like oak chips or staves), you can start to home in on your wine preferences and figure out exactly what you like (or don't like) about the effect of wood on wine.

Getting to that point will require a little legwork beyond reading the back labels of wine bottles. Sometimes you'll find information about what kind of wood treatment the wine has undergone, but more often than not, you won't. A trusted wine seller can help you focus your wood-and-wine leanings, and you can always research specific wines — some regions legally require oak aging, such as Rioja, Barolo and Brunello — but this is an inexact science. In other words, you'll never really know until you actually taste the wine. It's alive, affected by dozens of factors, and no two bottles — let alone vintages — are exactly the same.

Wood can be a great aroma-, flavor- or character-collaborator with myriad grape varieties, particularly two of the world's most widespread: cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay. But all kinds of



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Oak barrels — these are in the cellar of Oller del Mas wineries in Spain — can soften a wine's sharp edges via oxygenation and impart tannins.

fine wines spend time maturing in barrels before they are bottled.

You have surely smelled and tasted the effects of wood aging. Aromas of cedar or cigar box? They came from wood. That might be obvious, but what about notes of vanilla, caramel, coconut, spice, clove, coffee or smoke? All of those, and more, can come from wood too.

Some of the things winemakers consider when choosing the right barrels for their wines are the size and age of the barrels, the level of "toast" the barrels underwent when they were heated and bent into shape, how the wood was treated before it was made into barrels, and the type of wood itself. Winemakers go so far as to consider exactly where the oak was grown and which cooperage turned it into barrels. They experiment. And their decisions can vary with each style of wine they produce.

Besides imparting aromas and flavor to wine, oak barrels can also soften a wine's sharp edges via oxygenation, as air makes its way through the porous wood from

the outside. Wine in a barrel also evaporates, further concentrating it. The longer a wine ages, the more concentrated it becomes and the more it loses its fruit. If a wine is fresh and light and fruity, there's a good chance it didn't spend much time in contact with oak. So there is a trade-off, and winemakers routinely taste their aging wines to decide how far they are willing to let them go in one direction or the other.

Oak barrels can also contribute mouth-drying tannins to a wine. The lighter the toast, the more those tannins (and aromas and flavors) can come through. The wooden staves used to make barrels are heated, often toasted over fire, so they can be bent into shape. The lightest toast would allow more of the characteristics of the wood to come through and integrate with the wine. A medium toast would allow less tannin and less of the wood's oakiness, but perhaps more vanilla flavors. A heavy toast would allow the least amount of tannin, but darker aromas and flavors like coffee and campfire smoke.

Regardless of toast, newer barrels impart more of everything they have to offer than barrels that have been used in prior vintages. With that in mind, winemakers often use different types of barrels (i.e., different types of oak, toast and age) for the same wine. This is where, in your legwork, you might see descriptions of how long a wine was aged in barrels, what percentage of them were French or American, and what percentage of them were new or used (i.e., "Aged 18 months in French oak barrels, 100 percent new"). French oak generally imparts more tannin but less aggressive aroma and flavor notes than American oak.

In lieu of stainless steel tanks, oak barrels can also be used in the fermentation process, as they famously are with chardonnay in the Burgundy region of France. Barrel sizes can vary, but the widely accepted standard size holds 225 liters (59 gallons) and is known as a Bordeaux barrel, aka "barrique." The Burgundy barrel is just slightly larger. To that end, smaller barrels impart more

concentrated flavors, as there's more wine in contact with more wood, while wines aged in larger barrels are subtler.

Barrels are expensive, and when winemakers want to give their wines oak treatment without spending money on actual barrels, they sometimes use oak staves (wooden slats dipped into the wine) or oak chips. Aging or fermenting wine in wood can be like seasoning food as you cook. When the seasoning is the overwhelming flavor, it's too much. When it is well-integrated, it can make the dish, or the wine, better.

If you're someone who loves an oaky, vanilla blast with each whiff and sip, seek out those wines. If you don't like too much of that in your wine, now you're at least on your way to figuring out how to avoid it — or discovering where your oak sweet spot is. Of course it might vary with different wine styles. You're up to the task of getting to the bottom of this one, though.

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Besides potentially improving your health, cooking your own food supports the local economy, particularly if you're shopping at farmers markets and local establishments.

Better living through cooking



JAMES P. DEWAN
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As my great-aunt June used to tell me, "Your grandfather was a bum. Your father was a bum, and you're a bum. Get outta my house!" Reading between the lines, what I think she was trying to say, in her own, frothing fashion, was, "Don't let the good be the enemy of the perfect?"

(You got that, too, right?) In other words, Auntie June was reminding me that, when it comes to self-improvement, don't stop trying just because you can't achieve 100 percent of your goals. After all, Lord willin' and the crit don't rise and Kim Jong Un don't drop no nuclear bombs this year, we could all do with making ourselves and the world a little bit better.

And what better way than with the foodly portions of our world?

Why you need to learn this

The "this," by the way, is the following general truth: Making your own food, cooking for yourself and others, makes you healthier, and it contributes to the greater good for all. Even if it's not every godblasted meal, every time we cook, we have the opportunity to improve our bodies, our minds, our mouths and our world. Read on, shouldst thou dast.

Our bodies

The more processed your food is, the less healthy it is. Hard to

Save money, calories, boost health in the kitchen

believe, I know, that that bowl of Choco-Frosted Fatty O's isn't quite as good for you as a fresh garden salad. Or that frozen triple cheese, sausage and cigarette pizza might not pack the same nutritional punch per calorie as a lean and steamy bowl of rice and beans. For many of us, though, processed pizzas and Fatty O's it is.

It's no wonder, then, that when you line up the countries of the world in order of fattest to skinniest, the U.S. weighs in (see what I did there?) at No. 12. This is according to the World Factbook compiled by our spooky pals over at the Central Intelligence Agency. (I guess they really are looking in my fridge.) And if 12th doesn't sound so bad, well, consider two things: First, that list has 192 countries. And second, the top 10 include such global superpowers as Nauru, the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Niue. The entire population of those countries could probably fit inside the men's room at the Billy Goat Tavern.

If they weren't so fat, that is. Now, part of the reason we're so tubular is that we eat so much, for lack of a better word, crap. Here's my advice: Start making your own meals — cook some vegetables for the love of Pete — and you'll be on your way to a healthier lifestyle. Guaranteed.

Back in the 1970s, steamed vegetables became all the rage because word got out that boiling them leached out some of the nutrients. Look: While that's certainly true, it's also true that, if you're cooking your own fresh

vegetables — pretty much regardless of the method — you're already a mile or two farther down the road of healthy eating than if you're snarfing ketchup-covered microwaved corn dogs.

Our minds

Studies have shown that working with our hands keeps our brains active and healthy and makes us happy. And that's why you never see chefs in a home for the criminally insane. Cooking our own food forces us to concentrate and use our brains, unlike microwaving a frozen TV dinner to eat in front of reruns of "Match Game '74."

Our mouths

I can't tell you how many times I've eaten humdrum restaurant meals and thought, "I could have made this at home, and it would have tasted twice as good and cost me a quarter of the price." Cook for yourself, and you'll eat just what you want, just the way you like it.

Our world

First off, cooking for people is a wonderful way to share our common humanity and show them that you love them. If someone takes the time to prepare a meal for you, chances are, you're not just some faceless jamoke; you mean something to that person, for one reason or another.

Second, cooking your own food supports the local economy, particularly if you're shopping at farmers markets and local establishments. If the man

wants you to eat at McWendee's Chicken Bell, stick it to the man by going local. And nothing's more local than your own kitchen.

Plus, there's all that garbage those soup cans and fast-food wrappers produce.

To conclude: If you already cook at home, cook more often. If you don't, fear not, because, look, you have to eat anyway, right? Why not make this the year you start feeding yourself? And here's the good news:

As I've mentioned in the past, the rules of cooking follow the laws of the universe. And seeing as how pert near the whole of human history has been the story of us trying to control and manipulate the natural world, it's within your grasp to be able to cook. It's your human birthright to wrestle, metaphorically, the mighty mastodon and feed upon its entrails.

If you're nervous about striking out on your own, get some help. There are all these books out there that tell you how to cook. They're called "cook-books."

Finally, remember that practice is essential. Sure, you can always follow a recipe and, if you're lucky, end up with something fantastic. Still, the more you do something, the more you'll understand it. Roast some vegetables once, and they may or may not come out the way you like. Roast vegetables 10 times, and with each successive attempt you'll see more and more how they react to heat.

What do you think? Have I convinced you?

Good. Now, go out there and make me some toast!

Roasted winter vegetables

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 20 to 30 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

- 2 to 3 pounds winter vegetables (carrots, parsnips, winter squash, sweet potatoes, beets, turnips, etc.), peeled and cut into 3/4-inch dice
- 2 to 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper as needed
- Fresh or dried herbs (optional) as needed

1 Toss all ingredients in a large bowl until evenly coated.

2 Spread in a single layer on a parchment- or foil-covered baking sheet.

3 Roast in a 425-degree oven until done, 20 to 30 minutes, stirring and turning vegetables halfway through cooking. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings):

76 calories, 4 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 11 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 1 g protein, 223 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

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Lighten up with satisfying fish soup

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

I recoil at the repentant food chatter that crops up this time of year, dominated by words such as "cleanse" and "detox," which, from what I can tell, are just modern code for "extreme diet." But part of cultivating a healthy, balanced life is recognizing when you have been pushing the edges in one direction and then responding by shifting gracefully the other way.

After these few weeks of heavier holiday eating it feels good to switch gears, and this dish of fish in a fragrant miso broth with shiitake mush-



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rooms and fresh spinach is a welcome step in the right direction. It's light and nourishing but also supremely comforting and desirable, crushing the contrived notion that pleasure must now

be put on hold in the name of health. It's also incredibly quick and simple to make, all done in one skillet.

Ellie Krieger is a freelance writer.

Halibut in miso broth

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 25 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons canola or other neutral-tasting oil
- 2 ounces shiitake mushroom caps. (4 caps total) sliced
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced, dark-green parts reserved for garnish
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons peeled, finely minced fresh ginger
- 3 cups water
- 3 tablespoons white or yellow miso paste
- 4 skinned halibut fillets, about 6 ounces each
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup loosely packed baby spinach leaves

1 Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until browned, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer mushrooms to a plate.

2 Reduce heat to medium; add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. Add the scallion whites, garlic and ginger; cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

3 Add 2 3/4 cups of the water to the skillet and bring to barely a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low. While the water is heating, whisk the miso paste with the remaining 1/4 cup water until dissolved, then whisk that mixture into the skillet.

4 Season the fish with the salt and pepper, then place in the skillet, skinned sides down. Cover and cook over low to medium-low heat, maintaining a gentle bubbling, until the fish flakes easily with a fork and is fairly firm, about 8 minutes.

5 To serve, place one piece of fish in each wide, shallow bowl. Stir the sauteed mushrooms and the spinach into the liquid in the skillet, then remove from the heat. Pour the broth with spinach and mushrooms around the fish in each bowl. Garnish with the scallion greens.

Nutrition information per serving: 250 calories, 9 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 85 mg cholesterol, 7 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 34 g protein, 600 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Scientists: You are what you (and your microbiome) eat

BY LOUISA CHU
Chicago Tribune

You may know there's a whole world that lives inside you. Not just you, but each of us. Your microbiome, not to be confused with a biodome, is in fact an ecological system dependent on the food you eat.

"The microbiome is the sum total of bacteria, fungi and viruses that live inside our body," said Jack Gilbert, professor of surgery at the University of Chicago and director of The Microbiome Center.

"Some 40 trillion cells, almost 3 pounds of your body mass, is bacteria," Gilbert said. "They live mostly in the intestine. It's like an ecosystem, like a rainforest that lives inside you — a living, breathing environment — which we can affect by the things we eat."

The Microbiome Center is not a place, but a state of mind. If you, like me, were hoping for a kind of Betty Ford Center for your fat- and sugar-addicted microbiome, where you could linger over lunch at a healthy gut cafe while they analyzed your stool sample, you're out of luck. A partnership created in 2016, the center is a collective of researchers from the University of Chicago, Argonne National Laboratory and the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass.

What does the Center prescribe for us to eat and drink to improve our health?

"I tell my children that they should eat food which feeds the bacteria, and not (just) themselves — such as leafy greens, colorful vegetables, lots of fruit — in order to help the bacteria produce chemicals which will help our body to be healthy," Gilbert said.

Co-author of the 2017 book "Dirt Is Good: The Advantage of Germs for Your Child's Developing Immune System," Gilbert says his advice applies to adults too.

"Your intestine has almost 1,000 different species of bacteria. The kinds of things you eat promote different types of species.

"If you think eating a lot of fried and starchy carbohydrate food like potatoes and yams is healthy, and you feel healthy, then maybe you're OK, but it's extremely unlikely."

What about probiotics and fermented foods? "Probiotics are bacteria which we add into the body in order to have a beneficial impact upon health," Gilbert said. "What we found is there's lots of evidence that taking a probiotic when you're sick can have a beneficial impact."

That evidence exists for certain diseases only, he says. For instance, treating diarrhea by ingesting probiotics can significantly reduce the length of time one



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Cultured dairy foods, like yogurt, are fermented with lactic acid bacteria, aka probiotics.



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Vegetables, often napa cabbage, are fermented to make kimchi, which is originally from Korea.



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Kombucha is a sweetened, fermented tea beverage that's slightly effervescent.

suffers. Similarly, "we have evidence that children who suffer from cow's milk allergy, when they take a probiotic, it will significantly reduce the length of time they'll suffer and maybe even desensitize them to that allergen," Gilbert said.

"On the whole, though, if you're healthy, there is no indication that taking probiotics will continue to maintain your healthiness. We just don't have that data."

He added, "Our ancestors ate a lot of probiotic foods because they used to ferment food to make them more stable and less likely to rot."

This is where the Microbiome Center comes in. According to Gilbert, the University of Chicago is embarking on a 10-year, \$100 million research program "to determine if modulating the microbiome could actually have a beneficial role in maintaining wellness."

Discussions about wellness and health, though, are often coded conversa-

tions about weight loss. "That's a shift in terms of medical practice," said Gilbert. "We want to keep people healthier, for longer."

One of Gilbert's colleagues in the global microbiome world, Dr. Eran Elinav, explores that idea. A medical doctor and research scientist at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, Elinav co-wrote "The Personalized Diet: The Pioneering Program to Lose Weight and Prevent Disease," to challenge the idea of universal diet plans.

Instead, says Elinav, a supposed healthy food for one person may not be so for another. "The results are always very surprising," said Elinav by phone. "We've found moderate amounts of ice cream and alcohol are good for some people, while some vegetables are bad."

According to its Amazon listing, the book is frequently bought together with a diabetes testing kit, so that you can become the subject of your own one-

week experiment. The book has you track the foods you eat and your blood sugar levels to discover the diet that's best for you.

If you don't want to embark on the at-home experiment, Elinav and his team's research has been licensed by the company Day Two, which sequences your microbiome's DNA via a stool sample kit you submit. For \$329, the company predicts the foods that are good for you.

If this sounds a bit unappetizing, try out fermented foods. While we may not know conclusively if these will help your gut health, we do know they're delicious. Fermented foods include kimchi, sauerkraut, kombucha, yogurt, kefir and more.

"There's a lot of evidence that consumption of them doesn't hurt and could potentially benefit our health in ways that we just don't yet understand," Gilbert said.

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HOW TO PAIR WINE

Fruity, rich wines stand up to sloppy Joes

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN | Chicago Tribune

This dish is both savory and sweet, and it's also pleasantly tangy, so a healthy dose of fruit and richness in a wine is a good bet. Here are a Champagne, a white from Greece and a red from Italy that will stand up to this zesty and busy sandwich and won't get lost in the crowd.

THE FOOD

Turkey sloppy Joes:

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Cook 1/4 cup diced bacon until crispy. Stir in 1 onion, chopped; 1 red bell pepper, chopped; 1 poblano, chopped; and 1/2 teaspoon salt; cook until onion is translucent. Stir in 3 cloves garlic, minced; 3 tablespoons ground chile; and 1/4 teaspoon each cinnamon and ground cumin; cook, 2 minutes. Stir in 3 tablespoons tomato paste; cook until paste darkens, about 3 minutes. Stir in 2 pounds ground turkey and 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes; simmer, uncovered, until liquid reduces and turkey is cooked through. **Makes:** 8 servings



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THE WINE By sommelier Alan Beasey of *The Purple Pig*, as told to Michael Austin:

Canard-Duchene Cuvee Leonie, Champagne, France: This nonvintage blend of pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay is full-bodied with aromas of red fruits and berries. Its bright acidity and delicate bubbles will cut through the sandwich's tangy richness, and its rich, toasty, brioche flavors and subtle, sweet fruit will wrap up the dish's savory elements.

2014 Domaine Skouras Viognier Eclectique, Peloponnese, Greece: This white wine spent significant time aging in oak barrels, giving it body and flavors of toasted bread crust, hazelnut and spice. When those and the wine's ripe tropical fruit flavors meet the salty, savory flavors of turkey, bacon and onions, it'll be a perfect match.

2015 Pala I Fiori Cannonau, Sardinia, Italy: "Cannonau" is grenache on Sardinia, and this wine's black cherry, sweet plum and cola flavors will enhance the dish's spices. Soft tannins will bind the savory turkey for a pleasant hint of umami, and the tangy finish of the wine will draw the onions and peppers together.

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The lunch menu at Marisol, the restaurant inside the Museum of Contemporary Art, includes the signature Marisol salad, a porchetta sandwich and a veggie cheeseburger.

Best bets for Restaurant Week

Restaurant Week, from Page 1

course lunch menu. Other dishes include an eggplant-parmigiana sandwich, Brussels sprouts-kale salad and clam chowder. Dinner and brunch menus also available.

Blackbird, 619 W. Randolph St. Four-star dining for \$22; that's the lure at Blackbird. Skimming through the menu, I see crispy Brussels sprouts with Fresno chiles, warm shrimp salad with smoked beurre monte, roasted whitefish with enoki mushrooms, hanger steak with chestnut mole and a couple of intriguing Dana Cree desserts. Sign me up.

Carlucci, 1801 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove. Call me dull, but every time I visit Carlucci I order the linguini bombonato, which is spooled tableside inside a big wheel of parmigiano. The lunch menu also offers orecchiette with fennel sausage, steak tagliata and chicken saltimbocca. Dinner menu also available.

Chez Joel, 1119 W. Taylor St. The three-course lunch menu is loaded with bistro classics, including moules frites, boeuf aux champignons, profiterole and creme brulee. Dinner menu also available.

Cindy's, 12 S. Michigan Ave. Assuming it isn't blizzarding, the glass-enclosed rooftop restaurant should offer beautiful Millennium Park views along with its lunch menu, which includes gnocchi parisienne and chocolate quesillo with maple-pecan ice cream.

Gene & Georgetti, 500 N. Franklin St. and 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont. G&G's city and suburban locations are part of CRW this year. The lunch menu includes a sirloin-steak sandwich, along with beet-orange salad, pistachio-crusted whitefish and tuxedo mousse cheesecake.

The Kitchen, 316 N. Clark St. Part of me wonders what "seasonal bruschetta" means in late January, but the rest of the lunch menu (turkey burger with Sriracha aioli, pasta bolognese, creme fraiche panna cotta) has me sold. Dinner menu also available.

Marisol, 205 E. Pearson St. The restaurant inside Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art has a lunch menu that includes the signature Marisol salad, a porchetta sandwich and a veggie cheeseburger. And when you're finished, you can wander around the museum for a while.

Pearl Brasserie, 180 N. Wacker Drive. The newest casual-French restaurant in the Loop makes its CRW debut with a three-course menu that includes tomato soup with mini grilled cheese, chicken milanese, prime burger and apple tart.

Portsmouth, 660 N. State St. Decisions, decisions. The \$22 lunch and \$33 dinner both appeal (the latter has that upscale "fish and chips" dish I like), but the lunch menu offers "fried fish and waffle" with Dark Matter (local coffee) maple syrup, and that tips the scales for me. Eat early.

Dinner

Booth One, 1301 N. State Parkway. Classic glamour is back at the former Pump Room, which is offering a four-course (\$44) dinner with such choices as golden beets and quinoa with whipped yogurt, tuna tartare, crispy duck a la Booth One (rapidly becoming a signature dish) and dark chocolate brioche bread pudding.

City Mouse, 311 N. Morgan St. Plenty of



REDEYE

Ella Elli is offering poached-egg avocado toast for brunch.



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HaiSous is serving a papaya and Vietnamese beef jerky appetizer.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fish and chips with malt vinegar jus at Portsmouth.



AJ TRELA PHOTO

Chocolate quesillo with maple-pecan ice cream at Cindy's.

options for guests who try the three-course (\$44) dinner menu: at least four choices per course (five entree options). Bring friends.

HaiSous, 1800 S. Carpenter St. A first-time participant, HaiSous was one of the best restaurants to open in 2017. For those who haven't gotten to experience Thai and Danielle Dang's restaurant, the three-course (\$33) and four-course (\$44) dinner menus ought to be ample incentive. (There's also a \$22 brunch Saturday and Sunday.)

Lena Brava, 900 W. Randolph St. Rick Bayless' open-fire restaurant joins the CRW club with a four-course (\$44) menu that includes a vegetarian option in every course. In fact, the vegetarian dishes — including the superb grill-roasted pineapple with hazelnut salsa macha — all sound terrific.

The Loyalist, 177 N. Ada St. Last month, Bon Appetit ranked the Loyalist's cheeseburger as one of the three best burgers in the nation. Said burger, along with the tempura-fried chicken sandwich and other treats, is part of the restaurant's three-course (\$33) dinner menu.

Margeaux Brasserie, 11 E. Walton St. Michael Mina's gorgeous Parisian brasserie comes with Gold Coast prices, which makes the three-course (\$33) dinner option (including smoked-salmon tartine, blanquette de veau and dark-chocolate pot de creme) especially attractive.

Mercat a la Planxa, 638 S. Michigan Ave. For a taste of Barcelona and other Spanish-inspired dishes, check out Mercat's three-

course (\$44) menu of savory choices, including cannelloni stuffed with short rib and chicken, with a creamy foie gras and truffle bechamel.

Naha, 500 N. Clark St. Lunch is so popular during CRW that chef/owner Carrie Nahabedian routinely adds extra tables to the dining room. I prefer the relative quiet of the three-course dinner menu (\$44), with dishes such as "popcorn" polenta with goat cheese and mushrooms.

Split-Rail, 2500 W. Chicago Ave. Dueling five-course (\$44) menus at Split-Rail invite you to choose between menus inspired by "Seinfeld" (yes, there's soup for you) and "Friends." Each dish is listed with the episode that inspired it. A binge-watcher's dream.

Tanta, 118 W. Grand Ave. The three-course (\$44) menu includes Peruvian favorites, such as cebiche, lomo saltado and chichoakay marino.

Brunch

Bad Hunter, 802 W. Randolph St. Not surprisingly, the lunch and brunch menus are heavily veggie-focused, though there is a smoked-ham and cheese sandwich at lunch and a smoked-salmon platter at brunch. Both menus look interesting, but there aren't that many restaurants offering Saturday and Sunday brunch.

Bar Siena, 832 W. Randolph St. Bar Siena offers lunch, dinner and brunch CRW menus, but I'm especially intrigued by the brunch menu's Bombo Breakfast Sandwich, which combines scrambled eggs, cherry-smoked bacon, pork sausage and

cheese inside a bomboloni (Italian doughnut) bun. Is this amazing or frightening? Get back to me.

Bistronomic, 840 N. Wabash Ave. Martial Noguier always rises to the CRW occasion. This year's brunch menu is especially intriguing. The three-course menu is \$22, or \$39 with bottomless mimosas. (There's an hour-and-a-half time limit on the elbow-bending.) Lunch and dinner menus also available.

Ella Elli, 1349 W. Cornelia Ave. A CRW newbie, the flashy Ella Elli offers dinner and brunch menus, the latter including poached-egg avocado toast, mushroom-artichoke quiche and stuffed brioche French toast.

Mon Ami Gabi, 2300 N. Lincoln Park West and 260 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook. MAG's city and suburban locations are part of CRW, and both offer brunch and dinner menus. (The Oak Brook location offers lunch, as well.) Either way, you'll start with a warm baguette and finish with the dessert trio. At dinner, choose among steak frites, duck confit and escargots; at brunch, look for onion soup or endive-pear salad (or cocktail, if you'd rather), eggs Benedict or creme brulee French toast.

Smoke Daddy, 1804 W. Division St. Like Remington, a 4 Star Restaurant Group property, also offering a "cocktail course" (bloody mary or mimosa) as part of its three-course brunch menu. Dishes include blueberry cornbread and pulled-pork Benedict. Lunch and dinner menus also available.

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- Sirloin Tip Roast
- Sold As Roast Only

\$3.99 Lb. **Your Choice**

• Jumbo Sweet Blueberries

• Driscoll's Finest! Red Ripe Sweet Red Raspberries

2/\$5 **6 Oz. Pkg.** **Full Pints**

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork

- Center Cut Pork Chops
- Pork Spare Ribs

Value Pack **\$1.99** Lb. **Your Choice**

• Fresh Broccoli Crowns

• California Sweet Baby Carrots

99¢ Lb. **No Waste**

Best Choice/Pleasant View/Prairie Farms

Milk

• 2% Reduced Fat • 1% Lowfat • Skim Fat Free

\$1.88 Gallon **Limit 2 Total**

• Ripe Sweet Grape Tomatoes

• Ripe Sweet Cherry Tomatoes

2/\$3 **Full Pints**

From Our Country Bakery

Walt's Own Fresh Baked Vienna Bread

1 Lb. Loaf **\$1.49**

Walt's Own Pan Style Strudel

• Apple • Cherry • Cheese **\$2.99**

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"

- Chicken Drumsticks • Thighs

Jumbo Pack **\$1.69** Lb. **Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids**

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"

- Split Chicken Breasts

\$1.89 Lb. **Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids**

From Our Deli Hut

Garden Fresh

- Potato Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Macaroni Salad

\$1.98 Lb.

Eckrich Deli Bologna

• Regular • Garlic **\$3.98** Lb. **\$1.99 1/2 Lb.**

HILLS BROS. Coffee

• High Yield 30.5 Oz. • Original 26 Oz. • Colombian 24 Oz. • Perfect Balance or Decaf 23 Oz.

\$5.99

• Dutch Farms or Dean's Cottage Cheese

16 Oz.

• Dutch Farms or Dean's Dairy Pure Sour Cream

16 Oz.

3/\$5 **Your Choice**

Prince Pasta

Selected Varieties 12 - 16 Oz.

79¢

Yogurt

• Yoplait 4 - 6 Oz. Original, Whips or Light

• Dannon 5.3 Oz. Fruit On The Bottom, Light & Fit or Whole Milk

Selected Varieties **10/\$5** **Your Choice**

Kleenex Facial Tissue

80 - 160 Ct.

3/\$5

Birdseye Polybag Regular Vegetables

• Regular • Rice • Steamfresh

Selected Varieties 10 - 16 Oz.

99¢

Vitner's Potato Chips

Original 8.5 Oz.

3/\$5

PRODUCE

Fresh Express
Garden Salad
Pkg.
\$1.29



Fresh Pascal
Celery
Large Stalk
99¢



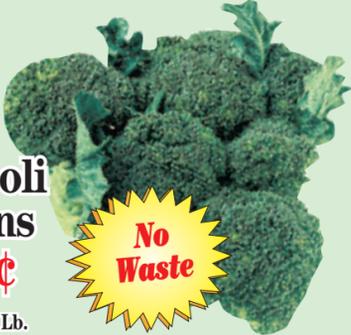
California Sweet
Baby Carrots
1 Lb. Pkg.
99¢



Extra Large
"Hass"
Avocados
99¢
Ea.

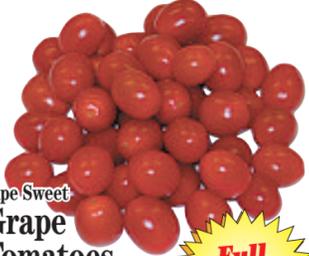


Fresh
Broccoli Crowns
99¢
Lb.



No Waste

Ripe Sweet
Grape Tomatoes
2/\$3



Full Pints

Large
Seedless Cucumbers
99¢
Ea.



Ripe Sweet
Cherry Tomatoes
2/\$3



Full Pints

Driscoll's Finest!
Red Ripe Sweet
Raspberries
2/\$5

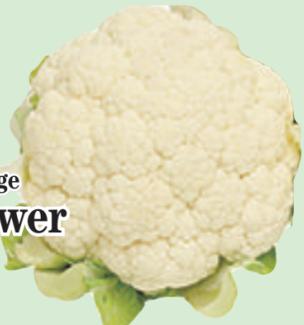


6 Oz. Pkgs.

Jumbo Sweet
Blueberries
2/\$5

Full Pints

Sno-White Large
Cauliflower
\$1.49
Ea.



Fresh Express
Cole Slaw
Pkg.
\$1.29



Fresh Fancy
Zucchini Squash
99¢
Lb.



Fresh Fancy
Yellow Squash
99¢
Lb.



Driscoll's Finest!
Premium Sweet
Strawberries
1 Lb. Pkg.
\$2.99



Fresh Sweet
Blackberries
2/\$4



6 Oz. Pkgs.

Sweet
Bell Peppers
\$1.39
Lb.



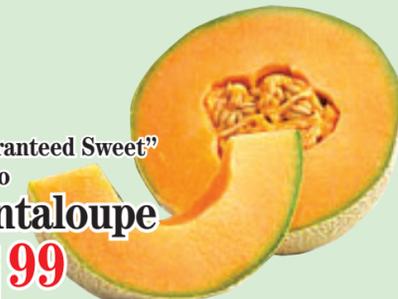
Red • Yellow • Orange

Fancy
Sweet Potatoes
79¢
Lb.



US No. 1

"Guaranteed Sweet"
Jumbo
Cantaloupe
\$1.99
Ea.



Jumbo Sweet
Onions
99¢
Lb.



Ripe Sweet
Grape Tomatoes
Pkg.
\$1.99



Organic

Fancy
Russet Potatoes
3 Lb. Bag
\$1.39



Organic

COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Vienna Bread
1 Lb. Loaf
\$1.49



Walt's Own
Banana Nut Cream Cake
1/2 Ring
\$4.99



Walt's Own Signature
Chocolate Chip Cookies
10 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.99



Walt's Own
Fresh Baked
Onion Hamburger Buns
8 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.99



Walt's Own Fruit Filled
Cream Cake Loaf
\$3.79



Assorted Varieties

Walt's Own
Cinnamon Chip Muffins
4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.99



Walt's Own
Pan Style
Strudel
•Apple •Cherry •Cheese
\$2.99



Walt's Own Homestyle
Strawberry Rhubarb Pie
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own White or Chocolate
Buttercream Iced
Half Cake
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Donut Holes
•Plain •Powdered Sugared
•Cinnamon Sugared
•Granulated Sugared
18 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.79



Best Donuts in Town

Made Fresh in our Store

BUTCHER SHOP

Miller Amish Country
"100% Natural"
Chicken
• Drumsticks
• Thighs
Jumbo Pack
\$1.69
Lb.

Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Miller Amish Country
"100% Natural"
Split Chicken Breasts
\$1.89
Lb.

Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Walt's Premium "All Natural"
85% Lean Fresh
Ground Round
Value Pack
\$3.29
Lb.

Ground fresh in store many times daily.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
Boneless Round Steak
Sold As Steak Only
\$3.99
Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
Sirloin Tip Steak
Value Pack
\$4.29
Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
Beef Short Ribs
\$5.99
Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
Center Cut Beef Shanks
\$2.49
Lb.

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
Sirloin Tip Roast
Sold As Roast Only
\$3.99
Lb.

Johnsonville Pork
Breakfast Sausage
• Links • Patties
Assorted Varieties
12 Oz.
\$2.99

Dutch Farms
Premium Sliced Bacon
Assorted Varieties
16 Oz.
\$3.99

Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
Beef Oxtails
\$5.99
Lb.

Oscar Mayer Sliced
• Bologna
• Cotto Salami
Excludes Beef
Selected Varieties
12 Oz.
2/\$3

Oscar Mayer
Basic Lunchables
Assorted Varieties
2.2 - 4.4 Oz.
2/\$3

Oscar Mayer
Sliced Ham
Selected Varieties
6 Oz.
2/\$4

Walt's Premium "All Natural"
80% Lean Fresh
Ground Chuck
Value Pack
\$2.89
Lb.

Ground fresh in store many times daily.

Scott Pete
Jumbo Franks
16 Oz.
\$1.59

Vienna
Sauerkraut
2 Lb. Bag
2/\$4

Land O'Frost
Bistro Favorites
Assorted Varieties
5 - 6 Oz.
2/\$5

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Center Cut Pork Chops
Value Pack
\$1.99
Lb.

Scott Pete
Smoked Polish Sausage
Excludes Beef
Selected Varieties
20 Oz.
\$3.89

Curly's
Pulled BBQ
• Beef • Pork • Chicken
16 Oz.
\$4.49

Vienna Beef
Italian Beef & Gravy
36 Oz.
\$8.99

Specialty Shoppe

"Reward Yourself With Quality"

Chairman's Reserve Certified Premium Beef

Chairman's Reserve Premium Beef
Porterhouse Steak **\$9.99** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Beef
Boneless New York Strip Steak **\$9.99** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Beef
Boneless Rib Eye Steak **\$11.99** Lb.

Chairman's Reserve Premium Beef
Boneless Sirloin Steak ... **\$6.99** Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural"
90% Lean Fresh
Ground Sirloin **\$3.99** Lb.

Seafood Specials

CATCH! THE SAVINGS

Norwegian
Salmon Fillets **\$8.99** Lb.
Product of Norway

Sea Best
Catfish Fillets **\$6.49** 16 Oz.

Sea Best
Cod Fillets **\$4.99** 16 Oz.

American Chef 16/20 Ct.
EZ Peel Raw Shrimp **\$7.99** 16 Oz.

Trans Ocean
Lobster or Crab Classics **2/\$4** 8 Oz.
Assorted Varieties

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Pork Spare Ribs
\$1.99
Lb.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
Assorted Pork Chops
Value Pack
\$1.39
Lb.

Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Garden Fresh Salads
• Potato Salad
• Macaroni Salad
• Cole Slaw
\$1.98
Lb.

Eckrich Deli Bologna
• Regular • Garlic
\$3.98
Lb.
\$1.99 1/2 Lb.

Grandma's
Potato Salad with Egg **\$2.99** Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut
Greek Feta Salad **\$4.29** Lb.

Garden Fresh
Seafood Salad ... **\$4.99** Lb.

Laughing Cow
Mini Babybel **\$3.79** 4.5 Oz.
Assorted Varieties

Williams
Cheese Spreads **\$3.99** 12 Oz.
Assorted Varieties

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Butterball
Turkey Breast
Assorted Varieties
\$6.58
Lb.
\$3.29 1/2 Lb.

Butterball
Chicken Breast
Assorted Varieties
\$6.58
Lb.
\$3.29 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature
Premium Baked Ham
\$4.98
Lb.
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Lorraine
Swiss Cheese
\$5.98
Lb.
\$2.99 1/2 Lb.

King's Command
Beef Meatloaf
18 Oz.
\$7.99

Walt's Deli Hut
Whole Rotisserie Chicken
\$5.99 Ea.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Hormel
Spiced Ham
\$5.78
Lb.
\$2.89 1/2 Lb.

Lantana
Hummus
Assorted Varieties
10 Oz.
\$3.99

Dietz & Watson
Top Round
London Broil
\$10.98
Lb.
\$5.49 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
Black Forest
Smoked Ham
\$6.98
Lb.
\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut
Whole Rotisserie Chicken
\$5.99 Ea.

Dietz & Watson
All Varieties Chicken Breast
\$7.98
Lb.
\$3.99 1/2 Lb.

Dietz & Watson
Cheese
• Hot Buffalo
• Muenster
\$7.58
Lb.
\$3.79 1/2 Lb.

Gluten Free

DAIRY

Yoplait Yogurt
•Original
•Whips •Light
Selected Varieties
4 - 6 Oz.

10/\$5

Dannon Yogurt
•Fruit On The Bottom
•Light & Fit •Whole-Milk
Selected Varieties
5.3 Oz.

Your Choice

Best Choice Biscuits
•Texas Style
•Hearty Layers
Selected Varieties
12 Oz.

5/\$5

Azteca Flour Tortilla Shells
•Regular 10 Ct.
•Homestyle 8 Ct.

\$1.29

Dean's DairyPure Half & Half
14 Oz.

3/\$5

Reddi Wip Whipped Topping
6.5 Oz. Can

2/\$5

Dutch Farms Regular American Cheese Singles
12 Oz.

\$1.99

Oberweis Chocolate Milk
12 Oz.

10/\$10

Dole Juice Blends
59 Oz.

2/\$5

Blue Bonnet Margarine
1 Lb. Qtrs.

89¢

Sargento Shredded Cheese
Selected Varieties
5 - 8 Oz.

2/\$5

Dannon Greek Yogurt
•Oikos •Light & Fit
Selected Varieties
5.3 Oz.

10/\$10

Jello Pudding •Gelatin
4 Pk.

\$1.99

Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese
•Regular •Fancy
Selected Varieties
6 - 8 Oz.

\$1.89

Blue Bonnet Soft Spread
15 Oz.

\$1.59

Tropicana Premium Drinks
Selected Varieties
59 Oz.

2/\$5

Pillsbury Grands! Biscuit
16.3 Oz.

\$1.99

Sargento Natural Cheese Slices
Selected Varieties
6.3 - 8 Oz.

2/\$5

Kraft Philadelphia Bagel Chips & Cream Cheese Dip
2.5 Oz.

2/\$3

Dutch Farms Cheese
Selected Varieties
•Natural Slices 6 Oz.
•Bars 8 Oz.

\$1.89

Dutch Farms Cheese Spread
8 Oz.

\$2.39

Oberweis Lemonade •Tea •Fruit Punch
1/2 Gallon

2/\$4

TruMoo Chocolate Milk
•Regular •1%
1/2 Gallon

2/\$6

Breakstone's Sour Cream
16 Oz.

3/\$5

Coffeemate Natural Bliss Creamer
16 Oz.

2/\$5

Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese
•Soft •Whipped
Selected Varieties
7.5 - 8 Oz.

2/\$6

Dutch Farms Cracker Cheese Cuts
10 Oz.

2/\$6

Dutch Farms Hard-Cooked Eggs
6 Pk.

2/\$4

Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice
89 Oz.

\$5.49

Oberweis Milk
•Whole
•Skim Fat Free
•2% Reduced Fat
1/2 Gallon

2/\$6

Dean's Dips
16 Oz.

2/\$3

Dutch Farms or Dean's Cottage Cheese
16 Oz.

3/\$5

Simply Orange Juice
59 Oz.

2/\$6

FROZEN

Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream
56 Oz.

2/\$6

Eggo Waffles •Pancakes
Selected Varieties
8.4 - 16.4 Oz.

2/\$4

Birdseye Polybag Regular Vegetables
•Regular •Rice •Steamfresh
Selected Varieties
10 - 16 Oz.

99¢

Weight Watchers Smart Ones Entrees
Selected Varieties
4.4 - 10.5 Oz.

5/\$9

Freschetta Pizza
12 Inch

2/\$9

Best Choice Pancakes
14.1 - 16.5 Oz.

3/\$5

Prairie Farms Sherbet
Quart

2/\$3

New York
•Ciabatta Rolls with Cheese 10 Oz.
•Pizza Dip'n Sticks 9 - 12 Ct.
•Cheese Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.
•Pull Apart Garlic Bread 2 Ct.
•Sliced Garlic Bread 2 Ct.
•Five Cheese Texas Toast 8 Ct.
•Parmesan Texas Toast 8 Ct.

2/\$6

Super Pretzel Soft Pretzels
Selected Varieties
9 - 13 Oz.

\$2.39

Kid Cuisine Dinners
6.65 - 10.6 Oz.

2/\$4

Lean Cuisine Entrees
Selected Varieties

5/\$10

Connie's Pizza
20.36 - 25.49 Oz.

2/\$9

Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns
24 - 32 Oz.

2/\$5

North Star Lotta Pops
•Regular •Patriot
20 Pk.

2/\$6

Flav-R-Pac Corn On The Cob
4 Pk.

2/\$5

Banquet Chicken
•Nuggets •Patties
•Tenders
12 - 15 Oz.

\$2.29

Swanson Pot Pie
7 Oz.

4/\$3

Bertolli Meal Kits
24 Oz.

\$6.99

Doreen's Gluten Free Pizza
13.3 - 14.3 Oz.

2/\$11

Dutch Farms Breakfast Sandwiches
4 Pk.

\$3.99

Good Humor Ice Cream Bars
•Chocolate Eclair
•Strawberry Shortcake
6 Pk.

\$3.99

Best Choice Potatoes
•Tator Puffs •Fries
•Hashbrowns
Selected Varieties
28 - 32 Oz.

2/\$4

Dutch Farms Sandwiches
5 - 5.7 Oz.

10/\$10

Larry's Potatoes
10 Oz.

10/\$10

Michelin's Entrees
Selected Varieties
7.5 - 8.5 Oz.

10/\$10

Home Run Inn Ultra Thin Crust Pizza
12 Inch

2/\$10

Reames Egg Noodles
12 Oz.

2/\$4

Klondike Ice Cream Bars
6 Pk.

\$3.99

Sister Schubert's Yeast Rolls
•Dinner •Pan
•Wheat
11 - 15.8 Oz.

\$2.99

TGI Friday's Appetizers
Selected Varieties
7.6 - 11 Oz.

\$3.79

Healthy Choice Steamers •Completes
Selected Varieties
9.5 - 12.33 Oz.

2/\$4

Banquet Classic Dinners
Selected Varieties
7.4 - 11.88 Oz.

4/\$5

Palermo's Pizzeria Style Pizza
12 Inch

\$3.99

GROCERY



Healthy Choice Soup
15 Oz.
5/\$5



Best Choice Soup
•Tomato
•Chicken
•Vegetable
10.5 - 10.75 Oz.
69¢



Always Save Saltine Crackers
16 Oz.
89¢



Best Choice Deluxe Macaroni & Cheese
•Macaroni & Cheese
•Shells & Cheese
12 - 14.5 Oz.
4/\$5



Nestle Pure Life Water
•24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
•24 Pk. 8 Oz. Btls.
4/\$10



Bush's Beans
•Black
•Pinto
•Red Kidney
•Great Northern
15 - 16 Oz.
4/\$3



Red Gold
•Tomatoes
•Tomato Sauce
28 - 29 Oz.
4/\$5



McCormick Mixes
•Taco
•Fajita
•Enchilada
•Brown Gravy
.87 - 1.62 Oz.
2/\$1



Open Pit Barbecue Sauce
18 Oz.
99¢



Angel Soft Bath Tissue
6 Pk. Mega Rolls or 12 Pk. Double Rolls
Sparkle Paper Towels
6 Pk. Regular Rolls
\$4.99



Newman's Own Pasta Sauce
15 - 24 Oz.
2/\$4



Wishbone or Western Salad Dressing
15 Oz.
2/\$4



Ken's Salad Dressing
16 Oz.
2/\$4



Mrs. Cubbison Salad Croutons
4 - 5 Oz.
5/\$5



Arm & Hammer Liquid Laundry Detergent
122.5 - 150 Oz.
\$5.99



Rice A Roni
Pasta Roni
4.2 - 6.8 Oz.
99¢



Minute Rice
•Instant
12 - 14 Oz.
•Ready to Serve Cups
4 Pk. 8.8 Oz.
3/\$5



McCormick Grill Mates
Grinders
.77 - 3.4 Oz.
2/\$3



Mama Mary's Pizza Crusts
2 Ct.
\$2.99



Vitner's Potato Chips
8.5 Oz.
3/\$5



Heinz Yellow Mustard
20 Oz.
2/\$4



Heinz Barbecue Sauce
18.6 - 20.4 Oz.
2/\$4



Hunt's Ketchup
24 Oz.
4/\$5



Vlasic Pickles
16 - 24 Oz.
2/\$4



Prince Pasta
Selected Varieties
12 - 16 Oz.
79¢



Quaker Cereals
•Cap'n Crunch
•Life
11.5 - 14 Oz.
\$1.88



Quaker
•Instant Oatmeal
8 - 10 Ct.
•Oats
18 Oz.
2/\$4



Quaker
•Chewy Bars
5 - 8 Ct.
•Oatmeal Squares Cereal
14.5 Oz.
\$2.29



Kellogg's Cereals
•Mini Wheats 15 - 18 Oz.
•Raisin Bran 13.5 - 18.7 Oz.
•Rice Krispies 12 Oz.
2/\$5



Ocean Spray Cranberry Cocktails
64 Oz.
2/\$5



Mott's Apple Sauce
23 - 24 Oz.
\$1.99



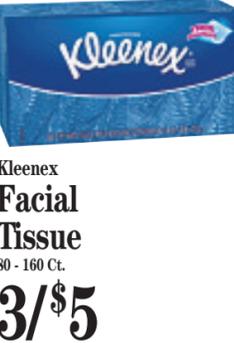
Dole Fruit Bowls
4 Pk.
2/\$5



Entenmann's Mini Cakes
9.25 - 13.8 Oz.
2/\$6



Hostess Twinkies
Hostess Snack Cakes
All Varieties
8 - 10 Ct.
2/\$5



Kleenex Facial Tissue
80 - 160 Ct.
3/\$5



Dawn Dishwashing Liquid
18 - 21.6 Oz.
2/\$5



Downy Liquid Fabric Softener
64 Oz.
\$2.99



Charmin Essentials Bath Tissue
12 Pk. Giant Rolls
Bounty Paper Towels
Basic 6 Pk. Big Rolls or 2 Pk. Huge Rolls
\$4.99



Hills Bros. Coffee
•High Yield 30.5 Oz.
•Original 26 Oz.
•Columbian 24 Oz.
•Perfect Balance or Decaf 23 Oz.
\$5.99

GROCERY GOLD VALUES

Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes Ginger Ale
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
3/\$10

•Mtn. Dew •Crush
•Lipton Brisk
•Mist Twst
•Schweppes Ginger Ale
 2 Ltr.
99¢

•7Up
•Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Canada Dry
 2 Ltr.
99¢

Snapple
Tea
 16 Oz.
88¢

•Vita Coco
Coconut Water
 16.9 Oz.
•Bai
Drinks
 18 Oz.
2/\$4

Best Choice
•Soda
•Seltzer Water
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
2/\$5

•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Sunkist
•Canada Dry
 6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
\$2.49

New
Diet Coke
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. Slim Cans
\$2.99

Regular, Diet
•Coke
•Coke Zero Sugar
•Sprite
 6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
4/\$10

Dasani
Water
 24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
\$3.99

Tradewinds
Tea
 128 Oz.
2/\$5

•Lipton Brisk
•Lipton Pure Leaf Tea
 18.5 Oz.
•Vita Ice
•Sobe Lifewater
 or Drinks 20 Oz.
5/\$5

Doritos
Tortilla
Chips
 10 - 11.5 Oz.
2/\$5

Cheetos
 8 - 9.5 Oz.
2/\$5

Oke Doke
Popcorn
 7.5 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5

El Sabroso
Cantina
Tortilla
Chips
 9 - 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Pace
•Picante
•Salsa
 16 Oz.
2/\$4

Red Gold
•Salsa
 15.5 - 16 Oz.
•Tomato Juice
 46 Oz.
2/\$3

Orville Redenbacher's
Popcorn
 6 Pack
2/\$5

Nabisco
Baked
Chips
•Ritz
•Wheat Thins
 4.5 - 8.1 Oz.
2/\$5

Butternut
Buns
•Brat
•Kaiser
•Deluxe
 6 Ct.
2/\$3

Keebler
Cookies
•Chips Deluxe
•Pecan Sandies
 11 - 14.8 Oz.
2/\$5

Kellogg's
Nutrigrain
Bars
 7 - 10.4 Oz.
2/\$5

Ocean Spray
Craisins
 6 Oz.
2/\$3

GM/HBC

Atkins Ready to Drink
Shakes

•Vanilla
 •Milk Chocolate
 •Dark Chocolate
 4 Pk.
\$5.99



Kellogg's Ready to Drink
Shakes

•Vanilla
 •Milk Chocolate
 •Red Berry
 4 Pk.
\$5.99



Playtex
Tampons

•Sport Regular Unscented 18 Ct.
 •Multi Pack 18 Ct.
 •Regular Deodorant 20 Ct.
 •Sport Super Unscented 18 Ct.
\$4.49



Mucinex
Tablets..... **\$10.99**
 •12 Hour 14 - 20 Ct. •DM 20 Ct. •Max Strength 14 Ct.
 •PM Max Strength 14 Ct. •Time Release 20 Ct.



Aleve
Tablets or
Caplets..... 50 Ct. **\$6.99**



Prilosec
Tablets..... 14 Ct. **\$9.99**



Q-tips
Cotton
Swabs 375 Ct. **\$2.49**



Best Choice
•Cold PE
•Cough PE 24 Ct. **\$2.99**



Best Choice
•Maxi Pads 24 Ct. **\$2.49**
 •Regular •Deodorant



Crest Complete
Toothpaste

•Extra Whitening +Scope 5.8 Oz.
 •Deep Clean 5.8 Oz.
 •Whitening Clean Mint 6.2 Oz.
 •Scope Whitening 6.2 Oz.
\$3.79



Bayer Chewable
Aspirin

•Cherry or Orange 36 Ct.
 •Tablets 24 Ct.
 •Low Dose 81mg 32 Ct.
\$2.49



Best Choice
Ibuprofen

•Tablets •Caplets
 Value Pack 200 Ct.
\$2.99



FINE WINE, BREWS & SPIRITS

Available in Homewood, Tinley Park, Crete, Frankfort & Beecher stores only.

•Miller Lite •Miller 64
•Miller Genuine Draft
•Coors •Coors Light
•Budweiser •Bud Light
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$7.99



•Modelo
•Negra

12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans
\$12.99



Redd's
Apple Ale

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