



Burke diverts property tax move

Alderman's law firm represents owners of buildings in question

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

Influential Ald. Edward Burke has sidelined an effort to increase the property taxes paid by the owners of two buildings his law firm represents on assessment appeals, a move one Chicago City Council colleague and ethics experts say could violate conflict-of-interest rules.

The issue arose last week after 22nd Ward Ald. Ricardo Munoz, joined by nearly two dozen aldermen, introduced a measure that would force Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration to take legal steps to try to increase the assessed property values of seven prime commercial buildings. Munoz contended the properties were sold for more than twice as much as Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios valued them.

The proposal was spurred by "The Tax Divide," an investigation published by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois that found that many large commercial properties are under-assessed, punishing small businesses and shifting more of the tax burden onto homeowners.

On Munoz's list are two

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Attorney general hopefuls light it up

Rivals criticize Raoul for taking donations from tobacco industry

BY KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

State Sen. Kwame Raoul on Wednesday took fire for accepting campaign cash from tobacco companies, as a crowded gathering of Democrats running for attorney general pointed fingers over who was most beholden to campaign contributors and party leaders.

In response, Raoul called Chicago Park District President Jesse Ruiz a "serial liar." State Rep. Scott Drury and Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering accused each other of being funded by allies of Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. And former federal prosecutor Renato Mariotti repeatedly lashed out at former Gov. Pat Quinn, deriding him as "someone who lost to Bruce Rauner and ultimately put us in the situation that we're in."

The series of mini battles broke out during an hourlong endorsement session with the Tribune Editorial Board, in which the eight candidates tried to differentiate themselves. The packed field emerged after Attorney General Lisa Madigan unexpect-

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JEFF KOWALSKY/GETTY-AFP
Kaylee Lorincz reacts during Wednesday's sentencing of Dr. Larry Nassar.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP
Sterling Riethman wipes her face as she gives her victim impact statement.



RENA LAVERTY/EPA
Rachael Denhollander, right, hugs a fellow victim during a break in court proceedings.



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Rachael Denhollander, left, and Kyle Stephens, center, react in the courtroom Wednesday following the sentencing of Dr. Larry Nassar.

'Death warrant'

Doctor gets extended sentence for sexual abuse of gymnasts

BY DAVID EGGERT
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Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The former sports doctor who admitted molesting some of the nation's top gymnasts for years under the guise of medical treatment was sentenced Wednesday to 40 to 175 years in prison by a judge who proudly told him, "I just signed your death warrant."

The sentence capped a remarkable seven-day hearing in which more than 150 women

and girls offered statements about being abused by Larry Nassar, a physician who was renowned for treating athletes at the sport's highest levels. Many confronted him face to face in the Michigan courtroom.

"It is my honor and privilege to sentence you," Judge Rosemarie Aquilina said. "You do not deserve to walk outside a prison ever again. You have done nothing to control those urges and anywhere you walk, destruction will occur to those most vulnerable."

Nassar's actions were "precise, calculated, manipulative, devious, despicable," she said.

When the hearing ended, the courtroom broke into applause. Victims and prosecutors embraced at the conclusion of the grueling 16-month case.

But the anguish of the past week will have little, if any, practical effect on Nassar's fate. Before serving the Michigan sentence, the 54-year-old must first serve a 60-year federal sentence for child pornography crimes. With credit for good behavior, he could complete that sentence in about 55 years. By then, he

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MICHIGAN STATE PRESIDENT RESIGNS: Lou Anna Simon stepped down amid a wave of public outrage. **Nation & World, Page 11**



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President eyes DACA citizenship path

President Donald Trump said he wanted a bill that would give so-called Dreamers legal status and ultimately a way to achieve full citizenship. The change would be part of a deal including limits on legal immigration and money for his border wall. **Nation & World, Page 9**

Trump: I'd speak under oath with Mueller

Speaking to reporters, President Donald Trump said he is "looking forward" to testifying before special counsel Robert Mueller and that he would speak under oath. He again reiterated there was "no collusion" between his campaign and Moscow. **Nation & World, Page 9**

New skyscraper may rise on Tribune site

Developers envision 1,388-foot building behind historic tower

BY BILL RUTHHART
AND BLAIR KAMIN
Chicago Tribune

A skyscraper that would rival Donald Trump's Chicago high-rise as the city's second-tallest would emerge behind the historic Tribune Tower, while the neo-Gothic office building would be turned into condominiums under still-evolving plans described by an alderman and two sources familiar with the proposal.

Envisioned as a hotel and condominium tower sheathed in steel and glass, the new skyscraper would soar to a height of 1,388 feet, downtown Ald. Bren-

dan Reilly and a source familiar with the plans confirmed. That would be a foot shorter than the hotel-condo high-rise that Trump, then a real estate developer and reality TV star, completed in 2009.

Tribune Tower, whose flying buttresses and pinnacle-topped crown have long made it a symbol of its namesake newspaper, would be turned into condominiums, Reilly and two sources said. The tower's upper floors are already being gutted.

The plans, drawn up for the owners of the Tribune Tower property — CIM Group of Los Angeles and Chicago-based Golub & Co. — are expected to be presented to the Chicago Plan Commission by this summer.

If the developers win city

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JOHN KASS

Rahm's dead fish dish returned, served cold

There is some breaking Chicago mayoral news about that legendary story of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the dead fish.

As political junkies know, years ago Rahm was in charge of electing Democrats to Congress. He became embroiled in a nasty feud with another Democrat. Things got ugly. So just like a mafia boss from "The Godfather," Rahm sent his enemy a dead fish, with a card that said, "It's been awful working with you."

This is just one reason I gave the mayor his very own copy of "The Rahmfather," the famous portrait of a handsome Rahm as Michael Corleone, which hangs in his City Hall office to this day. The other reason is that I'm really nice and mayors just love me.

So what's the Chicago mayoral fish news update?

Veteran Democratic pollster Alan Secrest, who received Rahm's dead fish, has a new job.

Secrest is polling for Garry McCarthy, the former Chicago police superintendent considering a mayoral challenge to Rahm.

"I'm not interested in vendettas," Secrest told me in an interview.

"We're good at what we do. And Rahm has political talent. But that doesn't mean he has to be mayor any longer.

"I've always found Rahm to be willing to cut corners ethically, from my observations at least, and it hasn't really changed" in his tenure as mayor. "So we are honored to be asked to assess things for one of the candidates, and the lay of the land in Chicago."

See what happens when you send a guy a dead fish and then brag to your friendly posse of Washington journalists?

Secrest, a Democrat, started off in politics as a volunteer in the presidential campaign of George McGovern. Later, he helped elect civil rights icon John Lewis of Georgia to the U.S. House of Representatives. Over his career, he says he's worked to elect or re-elect some 500 members to Congress and on campaigns electing African-American mayors in Baltimore (Kurt Schmoke), Seattle (Norm Rice) and St. Louis (Freeman Bosley Jr.)

But this is Chicago and the hiring of Secrest is sure to anger Rahm.

And if there's one guy who knows how to get under the mayor's skin, it's McCarthy. Especially with Secrest asking questions of Chicago voters that City Hall won't like.

City Hall will just hate it if Secrest asks African-American voters about the Laquan McDonald police video — showing the black teenager shot 16 times by a white cop in 2014 — and how that video remained hidden from public view until after Rahm's 2015 re-election.

So, Garry McCarthy, will the Secrest news upset the mayor?

"Knowing Rahm the way I do, I presume that it will," McCarthy told me in a deadpan tone that made me laugh. "You know Rahm."

And I know about the dead fish story that is often told from Rahm's point of view. The approved Rahmian



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor Rahm Emanuel receives the portrait "The Rahmfather" in 2012.

versions have Rahm as the hero. He and Secrest reportedly had many shouting matches about polling data and a New York congressional district.

Rahm felt Secrest's polling was in error and that cost Democrats a race in upstate New York. Secrest insisted that wasn't true and that Rahm used the feud as pretext to steer business to a rival firm.

Rahm sent him the fish. And Secrest sent Rahm an angry letter.

Yeah, a real fish fight. There were some things I just had to know about the fish.

"It came to the office in a long thin box, and on a corner there was a stamp or sticker that said it came from a company called 'Creative Revenge,'" Secrest said.

"Given the word 'revenge,' I didn't want to open it in the office," Secrest said. "So a few interns and I carried it out to the parking lot and we opened it there."

And then, when you opened it, what happened?

"There was a fish and a card. The fish was a big mackerel, in an advanced state of decay," Secrest said.

You mean it was rotten?

"If you've ever seen a fish in advanced state of decay, you know it immediately," Secrest said. "There's no mistaking it for something else."

You sure it was a big mackerel? I'm no fan of mackerel (too oily). Perhaps it was a cod?

I didn't tell him why cod was on my mind. I'm a big fan of the bakalao at Greek Islands — fried cod with the

delicious garlic paste known as skordalia. I've had lunch there a few times with Rahm.

And the next time I'll tell him that wasting good cod is a sin to me.

"I don't know if it was a cod," Secrest said. "I seem to remember it was a mackerel. It's a hilarious story, actually. But what gave rise to it wasn't hilarious."

Secrest wouldn't say what questions he'd ask voters, but McCarthy said the issues are obvious.

"Crime, of course, which is something I know a little about, and schools, and the economics and finances of Chicago," McCarthy said. "There will be some polling and later I'll come to a decision about whether to do this (challenge Rahm) or not."

There are other mayoral challengers being mentioned as well, including former public schools CEO Paul Vallas, who recently moved into the city and is expected to surface publicly next week. Things will get interesting.

And all I ask is that candidates treat taxpayers with respect and not waste good fish.

One of my favorite sayings is that "Revenge is a dish best served cold." But now with Alan Secrest coming to town, I'll have to rework it.

Revenge is a fish best served cold.

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Cards Against Humanity supplied text for special Chinese New Year fortune cookies at Fat Rice.

Chinese New Year special: Snarky fortunes at Fat Rice

Fat Rice will make Cards Against Humanity fortune cookies among its inventive specials for Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. The Lunar New Year begins Feb. 16.

The Macau-inspired restaurant in Logan Square will offer oversized, chocolate-dipped, hand-decorated cookies, serving four to eight people, stuffed with a fortune written by the company behind the self-described party game for horrible people.

"Today, you will meet the love of your life. Or maybe not. I'm just a cookie," reads one fortune revealed by Fat Rice co-owner **Adrienne Lo**.

"Max has been a supporter

of the restaurant for a long time," said Lo about Chicago-based Cards Against Humanity co-creator **Max Temkin**. "We called him up about doing this, and he sent us about 100 fortunes, which we're printing out then stuffing in the cookies.

"Some are more risqué than others."

Also, in honor of the upcoming Year of the Dog in the Chinese zodiac calendar, pastry chef **Elaine Townsend** has created a foo dog-shaped mashup of mooncakes and Taiwanese pineapple cakes.

"They're kind of like Fig Newtons," Townsend said. "With that molasses, brown

sugar pastry on the outside, and inside there's a mango pineapple jam."

Mooncakes, traditionally given most auspiciously during Mid-Autumn Festival, can be found in some Chinese bakeries year-round, and the foo dogs are actually mythical guardian lions.

The items will be available Feb. 13 to 25, while supplies last. The Fortune Cookies Against Humanity are \$18.88 each, and a foo dogs box with two cakes is \$8.88. The number 8 is lucky in Chinese culture because it sounds like "wealth" in many dialects.

— Louisa Chu

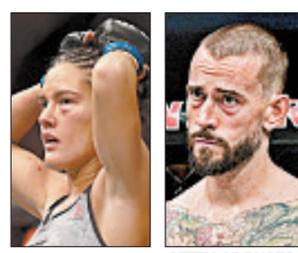
Chicago's CM Punk, Herrig get UFC fights they wanted

Felice Herrig wanted a fight against a top 10 opponent. **CM Punk** just wanted another shot, period.

Both Chicago-area natives got the fights they were hoping for from UFC President **Dana White**. Herrig's four-match winning streak earned her an April 7 showdown against fifth-ranked strawweight **Karolina Kowalkiewicz** when Brooklyn's Barclays Center hosts UFC 223.

"I'm super pumped because I've been asking to face a top 10 fighter for a while but keep getting the toughest fighters just out of the top 10. This is the match up I asked for and you shall receive," Herrig wrote on Instagram on Tuesday. "I'm excited to show people what I can do against a step up in competition. I'm well aware that I will be the underdog in this fight which is ok with me. I've been the underdog most of my career and I thrive off of it. Bring it on. I'll be ready."

Herrig, a 33-year-old Buffalo Grove native who now lives in Crystal Lake, told the Tribune in November that she thought that once she focused more on fighting and less on looks, UFC cast her aside to promote younger fighters. "I see that I'm fighting these young up-and-comers now and I'm expected to lose, like, I'm the underdog every time."



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Felice Herrig, of Crystal Lake, and CM Punk, of Chicago, had each sought another shot in the ring.

A win against Kowalkiewicz could put her in talks for a title bout.

Meanwhile, Punk (Chicago native **Phil Brooks**) has a tougher road to hoe after a disastrous mixed martial arts debut against **Mickey Gall** in September 2016. White publicly and privately advised the 39-year-old former WWE wrestler to give up dreams of an MMA career, or at least drop to a lower-tier league, but after further discussions, White changed his mind.

"I like that guy. He's a good dude," White told The Associated Press. "He wants to give it another shot. I'm going to give it to him."

No date or opponent had been confirmed on Tuesday.

— Phil Thompson

Baez, girlfriend share baby news

Javier Baez and girlfriend **Irmarie Marquez** showed off her baby bump and a little No. 9 Baez jersey, but they asked fans on Twitter and Instagram: Team Boy or Team Girl?

Here's another question: If it's a boy, will he be nicknamed El Magito, like his father, El Mago, "the magician"?

Marquez tweeted, "Thank God for this beautiful blessing," and

received an outpouring of well-wishes from fans and their Cubs family.

Gina Grimm, wife of Cubs pitcher **Justin Grimm**, replied, "Congratulations!!!! We can be buddies!!!!"

Grace Heller, co-owner of the Harry Caray restaurant chain, also sent congratulations.

— Phil Thompson

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Stop that silly cat-custody court case



REX W. HUPPKE

I would like the cat adoption group Feline Friends to please give Chicago artist Rae Bees her cat back.

The cat's name is Reggie, and he's stuck in a bizarre custody battle between Bees and Feline Friends. It's all very dumb and

weird and, at a time when we have plenty of other dumb and weird things to concern ourselves with, I would like it to stop. In fact, I'm confident most people would like it to stop.

So stop it. Please give Reggie back.

This story was reported Tuesday by my Tribune colleague Steve Schmadeke. Here is the basic outline:

Five years ago, Bees adopted Reggie from Feline Friends, a nonprofit cat rescue organization in Chicago. The cat lives with Bees, a painter, in a Logan Square artist and musician collective. It sounds groovy and slightly aloof, which is pretty on-brand for a cat.

In 2014, Bees helped raise money for Feline Friends at a party that included cat-themed artwork. Clearly, this woman is pro-cat.

Around Halloween of last year, Reggie did what many cats try to do — he got out of the house. He's apparently known for occasionally giving people the slip. Bees got on Facebook and, creative artist-type that she is, posted a photo of Reggie with some funny text saying things like "I'm Reggie and I'm lost (again)."

The goal was to find him, of course. But she would soon learn that humor is lost on some.

Reggie was found and taken to a vet. The vet scanned the cat's microchip, found it was registered to Feline Friends and turned the cat over to the adoption group. Someone at Feline Friends took a look at Bees' social media sites and got mad because they found this wasn't the first time Reggie had flown the coop and they saw a photo of Bees and some friends outdoors with Reggie.

Citing an adoption contract that says adopted cats must be kept indoors, Feline Friends refused to return the cat to Bees. And that's where everything turned stupid.

Consider this from the Tribune story: "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."

That sound you just heard was me sighing, loudly.

While the case proceeds, Bees is only able to see her cat for an hour once a week at a veterinarian's office in Logan Square.

I'm not a judge, but I'm going to make an unenforceable citizen's judgment and dismiss the case of "Bees vs. Cat People With Too Much Time on Their Hands" on the grounds that it's one of the dumbest things that has ever happened.

Any cat or dog owner will tell you that indoor critters often have a desire to explore the outside world. An animal that longs to get out will eventually find a way out. It's not an ideal situation, but it happens, and good owners do exactly what Bees did — they spread the word and try to find their beloved pet.

Lisa Ward, one of the founders of Feline Friends, said Reggie has been getting out frequently, and her organization believes that exposes the cat to "grave risks."

"We do this because we think it's important and we feel a responsibility for their welfare. And when we feel their welfare is being endangered, we feel like we need to be there," Ward said.

I understand Ward's side of the story, and I admire her devotion. But I also think Reggie has been with Bees for five years and appears healthy and happy. Even if he's not living the exact way Feline Friends would like to see him living, he's certainly doing far better than he would have as a feral cat.

And if you want proof that Bees cares about the cat, consider this: She's the one who started the legal action after Feline Friends refused to return Reggie.

There are, last I counted, 563 billion cats in need of good homes. I see them wandering the streets and alleys, hungry and skittish. They would all love to be Reggie, to live with cool artists and musicians and become the inspiration for what I assume would be terrible cat-themed folk music.

So why would a group that aims to help homeless felines turn this into a legal case involving hundreds of pages of arguments while removing poor Reggie from the owner he has known for five years?

Edward H. Williams, the attorney for Feline Friends, told my colleague in an email that the case is really about animal groups being able to place and enforce conditions on adoptions: "These contracts, like all contracts, can and should be enforced."

Look, I have no doubt that Feline Friends does great and admirable work, and as an animal lover, I applaud any group or person devoted to making life better for homeless pets. But in my humble opinion, Rae Bees has been cat-jacked and a bunch of attorneys are spending a whole lot of time on something that could be resolved with a simple statement: "Here's your cat. Please try to keep him from getting out again."

So please, Feline Friends, give Ms. Bees her cat back. Because if this drags on and Reggie winds up with a lawyer, I'm going to scream so loud only dogs will hear me.

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The Rev. Gary Graf, of St. Procopius Catholic Church, is forgoing solid food to try to raise awareness about young immigrants.

Priest vowing hunger strike until DACA replacement deal

Pilsen church leader says immigration reform requires immediate action from lawmakers

BY NEREIDA MORENO
Chicago Tribune

The Rev. Gary Graf hasn't touched solid food in 10 days.

The Pilsen-based priest has committed to a hunger strike in support of local so-called "Dreamers" whose fates hang in the balance as Congress wrangles over immigration reform.

"Ni hambre tengo," he said in Spanish on Tuesday afternoon. "I'm not even hungry."

Graf plans to fast until lawmakers reach a deal to replace Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era program that shields young immigrants who came to the country illegally as children. The Trump administration moved to end the program in September, but a federal judge in California ordered the White House to keep it in place while a lawsuit goes forward.

Health permitting, Graf said he will live off water and protein powder until at least March 5, a deadline set by President Donald Trump to end the program. He does plan to continue taking communion during the fast.

He announced the hunger strike during a Sunday mass at St. Procopius Catholic Church earlier this month. It was a somewhat impulsive decision, he acknowledged, but one he doesn't take lightly.

"Yes, it's dramatic," Graf said. "It's a way in which we pray for our political leaders and invite them to do their jobs."

Bishops and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago, including Cardinal Blase Cupich, are lending support.

"I spoke to Father Gary and offered my support," Cupich said in a statement. "I also asked the members of the Presbyteral Council to join him in solidarity by considering fasting one day a week."

Graf said he's taking the fast "one day at a time" and that other priests have offered to step in and continue to strike in his place, should health complications arise.

"My energy level is slowing down a little bit. There are some peaks and valleys but for the most part, I have not felt any other effects of the fast," he said. "I feel fine. I continue to perform my duties."

He said while a hunger strike is inherently political, fasts also have "spiritual meaning."

"I'm not an advocate of intentional suicide. I'm not gonna let this take my life away or bring me to the point where I literally end up hospitalized," he said. "But my goal is to continue as long as possible."

Graf made headlines in April 2013 when he traveled to Mexico and returned to U.S. soil by scaling a 20-foot iron wall. A U.S. citizen, Graf said he wanted to understand what many of his Latino parishioners went through while crossing the U.S.-Mexican border.

"I did so, again, in a very dramatic fashion, to provoke a conversation between citizens and the undocumented," he said.

Graf said he was inspired by the Mexican community in Chicago and the stories of how they came to this country.

"As a priest, I'm very well aware every single day of my life that parents — all parents — sacrifice their lives for their children," Graf said. "I don't have my own children, and as my spiritual children, this is my opportunity to also be in solidarity with them."

Illinois has the nation's third-largest population of immigrants covered by DACA with about 35,600 beneficiaries living in the state.

Students, high school or GED course graduates, and veterans are eligible for

the program. Immigrants who have committed a serious crime, have more than two misdemeanor convictions or are deemed to be a threat to national security are automatically disqualified.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions called the program an "unconstitutional exercise of authority" and said its beneficiaries are denying jobs "to hundreds of thousands of Americans by allowing those same illegal aliens to take those jobs." Those who oppose replacing DACA also point out that in order to qualify for it, immigrants first broke the law.

Still, Trump has previously expressed sympathy for the Dreamers — a nickname that came from the DREAM Act, first proposed in 2001 to create a path to permanent residency for the young people.

Congress on Monday agreed to fund the federal government through Feb. 8 after Republican leaders promised to address the status of DACA recipients in the coming weeks.

Daniela Limon, 25, of Elgin, said she met Rev. Graf about a year ago and was surprised to learn about the hunger strike when it was announced at Mass.

She said Graf has been a "great supporter" of DACA recipients living in the Chicago area.

"I am very grateful for what he's doing right now and what he's always done for the immigrant community," she said. "Many people look up to him, and I'm sure people will see this as a way to support us and take action."

Limon, a DACA recipient, said she came to the U.S. when she was 10. She renewed her work permit in September, a day before the Trump administration moved to end the program. She is planning to study nutrition and dietetics at Dominican University in the fall.

"I am hopeful that something will get done," she said. "I just hope it happens soon."

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Chicago joins surfers in U.S. Steel suit

Emanuel says decision based on firm's failure to notify city of toxic Lake Michigan spills

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Wednesday added the city's legal muscle to a lawsuit filed by Lake Michigan surfers over spills of toxic chromium from a U.S. Steel plant near one of Chicago's drinking water intakes.

Emanuel said his decision to piggyback on the legal challenge filed last week on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation was driven in part by U.S. Steel's failure to notify the city about three chromium spills last year at the company's Midwest Plant in Portage, Ind.

The city's lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Hammond, highlighted an April spill that included 298 pounds of hexavalent chromium, a highly toxic version of the pollutant made infamous by the movie "Erin Brockovich."

Testing by the Chicago Department of Water Management detected a plume of hexavalent chromium drifting toward the city's drinking water intake off 68th

Street. It took five days for the amount of chromium in the plume to dissipate to levels normally found in the lake, according to the lawsuit.

"This Great Lake is our most precious natural resource and we must preserve and protect it, while taking steps to punish those who pollute it," Emanuel said in a statement. "We will not stand idly by as U.S. Steel repeatedly disregards and violates federal laws and puts our greatest natural resource at risk."

Last week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management said they were close to brokering a legal settlement with U.S. Steel that is intended to prevent future spills.

The two government agencies began negotiating privately with the steelmaker after the surfing group enlisted the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago to research pollution violations at U.S. Steel and other factories on the southwest shore of Lake Michigan.

Law students documented repeated violations of limits included in the Midwest Plant's water pollution permit during the past six years. The two lawsuits were filed under a provision of

the Clean Water Act that allows citizens and their elected representatives to challenge companies on their own after a 60-day notice.

Cathy Stepp, the Trump administration's new regional EPA administrator, rejected Emanuel's request for city lawyers to be involved in the negotiations with U.S. Steel.

"We believe that the compliance measures ... will go far in protecting Burns Harbor and Lake Michigan from unlawful discharges and spills," Stepp wrote in a Jan. 11 letter to Edward Siskel, the city's corporation counsel.

U.S. Steel and the Indiana agency issued similar statements after Surfrider filed its lawsuit Jan. 17.

"We acknowledge and regret the incidents and have consistently worked to identify, report, investigate and correct each issue," U.S. Steel said.

After another spill in late October, neither the company nor Indiana regulators informed the public. A notice that U.S. Steel sent to the state agency requested "confidential treatment" of the incident. The U.S. EPA learned about it from a Tribune reporter.

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Preckwinkle, Fioretti won't rule out tax hikes, clash over Berrios

Board president 'no longer a reformer,' primary foe says

BY HAL DARDICK
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Stung by the backlash against her soda tax, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Wednesday vowed not to go that route again, but both she and Democratic primary opponent Bob Fioretti stopped short of ruling out other tax increases.

The candidates, who face off in the March 20 primary, displayed strong differences over whether Assessor Joe Berrios should go because of questions about unfair, error-riddled assessments. Preckwinkle continued to back Berrios, her political ally, while Fioretti said it was time for a change in the leadership of both their offices.

The two candidates appeared before the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board, where the challenger continued to hammer away at his campaign theme that Preckwinkle promised tax reform but did not deliver.

Fioretti made reference to both the penny-an-ounce sweetened beverage tax and Preckwinkle's much-noted 2010 campaign commercials that touted her pledge to repeal what remained of a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase. It helped her win that election, and she kept the promise, only to later oversee reinstatement of the full sales tax increase to shore up the underfunded county worker pension system.

"Over Toni's two terms in office, we learned that in Cook County, a penny earned is not a penny saved, it's a penny taxed," Fioretti said. But when pressed on whether he would rule out any tax increases, he hedged.

"The last, last, last resort would be to have a tax," Fioretti said. "I have to tell you, I think we still need to look at cutting back the budget, and I think there are ways."

Potential cost-cutting could include better collection of public health system medical bills, selling county facilities, pension reform, less-generous county worker raises, making cities and villages take over county roads and replacing Forest Preserve District police with sheriff's police, he said. Even so, cuts in county funding from federal and state governments could harm the county, he warned.

On the campaign trail, Fioretti repeatedly has said Preckwinkle would try to reinstate the pop tax, like she did the sales tax. When asked if she would attempt to bring back the pop tax, Preckwinkle gave an unequivocal answer: "No."

Even as she said there was no County Board support for further tax hikes "at the present time," Preckwinkle did not say that won't change down the road. "I believe if you want good government, you're going to have to pay for it," she said.

She also cited her successful efforts to reduce the number of County Jail inmates, reduction of overall county debt and cutting the size of the county workforce — including hundreds of layoffs triggered by the pop tax repeal. "I've tried hard over the last eight years to be a responsible steward of Cook County government," Preckwinkle said.

The sharpest differences emerged when the two discussed Berrios, in light of "The Tax Divide" series published by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois. The investigation found that owners of more expensive homes and large commercial properties get tax breaks that push more of the burden onto owners of less costly homes and smaller businesses.

Fioretti, noting that prominent politicians make money as lawyers appealing Berrios assessments and also contribute to the assessor's campaign fund, called it a "corrupt and discriminatory property taxing system."

He also noted it's a tricky

political issue for Preckwinkle. "She's the vice chair, he's the chair," Fioretti said of the county Democratic Party. "They're not going to say anything bad against each other."

Preckwinkle avoided criticizing Berrios and instead praised his successful effort to get property tax bills out in time for the first time in decades, which al-

lows many school districts and local government bodies to avoid taking out short-term loans until those taxes are collected.

When Preckwinkle said that was a collaboration among many officials "led by Joe Berrios," Fioretti laughed, before launching into his critique of the system, noting that House Speaker Michael Madigan

and 14th Ward Ald. Ed Burke, both property tax appeals lawyers, support her candidacy.

"She's no longer a reformer," Fioretti said. "Joe Berrios is not the person to lead the assessor's office, and she's not the person to lead the president's office."

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Lausch: No D.C. pressure on gun strategy

New U.S. attorney steers clear of political potholes in first public comments of his tenure

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

U.S. Attorney John Lausch took over as Chicago's top federal prosecutor at a time when the city's entrenched gun violence is making national headlines and continues to draw the ridicule of President Donald Trump.

But in his first public comments since being sworn in two months ago, Lausch said Wednesday he has not felt any pressure from Washington to change his office's strategy in going after violent offenders.

Speaking to reporters who cover the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, Lausch was careful to steer clear of any thorny political questions, saying he's never spoken to Trump and that the president never tried to reach out to him during the selection process.

He declined to comment specifically on Trump's tweets about the city's violence problem, including the president's now-famous promise a year ago to "send in the Feds!" if authorities were unable to get a handle on the issue. But Lausch agreed the "stubborn violent crime problem" has to be at the top of his list.

"I don't have any particular comments on the comments from Washington," Lausch said. "Obviously, violent crime is a priority. But as far as how I decide this office, what our specific priorities should be and what we should be focusing on, it's clear that discretion is up to the U.S. attorneys in each particular district."

Lausch also declined to comment on the tumult within the U.S. Department of Justice, including his boss, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, reportedly being interviewed last week in the ongoing probe by special counsel Robert Mueller into Russian influence in the 2016 election.

"I can tell you as far as what we do here,



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U.S. Attorney John Lausch says addressing violent crime is among his office's priorities.

we're going to do our job, and I don't expect really much of anything to hinder us in doing what we do here, which is investigate and prosecute crimes," he said.

Before he was tapped as U.S. attorney, Lausch, 47, was a partner at the Kirkland & Ellis law firm in Chicago. He was sworn in to office in a private ceremony on the day before Thanksgiving, a little less than two weeks after his confirmation by the Senate. A public ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 1.

Lausch succeeds Zachary Fardon, who stepped down last March after Trump asked for the resignations of all Obama administration-era U.S. attorney holdovers.

A Joliet native, Lausch is the first person with Chicago-area roots to head the office in nearly 18 years. Lausch was captain of the 1987 state champion Joliet Catholic football team and went on to play linebacker at Harvard University, where he also was the team captain. He earned his law degree from Northwestern University and currently lives in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood with his wife and three children.

Lausch told reporters Wednesday he thinks his Chicago pedigree will serve him well in his new position, as will his background in football, where he first learned to work as a team. Pressed for details about his playing days, Lausch laughed and said there wasn't enough time.

"The Joliet (reporter) will tell you don't get me started, we'll be here for a long time," he said.

The last two months have been a bit of a homecoming for Lausch, who previously served a 10-year stint as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago, working on large-scale gang and drug cases and eventually earning a supervisory position under then-U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald.

He said it was during his time as an assistant that he realized someday "I'd love to come back as the boss."

Lausch said one of his biggest responsibilities is to decide how best to use the office's limited resources to prosecute cases that run the gamut from terrorism and bank robberies to white-collar crime, public

corruption and the Chicago mob. He has about 125 criminal prosecutors, 25 civil litigation attorneys and support staff, but Lausch said he expects to hire nine more attorneys in the coming weeks, including three who will be focused on violent crime.

"There are a lot of priorities in this office," he said. "The way I look at it is there are a lot of No. 1 priorities and a lot of 1As."

Lausch said that since he took office he's met with Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson as well as other local law enforcement leaders to double down on collaborative efforts to rein in the violence problem.

Like his predecessor, Lausch said it's not his role to try to "arrest our way out of the violent crime problem." He also noted that law enforcement in general has been dealing in recent years with an increasingly fragmented gang structure in Chicago. Instead of large, hierarchical organizations controlling large swaths of territory, there are smaller factions that often war with each other.

Lausch said his office is most effective when it chooses "cases that have impact," whether it's taking down gang leadership through an elaborate racketeering prosecution or getting a single, violent offender off the streets through a federal gun charge — something the U.S. attorney's office did a lot more of in 2017.

"We have an impact in doing particular gun cases against the right offenders," Lausch said. "People who have a substantial criminal history, to prosecute them and to have them receive a significant sentence and to go to a prison outside the state of Illinois — that can also be a deterrent."

No matter what, Lausch said, there is always going to be pressure on law enforcement to do more — something that certainly has been true so far in the law-and-order Trump administration.

"I don't look at it as pressure. I look at it as part of the job," Lausch said.

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Midway, O'Hare set record for passengers

But number of flights down last year at both airports

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
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Chicago set a local record last year for the number of passengers traveling through its two airports, but overall flights at Midway and O'Hare were down slightly, federal and city officials said Wednesday.

More than 102 million passengers traveled through O'Hare and Midway in 2017, surpassing a previous record set by the two airports in 2016, the city's Aviation Department said in a statement.

A record 1.9 million tons of cargo was handled at O'Hare, nearly a 12 percent increase over the record set in 2016, the city said.

Flights at O'Hare totaled 867,049 in 2017, marking a slight decrease of 0.1 percent from 2016. The number of flights last year at Midway — 251,341 — marked a decrease of 0.7 percent from 2016, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. Airline officials said this was due to "upgauging" — airlines flying fewer but bigger planes with more passengers.

"It's all about demand, and so as we've grown, especially in Chicago, we've seen demand increase," said Dan Landson, spokesman for Southwest Airlines, which has its biggest operation at Midway. "This is about adding the right mix of seats to the right mix of demand for passengers."

United Airlines spokesman Charles Hobart said the number of flights was down slightly at O'Hare while passenger count was up at the airline because of larger planes. O'Hare is United's biggest hub.

American Airlines reported a 3 percent increase in passengers from 2016 to 2017, and also expects an increase in flights in 2018 with the addition of five new gates set to open in April, said airline spokeswoman Leslie Scott.

O'Hare handled 79.8 million passengers in 2017, a 2.4 percent increase over 2016 and the highest total in the airport's history, according to the city. Midway saw one of its highest annual totals last year with 22.4 million passengers.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who often touts Chicago's advantages as a major aviation hub, said that it is "no coincidence" that the airports are seeing growth.

"The numbers represent Chicago's commitment to making lasting improvements in our international airports that keep attracting airlines, passengers and air cargo to invest in our city," Emanuel said in a statement.

Midway is in the middle of a \$400 million modernization program that includes a larger security checkpoint, a bigger garage, and more restaurants and retail shops. O'Hare has been expanding cargo space, and wants to modernize terminals and expand gate capacity through a new "O'Hare 21" capital program.

O'Hare is the nation's second-busiest airport by total flight operations after Atlanta, which saw a 2.1 percent drop in operations in 2016, the FAA said. Midway is the country's 26th-busiest airport.

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Divvy worker Mark Wilson refreshes a docking station with bicycles. The service hopes to draw more riders with a new pricing strategy.

Divvy to overhaul its pricing, give member riders more time

\$3 single-ride option, new 45-minute cap for annual users coming next month

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Divvy, Chicago's bike-share service that saw a dip in income in 2016 after an expansion to more city neighborhoods, is radically changing its pricing strategy in hopes of attracting more riders, the city said Wednesday.

The service is also offering options for longer rides than the half-hour cap currently in place.

Starting Feb. 1, riders can pay \$3 for a single, 30-minute ride. Divvy is eliminating the current \$9.95 24-hour pass, which allows users to take unlimited rides at 30 minutes apiece.

Also next month, Divvy will roll out a new \$15 "Explorer Pass" to allow recreational riders to take longer trips of up to three hours, up from the standard 30-minute ride, over a 24-hour period. Annual Divvy members also will immediately have access to extended 45-minute rides, from the current ride-time cap of 30 minutes. Twelve-month Divvy memberships will remain \$99.

"These new more flexible choices will provide benefits to all Divvy users, and we hope encourage some casual riders to join Divvy as annual members," Rebekah Scheinfeld, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation, said in a statement. Divvy is operated by the bike-share company Motivate International, under contract with CDOT.

In its 4½ years of operation, Divvy has grown to more than 37,000 annual members and saw 3.8 million trips last year. The first Divvy stations were set up in areas at or near the city center. However, while it is

popular in the Loop and other more affluent parts of the city like the Lincoln Park neighborhood, it has had a harder time getting established on the South and West sides, which tend to be less wealthy areas and have fewer regular cyclists, according to bike advocates.

One complaint made about Divvy is that it is often difficult to make a trip in just 30 minutes, especially in parts of the city away from the Loop where stores and other destinations are farther apart. Riders have complained that the 30-minute limit creates stress on what would otherwise be a relaxing trip, with users having to park a bike and find a new station and a new bike to avoid late fees.

Under the current system, tourists who ride on the lakefront often go over 30 minutes and pay overage charges, according to a source who is familiar with the program.

"While some other cities offer longer ride times, such as San Diego, this model is a unique approach among major U.S. bike-share systems," Kelly Goldthorpe, director of marketing and rider experience for Divvy, said in a statement. "The pass was inspired by the way we see visitors use the system most — with long rides along the lakefront and around town."

Divvy is also simplifying its late-fee structure to a flat rate of \$3 for 30 additional minutes across all fare options.

Ron Burke, executive director of the Active Transportation Alliance, an advocacy group for biking, pedestrians and transit, said Divvy has increased cycling in Chicago, and that giving people more time between dockings will make Divvy more convenient.

"It's a change many riders have asked for and will welcome," Burke said in the CDOT statement.

Divvy expanded in 2015 and 2016 to cover more than 100 square miles, includ-

ing more South and West side neighborhoods and the suburbs of Evanston and Oak Park.

As the Tribune reported last month, income from Divvy fell to \$1.97 million in 2016 from \$2.84 million in 2015, partly because of the higher costs resulting from its expansion, according to the CDOT. The city's Divvy income, which includes revenues from advertising and Blue Cross and Blue Shield sponsorship, bounced back in 2017 and is expected to hit a record of more than \$3 million, according to a source with knowledge of the program.

The Oak Park board of trustees voted last week to drop Divvy, citing too few riders for too much expense. At the Divvy station near Harlem Avenue and Lake Street in Oak Park this week, the bikes had been removed and black wrapping covered the docking station.

Benjamin Lipsman, 41, of Logan Square, said he had never tried Divvy because there was no single-ride price option. He was glad to hear of the pricing change.

"I've long said they needed a single ride fare for (the approximate) cost of CTA," Lipsman said in a tweet. He said he would never pay \$10 for a single trip, but \$3 was "fair."

Bike advocates also are discussing the option of dockless bike-sharing programs, which are being tried in other cities. Dockless bikes, which don't require parking stations, tend to be cheaper and offer longer ride times.

Dockless companies are talking with CDOT officials, who are still evaluating them. Some programs have encountered problems because of bikes cluttering sidewalks. Chicago does not have rules in place for a dockless bike system, such as how the bikes should be parked.

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Video shows cop decking 2 men in bar fight

Officer also facing discipline related to 2015 fatal shooting

BY DAN HINKEL
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Newly released video shows an off-duty Chicago police officer punching two men in the face, knocking both to the floor, in an early morning bar fight last month while he was already on desk duty for fatally shooting two people in 2015.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability on Wednesday posted the video online of the altercation involving Officer Robert Rialmo. The officer also faces potential firing in the shooting of Quintonio LeGrier, 19, and bystander Bettie Jones, 55.

Rialmo was charged Monday with two counts of battery and one count of theft, all misdemeanors, in connection with the fight at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria on the Far North-



A video frame grab shows Chicago police Officer Robert Rialmo, left, at Moretti's in Chicago on Dec. 17.

west Side about 2:45 a.m. Dec. 17. He is also accused of stealing the jacket of one of the men he is charged with hitting, a department spokesman said.

The silent bar surveillance footage shows Rialmo, in a long-sleeved shirt and backward baseball cap, pushing or punching a man, knocking him into a table and onto the floor. Another man moves toward Rialmo, the footage shows, and the officer drops

him with a punch.

As the first man rises to his feet, Rialmo lays him out with another punch, the video shows. Rialmo is then rushed from view of the cameras.

At a court hearing earlier Wednesday, Cook County Judge James O'Hara rebuffed a bid by Rialmo's attorney, Joel Brodsky, to block the release of the video. Brodsky argued the video could jeopardize Rialmo's right to fair legal

proceedings.

Despite his objection to its release, Brodsky said the video shows the officer was defending himself against drunken aggressors who menaced him. Brodsky said one of the men balled up his fist and pulled his arm back, while the other man grabbed the officer before Rialmo threw the punches. Rialmo punched the man as he was getting off the floor to prevent any further attacks, Brodsky said. He also denied the alleged theft, saying the jacket Rialmo took was his own.

Department officials stripped Rialmo of his police powers days after the incident. COPA — which investigates alleged misconduct by officers and posts video and records of incidents — is looking into the bar fight. At the time of the fight, Rialmo was already on paid desk duty pending an investigation into his on-duty shooting of LeGrier and Jones a day after Christmas in 2015 on the West Side. Five days after the bar

fight, COPA ruled that the shooting was unjustified.

LeGrier, who had apparently suffered mental health problems, came at Rialmo and his partner with an aluminum baseball bat as the officers responded to a call of a domestic disturbance. Rialmo shot the teen and accidentally hit Jones, a neighbor standing nearby. But COPA voiced skepticism about Rialmo's account of the confrontation, determining that the teen likely was farther from Rialmo when he opened fire than the officer had said.

COPA recommended that Rialmo be fired for the shooting. Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has until late March to decide what, if any, discipline he might seek from the Police Board. Brodsky has vowed to challenge COPA's ruling.

The shooting has led to a morass of litigation. Last month, the city's lawyers sought to file a lawsuit shifting blame for the shooting onto LeGrier and financial liability for Jones' death

onto the teen's estate. The city's lawyers dropped the litigation after the Tribune reported on the unconventional legal gambit.

Meanwhile, the many pending lawsuits over the case include those filed by the Jones and LeGrier families against Rialmo and the city. In an unusual move, Rialmo opted to choose his own attorney rather than being represented by a lawyer working for the city. Municipalities, though, generally cover legal costs incurred by police, meaning the city would still likely foot the bill for any losses in lawsuits against Rialmo.

In court Wednesday, Brodsky said he would agree to a \$25 million settlement with the Jones family. The attorney representing the city, Matthew Hurd, objected, saying Rialmo wouldn't have authority to make such a settlement without the city's participation. The judge made no ruling on the matter.

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approval and obtain financing for the mega-skyscraper — by no means a sure thing, as the saga of the never-built 2,000-foot Chicago Spire attests — it could be a political plus for Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who regularly touts the flock of construction cranes dotting the city's skyline as a sign of economic strength.

However, the plans also pose some political peril if they anger neighbors of the new high-rise whose views would be blocked. And historic preservationists could object to the plans on the grounds that the new skyscraper, which would be roughly three times the height of 36-story Tribune Tower, would dwarf the historic building. The skyscraper would rise on the north side of what is now a parking lot behind Tribune Tower.

A call and email to Lee Golub, executive vice president of Golub & Co., were not returned Wednesday night. Under the developers' current plans, Tribune Tower would be redeveloped over a three-year period, followed by the erection of the new skyscraper, a source confirmed.

Reilly said he has seen "several iterations" of renderings for the new building, describing it as a thin and soaring structure, but was still waiting to see the architects' final submission. Designs for the project have not been publicly released.

"It's gone through quite the evolution, and I think each tweak has improved the proposed design, but I know for a fact they're not done yet," said Reilly, 42nd. "I'll reserve comment on its design until they send over their best foot forward."

Development details

In 2016, CIM Group and Golub & Co. bought the Tribune property from Tribune Media, a broadcasting concern, for \$240 million. In addition to Tribune Tower, the property consists of three low-rise structures — a former printing plant, the four-story WGN Radio building and the 11-story WGN TV building — that connect to the iconic skyscraper.

Most of Tribune Tower's exterior and its main lobby — a hushed, churchlike space whose travertine marble walls are inscribed with quotations about freedom of the press and courage in battle — are protected by the city landmark status that was granted to the building in 1989.

Although the other buildings in the Tribune complex do not have protected status, their facades are likely to be preserved under the redevelopment

plan, Reilly and a source confirmed.

The Emanuel administration has been receptive to the size and scope of the project, including building what would become one of the city's tallest structures on the site, according to a source with knowledge of the discussions between City Hall and the developers.

Scrutiny from the Emanuel administration, the source said, has focused more on requiring the new skyscraper has a "top-notch" design and does not compromise the Ogden Slip view corridor, which guarantees the landmark Tribune Tower remain visible from Lake Shore Drive.

Reilly, who as alderman holds approval power over the project in his ward, cautioned the process "isn't even to the starting gate yet." He indicated a general openness to the height on the new building and the density it would bring while reserving the right to order up changes to its design, the exact mix of uses and the number of parking spaces.

The most recent version of the plans include the following details:

■ The new skyscraper would house 220 hotel rooms and 158 condo units, a source said. The redeveloped Tribune Tower would include 165 residential units, the source said. The Tribune Tower also would have retail on the first and second levels wrapping around the current Tribune complex, Reilly and a source confirmed.

■ The first two stories of the WGN Radio and TV buildings would house shops while the upper stories would be residential, Reilly said. One of the Tower's most distinctive features — fragments of historic buildings from around the world that are embedded in its ground-level Indiana limestone façade — would remain but could be relocated to different areas of the building, Reilly said.

■ The future of the Chicago Tribune sign, which spells out the newspaper's name in large Gothic letters on the south side of the old printing plant, remains under discussion, according to Reilly and another source.

The developers have expressed a desire to remove the sign, but the Emanuel administration is hesitant, noting that the sign has a historic tie to the building, one source said. Reilly said what happens to the sign will be subject to negotiations between his office and the developer but said it will either remain on the building or "in a very public space in the city."

■ It's unclear where the new skyscraper's hotel and condo entrance would be located, but options include off of upper Illinois Street on the site's north end and



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The Tribune Tower as seen across an icy Chicago River this month.

New plans for Tribune property

A proposal to be considered by city officials calls for a large skyscraper on the Tribune Tower property and converting the historic office building to condominiums.



A: Planned site: A hotel and condominium tower would rise to 1,388 feet on what is now a surface parking lot.

B: Tribune Tower: The 36-story, neo-Gothic skyscraper, finished in 1925, was the winning entry in a worldwide architecture competition. Under the plan, it would have 165 condominiums.

The following sections of the property would have shops below and residential above:

C WGN Radio Building: The four-story facility was built for the radio station in 1935.

D WGN Television Building: Built in 1950 as the home of WGN television studios, this building varies in height from eight to 11 stories.

E Former printing plant: This part of the complex, completed in 1920, was the Chicago Tribune's first building on North Michigan Avenue.

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Cityfront Plaza on the east.

■ The current plans contemplate 365 parking spaces, which Reilly said would not be a substantial increase on the number of spaces currently in the Tribune outdoor lot. The new skyscraper would include an additional 500 parking spaces, located on the second through eighth floors. But Reilly said he has pushed to reduce the number of parking spaces, citing an abundance of nearby public transportation.

Reilly confirmed that he

has been engaged in discussions with the developers for many months and added that he's not even sure what iteration of plans are currently being discussed "because there have been so many changes and tweaks made as they've been pulling together this proposal." Reilly called the mix of uses planned for the site appropriate but said the mix of condo units versus hotel rooms and the amount of parking "remains an open question."

Reilly, whose ward en-

compasses much of the Loop and River North, has not shown an aversion to tall buildings and noted his approval of the 1,191-foot Vista Tower across the Chicago River from the Tribune site. The height of Golub's proposed skyscraper, he said, is a good fit with the site and does not create as much density as some might expect, given the current plans for 323 condos. (The Willis Tower, at 1,451 feet, is Chicago's tallest.)

"As far as height, the neighborhood and downtown is best served by skinny and tall structures, and there isn't a tremendous amount of density proposed for this building when you compare it to other recent projects we've seen downtown," Reilly said. "The height might be a bit misleading. That's not a lot of density being introduced to this neighborhood. Other sites within blocks have been introduced with far more density, and they have not blown up the neighborhood."

The Tribune property carries two zoning classifications. The developers have agreed to Reilly's insistence that the lower of the two classifications be applied to the entire site but have proposed "buying" the right to construct more height and square footage on the site through Emanuel's density bonus program, the alderman and a source said.

That initiative charges developers to build bigger projects downtown and in the West Loop and then sets aside 80 percent of that money for the mayor's neighborhood opportunity fund that subsidizes developments and projects in South and West side neighborhoods that have struggled for decades to gain economic traction.

Under Golub's current

proposal, the developer would pay \$13.6 million to the city, another potential political win for Emanuel, according to sources familiar with the proposal.

The architects for the condominium conversion of Tribune Tower are Solomon Cordwell Buenz, a Chicago firm that specializes in new, residential high-rise buildings. The new skyscraper is being designed by Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill Architecture of Chicago. Smith led the design of the Trump Tower and the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, the world's tallest building, when he was at the Chicago office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

Some historic features face uncertain fate

In 1922, to mark the Tribune's 75th anniversary of publishing, its co-editors and co-publishers, Col. Robert McCormick and Capt. Joseph Patterson, put up \$100,000, a grand sum at the time, for an international architectural competition that sought a design for the world's most beautiful and distinctive office building.

The winning entry, by New York architects John Mead Howells and Raymond Hood, looked for inspiration to French Gothic cathedrals. It has become synonymous with the Tribune, which remains in the Tower but is due to move to One Prudential Plaza in the first half of this year.

Reilly has said he intends to require the developer to keep the Tribune's historic lobby open to the public for certain hours daily and indicated the Emanuel administration backs his position on that requirement. The "important public space," he noted, is a frequent stop by tourists and residents touring the city's architectural gems.

The fate of another historic feature of the building — McCormick's baronial 24th-floor office, which has dark pine walls, personalized ceiling decoration and a monumental fireplace inscribed with a quotation from the press lord — is also uncertain.

Reilly said Golub did not want McCormick's office open for tours to the public, citing security concerns. After touring the historic spaces at the top of the tower, Reilly said he responded by urging the developer to carefully dismantle McCormick's office and offer to relocate it to the Chicago History Museum or "some institution that expresses a strong interest in accepting it."

Another possibility: Cantigny, a 500-acre park in west suburban Wheaton, home of McCormick's one-time estate and that of his grandfather, legendary Tribune publisher Joseph Medill. The park also houses the Robert R. McCormick Museum in the publisher's former mansion.

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Democratic candidates for Illinois attorney general Aaron Goldstein, from left, Scott Drury, Nancy Rotering and Kwame Raoul answer questions Wednesday from the Tribune Editorial Board at Tribune Tower.

Attorney general candidates in shouting match at forum

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edly announced that she wouldn't seek another term.

The most heated exchanges focused on Raoul, whose opponents seized on thousands of dollars in campaign contributions he'd accepted from tobacco companies. The attorney general's office enforces a national tobacco settlement, and Raoul said his time as state lawmaker had proved "I'm simply not for sale."

That didn't satisfy his opponents. They questioned whether he could be an independent watchdog, given he'd raised money from industries that might be investigated by the attorney general's office. Raoul had more than \$1 million in the bank at the start of the year. That's more than his opponents.

The discussion quickly escalated into a shouting match.

Ruiz charged that at a forum with the Chicago Sun-Times this month, Raoul had defended taking the tobacco industry money by saying he'd had the contributions approved by the attorney general's office. Raoul repeatedly disputed having said that.

"You cannot tell me what

I said," Raoul shouted at one point.

"I heard you," Ruiz said. "You are a serial liar," Raoul replied.

When Northwest Side attorney Aaron Goldstein continued to press the issue, a heated Raoul turned to him and said, "Should I assume that everybody who gave you a contribution is buying you?"

"No," Goldstein replied. "Then you shouldn't assume that of me," Raoul said.

Goldstein asked if Raoul planned to recuse himself on matters relating to campaign donors, but Raoul did not offer a response.

But the heat wasn't just on Raoul. Madigan's decision not to run for reelection for attorney general comes at a time when Rauner has waged a year-long, multimillion-dollar campaign attacking House Speaker Michael Madigan's tenure. The result is a renewed focus on the part of candidates to prove their independence from the party establishment.

To that end, Drury, of Highwood, touted himself as the only House Democrat in decades to decline to vote for Madigan as speaker, and he dismissed several other

candidates as being in the party's pockets. "I think one of the big problems that we have in this room is that we have people that are beholden to powers that be that don't want to change anything," Drury said. He called Quinn "the patronage pal of Mike Madigan."

Rotering accused Drury of "the height of hypocrisy," noting that he had "taken money from people who are funding Rauner." Drury countered that one of Rotering's biggest donors was also a contributor to Rauner.

One area where the candidates agreed was in saying they would continue Lisa Madigan's pursuit of a consent decree to enforce excessive force reforms in the Chicago Police Department. They also mostly agreed on the matter of Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios, who is under fire after a series of reports by ProPublica Illinois and the Chicago Tribune found the Cook County assessor's office often overvalued low-priced properties while undervaluing high-priced ones, ultimately giving un-sanctioned tax breaks to wealthier property owners while punishing low-income residents and small-

business owners.

All of the candidates at Wednesday's forum said they thought Berrios should resign — except for Raoul.

"I think that's a question for the voters to answer," Raoul said. Berrios is also the chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, which endorsed Raoul in November.

Sharon Fairley, the former head of Chicago's new police oversight agency, said the party's refusal to turn on Berrios was "just incredibly, incredibly disappointing."

"He should be asked to step down," Fairley said. "It is unconscionable what has been happening in that office, and it is just a perfect example of how these entrenched political leaders can get into these offices, they use them to their advantage and just stay, stay, stay forever because the process is not working."

One longtime officeholder faced questioning about whether he should step aside to make room for fresh faces.

Quinn took over as governor from impeached Gov. Rod Blagojevich in 2009 and left office in 2015 after being defeated by Rauner. Quinn said he felt compelled to "step forward" and run for attorney general because "democracy is not a spectator sport."

"The only way you get these ideas out there, initiative and taking on the powers that be for everyday people, is to run for office, and I'm doing that," Quinn said. Prior to his time as governor, Quinn was lieutenant governor for six years and served one term as state treasurer in the 1990s.

Mariotti, a former federal prosecutor who now serves as a cable news regular who is critical of the administration of President Donald Trump, focused much of his speaking time Wednesday on attacking Quinn. Mariotti contended that past efforts to rein in corruption in state government have been insufficient.

"You know, we keep hearing about laws that you passed when you had all these different roles in state government, and we're left with a corrupt government that is corrupt and a government that people don't have trust in here in Illinois," Mariotti said to Quinn. "And I guess the question is: How can the people of Illinois expect that things are going to be different when we keep electing the same people who've been in charge, when these laws are passed that are supposedly enough to deal with corruption in Illinois and it hasn't been done?"

The notion that Quinn's time in politics was prompted a defense from Goldstein, who said it was another sign of "Cook County Democratic Party nonsense."

"Look, I would absolutely love to win this election, I think I'd be a great attorney general," Goldstein said. "As much as I want to win, and as much as I'd love for you all to drop out, this is democracy. For anyone to say you shouldn't run, like, go ahead and be on your merry way, is just reprehensible. ... These deals and forcing people to get out and telling them to get out is just absolutely ridiculous and undemocratic. And as the Democrats, we should not be standing for it."

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Critic suggests Burke broke code of ethics

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properties owned by companies for which Burke's law firm has saved millions of dollars in property taxes by appealing to lower assessments used to determine tax bills. The lower the assessment, the less paid in taxes.

If Munoz's proposal passed and the city increased assessments, the owners of the seven buildings, including the two represented by Klafter & Burke, would pay more in property taxes.

Shortly after Munoz introduced his proposal Jan. 17, Burke put up a potential roadblock. Munoz had asked that the measure be assigned to the Housing and Real Estate Committee, led by 49th Ward Ald. Joe Moore, who had planned to give it a hearing.

Burke intervened, saying the measure instead should be sent to the Finance Committee. That's where Burke holds great sway as chairman, in part by deciding whether a proposal ever gets a hearing.

When there's a dispute on which committee should consider a measure, the matter automatically goes to the Rules and Ethics Committee. Known as "purgatory" at City Hall, that's the place where controversial legislation often withers on the vine.

Both Munoz and Moore said they heard Burke request the committee change at the end of last week's council meeting. On Wednesday, Munoz sent aldermen an email urging that his proposal be quickly assigned to a committee.

"One could say he violated our rules by calling 'Finance' on a matter that directly affects him financially," Munoz said.

Munoz was referring to the city ethics code, which states that "no official or employee shall make or participate in the making of any governmental decision with respect to any matter in which he has any financial interest," earned money from during the past year or expects to earn money from in the coming year.

Neither Burke nor his spokesman responded to several requests for comment this week. And 8th Ward Ald. Michelle Harris, who is Rules chairman, did not return a call asking if she plans to hold a hearing to assign Munoz's proposal to a committee.

Ethics experts also questioned whether it was proper for Burke to intervene, even if so far he has not taken any votes on an issue affecting his firm's clients.

"In effect, you're exerting power not on how things will be decided, but whether it will be decided," said Cindi Canary, who led a 2012 Emanuel task force on revamping the city's ethics code. "In the end, you're looking at the same effect."

Sarah Brune, executive director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, also questioned Burke's procedural move. "It seems that there's definitely a potential conflict of interest," she said. "It would be better if that did not go before him."

Questions about conflicts of interest arise frequently for Burke, who has served a record 48



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Veteran Ald. Edward Burke holds great sway as chairman of the City Council's Finance Committee.

years on the City Council. The alderman often abstains from committee and council votes because his law firm represents businesses that could be affected by the outcome — even after presiding over committee hearings at which the issues were discussed.

In the case of Munoz's proposal, Klafter & Burke represents the owners of two properties on the list — one at 1 N. LaSalle St. in the heart of the Loop, the other at 1000 W. Fulton St., a historic landmark in Fulton Market, the former meatpacking district that's now one of Chicago's hottest areas.

The LaSalle Street property is a 47-floor high-rise managed by MB Real Estate. On his most recent statement of financial interests, which covered 2016, Burke declared his law firm had earned \$5,000 to \$24,999 representing MB Real Estate.

Burke's firm persuaded the Cook County Board of Review to reduce the assessed value of the property by 21 percent — from \$16.7 million to \$13.2 million, according to county records. That reduction cut the parcel's property tax bill by about \$700,000 — instead of paying \$3.3 million, the owners paid \$2.6 million in 2017.

A year earlier, Burke's firm won an assessment reduction of nearly \$4.7 million from Assessor Berrios' office, saving the building owner about \$855,000 on the 2016 tax bill. Berrios' office cited the building's partial occupancy and a category that often indicates renovations were made.

Burke's firm also represents SVF Fulton Chicago. The Fulton Street building is a rehabbed, historic 10-story structure that now houses Google's Midwest headquarters.

The firm got the Board of Review to lower the property's assessed value by nearly \$6.7 million, saving the building owner more than \$1.3 million for taxes paid last year.

A year earlier, the alderman's firm got Berrios' office to reduce the assessment for a previous owner by 72 percent — \$18.6 million — because the building was only partly occupied. That saved the owner nearly \$3.8 million on taxes in 2016.

How Berrios' office determines property values has become an issue in several campaigns following the Tribune-ProPublica Illinois series.

Munoz has a stake in that debate ahead of the March 20 Democratic primary election. He's backing Chris Kennedy, who has made Berrios and the state's property tax system central to his campaign. In the assessor's race, Munoz backs Fritz Kaegi, one of Berrios' challengers.

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Trump eyes DACA citizenship path

White House plans to offer immigrant blueprint Monday

By BRIAN BENNETT
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said for the first time Wednesday that he will call for a path to citizenship for so-called Dreamers, immigrants brought to the country illegally as children, many of whom now face deportation as a consequence of his past action.

Trump told reporters that he wanted a law that would give the mostly young immigrants legal status and ultimately a way to achieve full citizenship in 10 to 12 years. The change would be part of a package, however, including new limits on legal immigration and money for his proposed southern border wall.

White House officials said they would send the proposal Monday to Congress.

"Tell them not to be concerned," Trump said of the young immigrants. "Tell them not to worry. We will solve the problem."

While the president went further than before in expressing support for addressing the plight of the immigrants, agreement with Congress and between the political parties is hardly assured given the intensity of feelings on the broader immigration issues. But his backing is essential for any legalization proposal to pass in the House.

Many Republicans, especially in the House, oppose any legalization proposals as "amnesty," while Democrats resist many of Trump's



Immigrants, many brought to the U.S. illegally as children, protest outside the Capitol as lawmakers debate their future.

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proposed restrictions on legal immigration programs and a border wall.

Trump's remarks, however, marked the first time that he had committed himself to offer a specific, written proposal on the group. His shifting positions on how to handle their status have been a major frustration for lawmakers and one of the reasons Congress has been unable to resolve the issue.

Trump told reporters he wanted \$25 billion for the wall and \$5 for other border security measures. He said the border barrier would cover 800 miles and could include improved fencing, in addition to natural barriers. There are already about 700 miles of fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border.

In addition to money for the barrier, Trump has insisted that any bill must include more power for deportation agents, curbs on the ability of citizens and legal residents to sponsor relatives to resettle in the U.S., and an end to a visa lottery that brings in mostly Eastern European and African migrants.

Questions such as how much money for the wall is enough, how strict the curbs on relatives should be and what new powers to provide could all become items for lawmakers to trade in an eventual compromise. In addition, a major question is how many young immigrants to cover. Depending on how a bill is written, the number could run from about 700,000

who are currently protected from deportation to some 2 million.

"I have no problem whatsoever for them getting green cards," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that advocates for restricting immigration. "The question is how many get it?"

Roy Beck, president of NumbersUSA, who has spent decades lobbying Congress to reduce the number of immigrants coming to the U.S., said a pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients would be "reasonable" if it was accompanied by limiting sponsorship of family members and eliminating the visa lottery.

Trump's remarks come

days after a government shutdown, which occurred after Democrats blocked a funding bill in an unsuccessful bid to force action protecting the immigrants. Now Trump and Congress are scrambling for compromise legislation, months after Trump in September ordered an end on March 5 to the Obama-era program that protects them — Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA — and called on Congress to devise an alternative.

On Wednesday, 36 senators met to begin talks on an immigration deal. As part of the agreement to end the shutdown Monday, the Senate agreed to try to resolve the DACA issue as part of a broader immigration compromise by Feb. 8, when

federal funding again expires.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said the meeting, along with Trump's comments, were "encouraging signs." Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., agreed, saying, "The president is headed in the right direction here."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., also praised Trump's move, saying it "represents presidential leadership on immigration that will allow us to solve a difficult problem."

Durbin's comment was notable, given that he is a Democratic leader on the issue. It was his proposal with Graham that Trump rejected, a move that helped provoke the shutdown.

"The president wants to lead on this issue and that's exactly what we're going to do," press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Wednesday, hours before the president made remarks to reporters.

Sanders, in a statement, said the White House framework would reflect what the administration sees as a compromise to address both the young immigrants and measures Trump wants for limiting legal and illegal immigration.

The White House tack represents a break from Trump's approach two weeks ago when, in a bipartisan meeting about solving the DACA impasse, he said he'd "sign whatever bill they send me."

Since then he has rejected two bipartisan proposals.

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President Trump blasted three big-city mayors, saying they favored "illegal immigrants over law-abiding America."

Mayors scoff at new Justice threat

Emanuel, others skip confab after sanctuary city memo

By JOSEPH TANFANI AND EVAN HALPER
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Looking to show that his administration could provide leadership on two of the nation's biggest issues, President Donald Trump scheduled a White House meeting to talk with America's mayors on infrastructure and opioids.

Instead of showcasing an initiative that Trump has touted, the meeting became another battleground in the fierce, year-long war over illegal immigration. The mayors of New York, Chicago and New Orleans, all Democrats, boycotted after the Justice Department sent threatening letters Wednesday morning to 23 states, cities and counties over their sanctuary policies.

The letters demanded records showing whether police or corrections agencies are sharing information with federal agents about the immigration status of people in their custody. If the cities don't comply, the department said, it will issue subpoenas or cut off certain federal grant funds.

"We have seen too many examples of the threat to public safety represented by jurisdictions that actively thwart the federal government's immigration enforcement — enough is enough," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement Wednesday.

The letters were met with defiance by some big-city leaders, who were in Washington for the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"I will NOT be attending today's meeting at the White House after @realDonaldTrump's Department of Justice decided to renew their racist assault on our immigrant communities," tweeted New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio, who had been on the invite list.

"It doesn't make us safer and it violates America's core values."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who had not been invited to the White House, derided the latest letters as empty threats and "nothing but a distraction."

"We've often had to help each other out. Rahm, today we may have to bail each other out," Garcetti said in remarks at the mayors' conference, nodding to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Trump often railed against sanctuary policies during the campaign, and a

crackdown on sanctuary jurisdictions was one of his first actions as president. Sessions has repeatedly denounced the policies as a hazard to public safety and has used the leverage of justice grants to pressure cities into compliance.

But little that's concrete has happened. The cities fought back with court challenges, and federal judges in San Francisco and Chicago have issued rulings that sharply limited the administration's attempt to tie grants funds to cooperation with immigration enforcement.

"The idea that you are also going to take leaders, mayors, and put them in legal and criminal jeopardy because there's a disagreement ... it is really an amazing take for the attorney general to disregard what the court system has already said uniformly from coast to coast," Emanuel said during a news conference at the meeting of mayors.

Emanuel said he thinks Trump timed the letters to cities to make it tougher for the mayors conference attendees to draw attention to the fact the president hasn't made good on a campaign promise to deliver a massive infrastructure spending program.

"Two hundred billion

dollars for a trillion-dollar goal is fairy dust; it isn't real," Emanuel said of Trump's infrastructure pledge. "And I also think that the two issues are related, and that the president of the United States and his administration purposely issued the subpoenas today as we were heading because they did not want to have a conversation about infrastructure, and we all would see the emperor wears no clothes when it comes to his plan."

The Trump administration has floated plans for an infrastructure package that would provide \$200 billion in seed money and count on private investors and state and local governments to come up with up to \$1 trillion more for projects. Chicago wants billions of dollars to help with CTA improvements and extend the Red Line south of 95th Street.

The latest Justice Department letters, particularly the threat of subpoenas, inflamed the dispute.

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President says he'd 'love' talk with Mueller

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday he is "looking forward" to testifying before special counsel Robert Mueller and that he would speak under oath.

"I would love to do it, and I would like to do it as soon as possible," Trump said at the White House. "I would do it under oath, absolutely."

The president suggested he was being investigated

for obstruction of justice as part of the Russia investigation because he was "fighting back" and again reiterated there was "no collusion" between his campaign and Moscow.

"Oh well, did he fight back?" Trump said, "You fight back, oh, it's obstruction."

Mueller's team has told Trump's lawyers they want to question the president about the firing of national security adviser Mike Flynn and FBI Director James Comey. The special counsel's team has also asked

witnesses about Trump's reported attempts to oust Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

The president suggested the interview could take place in the next two or three weeks but said he continued to consult with his lawyers.

Trump also said he didn't recall asking acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe who he voted for in an Oval Office discussion earlier this year, as The Washington Post reported Wednesday night. The conversation left former and current FBI

officials concerned because they believed it was inappropriate for the president to ask a civil servant about his political leanings.

McCabe replaced Comey as head of the FBI until Christopher Wray was confirmed for the job in August.

"I don't think I did," he said. "I don't know what the big deal with that. I would ask you who you voted for. ... I don't remember asking him that question."

"I think it's also a very unimportant question," he added.



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President Donald Trump said Wednesday that he is willing to speak under oath with special counsel Robert Mueller.

Trump to join global elites in Davos

President to tell world: 'America is open for business'

By NOAH BIERMAN
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WASHINGTON — You can tell someone's status at the splashy World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, by the color of the badge around his or her neck. White goes to the top caste, the billionaires who run the world, or think they do.

President Donald Trump, the mogul who got elected by railing against global elites in favor of the "forgotten man and the forgotten woman," left late Wednesday and will arrive Thursday at the Alpine ski resort, where the elites gather annually for a two-day stay certain to be closely watched by both groups.

He'll host some white-badged European captains of industry at a fine dinner, meet with several heads of state from Britain and Africa who have been angered by his rhetoric, and deliver a major address that many at Davos hope will answer the question: How does his "America First" doctrine fit into this year's theme — "Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World"?

Dozens of world leaders routinely attend. Last year, China's President Xi Jinping was the star attraction, with a purposely un-Trumpian tribute to globalism. Trump will be the first sitting U.S. president to visit the conference since Bill Clinton did so in 2000, in part because predecessors of both parties have seen it as politically perilous to rub elbows in such rarefied company.

That has many diplomats, financiers and others around the world wondering how the self-styled populist will use the occasion — whether Trump will soft-sell his populist rhetoric, as some administration officials are urging, or strike a confrontational tone favored by his more national-



A Swiss Police officer keeps an eye on things from the roof of the Hotel Davos. President Donald Trump arrives Thursday.

ist advisers.

It was one of the globalists in Trump's inner circle, economic adviser Gary Cohn, who previewed the president's message for reporters Tuesday. "America First is not America alone," he said. "When we grow, the world grows. When the world grows, we grow."

He dismissed the notion that Trump's appearance comes in reaction to Xi's address at the conference last year, which many saw as China's bid to take on America's global leadership role as Trump seemed to retreat from it.

Cohn said that Trump would be traveling as a salesman "to tell the world that America is open for business."

Despite new tariffs, threats to leave the North American Free Trade Agreement and the president's decisions to withdraw from the Trans-

Atlantic Partnership trade agreement and the Paris climate accord, Cohn insisted that, "the U.S. is pulling back from nothing" and remained committed to trade.

Yet Trump's speech Friday will come on the heels of signs that he is getting more aggressive on trade, imposing new tariffs on solar panels and washing machines this week while sending sharply worded reports to Congress criticizing Chinese and Russian trade practices.

Support for both free trade and the need to combat global warming is virtual dogma at the conference. Trump has called climate change a Chinese hoax and turned his back on the Paris accord as well as multinational trade agreements with European and Pacific Rim nations.

The perils of globalism that Trump made so vivid

on the campaign trail — factory closings, outsourced jobs — are generally seen at Davos as the tradeoffs for greater prosperity overall in the United States and the rest of the world.

"It's not that the Davos elite never raise the downsides of globalization," said Jared Bernstein, a former economic adviser in the Obama administration. "It's just that whenever they do, the solution is more globalization."

"I think he's going to go and say 'Wake up and smell the coffee. This is what the world is really like and we are not going to stand by and get screwed,'" said Claire Reade, an assistant U.S. trade representative in the Obama administration.

The world has certainly seen this version of Trump, most recently at an international conference in Vietnam in November. There he

declared, "We are not going to let the United States be taken advantage of anymore," as he railed against "product dumping, subsidized goods, currency manipulation and predatory industrial policies." Still, as president, Trump just as frequently has held such rhetoric in check, as he did on the same trip in a conciliatory meeting with Xi in Beijing.

Even if Trump the nationalist resists much of the Davos ethos, another part of him could find the forum appealing — the salesman eager to woo business leaders in a way that few presidents have done in the past. And the setting also gels with his long-honed brand as a man who likes luxury and fame.

A confidant, who asked for anonymity, said Davos would test Trump's "twin compulsions" — a sense of grievance toward the elites

and a desire to be accepted by them. Trump is now the most famous resident of Palm Beach, Fla., another enclave of extreme privilege, but he largely crashed his way in, flouting the island's discreet traditions as he fought for years with the town council to turn Mar-a-Lago into a cereal heiress' estate into a showy membership club.

"On the one hand, he hates them because he's an outsider and the fancy people would never accept him. They view him as nouveau riche," said the confidant. "But he wants to be accepted by them. He wants them to think he's doing a good job."

Regardless of how he is perceived, Trump will have access to all the top parties and meetings he could ever want. And he doesn't even need a badge.

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15 Ky. residents sue over new Medicaid work rule

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WASHINGTON — Kicking off what will likely be a long legal battle over the Trump administration's push to reshape Medicaid, 15 low-income Kentucky residents sued the federal government Wednesday, challenging the recent move to allow states to impose work requirements on some Medicaid enrollees.

The lawsuit, spearheaded by three public-interest legal groups, accuses the federal Department of Health and Human Services of violating the core purpose of the half-century-old government health plan for the poor by granting a request from Kentucky to impose the work mandate.

It charges federal officials in Washington and state officials in Kentucky with taking steps designed to reduce access to Medicaid's protections, including complex reporting mandates, higher costs and the work requirement.

"Allowing the state to ignore fundamental Medicaid protections will result in large numbers of low-income individuals and families losing health care coverage," said Jane Perkins, legal director of the National Health Law Program, which is representing the plaintiffs alongside the Kentucky Equal Justice Center and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The Trump administration this month granted a request from Kentucky to break with decades of Medicaid policy and require working-age adults who are not disabled or acutely ill to work a minimum number of hours each week or participate in other "community engage-



Acting Health and Human Services Secretary Eric Hargan, left, and Gov. Matt Bevin defend the Medicaid waiver Wednesday in Frankfort, Ky. Hargan said the rule is legal.

ment" activities, such as seeking work, going to school or volunteering.

Those who don't meet the requirements or don't provide adequate documentation will lose coverage.

Kentucky has projected significant cost reductions under the new policy, largely because growing numbers of poor Kentuckians will be caught up in the complex reporting requirements and paperwork, causing them to lose coverage.

But Trump administration officials said in approving Kentucky's proposal that the change would "promote Medicaid's objective of improving beneficiary health" and "provide incentives for responsible decision-making."

The state will also be able to charge Medicaid recipients premiums for their coverage, joining several other states that have begun imposing more costs on poor patients.

The new requirements have been controversial as there is little evidence that such approaches improve Medicaid patients' health.

That is central to the lawsuit, whose outcome may hinge on whether courts view the Trump administration's decision to grant Kentucky's request — or waiver — as consistent

with the program's goals.

"The purpose of Medicaid is to provide medical insurance to people who cannot afford it, not to create barriers to coverage," said Anne Marie Regan, senior attorney for the Kentucky Equal Justice Center.

The plaintiffs also argue that the administration, which has pledged to "fundamentally transform Medicaid," has overstepped its authority.

A spokesman at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, whose director Seema Verma is named in the lawsuit, said the agency's policy is not to comment on pending litigation.

Kentucky has seen some of the biggest gains in coverage since full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare, began in 2014. The state's uninsured rate fell by more than half.

But Gov. Matt Bevin, a Republican who inherited the expansion from his Democratic predecessor, has been a critic of the health law, arguing it is unaffordable.

Now, notwithstanding the courts, the state's plan to introduce work requirements to Medicaid may pave the way for as many as 10 additional states to impose similar requirements.

As ISIS loses ground, U.S. losing grounds for mission

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WASHINGTON — For the last few years, the United States could neatly sum its objective in Syria in a single, uncontroversial bullet point: fighting the Islamic State group. Now that the extremists have been squeezed from all but the last bits of their former territory, the Trump administration is struggling to define the boundaries of its mission, and how and when America's lengthy engagement will end.

A crisis between the U.S. and Turkey, triggered by the latter's new military offensive in Syria, has laid bare how a dizzying array of alliances in Syria is growing even more convoluted in the absence of Islamic State as a major force. Either the Americans must abandon the Kurds who fought alongside them in Syria, or a profound rift with a NATO ally appears all but inevitable.

Although Turkey has long been incensed by U.S. military support for Syrian Kurdish fighters, calling them terrorists, the U.S. could make a compelling case while the Kurds spearheaded the anti-Islamic State fight. While ISIS, as Islamic State is also known, recedes as an immediate threat, the legs of that argument are falling away, fueling growing Turkish outrage that even the Trump administration acknowledges has some merit.

"This is a tough circle to square. It's the ultimate in heavy diplomatic lifting," said Frederic Hof, who oversaw Syria policy in the Obama administration's first term and is now at the Atlantic Council.

The Islamic State's retreat also has forced the U.S. to stretch its legal rationale thinner for operating in Syria. Doing so



People try to clear the rubble inside a mosque hit by a rocket Wednesday in Kilis, Turkey, near the Syrian border.

has raised delicate questions about whether Congress and the American people have truly signed off on a mandate for Syria that goes far beyond killing terrorists.

Senior Trump administration officials said they need no additional authorization to be in Syria because ISIS remains a serious and persistent threat, requiring a continued U.S. presence to ensure it doesn't regroup and again imperil Syria's future.

Such arguments create another problem, especially for a president often eager to claim successes: Trump cannot declare victory of any sort against ISIS in Syria without empowering those who argue Islamic State's defeat means the U.S. has no business staying in Syria.

Small pockets of ISIS fighters still active in eastern Syria back up the U.S. justification — for now. On Tuesday, American airstrikes killed up to 150 Islamic State fighters at a command center in the area known as the Middle Euphrates River Valley, the U.S.-led coalition said. The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, comprised largely of Kurdish fighters, helped.

The U.S. sees another threat in al-Qaida's potential resurgence. It also

wants to stem Iran's growing influence in Syria and Russia's support for Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The Trump administration's messaging Tuesday highlighted Syria's combustible mix of conundrums for the United States.

In Asia, Defense Secretary James Mattis chastised Turkey for its offensive against the Kurds. And Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in Paris and U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley at the United Nations renewed accusations of Russian complicity in chemical weapons use, following claims of a new attack this week outside Damascus.

"Whoever conducted the attacks, Russia ultimately bears responsibility for the victims," Tillerson said at a meeting designed to ensure accountability for chemical weapons strikes.

"The violence in Afrin disrupts what was a relatively stable area of Syria," Mattis lamented in Indonesia. "It distracts from the international efforts to ensure the defeat of ISIS."

Asked if Washington had a moral obligation to the Kurds, senior U.S. officials who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity said Trump's "America First" doctrine dictated that the U.S. always prioritize its own interests.

Scientists clone monkeys, leapfrog closer to humans

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NEW YORK — For the first time, researchers have used the cloning method that produced Dolly the sheep to create healthy monkeys, bringing science an important step closer to being able to do the same with humans.

Since Dolly's birth in 1996, scientists have cloned nearly two dozen kinds of mammals, including dogs, cats, pigs, cows and polo ponies, and have also created human embryos with this method.

But until now, they have been unable to make babies this way in primates, the category that includes monkeys, apes and people.

"The barrier of cloning primate species is now overcome," declared Muming Poo of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Shanghai.

In a paper released Wednesday by the journal Cell, he and his colleagues announced that they created two macaques.

The female baby monkeys, about 7 and 8 weeks old, are named Zhong Zhong and Hua Hua.

"It's been a long road," said one scientist who tried and failed to make monkeys and was not involved in the new research, Shoukhrat Mitalipov of Oregon Health & Science University. "Finally, they did it."

In principle, Poo said, the feat means humans can be cloned. But he said his team has no intention of doing that. Mainstream scientists generally oppose making human babies by cloning, and Poo said society would ban it for ethical reasons.

Instead, he said, the goal is to create lots of genetically identical monkeys for use in medical research, where they would be particularly valuable because they are more like humans than other lab animals such



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Cloned macaques monkeys Zhong Zhong and Hua Hua, both female, play with a toy. They are about 2 months old.

as mice or rats.

The process is still inefficient — it took 127 eggs to get the two babies — and so far it has succeeded only by starting with a monkey fetus. The scientists failed to produce healthy babies from an adult monkey, though they are still trying and are awaiting the outcome of some pregnancies.

Dolly caused a sensation because she was the first mammal cloned from an adult.

The procedure was technically challenging.

Essentially, the Chinese scientists removed the DNA-containing nucleus from monkey eggs and replaced it with DNA from the monkey fetus. These reconstituted eggs grew and divided, finally becoming an early embryo, which was then placed into female monkeys to grow to birth.

The scientists implanted 79 embryos to produce the two babies.

Still, the approach succeeded where others had failed.

Poo said that was because of improvements in lab techniques and because researchers added two substances that helped reprogram the DNA from the fetus. That let the DNA abandon its job in the fetus,

which involves things like helping to make collagen, and take on the new task of creating an entire monkey.

The Chinese researchers said cloning of fetal cells could be combined with gene editing techniques to produce large numbers of monkeys with certain genetic defects that cause disease in people. The animals could then be used to study such diseases and test treatments.

The researchers said their initial targets will be Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Mitalipov said he suspects attempts to clone babies from a human adult would also fail. "I don't think it would be advisable to anyone to even think about it," he said.

Jose Cibelli, a scientist at Michigan State University, said it might be technically possible someday, but "criminal" to try now because of the suffering caused by the many lost pregnancies the process entails.

Federal regulators in the U.S. would not allow making a human baby by cloning, and international scientific groups also oppose it, said biomedical ethics expert Insoo Hyun of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Captive kids share story with investigators slowly

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RIVERSIDE, Calif. — The California children who authorities say were tortured by their parents and so malnourished that their growth was stunted are slowly providing valuable information to investigators, a prosecutor said Wednesday.

"Victims in these kinds of cases, they tell their story, but they tell it slowly. They tell it at their own pace," Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin said. "It will come out when it comes out."

David and Louise Turpin are accused of abusing their 13 children — ranging from 2 to 29 — before they were rescued on Jan. 14 from their home in Perris. They have pleaded not guilty to torture and other charges.

Prosecutors say the Turpins punished their children by beating and choking them, tying them to beds for weeks or months at a time, depriving them of food and forcing them to stay up all night and sleep during the day.

The charges against each defendant include 12 counts of torture and 12 counts of false imprisonment, seven counts of abuse of a dependent adult and six counts of child abuse.

David Turpin was also charged with one count of a lewd act on a child under the age of 14.

On Wednesday, a judge signed a protective order prohibiting the parents from contacting any of their children, except through attorneys or investigators.

"It protects everyone involved, including my client," David Turpin's attorney, David Macher, said about the order. "I don't want my client exposed to accusations that he attempted to harass or



GINA FERRAZZI/GETTY-AFP
Attorneys counsel abuse suspects David Turpin, left, and Louise Turpin, far right, Wednesday in Riverside, Calif.

threaten a witness."

Louise Turpin's attorney declined to comment after the hearing.

The couple, who are in custody in lieu of \$12 million bail each, were told to stay at least 100 yards away from their children unless they are in court. They were also barred from having firearms if they were to be released.

"You must have no personal, telephone or electronic or written contact" with the children, Judge Emma Smith told each of the Turpins. The order is set to expire Jan. 24, 2021.

Before the brief hearing, Louise Turpin looked at her husband and smiled.

All of the children remained hospitalized and were relieved to be out of the home that authorities have described as a torture chamber, Hestrin said.

Deputies arrested the husband and wife after their 17-year-old daughter climbed out a window and called 911. Authorities found the siblings in the family's filthy home, with three of them shackled to beds.

Investigators have learned that the children were isolated from each other and locked in different rooms in small groups, Hestrin said.

The children did not have access to televisions or radios but were able to read and write and expressed themselves in hundreds of journals that were seized from the home, the district attorney said.

"It appears to me that they lacked any kind of understanding about how the world worked," Hestrin said.

One of the older boys had taken a variety of classes at Mt. San Jacinto College, a community college, but his mother took him to the campus and waited outside class for him, Hestrin said.

The college confirmed that one of the Turpins had been a student but refused to provide additional information, including some that is generally releasable under federal privacy laws.

Earlier this week, Louise Turpin's half-brother, Billy Lambert, told several news organizations that she had aspired to have a reality television show focusing on their large family.

But Hestrin said investigators have uncovered no evidence indicating the couple was seeking media attention or a show.

Los Angeles Times contributed.

Disgraced doctor handed 'death warrant'

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would be more than 100 years old if still alive.

He is also scheduled to be sentenced next week on more assault convictions in Eaton County, Mich.

A prosecutor called Nassar "possibly the most prolific serial child sex abuser in history" and said competitive gymnastics provided the "perfect place" for his crimes because victims saw him as a "god."

Prosecutor Angela Povilaitis also said Nassar "perfected a built-in excuse and defense" as a doctor, even though he was "performing hocus-pocus medicine."

"It takes some kind of sick perversion to not only assault a child but to do so with her parent in the room, to do so while a lineup of eager young gymnasts waited," Povilaitis said.

She urged people to believe young victims of sexual abuse no matter whom they accuse and praised journalists, including those at the Indianapolis Star, who were among the first to report on the allegations.

Although Nassar's work with gymnasts received the most attention, the allegations against him spanned a dozen sports over 25 years.

At one point, Nassar turned to the courtroom gallery to make a brief statement, saying that the victims' accounts had "shaken me to my core." He said "no words" can describe how sorry he is.

"I will carry your words with me for the rest of my days" he said as many of his accusers wept.

The judge then read from a letter that Nassar had written to her that raised questions about whether he's truly remorseful. The victims who packed the courtroom gasped as they heard passages that included "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" and another in which Nassar said the "stories" about him were fabricated.

He also defended his actions with the athletes as "medical, not sexual."

"I was a good doctor



CARLOS OSORIO/AP
Judge Rosemarie Aquilina glares in the direction of Larry Nassar during the doctor's sentencing hearing Wednesday in a Lansing, Mich., courtroom.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP
Nassar received a sentence of 40 to 175 years in prison for abuse of gymnasts.

because my treatment worked, and those patients that are now speaking out were the same ones that praised and came back over and over, and referred family and friends to see me," Nassar wrote.

One of the first athletes to publicly accuse Nassar of sexual assault was the last victim to offer a statement at the hearing.

Rachael Denhollander is a Kentucky lawyer who stepped forward in 2016 after the sport's governing body was accused of mishandling complaints of sexual assault. She said Nassar groped and fondled her when she was a 15-year-old gymnast in Michigan.

Denhollander's state-

Michigan State president resigns after sex abuse scandal

BY SUSAN SVRLUGA
The Washington Post

Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon resigned Wednesday night in the wake of the Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal, saying, "as tragedies are politicized, blame is inevitable."

Simon, who had been credited with building the public university into a formidable academic center, bolstered by fundraising and re-

search prowess, stepped down in the face of a wave of public outrage.

Simon said she had planned to retire in 2016, but postponed her departure after learning of allegations about Nassar.

In a statement, she spoke directly to survivors, who have challenged her in harrowing testimony in recent days:

"To the survivors, I can never say enough that I am so sorry that a trusted, renowned physician was

really such an evil, evil person who inflicted such harm under the guise of medical treatment. I know that we all share the same resolve to do whatever it takes to avert such tragedies here and elsewhere."

Brian Breslin, chairman of the board of trustees, said the board would accept Simon's resignation.

Nassar was sentenced Wednesday to 40 to 175 years in prison for molesting girls and women under the guise of medical treatment.

ments to Michigan State University police put the criminal investigation in high gear in 2016.

"You have become a man ruled by selfish and perverted desires," she told Nassar, who worked at the university and USA Gymnastics, the governing body that also trains Olympians.

Hours after the sentencing, MSU President Lou Anna Simon said she was resigning amid mounting pressure over the way the university handled the Nassar case. That came shortly after Michigan lawmakers voted overwhelmingly for a nonbinding House resolution that sought her removal

over allegations that the school missed chances to stop Nassar.

Nassar pleaded guilty to assaulting seven people in the Lansing area, including in the basement of his home and at his campus office. But the sentencing hearing was open to anyone who said they were a victim.

Accusers said he would use his ungloved hands to penetrate them, often without explanation, while they were on a table seeking help for various injuries.

The accusers, many of whom were children, said they trusted Nassar and were in denial about what was happening or were

afraid to speak up. He sometimes used a sheet or his body to block the view of any parent in the room.

Several elite former gymnasts talked about how Nassar won their allegiance with candy, Olympic trinkets and encouraging words while they were under constant scrutiny from demanding coaches.

The judge praised the victims who appeared in her court, calling them "sister survivors." The women included Olympians Aly Raisman, Jordyn Wieber and McKayla Maroney.

The judge also called for a broader investigation into how the abuse was allowed

to go on for so long. She said justice "requires more" than what she can do.

The CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee soon announced an independent inquiry. Scott Blackmun said the third-party investigation will attempt to determine "who knew what and when."

Brooke Hylek, a gymnast who plans to compete in college, heaped scorn on Nassar.

"I cannot believe I ever trusted you, and I will never forgive you," she said Tuesday. "I'm happy you will be spending the rest of your life in prison. Enjoy hell, by the way."

Cuba tourism soars despite U.S. shift

Trump policy fails to stop record visits by 619,000 Americans

BY ANDREA RODRIGUEZ
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HAVANA — On a sweltering early summer afternoon in Miami's Little Havana, President Donald Trump told a cheering Cuban-American crowd that he was rolling back some of former President Barack Obama's opening to Cuba in order to starve the island's military-run economy of U.S. tourism dollars and ratchet up pressure for regime change.

That doesn't appear to be happening. Travel to Cuba is booming from dozens of countries, including the United States.

And the tourism dollars from big-spending Americans seem to be heading into Cuba's state sector and away from private business, according to Cuban state figures, experts and private business people.

The government figures show that 2017 was a record year for tourism, with 4.7 million visitors pumping more than \$3 billion into the island's otherwise struggling economy.

The number of U.S. travelers rose to 619,000, more than six times the pre-Obama level. But amid the boom — an 18 percent increase over 2016 — owners of private restaurants and bed-and-breakfasts are reporting a sharp drop-off.

"There was an explosion of tourists in the months after President Obama's de-tenement announcement. They were everywhere!" said Rodolfo Morales, a retired government worker who rents two rooms in his home for about \$30 a night. "Since then, it's fallen off."

The ultimate destination of U.S. tourism spending in Cuba seems an obscure data point, but it's relevant to a decades-old goal of American foreign policy — encouraging change in Cuba.



RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

Tourists snap photos of one of the dogs protected by workers in Havana. U.S. tourism spending at private-sector businesses seems to be falling in Cuba.

For more than 50 years, Washington sought to strangle nearly all trade with the island in hopes of spurring economic collapse. Obama changed that policy to one of promoting engagement as a way of strengthening a Cuban private sector that could grow into a middle class empowered to demand reform.

Cuba's tourism boom began shortly after Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced in December 2014 that their countries would re-establish diplomatic relations and move toward normalization. U.S. cruise ships began docking in the Bay of Havana and U.S. airlines started regular flights to cities across the island.

Overall tourism last year was up 56 percent over

Cuba's roughly 3 million visitors in 2014.

While the U.S. prohibits tourism to Cuba, Americans can travel here for specially designated purposes like religious activity or the vaguely defined category of "people-to-people" cultural interaction.

Obama allowed individuals to participate in "people-to-people" activities outside official tour groups. Hundreds of thousands of Americans responded by designing their own Cuban vacations without fear of government penalties.

Since Cuba largely steers tour groups to government-run facilities, Americans traveling on their own became a vital market for the island's private entrepreneurs, hotly desired for their free spending, heavy

tipping and a desire to see the "real" Cuba.

The surge helped travel-related businesses maintain their role as by far the most successful players in Cuba's small but growing private sector.

Trump's new policy reimposed the requirement for "people-to-people" travel to take place only in tour groups, which depend largely on Cuban government transportation and guides.

As a result, many private business people are seeing so many fewer Americans that it feels like their numbers are dropping, even though the statistics say otherwise.

"Tourism has grown in Cuba, with the exception of American tourism," said Nelson Lopez, a private

tour guide.

While Trump's new rules didn't take effect until November, their announcement in June led to an almost immediate slackening in business from individual Americans, many Cuban entrepreneurs say.

The situation was worsened by Hurricane Irma striking Cuba's northern coast in September and by a Cuban government freeze on new licenses for businesses, including restaurants and B&Bs. Cuban officials say the freeze was needed to control tax evasion, purchase of stolen state goods and other illegality in the private sector, but it's had the effect of further restricting private-sector activity in the wake of Trump's policy change.

Trump's policy changes

did not touch flights or cruise ships.

Jose Luis Perello, a tourism expert at the University of Havana, said more than 541,000 cruise ship passengers visited Cuba in 2017, compared with 184,000 the previous year. Even as entrepreneurs see fewer U.S. clients, many of those cruise passengers are coming from the United States, he said.

Yunaika Estanque, who runs a three-room B&B overlooking the Bay of Havana, says she has been able to weather a sharp drop in American guests because a British tour agency still sends her clients, but things still aren't good.

"Without a doubt our best year was 2016, before the Trump presidency," she said.

Barbudans fear loss of slow life in Eden

Since evacuating after Hurricane Irma, they suspect government on Antigua

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Months after Hurricane Irma blazed its destructive path through the Caribbean, the once vibrant community on the tiny island of Barbuda is still struggling to rebuild paradise lost.

Before the September storm, Barbuda was a nearly forgotten Eden about the physical size of the District of Columbia. Its 1,700 inhabitants were family, literally. The descendants of African slaves brought centuries ago by the British, many islanders were related. The workdays were short, and the lobster was sweet. There were no street addresses. Everyone went by their first names.

Irma's Category 5 winds damaged virtually 100 percent of the island. In its aftermath, and as Hurricane Jose threatened to hit, the island was evacuated.

A few hundred Barbudans have since returned, seeking to rebuild. But the hurricane has ripped open old wounds in Antigua and Barbuda, a Caribbean nation of two very different islands where long-standing tensions have spilled

over. Barbudans who have returned are furious at, and suspicious of, the national government in bigger, more developed Antigua. They smell a plot to deter Barbudans from going back, to sell out the island to developers.

But the government in Antigua says the time has come for Barbuda to be dragged into the modern world, abandoning a throw-back culture of collective land ownership in favor of modern property laws. If Barbudans own their own land and houses, they can, the government says, take out loans to rebuild their properties without taxpayer assistance.

In the balance is a cherished Caribbean lifestyle that Barbudans fear may never again be what it was before the wrath of Irma.

The island: On Barbuda, the rebuilding effort after Hurricane Irma has a long way to go. Street debris has been cleared, but many houses remain in tatters. Some of the few hundred returnees are sleeping in tents outside the ruins of their homes.

But Wayde Burton, a local city councilor, has managed to reopen the only



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Skyler Hopkins, 12, helps his father, Shiraz, build a fence around their home in Barbuda.

store on the island, Lil-Linc's Supermarket. And a daily ferry is running between Barbuda and Antigua, leaving in the early morning and going back in the late afternoon. But it's unreliable, residents say, and often crowded, making even getting to Barbuda a chore.

Rebuilding: Shiraz Hopkins, a Barbuda farmer, fled to neighboring Antigua during the islandwide evacuation in September. Much of his livestock survived Irma. But in the storm's after-

math, local pit bulls killed off many of his goats, sheep and turkeys. He returned to Barbuda in November, and he argues that the government has been too slow in restoring electricity and water and rebuilding the local primary school.

Many Barbudans have stayed on Antigua, finding jobs and building new lives. But he and other returnees are vowing to stay. "With God's help, I will get back what I had and even more," he said.

The 'Dog Hotel': In Irma's

wake, people were evacuated from Barbuda, but animals mostly weren't. It created a problem as abandoned dogs, formerly pets, formed hunting packs and preyed on sheep, goats and chickens. Some dogs were put down by animal control squads, but others are being housed in a makeshift kennel inside a damaged hotel.

On a December afternoon, 20 dogs were chained up at the "Dog Hotel," living in what appeared to be poor conditions. That month, however, work was to begin on a new facility meant to

serve as a long-term animal shelter.

A new airport? One bone of contention between Barbudan returnees and the national government in Antigua is the reconstruction of the island's airport. The government is moving ahead with plans for a bigger, more fortified facility that officials say will aid in the reconstruction effort and provide long-term economic benefits. But critics on Barbuda say the project is aimed at opening the long quiet island to larger-scale tourism, which locals would be against.

The faith: Faith has returned to Barbuda in the form of Bishop Nigel Henry, pastor at the local Pentecostal church, who is again holding services on the island. The church is attempting to aid local residents, providing food when possible and occasionally organizing transportation for Barbudans on Antigua to get back to their island when the ferry service isn't available.

Meanwhile, in Antigua: Most of the 1,700 Barbudans evacuated from the island in the aftermath of Irma have taken up residence on their sister island of Antigua, where life is radically different. For them, Antigua is a leap into the modern world, with massive cruise ships, a faster pace of life and even a Burger King.

Richardson quits Suu Kyi panel on Rohingya refugee crisis

BY FOSTER KLUG
Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar — Former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson has resigned from an advisory panel on the Rohingya refugee crisis, calling it a "whitewash and a cheerleading operation" for Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The resignation Wednesday of probably the panel's most prominent U.S. politician and diplomat who consid-

ered Suu Kyi a friend, raises questions about international efforts to deal with the fallout of Myanmar military operations since August against the Rohingya Muslims that the United Nations has called "text-book ethnic cleansing."

It also offers possible insight into the thinking of Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate once revered as an icon of human rights



Richardson

whose leadership during the Rohingya crisis has shocked many outsiders.

Richardson, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and President Bill Clinton's energy secretary, castigated Suu Kyi for blaming outsiders for the crisis instead of looking honestly at military actions that have forced nearly 700,000 Rohingya to flee to squalid refugee

camps in Bangladesh, where they have spoken of mass killings, rapes and the obliteration of villages in Myanmar.

"She believes there's a concerted international effort against Myanmar, and I believe she is wrong," Richardson said Wednesday at his hotel in downtown Yangon, the country's biggest city. "She blames all the problems that Myanmar is having on the international media, on the U.N., on human rights groups, on other governments."

Suu Kyi appears to want the 10-member advisory board, which is meant to implement earlier Rohingya recommendations made by a group led by former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, to validate her Rohingya policies, Richardson said.

"The advisory board is mainly a whitewash and a cheerleading operation for the Myanmar government, and I'm not going to be part of it because I think there are serious issues of human rights violations, safety, citi-

zenship, peace and stability that need to be addressed," Richardson said.

Richardson's criticism of Suu Kyi and his resignation from the panel come as refugees cram into camps in Bangladesh rife with poverty, disease and an air of hopelessness.

More than 680,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled the military of majority Buddhist Myanmar, which began operations against them following attacks by an Islamic militant group Aug. 25.

NEWS BRIEFING

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U.S. blacklists N. Korea business interests in China and Russia

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has imposed a slew of sanctions on North Korean financial and business networks in China and Russia.

The Treasury Department also blacklisted five North Korean shipping companies and six vessels.

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin says the U.S. is systematically targeting individuals and entities that finance Kim Jong Un's government

and its weapons programs, and help it evade sanctions.

Among those targeted Wednesday were 10 representatives in China and Russia of the Korea Ryonbong General Corp., which supports the North's defense industry and already is under U.S. and U.N. sanctions.

Americans are barred from dealing with them. Washington also wants them expelled from countries where they reside.

Court upholds graft conviction against ex-Brazil leader da Silva

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — A Brazilian appellate court delivered a big blow to former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Wednesday, unanimously upholding his graft conviction and even adding years to his prison sentence in a ruling that could keep him out of the October presidential election for which he has been leading in the polls.

The decision was the latest legal setback for da

Silva, who was wildly popular as president in 2003-2010 but has since been dogged by corruption allegations amid a mushrooming scandal that has taken down top politicians and business executives in Brazil.

Da Silva's conviction of corruption and money laundering was based on charges that he was promised a payoff from a construction company in return for contracts.

Pence breaks tie to confirm Brownback for religious post

WASHINGTON — The Senate narrowly confirmed Kansas Republican Gov. Sam Brownback to a diplomatic post to promote religious freedom Wednesday, with GOP leaders needing the help of Vice President Mike Pence to break a deadlock over his controversial nomination.

Brownback was confirmed to be ambassador at large for international religious freedom on a

50-49 margin. All Democrats united against him and two Republicans — Sens. John McCain and Bob Corker — were absent. Pence cast the tiebreaking vote for Brownback in his role as president of the Senate.

Wednesday's vote marked the eighth time that the vice president has had to break a tie in the Senate since the start of the Trump presidency just over a year ago.



NOORULLAH SHIRZADA/GETTY-AFP

Attack in Jalalabad: Afghan police guard the site of charity Save the Children on Wednesday after gunmen stormed the group's offices, killing four people and triggering a shootout that lasted almost 10 hours. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

Army to send female infantry, armor officers to 3 more bases

WASHINGTON — As more female soldiers move into frontline combat jobs, the Army's top leaders have decided to integrate female officers into infantry and armor brigades at three more military bases around the country.

The decision comes a year after the first women began enlisting in the ground combat units, and it will send female officers to Fort Carson, Colo., Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Bliss, Texas. The increase — from two bases to five — means that there will be women in infantry and armor units at 45 percent of

the Army installations that have combat brigades. Until now, the integrated units were only at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Bragg, N.C.

The expansion has been in the works for months, as Army commanders tracked how many female enlisted soldiers and officers chose the newly opened infantry and armor jobs. The numbers have revealed an unexpected trend: more entry-level female recruits are choosing the infantry, while female officers coming out of ROTC, West Point and the Army's Officer Candidate School are choosing armor units.

Over the next year, as more women enlist and graduate as officers, brigades at more bases will be integrated, according to an Army plan described to the AP. By fall 2019, women infantry and armor soldiers will be assigned to brigades at all bases in the continental United States.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter in December 2015 ordered the military services to open all combat jobs to women. Since then the Army has been developing officers first so that younger enlisted women would have mentors when they moved into combat jobs.

Chinese drug sellers said to exploit U.S. postal flaw

WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators said Wednesday that Chinese opioid manufacturers are exploiting weak screening at the U.S. Postal Service to ship large quantities of illegal drugs to American dealers.

Senate investigators found that Chinese sellers,

who openly market opioids such as fentanyl to U.S. buyers, are pushing delivery through the U.S. postal system. The sellers are taking advantage of a failure by the postal service to fully implement an electronic data system that would help identify suspicious shipments.

At a time of massive growth in postal shipments from China due to e-commerce, the investigators found that the postal system received the electronic data on about a third of international packages, making more than 300 million packages in 2017 much harder to screen.

Haley says U.S. giving up on president of South Sudan

UNITED NATIONS — U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said Wednesday the United States is giving up on South Sudan's president after backing the country's independence in 2011 and investing over \$11 billion, calling him "an unfit partner" in the pursuit of peace.

She cited President Salva Kiir for almost immediately violating a Dec. 21 cease-fire, for blocking aid to millions in need, and for last month's promotion of three generals sanctioned by the U.N. Security Council in 2015 for leading "the slaughter" of civilians.

In a hard-hitting speech to the council, Haley called the generals' promotion "a slap in the face."

Her criticisms were echoed by many council members, frustrated as well at the failure of the world's newest nation to end years of deadly political infighting.

Egyptian presidential hopeful and rights lawyer Khaled Ali quit the race Wednesday, becoming the latest would-be candidate who either bowed out or was forced to abandon a challenge to the general-turned-president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, and raising questions about the credibility of the March election.

Idaho on Wednesday revealed a plan that will allow insurance companies to sell cheap policies that ditch key provisions of the Affordable Care Act. It's believed to be the first state to take formal steps without prior federal approval for creating policies that do not comply with the Obama-era health care law.



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EDITORIALS

Shush, keep it down. The Loop's too loud!

"When you've got worries, all the noise
 and the hurry seems to help, I know —
 Downtown."

— "Downtown," popularized
 by British singer Petula Clark

Yes, Petula, the neon signs are pretty, the lights are much brighter there, and, as you sang, "Just listen to the music of the traffic in the city." But if the music comes not from traffic but from blaring speakers on the Chicago Riverwalk, beware, Petula. Ald. Brendan Reilly's hearing sour notes.

Reilly, whose 42nd Ward includes the Streeterville neighborhood, has proposed a ban on live or broadcast music at places that serve alcohol east of Michigan Avenue. His specific target: the bars and cafes along the riverwalk.

Constituents in condominiums have been complaining about loud music bellowing from riverwalk venues. Reilly told the Chicago Tribune the measure he's proposing is just an opening salvo. He's hoping he can sit down with riverwalk businesses to work out a solution less draconian and more amenable to both residents and businesses: "I introduced this ordinance to hang over their head like the sword of Damocles to make sure that they behave."

We work in Streeterville and can empathize with condo residents who've had it with the steady thumping of a bass drum disturbing their evening with a Scott Turow novel, or simply a night's rest. We've previously harrumphed about street musicians — some talented, some not so — who fill the workday air with their Coltrane impression of "My Favorite Things," or Buddy Rich wannabes on plastic buckets.

But Chicago has existing laws governing the volume of live or broadcast music; on the riverwalk, it must stop by 8:30 p.m. Reilly says some ne'er-do-well businesses along the riverwalk often flout the rules. Well, that's what the law is there for. If they violate, they should face fines. And if they violate again, they should face license suspension or revocation. It's not a matter of needing a new law, it's a matter of enforcing



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pedestrians stroll last spring on the Chicago Riverwalk. Residents who live nearby have complained about loud music at riverwalk venues.

the existing one.

This isn't the first time an alderman has tried to tamp down noise that pummels downtown residents, workers and businesses. Last year, Reilly wanted to crack down on street musicians on Michigan Avenue and State Street, an idea that drew complaints from the American Civil Liberties Union that such a measure would violate buskers' First Amendment rights to free speech.

Last summer, Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd,

joined Streeterville residents in calling for relief from the wail of emergency vehicle sirens. At a Streeterville community meeting in August, a Chicago Fire Department spokesman made three points: First, siren volumes are set by the manufacturer. The only thing a driver can do is to turn the siren on or off. Second, downtown includes two hospitals, loads of bars and plenty of late-night traffic — ambulances are a fact of life. Third, sirens are supposed to be loud, loud enough that motorists with car stereos

blaring and pedestrians oblivious to a world beyond their headphones can hear them.

A long time ago, Chicago's downtown morphed from a place solely for working, dining and drinking to a place to live, raise kids and barbecue on the balcony. That's a welcome evolution that requires a balance between a vibrant downtown and a livable one. It's also a balance that can be accommodated by enforcing existing laws. Maintain the downtown's vibe, aldermen. Don't muzzle it.

Delta's smart move to bar phony support animals

Dogs, cats, turkeys, pigs, rabbits, hamsters, marmots, even iguanas? No, you haven't wandered into a zoo or a pet shop. This is an airline cabin, and those aren't pets; they're emotional support animals. If you have the bad luck to be seated next to someone with one, well, be grateful that snakes and ferrets aren't allowed.

Anyone who ventures into a U.S. airport these days likely will see a passenger carrying a small furry creature wearing a special vest or tag identifying its distinctive function. Some of these are actual service animals, defined by the ADA National Network as "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability."

Many, though, fall into a looser category of animals that are supposedly helpful to travelers who don't have blindness or PTSD but may feel less anxious with a

nonhuman companion. The federal Air Carrier Access Act has been interpreted to require airlines to accommodate passengers who need — or claim to need — an animal for emotional support. The main thing it takes to qualify on most airlines is a letter from a physician or therapist.

This policy has spawned a host of websites offering quick, easy certification. One offers 24-hour service, including a five-minute questionnaire and chat with a licensed therapist. Says the site, "Getting an ESA Qualification Has Never Been Easier."

Another highlights one big attraction: "Pets fly in cabin free." Oh, we forgot to mention: If you want to take your pet cat aboard, you can expect to pay \$125, but if you want to take your emotional support animal, you can expect to pay nothing.

The dual policy is an invitation to people willing to scam the system without regard for their cabin mates. One example, located by ABC News, is a young woman named

Genevieve who said she wanted to take her dog Kali with her when she flew, so "she lied about having an emotional illness so that Kali could become an emotional support animal."

What's wrong with such fibbing? One problem is that it rewards dishonest fliers and penalizes honest ones. Another is that it exposes passengers to pets that — unlike actual service animals — may not be trained for such conditions. One 70-pound dog bit another passenger in the face on a flight from Atlanta to San Diego last year. Delta Air Lines says it has experienced an 84 percent increase in "animal incidents," including urination, defecation and biting, since 2016.

The airline now transports 700 service and support animals each day. So it has decided to take action to discourage illegitimate use of the emotional support option.

As of March 1, each owner will have to provide veterinary health and vaccination

records, a letter documenting the traveler's need and a signed "confirmation of training form" at least 48 hours before takeoff. "This comes as a result of a lack of regulation that has led to serious safety risks involving untrained animals in flight," said Delta.

It's a sensible step, and one other airlines should consider in the interests of the many passengers who don't evade rules, lie and put others at risk to save money. The change will work to the benefit of those travelers with real conditions that warrant accommodation of their support animals.

Remember Genevieve, who faked her emotional illness? She confessed that she had a friend "tell me that people were having adverse consequences from this. Legitimate people with legitimate animals were getting confronted." She realized she was in the wrong and stopped taking her dog. Maybe Delta's new policy will move other passengers to follow her example.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

In "Rethinking School," Susan Wise Bauer argues that parents should start questioning the value of our educational system from the first day of kindergarten. Even the idea that children of the same age should be put in the same grade — a proposition introduced by Horace Mann in the 1840s after he visited some German schools — is an absurd conceit, in Ms. Bauer's view. Some children are more emotionally mature than others. If your child is struggling, you might want to "consider evaluation by a learning specialist. ... But in many cases, a child who's struggling simply needs the Earth to circle the sun one more time."

Naomi Schaefer Riley, *The Wall Street Journal*

President Trump's address before South Korea's National Assembly last November on the North Korea problem was the most incisive, and moving, statement on the topic ever delivered by an American president. Whatever else may be said of him, Trump is keenly aware that the North Korean threat he inherited was allowed to fester and worsen under each of the four men in the Oval Office immediately before him. He appears to have no intention of continuing that tradition.

The Achilles' heel of the North Korean economy, and thus of Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programs, is its existential dependence on foreign aid and outside money. The fortress-prison country is an operation that cannot be sustained on its own. To date, North Korea has skillfully extracted wherewithal and extorted financial concessions out of a largely unfriendly world. To jam the gears of the North Korean war machine, the international community must recognize, and finally begin systematically exploiting, Pyongyang's unique economic weakness. This will require a campaign of economic pressure worthy of the name — and the pieces for such a campaign are already falling into place.

Nicholas Eberstadt, *Commentary*

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At Abt Electronics in Glenview, Monique Terry checks out Samsung washers and dryers. Samsung will be among brands subject to the new tariffs on washers.

Trump repeats the folly of protectionism



STEVE CHAPMAN

Next month, thanks to the tax bill signed by President Donald Trump, many Americans will see more money showing up in their paychecks. They should contain their enthusiasm. It won't be long before his trade policy starts removing that money from their wallets.

On Monday, the president imposed hefty tariffs — taxes, that is — on imported washing machines and solar panels. They will be set at a minimum of 20 percent and a maximum of 50 percent on washers and at 30 percent on solar equipment. Rest assured, the duties will boost prices accordingly.

That's not a minor side effect; it's the central purpose. By pushing up prices, the Trump administration hopes to make it easier for companies in the United States to compete with overseas firms while also charging more than before.

The president, whose ignorance of economics is bottomless, has the idea that punishment of foreign producers is the key to our prosperity. His conviction is that when you protect an

industry, you cause it to grow, reaping a bounty that will enrich the entire economy.

It's an old superstition that has been debunked in the real world over and over. A nation does not make itself richer by shutting out goods its people want. High tariffs fleece the broad public to benefit a small class of favored people.

Consumers will be saddled with higher costs, forcing them to pay more for new washers or solar panels — or buy less capable models or hang on to their old ones. Other businesses will find their costs rising, cutting their profits and making it harder for them to compete with foreign companies. Another drawback, says Syracuse University economist Mary Lovely, is that “there will be less innovation in the long term.”

The Solar Energy Industries Association does not welcome the administration's policy, which it says “will cause the loss of roughly 23,000 American jobs this year, including many in manufacturing” and “result in the delay or cancellation of billions of dollars in solar investments.”

China has made a big push into the business, which may be hard on U.S. solar producers but has been a blessing to companies and residents who use electricity. Since 2001, the Chinese share of the global market has soared — and the price of equipment has

plummeted.

The effects of the tariffs on solar panels will be especially perverse. Most jobs in the U.S. solar sector are not in manufacturing, and the companies that stand to gain are not American-owned. “You're putting 85 percent of the jobs in the industry at risk primarily to benefit foreign owners of capital,” says Lovely.

The washing machine duties will have similar consequences. Higher prices will depress sales. Stores that sell washers, the railroads and trucking companies that transport them and the mechanics who install them will find they have less business. Reduced hours, layoffs and closings will ensue — though the victims may not grasp that Trump is behind the damage.

Trying to save jobs by curbing imports is always a losing game. When George W. Bush imposed duties on foreign steel, experts concluded, he destroyed some 200,000 jobs in other sectors — exceeding the total employment of the American steel industry.

Barack Obama chose to ignore that unhappy example. In 2009, he took action against tires from China. But tiremakers in other countries stepped up to fill much of the gap, and the American economy paid a price. A study by the Peterson Institute for International Economics found that consumers paid \$1.1 billion and no

more than 1,200 jobs in the American tire industry were preserved.

That works out to \$900,000 per year for each job saved — a job that typically paid about \$40,000 per year. The trade-off made about as much sense as buying nickels for a dollar apiece.

Besides the self-inflicted wounds, the Trump administration invites payback by foreign governments. China could cancel orders for Boeing aircraft or Illinois soybeans. South Korea is challenging the tariffs before the World Trade Organization, which could authorize retaliatory tariffs against the U.S.

That's the thing about trading partners. They have the same arsenal of protectionist weapons that we do — and the same political pressures to use them. In a trade war, as in a shooting war, both sides can expect to incur heavy costs and numerous casualties.

We have accumulated a mountain of evidence that protectionism doesn't work. But it's never too late to get schooled in lessons we should already know.

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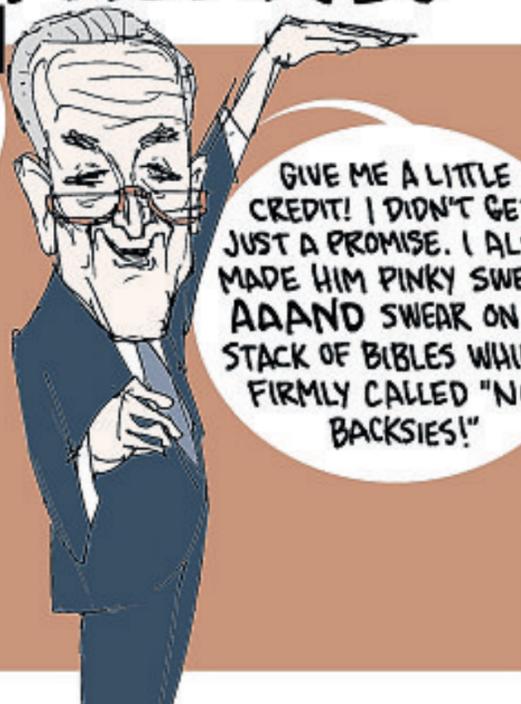
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As a worker stands by to assist in the new Amazon Go in Seattle on Monday, shopper Tadeo Klappenbach uses an app just put on his phone to enter the store.

AMAZON'S MISPLACED OBSESSION WITH CASHIERS

BY LEONID BERSHIDSKY

Now that Amazon has finally opened its cashier-free version of a 7-Eleven, it's worth asking why it's so determined to focus on an imperfect solution to a nonexistent problem. Especially while it neglects Amazon Fresh, which could have a much bigger impact on retail.

Amazon Go, which opened in Seattle on Monday after more than a year of testing, is an exciting demonstration of technology. It took months to figure out how to track customers' movements with dozens of cameras and to rig weight sensor-equipped shelves that prevent shoplifting. But does it change much at all for shoppers or retailers?

In the U.S., the average convenience store visit lasts about 3 1/2 minutes — including the walk from car to store. It takes, on average, 71 seconds to select items, 42 seconds to wait in line and 21 seconds to pay. The Amazon Go concept cuts out the 63 seconds of waiting and paying (though scanning a QR Code to get into the store adds 10 seconds — at least for me).

I don't really care about saving 50 seconds, especially if it means subjecting myself to incredibly intense surveillance. What might Amazon do with all the behavioral data it collects during my lunchtime sandwich run?



The store lets shoppers scan their phone, pick out items and leave. The retailer can tell what they buy and charges their Amazon account.

Some may argue that those 50 seconds add up quickly, allowing convenience store owners to increase overall sales. But I doubt that would work. People don't tend to leave without buying anything if they notice a line that might take more than a minute — or even five. Besides, customers are often tempted to grab something extra while they're waiting.

How about potential savings from employing fewer people? Amazon Go's image is all about its technology, but the reality is that it doesn't work without humans: chefs to make sandwiches, stockers to fill up the shelves (a more difficult job than in a normal store

since everything must be in a precise place), an ID checker in the alcohol section and someone to stand at the turnstile helping people with entry problems and returns. While the technology recognizes when shoppers take something off the shelf and immediately put it back, it's more difficult to track those who walk away and then change their mind.

The store in Seattle doesn't appear to sell coffee, as most convenience stores do, so add another person to keep that operation going. Then your average Amazon Go store will have four employees, not counting the chefs, during each eight-hour

shift. That's a staff of 12 full-time workers. The average U.S. convenience store provides 15 full- and part-time jobs, meaning 10-12 full-time ones. Even if Amazon Go is able to cut one job, an average convenience store worker makes about \$10 an hour, so savings wouldn't amount to more than \$2,000 a month. That, of course, can be a significant amount given the small average profit from a U.S. convenience store.

But there are other costs to consider. Hiring fewer people means fewer opportunities for those who need multiple jobs to work through college or another costly phase of life. Today, 17 percent of adult Americans say they've worked at a convenience store or gas station, and most of them describe it as a valuable experience. The potential savings — reduced significantly by amortization and servicing costs on all that surveillance equipment — may not be worth undermining that benefit to society.

All in all, the new format amounts to an ad for some spooky tech advances. Meanwhile, Amazon isn't doing enough to develop a service that actually solves an important problem for grocery buyers: Amazon Fresh.

The average time an American spends in a supermarket is 41 minutes. That doesn't include the trip to and from the supermarket.

And for many customers — think elderly folks living in walk-up apartments — lugging heavy grocery bags is a serious burden.

These are significant problems that Amazon Fresh solves — except when it doesn't. My family regularly uses the service in Berlin, but an inconsistent inventory often makes trips to physical stores necessary and increases the time required to make an online order. Even so, the logistical difficulties of running the service are such that Amazon has rolled it out in only three big cities in Germany — Berlin, Hamburg and Munich. In the U.S., meanwhile, it has actually scaled back Amazon Fresh, even discontinuing deliveries to some ZIP codes.

Solving the supermarket problem is costly, difficult and not as fun as launching Amazon Go. But targeting something as big as food deliveries — Americans take 1.5 supermarket trips per week on average — would do far more good than cutting 50 seconds from convenience store visits. Technology is not a goal unto itself. Amazon, of all companies, should understand that.

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Don't automate the fun — or meaning — out of life

BY PETER HANCOCK

Imagine you are about to go on vacation. You have been looking forward to it for some time. But your robotic personal assistant has other ideas. It calmly explains to you that it will be cheaper, safer and more efficient for it to take your place on the holiday trip.

In one sense, it's undeniable: The robot can fly in cargo, needs to be fed only electricity, is less likely to be a victim of crime, won't get lost en route, won't overlap activity scheduling — and even speaks all the local languages and dialects. But of course nobody would willingly send a robot on vacation in his or her place, voluntarily missing out on all the sights, sounds and flavors of the new experience.

Yet as a scholar who focuses on human-robot interaction, I see people taking steps toward that kind of utilitarian future all the time. Even though robots can do a great many things — and will soon be able to do much more — there's a lot we humans stand to lose in the transition. Now is the time to say which human activities should and shouldn't be handed over to digital autonomy

— and the pleasure we get from them needs to factor into the decision.

Weapons and danger

It might seem fairly easy to come up with a list of tasks that shouldn't be automated. Lethal autonomous weapons — such as independent armed drones — are already being developed. But they should not go much further. Life-and-death decisions should not be in the hands of robots and their algorithms. Rather, most humans believe that only actual people appreciate the moral importance of taking a life.

Also, people tend to want to reserve for themselves the enjoyable experiences in life, such as travel, and the many other opportunities that bring happiness, learning and adventure. (Only robots have yet gone to Mars, but not for lack of human interest; rather, space scientists are still working on ensuring people will survive the trip.) What's given to the robots now tends to be the repetitive, dangerous and dirty parts of workplace labor.

Yet as automation and autonomy play increasing roles in all of

our workplaces, they'll start taking the very jobs from which many human workers draw their professional pride, satisfaction and even enjoyment.

Making comparisons

Autonomous cars, technology proponents promise, will be more efficient and cheaper than human-driven cars. Yet, what will be lost?

Whether automation is actually more efficient depends on a user's preferences — and perhaps circumstances. Look, for example, at the former job called "elevator operator," and its modern equivalent: car driver.

Someone getting in an elevator carrying heavy bags, eating a burger or wrangling small children might actually prefer to ask another person for help getting to her intended floor. Even someone entering an elevator alone and empty-headed might be lonely and appreciate the opportunity for a cheery morning smile or even a shared grumble at the weather.

As a technology, cars already tend to isolate people from each other. Cars that relieve people

from driving altogether — and from needing other humans to drive — could leave people unaware of other drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and every other human in the transport system. That further detaches people from the sense of inhabiting a shared space and a common society.

The effects on costs are similarly mixed. A building owner no longer has to pay an employee to run the elevator, which saves the owner money. But it's not so good for the elevator operator, who is now out of work.

Car passengers might appreciate saving money on taxi or Uber fares, and freight companies will certainly save money by running trucks nearly continuously. But the people who used to drive those cars and trucks will be forced to find other work — which isn't very easy or fast. Champions of efficiency often gloss over this issue, apparently assuming other work will always be available. It isn't.

Reformatting society

Beyond economic costs to those displaced workers, losing their jobs may remove a source —

and perhaps for some, the only source — of joy and satisfaction from their lives. In searching for a new job, then, they'll be looking not only for good pay but also similar emotional rewards.

As automation enters our lives, it not only changes the tasks we do. It also changes our relationship to the world, turning us from active, immediate participant to detached, distant observer. That's not fun or fulfilling.

The ultimate question, then, is not whether life can become more automated — but rather whether it should. Today's new car, a partial robot itself built by robots in an automated factory, may for a time be content to sit in a parking spot and wait for its user's call. But if people aren't careful, its fully autonomous cousin may one day drive the joy of driving, or even an entire joy of living, out of human experience.

The Conversation

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PERSPECTIVE

QUOTABLES

"I'm challenged in this election because as Democrats, we believe government can be our ally, and when J.B. (Pritzker) emerges as the poster child of all that's wrong with the corrupt system of our state, it's difficult for me to heap praise on him. And that is where I, unfortunately, need to end it."

— Chris Kennedy, Democratic candidate for governor of Illinois, who was asked during a televised debate to say something positive about his opponent

"I just signed your death warrant."

— Michigan Judge Rosemarie Aquilina, in sentencing Larry Nassar, a former team USA Gymnastics doctor, to up to 175 years in prison for sexually abusing women and girls for several years

"The president (Barack Obama) and I would sit there literally after the (presidential daily briefing), after everyone had left the room, and say, 'What the hell are we going to do?'"

— Former Vice President Joe Biden, on the Obama administration's frustration over congressional Republicans' refusal to call out the Russians for interfering in the 2016 presidential election



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Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, shown in 2011, had an estimated net worth of about \$109 billion in 2017, according to Forbes magazine.

Here's a look at the world on a billionaire's budget

BY ANDREW D. HWANG

The world's wealthiest are prospering. As of February 2017, there were about 2,000 billionaires in the world. This micro-elite controls over \$76 trillion, an increase of 18 percent from 2016.

A billionaire's spending power is difficult to grasp, both because most people do not correctly intuit large numbers, and because a billion dollars far outstrips most people's experience.

What does a household budget look like to a billionaire? To find out, let's scale down a billionaire's income to \$50,000, the median American income, adjusting budget items proportionally.

A year in the life of Joe Billionaire: To start, we need to estimate a billionaire's annual income.

In the 30 years from 1987 to 2016, Bill and Melinda Gates amassed about \$120 billion. This figure represents \$80 billion in net worth and \$40 billion controlled by their char-

itable foundation. The Gates' average annual income for these years is \$120 billion divided by 30, or \$4 billion. (Disclosure: The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is a strategic partner of The Conversation US and provides funding for The Conversation internationally.)

According to Forbes, the wealth of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos increased last year from \$72.8 billion to \$108.7 billion. Despite billion-dollar hiccups caused by daily stock price fluctuations, Bezos' 2017 wealth increase was at least \$32 billion, over \$1,000 per second around the clock.

Bezos and the Gateses are extremes. But what about a more typical billionaire's income?

Let's assume a new fortune has been acquired over about one decade. Since the median worth on Forbes' list is about \$2 billion, a ballpark estimate of annual income is one-tenth of this, or \$200 million.

Each year, Joe Billionaire amasses 4,000 median American incomes. In 2017, Bezos

raked in 150 times more than Joe Billionaire.

A billionaire's household budget: Because Joe Billionaire accumulates 4,000 median American incomes, a \$4,000 expenditure for Joe Billionaire is the same fraction of income as \$1 for a median American earner.

Let's call \$4,000 "one Joe buck," or J\$1. Joe Billionaire's annual income is J\$50,000. Thus, a \$2,000-vacation package costs J\$0.50, proportional to a half-dollar from a middle-class income.

At this scale, a generous annual food budget comes to J\$3. One year's tuition at a prestigious university costs J\$15. An extended stay in a top-quality hospital might run J\$50. For J\$150, Joe Billionaire can pick up a large middle-class home in most parts of the U.S. If that's too modest, a week's income buys a mansion in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Who needs student loans, health care and mortgages?

Joe Billionaire can and does purchase goods and services

not available to the rest of us. J\$2,500 builds a media mouthpiece. Comparable political donations may be followed by a Cabinet appointment.

Unlike a tithing purchase for you or me, a one-time J\$5,000 donation for Joe Billionaire has no effect on spending power. We're speaking of a scale where lavish living costs a few hundred Joe bucks. Next year will bring another J\$50,000.

Matters of perspective:

Ronald Reagan fomented outrage at one welfare recipient cheating the government out of \$8,000, or J\$2. Unfortunately, we are not proportionally outraged by theft and losses dwarfing the human scale.

By comparison, the Reagan-era savings and loan scandal, the Enron scandal, the mortgage-backed securities crisis and the annual losses to offshore tax havens cost ordinary taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars, tens of millions of times more than one welfare cheat. That's enough to drain or break even Jeff Bezos' bank. Public services are inexpen-

sive by comparison. The 2017 budget for the National Institutes of Health was about \$33 billion; for the National Science Foundation, \$7.5 billion; for the National Endowment for the Arts, \$150 million. The 2017 Boston city budget was just under \$3 billion, including about \$1 billion for public schools, \$200 million for pensions and \$78 million for the Public Health Commission.

Most Americans don't understand how inequitably American wealth is distributed. Worldwide, wealth inequality is even more stark.

We live in a world where two dozen of the wealthiest individuals could collectively fund health and science research for the U.S., where any of the thousand billionaires could individually fund the NEA with no practical impact to their purchasing power.

Participatory government may remain, but only the ultrawealthy need apply.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Party lines

The 2018 election cycle is a big one for Illinois. We will elect a governor and state legislators who will determine what sort of legislative maps are drawn in 2021, and those maps will stay in place into the next decade. That governor's signature will determine whether districts are gerrymandered along highways, whether the maps cut communities in half, or whether certain voters are packed together to dilute their power. Partisan gerrymandering creates districts that protect incumbents of both parties. This means that the primary, and not the general election, is too often where the choice of senators and representatives is made.

The people of Illinois therefore deserve to know before the primary election on March 20 where candidates from both parties stand on the issue of partisan

gerrymandering. If our votes' meanings have been largely limited to the primary, then primary candidates need to go on the record about partisan gerrymandering now.

The Tribune's Jan. 15 editorial "The constitutional case against partisan gerrymandering" was a missed opportunity to call on the candidates to go on the record about gerrymandering. I hope the Tribune asks every candidate to explicitly state his or her position on gerrymandering before the paper announces its primary election endorsements, and more important, asks each candidate for his or her plan to end the practice in our state for good.

— Zach Zarnow, Chicago

Simple solution

I read John Kass' column on the so-called Dreamer politics

should be removed from the equation. I agree; as the article stated, give the Dreamers permission to stay in the U.S. The Dreamers would be allowed to work and go to school, but not citizenship thus no voting rights.

Kass then goes on to rally against the Democrats as looking for votes and having a hidden agenda. It was a fine column. The only problem I see is that President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was exactly what Kass is suggesting as the answer to this problem. We already had solved the problem, until it was slated to be rescinded by President Donald Trump.

The Dreamers had to reapply every two years. Any illegal or unlawful behavior was cause for a rejected application. DACA was a well-thought-out answer to a problem the Republican Congress refused to tackle, mostly to withhold any successful legislation on President Obama's part.

So, I ask Kass — who made this a political football? I think the answer is obvious.

— John Segovich, Streator, Ill.

Pain management

The Tribune's Jan. 23 article "Hospitals give pause to opioids" which highlighted the efforts of physicians and hospitals to fight addiction through reduced prescribing of opioid painkillers, was important and timely.

What makes this crisis so challenging is that prescription opioid medications provide legitimate and much-needed relief for patients with both acute and chronic severe pain. Patients who require opioids for pain treatment should not be stigmatized as addicts. However, balancing patients' pain against the addictive potential of these medications requires careful consideration and informed medical judgment. We are proud of the progress that has already been made.

Opioid prescription rates in Illinois are lower than in many states and continuing to decline. Also, Illinois requires prescribers to register in and check its prescription monitoring program, which allows prescribers to view patients' prescription histories when writing prescriptions for

controlled substances, and doctors are already taking advantage of educational courses on pain treatment.

As leaders in health care delivery, Illinois physicians have identified several additional steps and areas for improvement, and we're working with all stakeholders to advance this agenda.

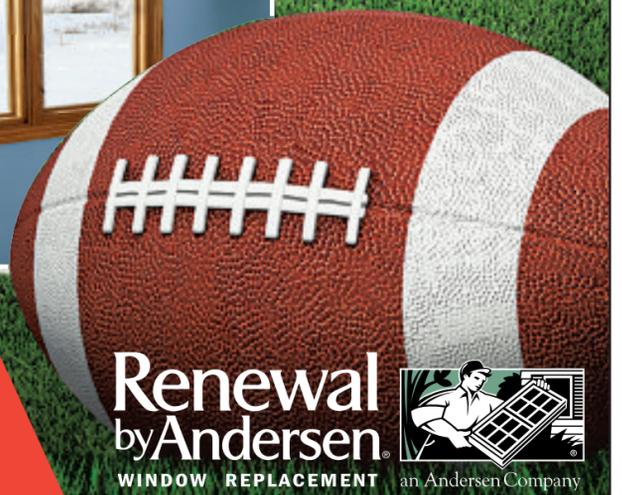
We can accomplish even more by making treatment more accessible to those currently struggling with addiction and placing higher priority on medication disposal programs like the ones discussed in your article. Another area that requires more attention is ensuring insurance coverage for nonopioid-based pain treatment and for innovative addiction treatment alternatives.

We are making progress in addressing the opioid crisis in Illinois, but there is much more to be done. It is critical that we enact better policies that target opioid misuse and abuse while preserving responsible pain treatment options.

— Dr. Nestor A. Ramirez, president, Illinois State Medical Society, Chicago

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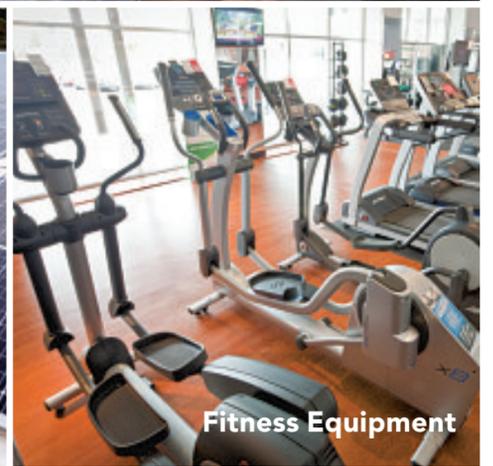
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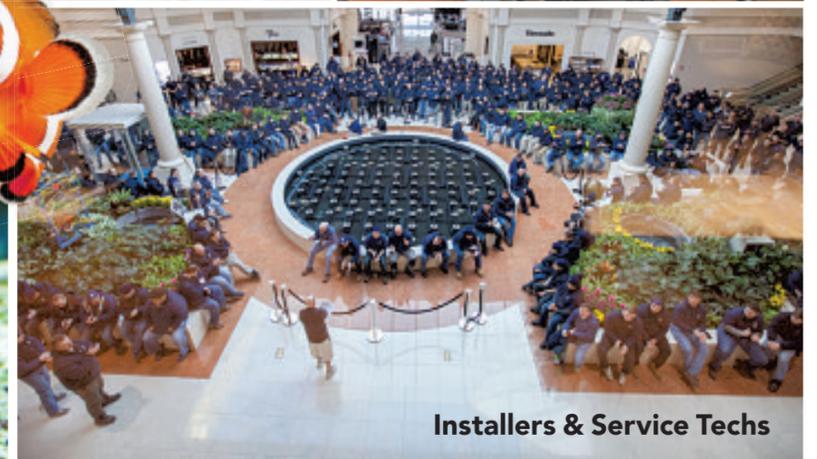
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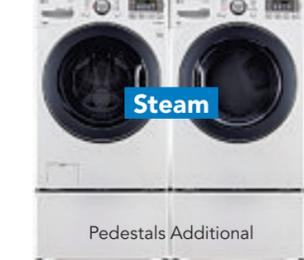
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ROBERT REED

Fee hikes to squeeze low-income customers

Bank of America, currency exchanges offer up a 1-2 punch

If you're poor and have to write or cash checks, life got tougher this week, thanks to Bank of America and the state of Illinois.

The two entities are out to boost the fees many low-income people pay for using personal and government-backed drafts, including benefit checks.

Bank of America is ending a free customer checking account that doesn't require a minimum balance. Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration is inching closer to implementing higher check-cashing fees for currency exchanges, which are often the only retail banking option in some neighborhoods.

It's an outrageous "one-two" punch that's aimed directly at people who can't afford fee hikes. These faulty decisions promise to hurt thousands of low-income households and economically disadvantaged groups throughout the Chicago area and the state.

"People who don't have bank accounts and cash checks at currency exchanges are disproportionately low-income, people of color, people with disabilities, older adults, immigrants, and other vulnerable populations that are least able to pay more," said Dory Rand, president of the Woodstock Institute, a research and public policy group that tracks retail banking trends, in an email to me.

Bank of America is getting grief for dropping its free checking product for customers with low balances and shuffling them into accounts that charge a \$12 monthly fee — unless the customer has a monthly direct deposit of \$250 or more, or a minimum daily balance of \$1,500.

The free checking account, which began in 2010, was meant to entice customers into using only electronic banking,

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Backlog snarls DHS Medicaid system

State blames staff shortage for processing delays that complicate mental health providers' billing

By **ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ**
Chicago Tribune

A state backlog in processing identification numbers for Medicaid patients is causing headaches for Illinois mental health and substance abuse service providers that need those numbers to pre-authorize certain services and get paid.

The Illinois Department of Human Services blames the

backlog on a series of employee retirements in the unit that processes recipient identification numbers, or RINs, which reduced the staff by half, from nine people to four, said spokeswoman Meghan Powers.

The agency has implemented a temporary staffing plan that will more than quadruple the current staff working on the issue and anticipates the backlog will be eliminated in two to three

months, she said.

In a Dec. 18 letter to mental health providers, Human Services Secretary James Dimas had blamed an October conversion to a new computer system for some delays in the assignment and processing of the recipient numbers, which providers need to bill for services.

That letter came as the department worked to restore food stamp benefits to more than 40,000 Illinois households that lost them as a result of issues with the new computer system, which was built by Deloitte and is

intended to improve efficiency. Some caseworkers blamed computer glitches, but the state said the new system was operating fine and the problems resulted from poor communication and missed deadlines as workers learned how to use it.

But this week Powers said it turns out the delays are not caused by problems with the integrated eligibility system, which is used to administer entitlement benefits including Medicaid and food stamps.

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Starbucks adds its name to the growing list of companies using the recent U.S. tax cuts to expand benefits for workers.

Percolating more perks

Coffee chain to up wages, expand sick, parental leave

By **JENA MCGREGOR**
The Washington Post

The world's largest coffee chain is adding new perks for its employees in the wake of the U.S. tax cuts, announcing a wage increase and one-time bonus in the form of a stock grant, just as dozens of companies have done in recent weeks.

Yet it is also expanding paid sick leave and parental leave for

many new dads, adding its name to the much smaller but growing list of companies using the recent tax cuts to expand benefits for workers. Disney said Tuesday it would be investing an initial \$50 million into a tuition benefit for hourly employees, in addition to making a one-time bonus. Walmart said last week it would expand paid family leave for hourly workers.

Cutting such benefits in the

future can be awkward for companies to pull back — even if simpler than trimming base pay — and could have a more lasting effect than a one-time bonus. New perks also allow companies to try to stand out among a crowded and increasingly competitive labor market by offering benefits that may pique the interest of workers or help retain them.

According to 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics data, only about

35 percent of workers in the accommodation and food services industry have access to paid sick days.

Indeed, Starbucks spokesman Reggie Borges said the announcement was another way Starbucks aims to build on its brand of offering benefits to its workers as other retail employers do not.

"Historically, we've shown we're constantly thinking of ways for partners to share in our company's success, from health

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Toys R Us shutting 20% of stores; 7 local closings

By **ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**
AND **MICHELLE CHAPMAN**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toys R Us, squeezed by Amazon and huge chains like Walmart, will close 20 percent of its U.S. stores, or 182 locations, within months.

Hobbled by \$5 billion in debt, the company that once dominated toy sales in the U.S. filed for bankruptcy protection in September.

Chairman and CEO Dave Brandon said in a letter Wednesday that tough decisions are required to save Toys R Us.

Chicago-area stores slated for closure are in Highland Park, Schaumburg, Vernon Hills, Matteson, Burbank, Niles and the Bricktown shopping complex in Chicago's Montclare neighborhood, according to a bankruptcy court filing.

Toys R Us operates about 900 stores in the U.S.

The store closings will begin in February, and the majority of the targeted locations will go dark by mid-April. At some other locations, the retailer is combining its Toys R Us and Babies R Us stores.

Toys R Us, based in Wayne, N.J., has struggled with debt since private-equity firms Bain Capital, KKR & Co. and Vornado Realty Trust took it private in a



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Some Babies R Us stores will combine with Toys R Us stores.

\$6.6 billion leveraged buyout in 2005. The plan had been to take the company public again, but weak sales have prevented that from happening.

While its numbers have been shrinking, Toys R Us sells about 20 percent of the toys bought in the U.S., according to Stephanie Wissink, an analyst at Jefferies.

More of its stores will likely be shuttered over the next year or two, Wissink said.

Toys R Us isn't alone. About three dozen retailers sought bankruptcy protection last year due in large part to a radical shift in consumer behavior, both in where people shop and what they buy. Some of the retailers that have gone under have been small, but there are also big names on the list, like Payless Shoe Source, Gymboree Corp. and True Religion jeans.

Brandon said Wednesday that Toys R Us made missteps during the critical holiday shopping season. "As the leader of this company, I want you to know that we can and will address the gaps in the experience that you may have had when shopping this holiday," he said.

Amazon briefing Chicago, other suitors on HQ2 process

It's unofficial: Seattle company may prefer condensed, urban site



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Amazon has begun briefing officials in Chicago and 19 other cities in the running for the company's HQ2 second headquarters on the next phase of the process, after announcing the 20 contenders last week.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other local leaders this week had a conference call with Amazon real estate executives to map out how the e-commerce giant will evaluate Chicago, according to someone familiar with the process. Similar phone calls have been taking place in other areas under consideration for HQ2, including Boston and Newark, N.J., according to media reports.

Chicago leaders last week touted the city's strengths after it was announced as a contender. But since then, Emanuel and Amazon have remained mostly tight-lipped about what happens next, including whether the Seat-

tle-based firm plans to narrow the list of contenders or if its next announcement will be of a winner. It's unclear how many, or which, of the 10 proposed Chicago-area sites Amazon plans to visit — or exactly when.

Amazon will announce a location in 2018. HQ2 will bring as many as 50,000 high-paying jobs to the chosen North American city, so communities under consideration remain hungry for hints of Amazon's preferences.

John Schoettler, who oversees Amazon's real estate, provided a few clues while speaking at an event Friday in Seattle. The comments could be interpreted to mean Amazon prefers a more condensed, urban setting similar to what it has in its ever-expanding Seattle offices.

Amazon envisions "a combination of buildings and facilities probably within walking proximity to one another," Schoettler said at the event, according to a Jan. 19 story in the Puget Sound Business Journal. He also expressed an aversion to bids that propose spreading 8 million square feet of offices onto several sites, unless those sites can be expanded or connected.

He also indicated Amazon would heavily weigh factors such as availability and cost of housing and proximity to public transportation. "We look forward to cities that are also progressive and are thinking forward and

long-term in terms of affordable housing and mass transportation and being able to move people around," Schoettler said, according to the business journal.

The Chicago area proposed 10 potential sites, including some options that would combine and connect buildings and land controlled by multiple owners. One such option would combine space in the vacant old main post office, a redeveloped Union Station and the city's tallest building, 110-story Willis Tower.

Big land sites include 62 acres along the Chicago River in the South Loop, which Related Midwest plans to develop; more than 70 acres of riverfront land along Lincoln Park and Bucktown, which developer Sterling Bay is calling Lincoln Yards; 37 acres along the river between downtown and the North Side, owned by Tribune Media; and the former Michael Reese Hospital site and other land south of McCormick Place, which a team led by Farpoint Development and Draper and Kramer is redeveloping.

The two suburban options are the Oak Brook campus that McDonald's is set to vacate as it moves its headquarters to Chicago, and land on the longtime Motorola Solutions campus in Schaumburg.

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Apple plans to give users control over slowdown of older iPhones

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—Apple's next major update of its mobile software will include an option that will enable owners of older iPhones to turn off a feature that slows the device to prevent aging batteries from shutting down.

The free upgrade announced Wednesday will

be released this spring.

The additional controls are meant to appease iPhone owners outraged since Apple acknowledged last month that its recent software updates had been secretly slowing down older iPhones when their batteries weakened.

Many people believed Apple was purposefully undermining the perform-

ance of older iPhones to drive sales of its newer and more expensive devices. Apple insisted it was simply trying to extend the lives of older iPhones, but the company issued an apology last month and promised to replace batteries in affected devices at a \$50 discount, lowering the price to \$29.

Despite Apple's contribution, the company is still

facing an investigation by French authorities, a series of questions from U.S. Senate and a spate of consumer lawsuits alleging misconduct.

Besides giving people more control over the operation of older iPhones, the upcoming update dubbed iOS 11.3 will also show how well the device's battery is holding up. Apple had

promised to add a battery gauge when it apologized to consumers last month.

Other features coming in the next update will include the ability to look at personal medical histories in Apple's health app, more tricks in its augmented reality tool kit and more animated emojis that work with the facial recognition technology in the iPhone X.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

From news services

Mnuchin welcomes weaker dollar

The U.S. treasury chief welcomed a weaker dollar on Wednesday, breaking with a decades-long commitment by the U.S. government to back a strong dollar.

The comments led to an immediate, sharp drop in the value of the dollar in currency markets.

"Obviously a weaker dollar is good for us as it relates to trade and opportunities," Steven Mnuchin said during his visit to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Mnuchin was in Davos to seek investment from businesses and to talk to trade partners ahead of a highly-awaited speech by President Donald Trump on Friday.

Investors were struck by Mnuchin's comments because for most of the past two decades, U.S. Treasury chiefs regularly stated that a "strong dollar is in the best interests of the United States."

Mnuchin's words could be a signal that the Trump administration is prepared to try to talk down the dollar's value to boost exports. A weaker dollar makes U.S. products more competitive in international markets.

The dollar dropped by a cent against the euro, hitting a three-year low of \$1.2406. It fell 1.1 percent against the yen, to 109.13 yen.

Google faces 'right to be forgotten' cases

2 men sue to have links to convictions culled from search

BY KAYE WIGGINS, STEPHANIE BODONI AND JEREMY HODGES
Bloomberg News

Google is set for its first battle in a London court over the so-called "right to be forgotten" in two cases that will test the boundaries between personal privacy and public interest.

Two anonymous people, who describe themselves in court filings as businessmen, want the search engine to take down links to information about their old convictions.

One of the men had been found guilty of conspiracy to account falsely, and the other of conspiracy to intercept communications, Judge Matthew Nicklin said at a pre-trial hearing Thursday. Those convictions are old and are now covered by an English law — designed to rehabilitate offenders — that says they can effectively be ignored. With a few exceptions, they don't have to be disclosed to potential employers.

"This is the first time that the English court is going to decide the issue of the right

to be forgotten," Nicklin said.

The search-engine giant has already become embroiled in battles at the European Union's top court over the right to be forgotten. The principle, created by the EU's highest court in a precedent-setting ruling in May 2014, allows people to ask for links to online information about them to be removed from search results if it's outdated or irrelevant. The ruling is only valid in the 28-nation bloc, but Google has clashed with privacy regulators over attempts to apply it beyond the EU.

"We work hard to comply with the right to be forgotten, but we take great care not to remove search results that are clearly in the public interest and will defend the public's right to access lawful information," a Google spokeswoman said.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs didn't comment.

Nicklin said Thursday that while the two cases were not related, they raised the same legal issues. The first trial, in which the person challenging Google to remove information is known as NT1, will start on Feb. 27 and the second, in which the plaintiff is known as NT2, will start on



FACUNDO ARRIZABALAGA/EPA

Two men are seeking a London court's help in forcing Google to remove old convictions from search results because they violate English law designed to rehabilitate offenders.

March 13. Nicklin said the plaintiffs have been "rehabilitated."

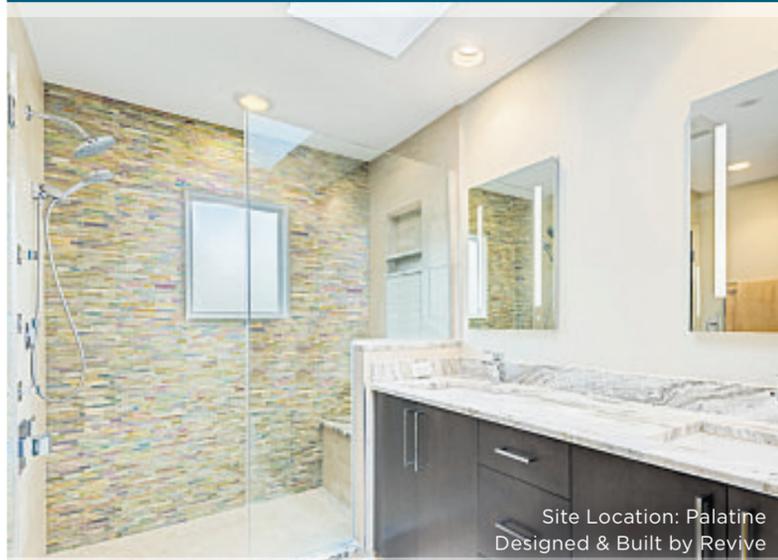
NT1 has been threatened in public places by people referring to the content that Google links to, "and seeking to extract money from him in consequence," his

court filings say. He "has been and continues to be treated as a pariah in his personal, business and social life and has been unable to form any new friendships or personal relationships," they say.

NT2's papers say some

financial institutions are unwilling to deal with him "on private or commercial business" after looking him up on Google. The search results have attracted "adverse attention" to him and by association to members of his close family.

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GREAT WOLF RESORTS

A rendering shows Great Wolf Lodge Illinois' lobby. The Gurnee water park hotel will be the chain's 17th location.

Gurnee's Great Wolf Lodge to open July 1

Water park resort to be larger than old KeyLime Cove

BY LORI RACKL
Chicago Tribune

The first Great Wolf Lodge water park resort in Illinois has an opening date: July 1.

That's when Great Wolf Lodge Illinois — the 17th North American location for Chicago-based Great Wolf Resorts — will debut its 80,000-square-foot indoor water park and 414 guest suites in north suburban Gurnee, near Six Flags Great America.

Company officials said Great Wolf officially began booking reservations Wednesday.

The North Woods-themed property is on the site of the former KeyLime Cove, a tropical-styled indoor water park resort that Great Wolf bought last year.

The company is pumping more than \$60 million into transforming the previous aquatic playground, nearly doubling the size of the old water park and adding a lazy river, more slides and an outdoor pool, among other things.

Family-focused entertainment that doesn't in-

clude getting wet will include the Great Wolf Adventure Park, featuring an arcade, ropes course, bowling, minigolf and a rock-climbing wall, as well as MaqiQuest, a live-action adventure game in which guests try to take down dragons and goblins.

Guests will have several options when it comes to food. Campfire Kitchen will be a buffet-style breakfast and dinner joint, while Barnwood is a more upscale alternative with "farm-to-fork creations and craft cocktails." Hungry as a Wolf will serve handmade pizza and pasta, and poolside fare can be had from Buckets Incredible Craveables.

Great Wolf got its start 20 years ago in the water park mecca of the Wisconsin Dells. The company has been growing at an impressive clip.

The Gurnee property is one of two new resorts being added to the portfolio this year. The other is near Atlanta and is slated to open in late spring of this year. Another Great Wolf Lodge is headed for Scottsdale, Ariz., in late 2019.

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SPACE X

SpaceX test fired the three main boosters of its Falcon Heavy rocket at Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Wednesday.

SpaceX Falcon Heavy test firing goes as planned

SpaceX fired up its newest, biggest rocket in a critical launch pad test Wednesday, advancing toward a long-anticipated test flight possibly in just a week.

The Falcon Heavy briefly roared to life for the first time at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. All three boosters — 27 engines in all — were tested. The thunderous booms could be heard at the press site 3 miles away, as huge white clouds of engine exhaust billowed into a clear blue sky. Everything appeared normal: The 230-foot rocket stood tall and brilliantly white after the test on the pad once used by NASA's moon rockets and space shuttles.

SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk said an hour later that the firing was good.

THE BOTTOM LINE

\$1.23B

The fine levied by the European Union on Wednesday against U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm for abusing its market dominance in the smartphone and tablet sector for half a decade. EU Commissioner Margrethe Vestager said that San Diego-based Qualcomm "illegally shut out rivals from the market" for more than five years by paying key customer Apple to not use chips made by Qualcomm's rivals.

AT&T drops USA Gymnastics over abuse scandal

Sponsors fleeing as Nassar sentencing generates headlines

By WILL HOBSON
Washington Post

AT&T has announced it is suspending its sponsorship of USA Gymnastics over the organization's handling of the Larry Nassar sex abuse case, continuing an exodus of corporate support for the Olympic sports organization over the past few months.

"We notified USA Gymnastics today that we are suspending our sponsorship of the organization

until it is re-built and we know that the athletes are in a safe environment," AT&T said in a Tuesday statement. "The terrible abuse suffered by these young women is unconscionable. We remain committed to helping these young athletes pursue their dreams and hope to find other ways to do so. We stand ready to step back in when USAG has fully addressed these tragic events."

USA Gymnastics did not immediately respond to a request to comment. AT&T's move came after Procter & Gamble and Kellogg's declined to renew sponsorship agreements in December.

The financial impact of the dropped sponsorships is not clear. USA Gymnastics generated \$34.5 million in revenue in 2016, according to its most recent financial disclosure to the IRS, but the form does not detail how much of that revenue came from sponsorships.

USA Gymnastics typically raises sponsorship money tied to its events, and in 2016, records show, the organization made \$12.9 million from its events. In 2016, however, Sports Business Journal reported that sponsorships for the Kellogg's Tour of Gymnastics Champions generated about \$1.5 million to \$2

million, the rest of the income coming from tickets sales.

Regardless of the financial impact, however, AT&T's decision is the latest news to show the fallout from the Nassar case, which has gained renewed national attention this month because of the former sports doctor's lengthy sentencing hearing, likely is far from over for USA Gymnastics.

The organization saw three board members resign Monday because of rising criticism over the case. Last March, former chief executive Steve Penny resigned his post.

On Wednesday, a judge sentenced Nassar to 40 to 175 years. His sentencing hearing, which included victim impact statements from 150 girls and women, did not produce new evidence of inaction by USA Gymnastics that permitted Nassar to assault children. But the hearing produced a series of statements from Olympic gymnasts, including Aly Raisman, who have asserted the Olympic sports organization enabled Nassar's abuse. The gymnasts demanded an independent investigation of USA Gymnastics' possible culpability for Nassar's crimes.

Last year, USA Gymnas-

tics commissioned a review of its sex abuse prevention policies, led by a former federal prosecutor, but the review avoided assessing blame for Nassar's crimes, which are the subject of lawsuits against USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University, where he was a trainer, filed by more than 130 girls and women who've asserted abuse by Nassar.

Nassar, 54, was sentenced Wednesday for criminal sexual assaults he has admitted to as part of a plea deal. Nassar already faces a 60-year term for federal child pornography crimes he pleaded guilty to last year.



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United Airlines said it plans to add 4 to 6 percent to its passenger-carrying capacity each year through 2020.

Airline stock prices fall as United says it'll grow

Investors are afraid expansion plan will spark fare wars

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

DALLAS — Airline stocks went into a nosedive Wednesday on investor fears that a plan by Chicago-based United Airlines to grow rapidly will undercut prices and profits.

Shares of United Continental Holdings Inc. plunged 11.4 percent to close at \$69.05. American, Delta and Southwest also fell.

The six largest U.S. airlines lost about \$10 billion in stock-market value.

United was the nation's biggest airline a decade ago but has slipped behind American and Delta. United executives say they have to rebuild service on routes that the airline abandoned to regain high-paying connecting passengers.

Investors fear that Unit-

ed's plan — on top of growth by other airlines — will flood the market with too many flights and seats, triggering ruinous fare wars to keep planes full.

After the market closed on Tuesday, United reported solid financial results for the fourth quarter. Profit jumped 46 percent to \$580 million, beating Wall Street's expectations. The airline indicated that average prices are heading higher, which cheered investors.

In after-hours trading, the company's stock went into a tailspin, however, midway through a meeting with Wall Street analysts that was webcast for investors everywhere to hear.

It marks the fourth consecutive stock slump for United following an earnings report. In October, a disastrous conference call contributed to a 12 percent one-day drop.

The breaking point this time was United's disclosure that it plans to add

between 4 percent and 6 percent to its passenger-carrying capacity this year and maintain that pace through 2020.

Cowen and Co. analyst Helene Becker said many of her investor clients were worried that United would grow more than 4 percent, "and those fears are being realized."

CFRA Research analyst Jim Corridore stripped United of his "buy" rating, saying it's the "right course of action, but it will take time to work."

United President Scott Kirby offered an impassioned defense of the growth strategy. He said that because of decisions by United's previous management team, the airline had been shrinking while Delta and American were growing. United is losing high-paying connecting passengers who fly between smaller cities and big hub airports and "support the whole network," he said.

"What we are doing is

frankly catching up," Kirby told analysts.

Kirby said United can't afford to ignore discount carriers like Spirit Airlines because half of United's customers choose an airline mostly on ticket price.

"The best way to compete with low-cost carriers is matching prices," he said. "No one chooses to fly on an ultra-low-cost carrier if they can get the same price on United Airlines, nobody."

Entering Wednesday, United shares had gained 7 percent in the past year — 36 percent just since Nov. 14, on the notion that United, trailing rivals like Delta in key financial measures, had more room to run.

In the sell-off Wednesday, United's woes spread to other carriers. Delta Air Lines Inc. fell 5.2 percent to \$56.80; and Southwest Airlines Co. slid 4.7 percent to \$62.21.

American, Southwest and JetBlue Airways Corp. report fourth-quarter results on Thursday.

Pace of 2017 local home sales slowed in sellers' market

Chicago Tribune

Chicago-area home sales rose at a slower pace in 2017 than in each of the preceding two years, in large part because demand outstripped supply. That predicament, however, also meant a boon for sellers.

According to a report issued Wednesday by the Illinois Association of Realtors, sales of existing single-family homes and condominiums in the nine-county Chicago area last year totaled 118,131 properties, an increase of 1.2 percent from 2016. The median price of \$235,000 for the year was up 5.6 percent from 2016.

Meanwhile, within the city of Chicago, home sales rose 1.8 percent year over year, to 28,621 properties sold. The year-end median price was \$285,000, up 4.8 percent from 2016.

After falling in 2014, the volume of homes sold in the Chicago area rebounded sharply in 2015 and stayed strong in 2016. More recently, though, a dearth of new listings has hampered potential buyers' efforts.

In December, for example, potential buyers in the Chicago area had about 5,200 fewer properties to look at, compared with December 2016. In Chi-

cago, there were about 800 fewer listings last month than in December 2016.

As a result, sellers have found their properties getting snapped up by buyers at a rapid pace. Last year, it took an average of 46 days for a home to go under contract in the Chicago area as a whole, and the average was 41 days within Chicago.

The outlook for the area's housing market this year remains unclear, in part due to the recent federal tax changes.

"A major uncertainty in 2018 is the net impact limitations on state and local tax deductibility and the mortgage interest will have on one hand, with the reduction in tax rates that should increase consumer disposable income on the other," Geoffrey J.D. Hewings, emeritus director of the University of Illinois' Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, said in a news release.

Signed into law by President Donald Trump late last month, the federal tax overhaul limits to \$10,000 the federal tax deduction that can be taken on all state and local taxes — property taxes included. For new mortgages, the law also restricts the mortgage interest deduction, limiting it to loans of \$750,000 or less.



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

IMF managing director Christine Lagarde said Monday "all signs point to a continuous strengthening" of growth.

IMF raises 2017 global growth to 3.7 percent

By PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The International Monetary Fund is upgrading its outlook for the world economy, noting surprisingly strong growth in Europe and Asia and predicting that U.S. tax cuts will give the American economy a short-term boost.

The IMF on Monday forecast global growth of 3.7 percent for 2017, which would be the most substantial annual growth since 2011, and to 3.9 percent for this year and 2019.

"Global growth has been accelerating since 2016, and all signs point to a continuous strengthening of that growth," IMF managing director Christine Lagarde said in a news conference at the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

The international lending agency says 120 countries, representing three-quarters of world economic output, enjoyed economic growth in 2017, cre-

ating the broadest global expansion in seven years.

The IMF expects the U.S. growth to accelerate to 2.7 percent this year, from 2.3 percent in 2017, citing increased investment as businesses take advantage of lower corporate tax rates.

The 19 countries that use the euro currency collectively grew 2.4 percent in 2017, best since 2007, and will grow 2.2 percent this year, the IMF said.

The Chinese economy, the world's second-biggest, is believed to have grown 6.8 percent in 2017. But China's growth is forecast to slow to 6.6 percent this year and 6.4 percent in 2019. Beijing is attempting to move the economy away from fast but unsustainable growth based on massive investment to slower, steadier growth.

The IMF warned that a long period of low global interest rates may have inflated the prices of assets such as stocks, raising the threat of a correction that could hurt confidence and growth.

American-Delta deal helps stranded travelers

Terms let airlines put passengers on each other's planes

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

DALLAS — American Airlines and Delta are reviving a deal that lets them put passengers on each other's planes when travelers are stranded by disruptions such as winter storms and computer outages.

The new deal took effect on Wednesday. The airlines aren't disclosing financial terms such as how much they'll charge to accommodate the other's passengers.

Both airlines and their passengers figure to benefit if the agreement means

fewer travelers get stuck at airports.

Henry Hartevelt, a travel industry analyst for Atmosphere Research Group, said if bad weather strikes a major hub airport used by one airline, its connecting passengers could be rerouted through another city on the other carrier.

"This arrangement will help save travelers time and sanity when one airline is affected by a problem and the other is operating," he said.

American and Delta are the nation's two largest carriers. They stopped co-operating to handle each other's stranded passengers in September 2015. Delta complained that it was taking far more passengers

who were rebooked from American than it sent the other way. Delta demanded a premium for the imbalance.

American Airlines spokesman Matt Miller said neither airline will get more generous terms than the other under the new agreement.

The old deal wasn't limited to bad weather or IT outages. It also let passengers book flights on both airlines under the same itinerary — with their baggage being transferred too. That convenience is not included in the new deal.

The airlines wouldn't disclose how many passengers they rebook on other carriers when bad weather or computer out-

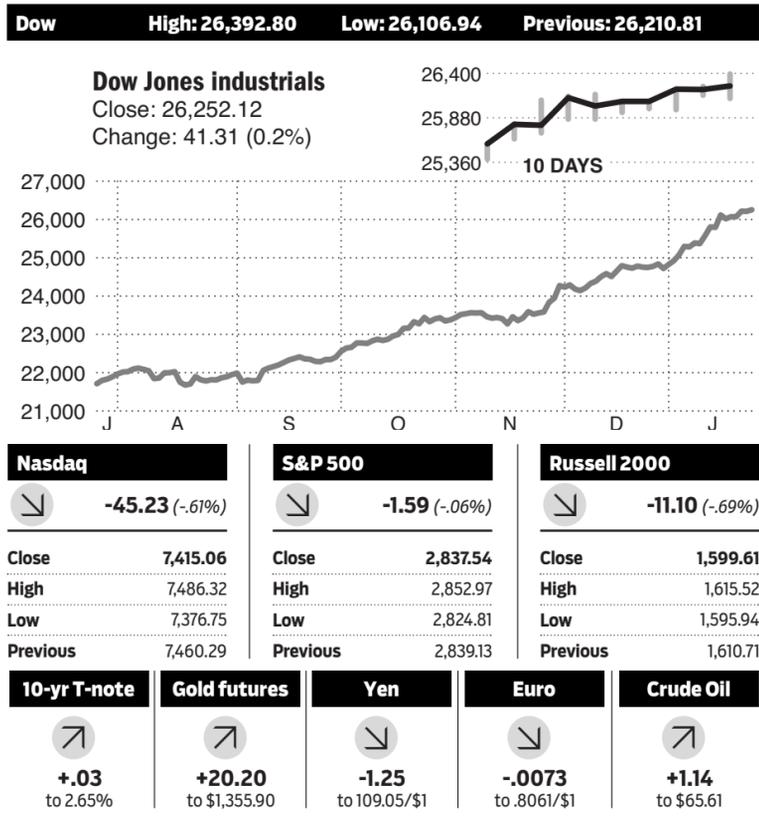
ages cause flight cancellations.

Miller said American would try first to put stranded passengers on airlines with which it has stronger business ties — either members of the same global airline alliance or partners in joint ventures — but the Delta option "comes in handy."

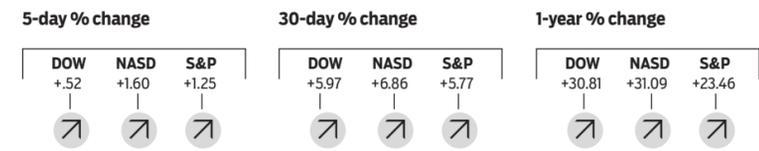
Delta spokesman Morgan Durrant called the deal with American a "tool that will give our employees more options" to help customers.

American and Delta have similar agreements with United Airlines. Southwest Airlines does not have agreements to put its passengers on other carriers, a spokesman said.

MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	422.25	433.75	420.75	433	+11.50
		May 18	435	445.75	433.50	445.50	+11.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	351.25	357	349.75	356.50	+5.25
		May 18	359.50	365.25	358.25	364.75	+5
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	985.75	994.75	980.25	992.25	+6
		May 18	997	1006.25	992	1003.75	+6
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.53	32.80	32.52	32.68	+1.6
		May 18	32.75	32.98	32.71	32.87	+1.5
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	339.40	343.40	335.90	342.00	+2.40
		May 18	342.20	346.10	338.90	344.80	+2.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Mar 18	64.42	66.05	64.34	65.61	+1.14
		Apr 18	64.25	65.79	64.18	65.36	+1.05
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 18	3.541	3.624	3.404	3.509	+0.065
		Mar 18	3.090	3.132	3.024	3.080	+0.041
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 18	1.9069	1.9273	1.8854	1.9164	+0.077
		Mar 18	1.9051	1.9226	1.8854	1.9122	+0.047

Source: The Associated Press



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A new perk allows Starbucks "partners" to accrue one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked.

Coffee chain to up pay, expand leave

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care to stock grants," he said.

The new perk allows Starbucks employees, whom the company calls "partners," to accrue one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked, extending a benefit that had previously been offered only to employees working in states that required it.

Workers may use the benefit in the case of an illness for themselves or for a family member, and the company said an employee working 25 hours a week could expect to accrue about five days of sick time over a year.

Borges said employees had asked for expanded sick leave benefits and the company had been contemplating the move well before the passage of the new tax law. But the tax cuts, he said, helped to "accelerate our ability to do it." Employees had signed online petitions calling for paid sick leave and other benefits.

The national expansion of paid sick leave at Starbucks also fits with a trend workplace experts predicted would occur after state and local laws passed in

recent years created a challenge for human resource departments at national companies. Many thought the patchwork of different paid sick leave laws would lead employers to expand benefits workers receive in, say, New York and California, to simplify their processes.

Starbucks' announcement is evidence that may be happening. Vikki Shabo, vice president for workplace policies and strategy for the National Partnership for Women & Families, called the paid sick leave program "an extremely welcome sign."

Starbucks also announced Wednesday that it would add six weeks of paid parental leave for its hourly employees who become new dads, a benefit that had only previously been offered to new mothers and adoptive or foster parents. While that is an improvement from the zero weeks of parental leave those workers had received until now, it is still less than the benefit Starbucks offers to its non-store employees. New mothers at Starbucks who make a salaried wage receive 18 weeks of paid leave, and other salaried parents receive 12 weeks.

A 1-2 punch for low-income people

Reed, from Page 1

like ATMs and phones. The no-monthly-fee component applied if customers refrained from using tellers and got statements online. The bank started phasing out the product in 2015.

Yet is it any wonder the Charlotte, N.C.-based banking behemoth's decision was greeted with boos and hisses?

Check out the online petition on Change.org that's calling on the bank to reinstate the free checking option. As of Wednesday afternoon, it had more than 84,000 signatures, compared with 50,000 on Tuesday.

I find Bank of America's decision to automatically funnel its electronic banking customers into that higher-fee checking account questionable. The nation's second-largest bank, with over 100 branches and ATMs in the Chicago area, does have a more reasonably priced checking account called SafeBalance.

I asked Bank of America why it didn't move its no-fee clients into that ac-

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	61.72	+2.49	Equity Commonwh	N	30.26	-1.1	McDonalds Corp	N	176.12	-.69
AbbVie Inc	N	105.51	+1.13	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	86.15	-1.36	Middleby Corp	O	136.25	-.79
Akorn Inc	O	32.93	-.23	Equity Residential	N	61.44	-.35	Morningstar Inc	O	44.59	+0.09
Allstate Corp	N	99.87	-1.38	Exelon Corp	N	38.21	-.32	Morningstar Int'l	O	98.00	-.90
Aptar Group Inc	N	88.20	+1.38	First Indl RT	N	31.00	-.11	Motorola Solutions	N	95.84	-.92
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.84	+2.3	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	73.13	+0.63	Navistar Int'l	N	46.71	+4.8
Baxter Intl	N	70.14	+5.4	Gallagher AJ	N	65.12	+5.6	NiSource Inc	N	24.18	+0.1
Boeing Co	N	334.69	-.90	Grainger WW	N	271.97	+42.52	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.17	-.72
Brunswick Corp	N	60.00	+8.6	GrubHub Inc	N	71.53	+3.7	Old Republic	N	20.40	-0.4
CB&E Global Markets	O	135.57	+7.6	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	89.93	+9.0	Packaging Corp Am	N	126.20	-1.8
CDK Global Inc	O	73.95	-.31	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	81.56	+0.9	Stericycle Inc	O	70.69	+13
CDW Corp	O	75.04	-.56	IDEX Corp	N	138.20	+5.1	TransUnion	N	60.07	+1.2
CF Industries	N	41.64	+3.4	ITW	N	173.76	+7.0	Tribune Media Co A	N	43.25	-.08
CME Group	O	154.99	+7.4	Ingredion Inc	N	140.31	-.65	USG Corp	N	39.37	+1.09
CNA Financial	N	54.72	-.24	John Bean Technol	N	115.05	+4.5	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	224.31	-4.48
Caterpillar Inc	N	168.34	-1.09	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	153.59	-2.55	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	69.05	-8.92
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.60	-.12	Kraft Heinz Co	O	79.86	-.41	Ventas Inc	N	55.89	-.06
Deere Co	N	169.60	+9.4	LKQ Corporation	O	42.87	-.26	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	77.33	+3.1
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.74	+0.2	Littelfuse Inc	O	212.63	-1.57	Wintrust Financial	O	88.08	+0.4
Dover Corp	N	104.78	-.78	MB Financial	O	47.19	-.06	Zebra Tech	O	123.35	-2.33

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	16.44	-.45
Bank of America	32.09	+1.17
Ford Motor	12.05	+0.0
Petrobras	13.09	+1.04
Vale SA	13.18	+4.48
Sthwstn Energy	5.30	-.24
Alibaba Group Hldg	195.53	+3.25
Ambev S.A.	6.87	+1.6
Valent Pharm	19.88	-2.42
Yamana Gold Inc	3.68	+1.0
McDermott Intl	8.98	+1.12
Chesapok Eny	4.08	+0.1
United Cont'l Hldgs	69.05	-8.92
Petrobras A	12.25	+9.1
AT&T Inc	37.02	-.17
Freepor McMoran	19.60	+0.5
Twitter Inc	22.37	-.38
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	8.35	+0.4
Rite Aid Corp	2.22	-1.0
Delta Air Lines	56.80	-3.13
Kinross Gold	4.61	+0.7
Verizon Comm	54.22	+9.9
Wells Fargo & Co	65.48	+9.9
Banco Bradesco ADS	12.63	+9.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.02	-.17
Alphabet Inc C	1164.24	-5.73
Alphabet Inc A	1171.29	-4.88
Amazon.com Inc	1357.51	-5.03
Apple Inc	174.22	-2.82
Bank of America	32.09	+1.17
Berkshire Hath A	323480	+5.95
Berkshire Hath B	215.61	+0.5
Chevron Corp	131.39	+3.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	88.53	+2.3
Facebook Inc	186.55	-2.80
Home Depot	206.22	+1.32
JPMorgan Chase	115.67	+1.46
Johnson & Johnson	142.07	+2.4
Microsoft Corp	91.82	-.08
Unitedhealth Group	244.85	-.36
Visa Inc	124.55	-1.0
WalMart Strs	105.79	-1.1
Wells Fargo & Co	65.48	+9.9

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.83	+0.3	+26.9
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	78.12	-.01	+17.7
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	54.32	+0.9	+2.3
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	64.73	+0.5	+16.1
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	59.94	-.02	+33.6
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	66.32	-.05	+27.9
American Funds GfrAmrCA m	53.53	+0.3	+30.4
American Funds IncAmrCA m	24.16	-.01	+15.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	42.73	+0.5	+23.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.49	-.08	+33.1
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	48.21	+0.2	+25.1
DFA EMktCorEq	24.98	+1.9	+38.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.71	-.01	+3.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	50.25	+3.0	+28.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	219.21	+8.0	+25.0
DoubleLine TtRtBdl	10.56	...	+2.7
Fidelity 500IdxIns	99.26	-.06	+26.9
Fidelity 500InclPrm	99.26	-.06	+26.9
Fidelity Contrafund	133.21	-.32	+37.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	133.14	-.32	+38.1
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	11.14	-.01	+3.2
Fidelity LowPrStk	57.88	+0.1	+27.2
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.43	...	+10.2
Metropolitan West TtRtBdl	10.55	-.02	+2.4
Oakmark IntlInv	30.89	+1.3	+34.5
PIMCO InclStl	12.36	...	+8.0
PIMCO TtRtRetIns	10.17	-.02	+3.8
Schwab SP500Idx	43.75	-.02	+26.9
T. Rowe Price BCGR	105.64	-.30	+43.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.95	-.22	+38.0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	262.17	-.14	+26.9
Vanguard 500IdxInv	262.15	-.14	+26.8
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.99	+0.6	+23.4
Vanguard HCAmrl	92.51	+2.4	+26.3
Vanguard InTrmGdAdm	9.64	-.01	+2.9
Vanguard INTTAdmrl	14.03	-.03	+3.6
Vanguard InslIdxIns	258.60	-.14	+26.9
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	258.62	-.14	+26.9
Vanguard InslTHMInPls	63.02	-.08	+25.9
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	201.72	-.13	+19.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	143.31	-1.38	+35.5
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.99	...	+16.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	73.94	-.30	+18.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.36	...	+15.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.18	...	+18.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	25.65	+0.1	+20.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.67	+0.1	+21.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.63	-.02	+2.4
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.63	-.02	+2.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.66	-.02	+2.7
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	32.61	+1.2	+31.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	130.40	+4.8	+31.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	130.42	+4.8	+31.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	19.49	+0.7	+31.1
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	70.70	-.09	+25.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	70.71	-.09	+25.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	70.68	-.08	+25.8
Vanguard WlntnAdmrl	75.15	+0.9	+17.6
Vanguard WlsvInAdmrl	65.97	-.03	+11.1
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	71.41	+2.4	+22.6

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.
Source: Morningstar.

count. Spokeswoman Betty Riess said clients were made aware of SafeBalance and encouraged to "talk to us about the account that best fits their needs."

Let me get this straight: The very customers who were encouraged never to go into a branch and chat with tellers are now supposed to track someone down and talk about this important banking decision.

By the way, this isn't the first time Bank of America has faced a customer backlash. In 2011, it dropped plans to charge a \$5 monthly fee for debit card purchases.

Maybe the lender will backtrack again, but don't count on it.

Should Bank of America — and the country's other big consumer lenders — be offering no-fee checking options to those with low, or no, account balances?

At the risk of incurring the wrath of free-market types everywhere, my answer is: You bet.

At the end of the day, these are still community banks, chartered by the government and backed by

taxpayers when they get into trouble — as we saw in 2008 when the federal government bailed out the nation's largest lenders, among them the Bank of America.

They should strive to serve as many people as possible. Believe me, they'll still make money in the long run, particularly as some no-fee customers become prosperous small business, auto loan, mortgage and credit card customers.

This lack of banking options forces the unbanked to use other financial services, including currency exchanges — a business that's poised to get a very nice raise from the Rauner administration.

As this column has reported, the agency that regulates currency exchanges — the Chicago area has about 400 outlets — has enthusiastically approved double-digit percentage increases of the industry's state-sanctioned check-cashing fees.

Under the plan, cashing a check of \$100 or less will cost \$1 and

OBITUARIES

ROBERT ROSEN 1943-2018

Ill businessman backed study of blood cancers

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Two years after he was diagnosed with polycythemia vera, a rare and progressive blood cancer, Robert Rosen co-founded the MPN Research Foundation to find new treatments and eventually a cure for a group of blood cancers.

The MPN Research Foundation, founded in 1999, aims to stimulate original research on the blood cancers polycythemia vera, essential thrombocythemia and myelofibrosis, known collectively as myeloproliferative neoplasms.

For Rosen, the foundation's chairman, it was a sharp turn from his successful career in industrial and commercial real estate, but one he saw as necessary given the paucity of research at the time.

"Bob was an impatient patient," said Barbara Van Husen, the foundation's volunteer president. "He asked his doctor who was doing research and learned there were only a few. Nobody was (really) doing anything."

Rosen and his foundation partners were remarkably successful in changing that situation, according to Dr. Ronald Hoffman.

"Bob was a terrific supporter ... really an inspirational person," said Hoffman, who gathered an international group to pursue research on the family of blood diseases. "The foundation he set up and put together really provided us with the seed money that allowed us to get our funding from the National Cancer Institute."

That seed money — Hoffman estimates it was about \$50,000 — has led to grants that with the most recent five-year renewal will total about \$63 million over 15 years.

Rosen, 74, died Jan. 4 in New York-Presbyterian medical center of complications following a bone marrow transplant to treat myelofibrosis, according to his daughter, Rebecca Shapiro. The Lincoln Park resident traveled to New York in late



BILL MCMURRAY PHOTO

Robert Rosen had a successful career in industrial and commercial real estate.

August for treatment of his condition.

Rosen, whose grandparents immigrated to Chicago before World War I, was born in Rogers Park and later moved with his family to north suburban Highland Park. After graduating from Highland Park High School, he attended Brown University in Rhode Island, where he earned an undergraduate degree in international relations. He later went on to Northwestern University to get an MBA, his daughter said.

A social encounter with Marshall Bennett, a charismatic figure in Chicago real estate, drew him into industrial real estate. He joined the firm of Bennett and Kahnweiler, and, according to his daughter, excelled in the high-pressure environment.

In his time there, he worked with the Pritzker family to help develop the Centex Industrial Park in Elk Grove Village.

Rosen helped his friend Ron Frain get into the real estate business. By the 1980s, Frain had started his own company. Rosen wanted to help build an organization and moved to Frain Camins & Swartzchild. Frain said he was instrumental in growing the company from 10 or 15 people to more than 150 employees before it was sold in 1997.

"He loved getting into a leadership role," said Frain, who was chairman of the

company as Rosen became president. "He fell into a world of mentoring and leadership that was instrumental in our growth."

Rosen got his diagnosis about the time the company was sold. "His focus changed from real estate," Frain said. "He was more focused on finding a cure."

Van Husen said when she started working with Rosen on the foundation, they put ads in scientific journals: "We have money — come and get it."

Hoffman said with his diagnosis, Rosen "really re-oriented his efforts" to the foundation, showing generosity not only in financial support but with the time he put toward the work of the organization.

Rosen's efforts paid off for many, according to Dr. Andrew Schafer, chairman of the foundation's scientific advisory board. Schafer, also a professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York and director of the Richard T. Silver Center for Myeloproliferative Neoplasms, said his work involves advising the foundation board about advances in the field and helping to select the best applicants for grant funding.

Schafer talked about the breadth of Rosen's impact on the diseases the foundation targets and the patients involved.

"Since he's passed away, every single patient of mine who has an MPN (myeloproliferative neoplasm) disorder wanted to talk with me about him," Schafer said. "That gives you a small glimpse of how broad his reach was."

Frain admired his friend's strength. "Hopefully, others will benefit from his efforts and travels."

In addition to his daughter, Rosen is survived by his wife Ellen; another daughter, Molly Rosen Guy; a son, Zachary; a sister, Joyce Friedman; brothers Laurence and Richard; and four grandchildren.

Services were held.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 25 ...

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1858 Britain's Princess Victoria, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, married Crown Prince Frederick William, the future German Emperor and King of Prussia, at St. James's Palace.

In 1924 the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France.

In 1959 American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

In 1971 Charles Manson and three female followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

In 1981 the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1993 a gunman shot and killed two CIA employees outside agency headquarters in Virginia. (A Pakistani national, Mir Aimal Kansi, was later tried, convicted and executed for the shootings.) **Also in 1993** Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog.

In 1995 the defense gave its opening statement in the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, saying Simpson was the victim of a "rush to judgment" by authorities who had mishandled evidence and ignored witnesses.

In 1998 the Denver Broncos won their first Super Bowl title in four tries, defeating the Green Bay Packers, 31-24.

In 2000, under govern-

ment orders, the Florida relatives of Elian Gonzalez agreed to make the boy available for a meeting with his Cuban grandmothers at a neutral site.

In 2012 Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, 41, shot in the head Jan. 8, 2011, in a rampage in Tucson, Ariz., in which six people died and 12 others were wounded, left Congress to focus on her recovery.

In 2017 actress Mary Tyler Moore, who gained fame in the 1960s as the frazzled wife Laura Petrie on "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and in the 1970s created one of TV's first career-woman sitcom heroines in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," died in Greenwich, Conn.; she was 80. **Also in 2017** actor John Hurt, acclaimed for roles in "The Elephant Man," "Midnight Express," "Alien" and the "Harry Potter" movies died in London; he was 77. **Also in 2017** the Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed above 20,000 for the first time in its history.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Jan. 24 Powerball	05 09 11 33 64 / 21
Powerball jackpot: \$92M	
Lotto jackpot: \$76M	
Pick 3 midday	784 / 1
Pick 4 midday	6257 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday	05 07 27 36 40
Pick 3 evening	492 / 9
Pick 4 evening	8506 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto evening	07 10 11 14 19
Jan. 26 Mega Millions: \$2M	
WISCONSIN	
Jan. 24 Megabucks	10 14 16 28 41 48
Pick 3	277
Pick 4	5828
Badger 5	22 25 26 30 31
SuperCash	18 19 22 28 33 37

INDIANA	
Jan. 24 Lotto	02 14 15 18 31 35
Daily 3 midday	623 / 7
Daily 4 midday	6045 / 7
Daily 3 evening	397 / 3
Daily 4 evening	7203 / 3
Cash 5	18 20 23 24 42
MICHIGAN	
Jan. 24 Lotto	10 17 30 38 40 41
Daily 3 midday	319
Daily 4 midday	3728
Daily 3 evening	097
Daily 4 evening	2205
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Keno	03 04 06 16 25 26
	30 38 40 44 48 49 51 55
	56 57 60 62 64 66 67 75

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In Memoriam



Jack James Tavolacci

"A star's truest measure is its brilliance. Like you, the most beautiful shine the most brightly. So, burn on my star, my son, warm and illuminate my remaining days until we reunite in the heavens." Ty Roth.

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Andrews, Carolyn P.

76, of Westmont passed away January 23, 2018. Loving mother of John (Maryann), Corey (Maureen) and Troy (Kathy); beloved grandmother of Brad, Stephanie (Nick) LaPorta, Ryan, Kelsey, and Alex; proud great grandmother of Gia LaPorta; dear sister of Polly. Visitation Friday, January 26, 2018 from 3pm to 8pm at Mount Auburn Funeral Home, 4101 S. Oak Park Ave. Stickney, IL 60402. Chapel service Saturday at 11:30am. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society or a Charity of your choice are appreciated. Info: (708) 749-2033 or www.mountauburnfuneral-home.com



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Artus, David Lee

David Lee Artus was born the day before Pearl Harbor, December 6, 1941 in Chicago, IL. He lived across from the Museum of Science and Industry, and enjoyed playing on the submarine and train when they were still outside. He went to Hyde Park High School and graduated from Bloom High School after his parents moved to Sauk Village. He worked for many years as a respiratory therapist, mostly in St. James Hospital, University of Illinois Hospital and finally for 25 years at Hines VA Hospital from which he retired. He was previously married to Margaret Artus of East Chicago, IN. In 1979 he married Louise P. Engert in Valparaiso, IN.

David had a lifelong love of the military, worked in Civil Air Patrol with High School students, and was a member of the Military Vehicles Collectors Club. The highlight of that was when the club helped film scenes from "Blues Brothers" in downtown Chicago. An avid reader, he also loved movies, most especially John Wayne, and even had a John Wayne cowboy hat. Motorcycles, planes, trains and automobiles (and their models) filled his life. He particularly had train sets in all gauges, and loved the narrow gauge trains especially.

He is survived by his wife Louise, son John David (Jenny), daughters Michelle Louise Artus and Heather (James) Becker, Grandson Avery Becker, Cousin Bill Artus, Katie (Joris) Nefs, Danny and David Artus, sister-in-law Kathy Engert, nephews Jeffrey (Becca) and Brian (Elizabeth) Engert and great nephew Jacob Engert, 2 nieces and 1 nephew: Mary Ellen Ferrell of St. Louis, John Turner and Beth. He was preceded in death by his parents Cecil and Margaret Artus and his brother John Turner. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00AM at St John Lutheran Church, 305 Circle Ave, Forest Park, IL 60130. Memorials to St John Lutheran Church please. Info: 708-366-2200 or www.ZimmermanHarnett.com.

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Baskovitz, Diana

Diana Baskovitz, 92. Beloved daughter of the late Nathan and the late Esther Baskovitz. Dear sister of the late Miriam and the late Arthur (Madalyn) Baskovitz. Diana was a graduate of the University of Chicago, a teacher in the Chicago Public School System, a long-time member of Congregation Ezras Israel and of the Sweet Singers. The family would like to thank Ora Bragg for caring for Diana for the past several years. Memorials to Congregation Ezras Israel, 7000 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60645, www.ezrasisrael.com would be appreciated. Graveside service Thursday 11AM at Waldheim Cemetery, gate 91 B, off of Greenberg Road, Forest Park. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com



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Block, Charlene L. "Bunny"

Charlene L. "Bunny" Block, nee Fisher, age 88, of Chicago. Beloved mother of Pamela (the late Robert) Samson, William (Gina) Block, C.F.D., and Cynthia (the late James) Murphy; loving grandmother of Courtney (James) Smith, Connor and Allison Block; dearest great-grandmother of Mark William and Harper Joan Smith; fond sister of Alyce (the late

Ronald) Lind, Blanche (the late Larry) O'Neill, and the late Mary Jane (the late E.J.) Scott. Visitation, Friday, January 26, 2018, from 3 to 8 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral, Saturday, January 27, at 10:15 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass, 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or The Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL, 60630. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Brandstetter, John

John Brandstetter, at rest December 27, 2017. John was born in Waukegan on October 21, 1929 and was raised and spent most of his life in Grayslake. He was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran serving before and during the Korean War and was a Life Member of both The American Legion and The Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was the Quality Services Manager at Sara Lee Bakery retiring in 1996 after 30 years of service. He was our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and nephew. He was renowned for his sense of humor, his loyalty and his love of family, country, the Cubs and the U.S. Marine Corps. A diehard Cubs fan his entire life he was so excited he lived long enough to see the Cubs win the World Series. He made a lasting impression on all that were blessed to know him and he will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife Susan Nied; his children Leslie (Jim) Kaiser, Brian (Alisa) Brandstetter and Barbara Brandstetter; his grandchildren Nicholas (Christine) Read, Philip Read, Tyler (Samantha) Brandstetter and William Brandstetter; his great-grandchildren Kiana-Rae Read, Tyler Read, Allison Brandstetter, Andrew Keahey, AnnMarie Read and Vivienne Read; his sisters-in-law Jane Brandstetter, Theresa Brandstetter and Carol (Chris) Thompson; his nieces Cathy (Dave) Ott and Anna Kay (Randy) Kutz; his nephews Rob (April) Thompson and Ryan (Erin Wallace) Thompson; his great-nephews Bryan (Katherine) Ott, Connor Thompson and Kyle Thompson; his great-nieces Lauren (Stuart) Steenhoek and Lindsay Ott. He was preceded in death by his son Matthew Brandstetter; his parents Irvin and Fanny Brandstetter; his brothers William and Joseph Brandstetter and his nephew James Brandstetter. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, January 27 at The Vine; 101 Center Street; Grayslake at 11:00 am with prayers and remembrances at 12:00 pm followed by a celebration of John's life until 3:00 pm. Memorials given in John's memory to The Grayslake Historical Society; 164 Hawley St.; Grayslake, IL 60030 are gratefully appreciated.

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Brodsky, Berneice 'Bernie'

Berneice "Bernie" Brodsky, nee Kanter, age 95; beloved wife of the late Edward; loving mother of Jerry (Debbi) and the late Marilyn Garland; dearest grandma of Chelly (Kyle) McKanna and Lizzy Brodsky; proud great nana-grandma of Evan and Ivy McKanna who were the lights of her life; she was also the special "Grandma Bernie" to many extended family members and friends. Service Friday 11 AM in the chapel of Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum; 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge, where interment will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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Bryan, Harriet Bair 'Betty'

Betty Bryan died Sunday, January 21, 2018, two months short of her 100th birthday. She was born March 25, 1918 in Albany, NY, and grew up in Colorado Springs, CO, and Shaker Heights, Ohio. She graduated from Grinnell College in Iowa in 1939, where she continued to be an active alumna throughout her life. After college she worked for Life Magazine in New York City. She married 1931 Grinnell graduate, C. Clark Bryan on November 29, 1941. After WWII, they settled in Elmhurst, IL, where she lived until her death. She was actively involved in the First Congregational Church of Elmhurst; PEO, an organization supporting education for women; and American Field Service (AFS), an international student exchange program. She loved athletics: swimming and diving, tennis, bowling, golf, billiards, and Wii-bowling. Betty was preceded in death by husband Clark in 2002, daughter Barbara in 2016, and Clark Jr. in 1954. She is survived by sister-in-law, June Bair of Wilmington, NC; and her children Carolyn (widow of J. Michael Young), son-in-law Will Freeman, Sue Bryan (Cindy A White), Jean Bryan (Thom Clark), and Frederick Bryan (Betty Holmes); five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one nephew and six nieces.

Memorial service: Saturday, Feb. 24th, 10AM at First Congregational Church of Elmhurst (235 S Kenilworth Ave). No flowers. Donations to Grinnell College, the PEO Education Fund, American Field Service or an organization of your choice. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

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Chrobak, James E.

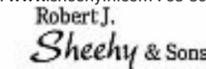
James (Jim) E. Chrobak, born February 23rd, 1947, passed away peacefully on January 16th, 2018. A devoted and loving husband to Jill A. (nee Meyers) with whom he loved to travel, explore new things, and spend time in nature. He was a committed father to Jamie E. Chrobak who he supported in all of her endeavors. Jim's family will be hosting a Celebration of Life on January 27th, 2018, at Firehouse Grille in Evanston from 1-5pm. Please join us to gather, eat and share stories. For a detailed obituary, please log on to www.cremation-society.com.



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Cicero, Linda F.

nee Scialabba; beloved wife of the late Salvatore "Sammy" Cicero; loving mother of Karen L. Cicero; devoted daughter of the late Catherine (nee muniz) and Jacob V. Scialabba; cherished aunt, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Friday from 3 to 9 p.m. at Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. to Nativity BVM Church for Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Cohen, Irving

Irving Cohen, 90, beloved husband of Margo, nee Phillips, for 56 wonderful years; loving father of Sari (Jeff) Stone, Lisa (Stuart) Stanton and Andrew (Debbi) Cohen; cherished Poppy of Jessica and Jori Stanton and Zack and Mitchell Cohen; devoted son of the late Bessie and Abraham Cohen; dear brother of the late Minnie (the late Fred) Rubenstein; treasured brother-in-law of Rita and Jerry Lambert; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Chapel service Friday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CJE Friend Center for Memory Care and the Alzheimer's Association. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com

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Claudio G. Cozzini, age 57. Beloved husband of Janine; Loving son of Rossi nee Parenti and the late Ugo; Cherished brother of Roberto (Antonietta), Silvano and Marco Cozzini; Caring uncle of Arianna, Olivia Cozzini, Yasmeen and Melia Nubani; Dear nephew of Marino and Lorrie Parenti, the late Elsa "Alda" Antonioli, the late Luigina Cozzini, cousin to many. Fond brother-in-law of Lyla Renai and Mark Nubani; Dear son-in-law of Abe and the late Marlene Nubani. Funeral prayers Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., to Queen of All Saints Basilica for Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations to American Heart Association would be appreciated. Visitation Friday 3 to 9 p.m. www.smithcorcoran.com or 773-736-3833

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Dickerson, LeRoy W**

LeRoy W. Dickerson, 87, long time parishioner of St. Edward Catholic Church in Chicago, recently of North Ft. Myers, FL, peacefully passed away at home on January 22, 2018. Roy was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, a connoisseur of good wine, an equity actor with the Florida Repertory Theatre Co. and past commander of American Legion Tattler Post 973 of Chicago. He was the beloved husband of the late Adele R. (nee Peters, 2004); loving father of Janice (Steve) Koval, Cheryl (John) Blondis, Donna, Kenneth, Keith (Marianne) Dickerson; dear grandfather of Kathryn, Anne (James), Alexander (Amanda), Michael, Emily, Grace; cherished great grandfather of Madeline; and brother of the late Larry Dickerson. Memorial visitation Saturday, January 27, from 12pm until the time of service at 3:30pm at Grove Memorial Chapel, 1199 S. Arlington Hts. Rd. Elk Grove Village. For info: 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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See Beverly Therese Hindes notice.

Gallagher, Marie Pauline

I know that all the books in Heaven are now finally ordered by the Dewey Decimal System.



Marie Pauline Gallagher, 95, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 13, 2018. A lifetime resident of Palatine, Illinois, Marie was preceded in death by the love of her life, Jim Gallagher, to whom she was married 68 years.

Mother of Linda Daly, Jay (Anne), Kevin (Molly), Terry (Colleen), Colleen (Bart) Lockhart. Loving grandmother of 15. Adoring great grandmother of 10.

Marie Gallagher was a lifetime volunteer. She founded the Palatine Chapter of The Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. She also served as a volunteer at Clearbrook Center in Rolling Meadows. Her love of music, which she studied at Valparaiso University drew her to The Chicago Symphony Orchestra as a seat holder for many seasons and as a member of The Woman's Association of The Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

What Started as a way to keep an eye on her 3 boys over a 6 year period, ended up with her volunteering 17 years as an assistant librarian at St. Viator's High School in Arlington Heights.

Marie was an avid golfer in the summer and an avid skier in the winter, enjoying both into her mid 80's!

Loved by many. Hated by None. Missed by all that knew her.

Visitation Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 9:00 AM until time of funeral mass at 10:00 AM at Church of the Holy Spirit, 1451 W. Bode Road, Schaumburg. Private family interment. The family would appreciate that instead of flowers, please make donations to: The St. Viator's Tuition Assistance Program at www.saintviator.com, or by mail to St. Viator High School, 1213 East Oakton Street, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahgrimmfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Lillian P. Gallichio nee Romano. Dearly Beloved Wife of the late Salvatore; Loving Mother of Linda Cerqua and Jeffrey (Elizabeth); Cherished Grandmother of Erik (Heather), Elisa (James), Valerie (Quinn) Elaina, Rachel, and Angela; Great Grandmother of Lilliana, Cash, and Casey; Dear Sister of the late Evelyn (the late Henry) Homa and the late Mario (the late Angelina) Romano; Loving Aunt, Cousin, and Friend of many. Visitation Saturday January 27, 2018 9:30am at St. Stephen Church, 1267 Everett Ave Des Plaines, IL, until time of mass 11am. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude's Children Hospital or Catholic Charities would be appreciated. Please Omit Flowers. Please visit Lillian's tribute at CarbonaraFuneralHome.net 708-343-6161

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Dr. Aaron Gerber, age 98. Longtime Park Forest resident, born and raised in Chicago. Graduate of University of Illinois Medical School. U.S. Army Veteran/WWII. A General Surgeon, Dr. Gerber had over 35 years of service at St. James and Ingalls Hospitals. After retirement, Dr. Gerber taught Surgical Anatomy and Knot-Tying to O.R. Nurses in pursuit of their 1st Assistant Certifications. Husband for 74 years of Vivian nee Noskin. Father of Dr. Diane (Howard Siegel) Gerber and Thomas (late Barbara) Gerber. Grandfather of James (Caitlin) Siegel, Lauren (Raymond Gonzalez) Gerber, Joshua and Harrison Gerber. Great grandfather of Henry Gonzalez. Brother of the late Gertrude Fantus and Harold Gerber. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Friday morning January 26th from 10:00 AM until time of funeral service at 11:00 AM. Burial private. 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com.

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Mercedes Zavala Godinez



Mercedes Mary Zavala Godinez born on March 5, 1921 in Acambaro, Guanajuato Mexico passed away on January 1, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. She is preceded by her parents Jose and Concepcion Zavala and her brothers, Tony and Luis and sister, Guadalupe

Vazquez Zavala. She is survived by her children, Dave (Karen) and Norbert Godinez and Sharon Beales (David), and grandchildren, Mark, Allison, Colin, Matthew, Tommy, Andrew, Scott & Ryan, and 8 great grandchildren. A funeral mass will be held at St. Luke Catholic Church on Callaghan Rd. in San Antonio, TX on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 1 pm. Interment will be Monday, January 29, 2018 at 11 am at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Antonio, TX. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the San Antonio Choral Society, the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice. Expressions of sympathy can be made at www.sunsetfuneralhomesa.com.

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Carlos Gonzalez. Age 65. U.S. Army Veteran and Retired Sergeant of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Police Department. Beloved husband of Margaret. Cherished father of Elizabeth (John) Wood, Lisa (Angelo) Gonzalez, and Vincent (Danielle) Gonzalez. Proud grandfather of Dylan Wood, Chloe Wood, and Angelo Gutierrez Jr. Caring brother of Nancy (Jim) Curcio, Robert (Janet) Gonzalez, Luis Gonzalez, Rosa Morales, Reinaldo (Priscilla) Morales, Dinelia Morales, Arnaldo (Judy) Morales, Harry Morales, and Angel R. Colon. Endearing son-in-law of Sara (late Matthew) Murray. Dear brother-in-law of Matthew (Lynn) Murray, John (Patricia) Murray, late Tim (Heidi) Murray, and Michael (late Jackie) Murray. Adored uncle of many nieces and nephews. Loving son of the late Hipolita Morales, the late Angel Gonzalez, and Socorro Fernandez. Resting at Brady-Gill Funeral Home, 16600 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park where visitation will be held Friday, January 26, 2018 from 3-8pm. Funeral Services at 7:30pm. Cemetery private. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Sandra Hedera age 73. Beloved wife of the late Joe Sr. Dearest mother of Joe Jr.(Debbie) and Jim (Amber). Loved Grandmother of Cody. Fond Sister of Linda(the late Bernie) Malitz and Margie(Knud) Berge. Many other relatives and friends. Visitation Thursday 4:30 pm until time of Funeral service 7:30 pm. at **Brust Funeral Home** 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL Interment Private. 630-510-0044

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Esther Hennessey, nee Tomaszewski, 89, of Glenview, passed away January 23, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Hennessey; loving mother of Mary Miller and the late John (Sandra) Hennessey; dear grandmother of the late Robert Miller; dear sister of the late Adeline Bojarski, Evelyn Wrzinski, Lorraine (Francis) Witkins, and Phil Tomas. Memorial service will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 10:30 am at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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One day shy of her 91st birthday, Beverly T. Hindes, nee Hill, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2018 at Hamilton Grove, New Carlisle, IN where she was a resident for the past several years. Devoted wife of the late Jack Hindes (1925-2005) for 59 years. Jack and Beverly became a "couple" after meeting outside a movie theater on the South Side of Chicago, she was 14 and he 16 years old. They married in 1946 and had eight children. She is survived by her children, Daniel (Mary Alice), Dennis (Mary Jo), Gary, Mary Beth (Phil) Lambert, Maureen Dorsey (Wally Miller), John (Lois), Michael (Marion) and Timothy (MaryKay); also survived by 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Beverly is pre-deceased by a grandson, Daniel Hindes (1977-1985); her parents, Edward Buhrow Hill (1886-1941) and Theresa Logsdon Hill (1887-1964); and her 10 siblings to whom she was the youngest. Funeral, Saturday January 27, 9:45 am from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W 103rd St, Oak Lawn, IL to Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park. Mass 10:30 am. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip. Visitation, Friday January 26 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Beverly's name may be made to the Hearing Loss Association of America, www.hearingloss.org. Info: 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com.

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Joyce A Jaszczor, 79, Beloved wife of Kenneth N. Jaszczor. Devoted mother of Vanessa (Billy), Desiree (Fredrick), Marchell, Kenneth (Jami) and Aimee. Proud Grandmother to; Marci, Kathryn, Jeffrey, Christopher, Veronica, Fredrick, Aaron, Matthew and Isala. 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

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Johnston, Nancy Jean**

Nancy Jean Johnston of Berkeley, age 71. Loving sister of Patricia (Richard) Meyers, Robert (Susan) and Jerome Johnston; cherished aunt of Kathleen (John) Gropp, Mary Meyers, Richard, Jr. (Liefke) Meyers, Matthew Meyers, Bridget (Joseph) Schicker, Anne (Scott) Nelson, Kristin (Tab) Bamford, Andrew (Paula) Meyers, Jeanne Johnston, Megan (John) Alipour and Michael Meyers; proud great-aunt of 22. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 11:00 a.m. from the funeral home to Divine Infant Church for 11:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Riverside Funeral Directors-Brian D. Kuratko, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Kantor, Charlotte Rose**

Charlotte Rose Mueller Kantor, Age 90. Beloved wife of the late James Kantor; loving mother of Susan (Mark) Kenter, Linda (Frank) Rimshaw, Jean Ann (Ralph) Witbeck, Charles (Michele) Kantor, Edward (Laura) Kantor, the late James (Merry Blake) Kantor, and the late Joseph Kantor; cherished grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of 12; dear sister of the late Marilyn Jean Mueller. Visitation Saturday from 8:30 to 10:00 AM at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, 60707 followed by Mass at Saint Giles Church, 1045 N. Columbian Ave., Oak Park, 60302 at 10:30 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Please omit flowers. For information call (773) 889-1700.

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John J. Kerrigan 73, Jan. 21st. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee Cook) Loving father of John and Mary Margaret Kerrigan. Devoted son of the late John Kerrigan (from Co. Mayo) and Margaret (nee Christie, from Co. Roscommon). Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Former Teacher at Kenwood High School, Retired Consultant for Allstate and Professor at National-Louis University. Funeral Saturday 8:30 a.m. from **Donnellan Funeral Home** 10525 S. Western Ave. to Christ the King Church 9235 S. Hamilton Ave. for Mass at 9:30 a.m. Int. All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660 or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5041. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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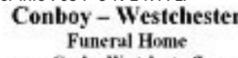
Michael A. Kiely, 72 of Naperville passed away, Jan. 22, 2018. Memorial Visitation Sunday, Jan. 28 from 1-5 at the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. For full obituary visit www.beidelmankunschff.com.

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Florian "Leo" Kirwan age 59 of Evanston formerly from Philo, IL. Beloved son of the late John Paul Kirwan and the late Alice Marie Kirwan nee Bates. Dear brother of Kevin (Betsy), Paul, Matt, Greg (Rosemary), David (Ellen) Kirwan and Alicia (Brian) Gjerde, Fond uncle of Luke, Jeff (Victoria), Meghan, Colin (Molly) Sean (fiancé Lindsay), Hope, Natalie, Kate (Rich), Kyle, Allison, Patrick, Lauren, Zachary, Evan and Owen; great uncle of Sofia and Oliver. Dear nephew of Mary Margaret (the late Joseph) Bosch and Brigetta "Sis" (the late Peter) Sentman, Tom (Carol), Jim (Jean) and Mike Kirwan. Visitation, Friday January, 26, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass, Saturday, January 27, 2018, 9:30 a.m. at Saint Athanasius Church, 1615 Lincoln Ave, Evanston, IL 60201. Visitation Saturday, January 27, 2018 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 310 E. Madison Street, Philo, IL 61864 Interment immediately to follow at Calvary Cemetery, Philo, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Over the Rainbow, 2040 Brown Avenue Evanston, IL 60201. Info www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Sylvia A. Kosla, nee Kaleta, of Westchester, age 97. Beloved wife of the late Stanley; dear sister of the late Celia, Bernice, Stella and Josephine; loving aunt of many; great aunt of Darwin Skrzynecki. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 11:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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See Beverly Therese Hindes notice.

Letchinger, Stuart G.

May 14, 1928 – January 20, 2018



James Letchinger; and many good friends. Lifelong Chicago sports fan, jazz music enthusiast, Korean War Veteran, Bronze Star recipient. In lieu of flowers, raise your glass and toast Stuart's life! If you wish to do more, donations in his memory to Chicago Honor Flight, would be greatly appreciated. <https://www.honorflightchicago.org/donate/>. Arrangements private.

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Kenneth C. Lorenz, age 82, a resident of Naperville, IL, passed away peacefully on January 23, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, his sons, Kevin and Kenneth, his daughters, Cindy and Debbie, and many other beloved family members. Visitation Friday, January 26, 4:00-8:00 PM at the **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. Funeral Services Saturday, January 27, 12:00 Noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle, IL 60532, with visitation one hour prior at the church. Interment private. Please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com for a complete obituary.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Mandoline, Edith**

Edith Mandoline, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Fred Mandoline, Sr.; dear mother of Fred Mandoline, Jr., Christopher Mandoline, Angie Peters, the late Mary Griffith, the late Bonnie Mandolini, the late Terry Mandolini, and the late Bernadette Mandoline; loving grandmother of Shawn McCormick, Beth McCormick Dupree, Jill Peters, Ryan Peters, Julie Mandolini-Trummel, Linda Trummel, Kristie Mandolini-Wongosari, Jamie Mandolini, Todd Mandoline, and Stephanie Zwicz Rehwaldt; great-grandmother of Christopher and Taylor Dupree, and Lucca, Alessia, Leopold McCormick; devoted daughter of the late Leopold and Rose Elischer; fond sister of Richard Elischer, the late Leo Elischer, the late Cornelius Elischer, and the late Eileen Kangiser. Visitation Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 1056 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60642. Visitation Monday, January 29, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL 60661 until the time of the 10 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment private. Donations to School Sisters of St. Francis, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215, www.sssf.org. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or sign guestbook at www.michalikfuneralhome.com.

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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.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries**Michas, Evelyn P. (nee Pelias) 'Bea'**

At the age of 81, Bea passed away peacefully on January 22, 2018, at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home in Joliet, with her family by her side, after a lengthy illness.



Bea is survived by her devoted husband, William "Bill" Michas and her loving daughter, Sylvia Michas of Chicago. Many other relatives also survive.

Funeral services for Evelyn P. Michas will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. from the Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Rds., Joliet, to All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, 102 N. Broadway, Joliet, where services will begin at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to All Saints Greek Orthodox Church Endowment Fund or Joliet Area Hospice. Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Trisagion Service at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or to read her complete obituary you may visit her Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com

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Charlotte F. Mulcahy nee Zwierzynski beloved wife of 69 years to Matthew Mulcahy; loving mother of Robert (Kim) Mulcahy, Janice (Daniel) Graziano and the late Joyce Kruck; dearest grandmother of David O'Dette, Daniel (Lisa) Graziano, Kimberly Milkint, Matthew Mulcahy, Meghan (Matthew) Wolfe and the late Michael Milkint; cherished great grandmother of Andrew, Delanice and Kam; devoted aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:00 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank IL 60459 to St. Albert The Great Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Funeral info (708) 636-2320

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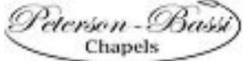
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Muldoon, Rosemary K.

Rosemary K. Muldoon nee Kirby age 89; Beloved wife of John "Jocko"; Loving mother of John (Laura), Michael (Lisa), Mary (Jim) O'Kane, Sheila, Kevin, Maureen, Patrick (Elizabeth); Cherished grandmother of Kirby, Cailey, Jimmy, Jackie, Devlin, Maddie, Caitlin, Malachy and Eamon. Mrs. Muldoon will lie in state Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago from 10:00 a.m. till Mass of Christian Burial 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations appreciated to Holy Family Catholic Church. Arrangements entrusted to Peterson-Bassi Chapels. For information call 773.637.4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com



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Niemi, Richard W.

Richard W. Niemi 87, beloved husband of Mary Jean (nee McManaman), loving father of Kathy (Regi) Starzyk, Rick (Dawn), Kay (Greg) Giammario, Kris (Larry) Funke, Kim Shanner, the late Karen Shank, son of the late William and Beatrice, grandfather of 15, great grandfather of 10, brother of Larry (Loren), Ralph (Mary Jo) and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation 9-11:30 AM Saturday January 27 at Kristan Funeral Home PC 219 West Maple Ave. (2 blocks west of Rt. 45 on Rt. 176) Mundelein. Funeral mass 12 PM (noon) at St. Mary of the Annunciation 22333 West Erhart Rd. Mundelein. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls at www.mercyhome.org or Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. For information visit www.kristanfuneralhome.com or call 847-566-8020.



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Olejnicki, Barbara M.

On Monday January 23rd, Barbara passed away suddenly at the age of 70 years. Barbara will be dearly missed by her surviving husband of 48 years, John, children Lori (Robin), Rob (Kathy), and Beth, 8 grandchildren, sister Karen, cousins, nieces and nephew. Visitation will be held Monday 1/29 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Williams-Kampp Funeral Home 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Wheaton Tuesday 1/30 at 10am. Interment Assumption Cemetery Wheaton, IL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial donation in Barb's memory be made to Spectrum Vocational Services-Little Friends in Downers Grove www.littlefriendsinc.org Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016.

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Policht, Nanci Ann

Nanci Ann Policht, age 60, of Campton Hills, IL, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday evening, January 22, 2018. She woke to a celestial morning surrounded by the love of her Savior. She was born April 7, 1957, in Chicago, IL, to proud parents, Frank and Katherine (Kico) Policht. She is survived by three siblings: Sandy (Thomas) Castronova, Bruce (Elvira) Policht and Patti Policht; many nieces and nephews including, Mike (Julie) Castronova and their daughter, Mia; Jim Castronova, Tony Castronova, Kyle Castronova, Krystle (Carl) Schwartz, their daughter Emmy and Frank (Stephanie) Policht. She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Katherine Policht. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., with a wake service at 8 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2018, at Conley Funeral Home, 116 W. Pierce St., Elburn, 60119. Visitation will resume Saturday, January 27, from 9:45 a.m., also at the funeral home, before processing to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6N491 Crane Rd, St. Charles, IL 60175. A mass to celebrate her faith will begin at 10:30 a.m., with interment to follow at Maryhill Cemetery, 8600 North Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL 60648 at 1 p.m. Please visit the Conley Funeral Home Facebook Page, or www.conleycare.com to see Nanci's full life story.

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Sierakowski, CSSF, Sr. Emilie Marie

SISTER EMILIE MARIE SIERAKOWSKI, C.S.S.F. Died January 24, 2018 in Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Chicago, IL. Beloved Member of Felician Sisters Community for 79 years. Beloved daughter of the late Vincent and the late Josephine. Beloved sister of the late Bernard (the late Frances), the late Pauline (the late Anthony) Lemaniak, the Joseph (the late Lucille), the late Casimir (the late Josephine), the late Marie (the late John) Pula, the late Agnes, (the late Michael) Cylkowski, the late Wanda, the late Helen, the late Victor (the late Sophie), the late Eleanor, and the late George (the late Katherine). Many nieces and nephews. Visitation will begin at 9:00am on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Mother of Good Counsel Convent, 3800 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am following the visitation. Commendation will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Felician Sisters' Retirement Fund, 3800 West Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659 would be appreciated. INFO 847-395-4000. Thomas K. Moore, Director.

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Sabet, Tawfik Younis

Tawfik Younis Sabet, 92, passed away on Tuesday, January 9th in Monterey, California. Born November 24th, 1926, in Cairo, Egypt, Tawfik came to the United States to complete his education, earning his PhD at Michigan State University. He returned briefly to Egypt after graduation, but decided to make his home in the US. He taught at Rush Presbyterian, St. Luke's Medical Center and at the University Of Illinois School Of Dentistry in Chicago. In his spare time he enjoyed playing tennis. He worked with the Museum of Science and Industry's Holiday Celebration, adding an "Egyptian Christmas Tree" to their display. When he retired he left Chicago for a warmer climate, moving to Monterey California. There he became an active volunteer with numerous organizations including Point Sur Lighthouse, Monterey Police Department, Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula and the Red Cross. He was also active in building cross-cultural understandings. He is survived by his wife Patricia Jeanne Sabet, daughter and son in law Janet and Julain Northcott, two grandchildren: Jennifer and Jim Northcott and four great-grandchildren, Connor, Avery, Owen and Isabella. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Community hospital of the Monterey peninsula. To share a memory or condolence with Tawfik's family please visit www.seasidefunerals.com.

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Schieble, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Schieble, 87 of Mt. Prospect, IL died peacefully on January 23, 2018 at JourneyCare Hospice in Barrington, IL. She was surrounded by her son David and daughter Linda in her final days. Born Elizabeth Tomaselli, on June 27, 1930 in Chicago, she was preceded in death by Michael Schieble, her husband of 61 years, and daughter Carolyn Schieble McArthur (Bruce Katz). Elizabeth, also known as Liz or Betty, was a fun loving person who worked for many years at the Illinois Appellate Court prior to retiring at age 75. She loved to travel with friends and family and enjoyed being a member of the "Fun Club" with the "Dirty Dozen". Liz had a beautiful singing voice and enjoyed participating in many church and local theater productions. She was passionate about her big city, and after retirement volunteered as a Chicago Greeter and for The Cara Program. Liz and her family are grateful that she enjoyed her final years in the warm and caring community of Cedar Lake Assisted Living in Lake Zurich.

She is survived by her son David (Jill Redmond) of Hawthorn Woods, IL, and the Texas families of daughter Linda Schieble McDaniel (Randy), granddaughter Elizabeth B. Molitor (Will) and great grandson Rowan William, granddaughter Lauren Veronica and grandson Adam Michael McDaniel. Memorial visitation Saturday, January 27th, from 9am until Funeral Mass 10am, at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd (Rt 83) and Lincoln Street, Mt. Prospect.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, 405 N Lake Zurich Rd, Barrington, IL 60010. Funeral information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Scialabba

See Linda F. Cicero notice.

Siegler, Gerold 'Jerry'

Gerold "Jerry" Siegler, 81 of Elgin, born January 8, 1937 in Chicago, son of Norbert and Anne (nee Sniader) Siegler died Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Journey-Care in Woodstock. Beloved husband to Carol (nee Zuckerberg) whom he married on December 16, 1962. Loving father of Laura (Michael) Evanchik, Joel (Susan) Siegler and Jennifer (Jim) Boyle. Loving Papa to Jacob, Elizabeth, Alex, Megan and Conor. Caring brother of Cookie Shevin (Ed Kalleck), brother-in-law of Jeri Siegler and Ruth (Lester) Margolies. Preceded in death by his parents and brother Lynn Siegler. Adored uncle to his nephews and their families. Loved by many. A "Celebration of Life" luncheon to be held on January 27 from 1-4 pm at the Creekside Lodge at Del Webb Edgewater in Elgin. 2554 Edgewater Dr. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: JourneyCare 2050 Claire Ct, Glenview, IL 60025 OR Edgewater Veterans Group, PO Box 5786 Elgin, IL 60121.

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Sierakowski, CSSF, Sr. Emilie Marie

SISTER EMILIE MARIE SIERAKOWSKI, C.S.S.F. Died January 24, 2018 in Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Chicago, IL. Beloved Member of Felician Sisters Community for 79 years. Beloved daughter of the late Vincent and the late Josephine. Beloved sister of the late Bernard (the late Frances), the late Pauline (the late Anthony) Lemaniak, the Joseph (the late Lucille), the late Casimir (the late Josephine), the late Marie (the late John) Pula, the late Agnes, (the late Michael) Cylkowski, the late Wanda, the late Helen, the late Victor (the late Sophie), the late Eleanor, and the late George (the late Katherine). Many nieces and nephews. Visitation will begin at 9:00am on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Mother of Good Counsel Convent, 3800 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am following the visitation. Commendation will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to Felician Sisters' Retirement Fund, 3800 West Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659 would be appreciated. INFO 847-395-4000. Thomas K. Moore, Director.

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Virzi, Richard A.

Richard A. Virzi, age 90 of Elmhurst and Sanibel Island, FL; Army Veteran of WWII, former member Glen Oak Country Club, Board member at Gottlieb Hospital, past President of Castle Metals; beloved husband of the late Winifred "Winnie", nee Burke; loving father of Rich (Pat) Virzi, Diane (Terry) Bellew, Peggy (Blake) Woods and Bob (Judy) Virzi; proud grandfather of Amy (Derek) Schaul, Katie (Barrett) O'Donovan, Jamie (Barry) McAndrews, Terry and Ryan Bellew, Chase Woods and Colleen, Nelson, Linnea, Lennart, Nicole and Madelyn Virzi; cherished great-grandfather of Lily, Anthony, Peter and Jake; dear brother of Rosemary (the late Mike) Murray and the late Donald (LaVerne) Virzi; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at Gibbons Funeral Home, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Interment Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Wallace, Michael C.

Michael C. Wallace; Native of County Limerick, Ireland; Devoted husband of Ellen, nee O'Connor; Loving father of Michael (Christina), Catherine (David) Bier, John, Frank (Laura), Tim (Teri), and Mary (Michael Rayniak); Proud Grandpa of Isabella, Daniel, Connor, Erin, Kaitlin, Colin, Katie, Brenden, Ashley, Megan, William, Lauren, Sydney, Ella, and Reagan; Dear brother of the late Sr. Mary Jerome Wallace, and Alice Murray; Beloved brother-in-law of the late Timothy (late Peg) O'Connor, and the late Francis O'Connor; Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 8:30 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Gerald Church, 9310 S. 55th Court, Oak Lawn; Mass 9:30 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Waugh, Edith

Edith Waugh, 95 of Lombard formerly Riverside and Brookfield, beloved wife of the late Harry; devoted mother of Nancy Valenta and the late Richard E. and late Sharon (Richard) Gordon; loving grandma of Shelly (Chuck) Fisher, Tricia Valenta and Matt (Jodi) Gordon; great grandma of Carly, Chase and Camry Fisher and Alli, Tyler and Katie Gordon; fond sister of the late Carl Nork. Visitation on Thurs, Jan. 25, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Irvins/Moravecek Funeral Home 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside and Fri, Jan. 26, 9:00 a.m. till time of services at 10:00 a.m. at Riverside United Methodist Church, 82 Woodside. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery.



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Wood, June C.

June Catherine Wood, nee Cullcott, age 82, died peacefully on January 21, 2018. Born in Berwyn to George Cullcott and Mary Cullcott, nee O'Rourke, she moved to South Oak Park in 1941 and attended Irving Elementary School, OPRFHS and University of Illinois at Navy Pier.

In 1955 she married Gerald Wood and moved to the naval air station in Chincoteague VA. In 1957 they returned to Oak Park, moving to Broadview in 1965, Riverside in 1976 and River Forest in 1986 while raising their four children.

Her employment included turns as pre-school instructor in Broadview, owner of a children's clothing store in Riverside, freelance writer for publications throughout the Chicago area and office manager at Ahern Funeral Home in Oak Park. She was also a volunteer with the Religious Education program at St. Luke Parish in River Forest.

June is survived by her husband, Gerald A. Wood Sr., four children; Julianne (Dennis) Marani, Maureen (Mark) Kelly, Gerald (Elizabeth) Wood Jr. and Elizabeth (Mike) Jaros, and 13 grandchildren; Andrew Ozga, Emily Ozga, Mark Kelly Jr., Joseph Kelly, Jack Kelly, Caroline Kelly, Katie Wood (Wes Szamotula), Claire (Alfonse Drechsler), Maggie Wood, Nora Wood, Jake Jaros, Mary Jaros and Jennifer Jaros. She is also survived by her brother, John (Barbara) Cullcott and five nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother, George Cullcott Jr., her mother, Mary Cullcott and her father, George Cullcott Sr.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7600 W. Lake St. (Lake and Lathrop Ave.) River Forest. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m. Private interment for family members will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery, 7750 W. Cermak Rd. in Forest Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org. Arrangements by Ahern Funeral Home. 708-383-5700.

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Woods, James M. 'Jimmy'

James M. "Jimmy" Woods. At rest Jan. 10th. Age 51. Of Chicago. Beloved husband of Kristie nee, Norris. Loving father of Kaili and Sydni Woods. Dear son of the late Marlene Becker. Dear brother of Pamela (Terry) Brown and the late Steven H. Becker. Nephew, uncle and friend of many. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held Saturday Jan. 27th, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS / GAMBONEY & SON DIRECTORS 6938 W. North Ave. (3 blocks east of Harlem) Chicago. Interment private. Info: 708/848-6661

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IN THE INTEREST OF Emily Joy Wilson AKA Emily Wilson Johnathan Wells

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sara Wells (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JAO0241 15JAO1257

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Sara Wells (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 17, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/07/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 25, 2018

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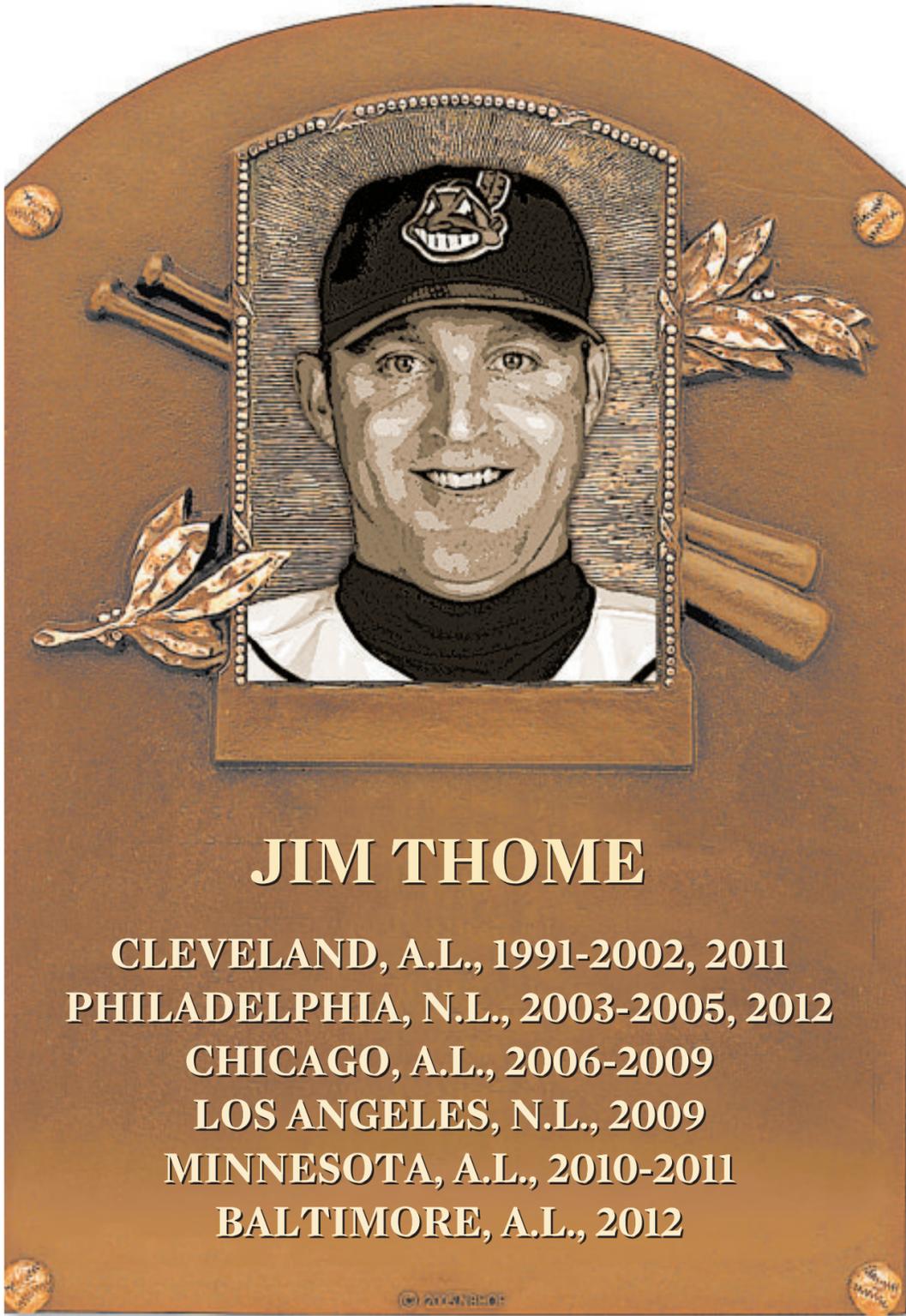
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From humble beginnings in Central Illinois to the immortality of the Hall of Fame, Thome's 22-year career truly was a blast



PAUL SULLIVAN
On baseball

After knocking out three home runs in a game against the White Sox in the summer of 1994, Indians third baseman Jim Thome was thinking about his family and friends back home in Peoria. "They're probably dancing in the streets," he said afterward.

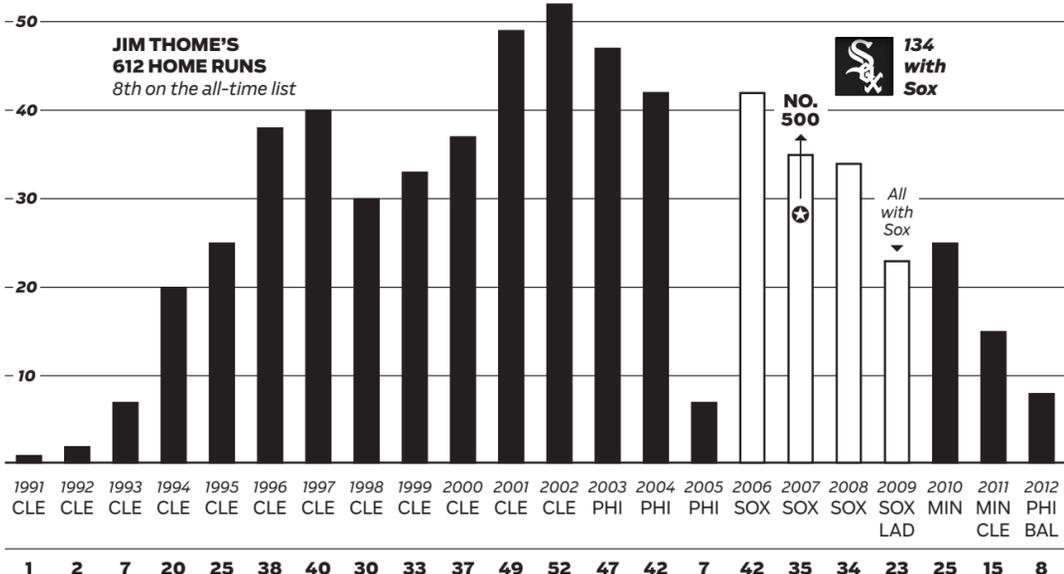
Twenty-four years later, the dancing began anew as the former Tribune All-Stater from Bartonville-Limestone High was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Thome and Braves third baseman Chipper Jones cruised into the Hall on their first year of eligibility, joining slugger Vladimir Guerrero and closer Trevor Hoffman, who got in on their second and third years on the ballot, respectively.

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Thome, who currently serves the White Sox as a special assistant to general manager Rick Hahn, played for six teams in his 22-year-career, including the Sox, but never forgot the people who helped make it happen. "Everything starts at your roots," Thome said Wednesday after learning the news. "I'm proud that I grew up where I did. Peoria is a special place... It's where it all started. Every Midwest kid can dream of a day like this, and I'm living it today."

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Darvish deal's opening act?

Signing ace's favorite catcher may pay off in big way for Cubs



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

When star Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish finished his first career shutout with the Rangers on June 11, 2014, catcher Chris Gimenez greeted him at the mound to celebrate.

When Darvish faced live hitters May 1, 2016, for the first time in 22 months after Tommy John surgery, Gimenez guided the right-hander through two scoreless innings in a rehab start for the Rangers' Double-A affiliate in Frisco, Texas.

When considering whether the Cubs improved their chances to land Darvish by signing the smart, colorful complement of a catcher to a minor-league deal this week, remember those milestones. Those moments helped establish a trust Darvish values and explain a rapport with Gimenez nobody should diminish.

We can assume Cubs President Theo Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer didn't.

The fact Gimenez became known as Darvish's personal catcher with the Rangers after being behind the plate for 12 of his starts hardly guarantees anything about a dormant free-agent market that's getting more mysterious by the day.

But it sure can't hurt the Cubs' cause to add the catcher Darvish preferred so much that he reportedly once requested the Rangers recall Gimenez from Triple A before one of Darvish's scheduled starts. Everything is bigger in Texas, but one baseball source said the Darvish-Gimenez connection is no exaggeration.

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BLACKHAWKS AND BULLS

■ **Maple Leafs 3, Hawks 2 (OT):** Toronto penalty shot six seconds into overtime dooms Blackhawks to their fourth straight loss. **Page 3**
■ **76ers 115, Bulls 101:** Behind triple-double from Ben Simmons, 76ers dominate from the start, lead by as many as 25 points. **Page 3**



BUTCH DILL/AP

"I just want to prove I can do more," Oklahoma State receiver James Washington said of demonstrating his talents for NFL scouts.

Not receiving proper training

College offenses aren't getting wide receivers ready for the NFL



BRAD BIGGS
On the NFL

MOBILE, Ala. - The historic wide receiver draft of 2014 created more than instant production for teams that hit it big that year. It generated hope that the proliferation of passing attacks, 7-on-7 camps and intense focus on aerial football below

the college level were producing athletes who would be primed and ready when they reached the NFL.

Many wide receivers from that year remain elite or, at minimum, highly productive and a few likely will reach free agency so the Bears might be able to take advantage of that draft class four years after the fact. As for the idea colleges and spread offenses are producing more NFL-prepared wide receivers, well, you can forget about that.

Five wide receivers were taken in the first round in 2014 (Sammy Watkins, Mike Evans, Odell Beckham Jr., Brandin Cooks and Kelvin Benjamin) and all have had at least one 1,000-yard season, and they have combined for 12.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



SHANNON RYAN

Henry took long road to NBA

Despite playing for four different college coaches at Illinois and DePaul, Myke Henry still hoped to get a shot in the NBA.

"But I got out and had not one NBA workout," said Henry, an athletic small forward and strong shooter who played high school basketball at Orr.

After graduating from DePaul in 2016, Henry devoted himself to playing wherever he could, including stints in China and Abu Dhabi as part of the new 3-on-3 basketball league. He also played for a team in a Northern Mexico league and with the Gatorade League's Oklahoma City Blue before being picked up by the Memphis Hustle.

Then on Jan. 13, Henry signed a contract with the Grizzlies.

"(My mom) is excited for me," Henry, 25, said. "She knows I've been working for this. She told me she loves me and to keep working."

In his first game with the Grizzlies on Saturday, Henry played 14 minutes. He missed his only shot and finished with one rebound and one assist.

"I was a little nervous," he said.

On Monday, he proved to be an aggressive defender and decisive playmaker by scoring 12 points — including a dunk over Joel Embiid — with four steals, two assists and two rebounds in 16 minutes against the 76ers.

"I kind of shook the nerves off, started to play my game and got the results I've been working for my whole life," Henry told the Tribune.

Henry committed to Illinois under Bruce Weber as a consensus top 100-recruit nationally and was rated as high as No. 29 by Rivals.com, but he played only 8.1 minutes per game as a freshman. Weber was fired and his replacement, John Groce, also sparingly used Henry, who decided to transfer to DePaul.

He played one season for Oliver Purnell, who was fired, and then in his final season competed for Dave Leitao. As a senior, the 6-foot-6 Henry led the Blue Demons with 13.7 points and 6.2 rebounds per game while shooting 53.6 percent.

"I've had to adapt," he said. "It speaks to my resiliency and my approach to the game. I have to stay focused."

His passion for basketball kept him from becoming deterred despite a circuitous route to the NBA, he said.



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"If you love (basketball) enough, you'll accept the journey it will take you on. You'll appreciate it."

— Former Illinois and DePaul player Myke Henry, who's now with the Grizzlies

Leitao said Henry came back to campus over the summer. He noticed Henry's bubbly personality hadn't changed but sensed he had grown as a person.

"It's not an easy road," Leitao said. "It didn't happen the way one dreams of it. His positive attitude and work ethic helped him. When he came back last summer, you could tell a real difference (in) maturity and professionalism."

"He has an energy about him that speaks to not just his likability but his passion for the game," said Gene Cross, who coached Henry with the Rayos de Hermosillo team in Mexico last summer.

"There are so few stars in the league and everyone else is fighting for spots. Going through what he went through continued to light his fire. He was in the right place, right time, and the right person saw him. He's taken advantage of it."

Henry said his goal now is to "stay in the league."

"There were steppingstones," he said. "You always stick to your goals. My story is a prime example of that. I could have quit and given up."

"If you love (basketball) enough, you'll accept the journey it will take you on. You'll appreciate it and grow from it."

THE LINEUP

No Super Bowl? No sweat



When news broke this week that **Bob Costas** would not be part of NBC's Super Bowl coverage next month, some speculated the decision was connected to the longtime

broadcaster's criticism of football's negative health effects.

But in reality, Costas says his removal from the broadcast was "mutually agreeable."

"Not only do I not have a problem with it, I am actually happy about it," Costas told SportsBusiness Daily. "I have long had ambivalent feelings about football, so at this point, it's better to leave the hosting to those who are more enthusiastic about it."

In November at the University of Maryland, Costas said, "The reality is that this game destroys people's brains."

Costas refuted the notion that those words had any impact on the decision to leave him off the Super Bowl broadcast.

"I have been making the same points for several years, often on NBC," Costas said. *New York Daily News*

Mayor won't jinx Eagles



Philadelphia's mayor says he won't jinx the Eagles ahead of their Super Bowl appearance by placing the team's jersey on the statue of William Penn atop City Hall.

Democratic Mayor **Jim Kenney** said Tuesday he wants the city's football team to win the big game. But his spokesman tells WCAU-TV he didn't want to risk putting the jersey on the statue.

The city placed a Phillies baseball cap on the statue during the 1993 World Series and a Flyers jersey on the statue during the 1997 Stanley Cup Final. Both teams lost.

The Philadelphia Eagles have never won a Super Bowl. *AP*

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Maple Leafs center William Nylander scores the winning goal against the Hawks six seconds into overtime.

Still in a slide

OT loss to Maple Leafs drops Hawks to 1-4-1 during homestand

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

The ending to the Blackhawks' 1-4-1 homestand and their fourth loss in a row Wednesday night was befitting of many adjectives.

Joel Quenneville called losing 3-2 to the Maple Leafs just six seconds into overtime on William Nylander's penalty shot "tough." Connor Murphy labeled it "disappointing."

Duncan Keith, who committed the penalty against Nylander, didn't call it anything as he didn't address the media afterward.

One adjective that was omitted but was perhaps most fitting, though, was "fitting."

All the Hawks could do was stand and watch helplessly as Nylander went one-on-one against goalie Jeff Glass with victory, and another point in the standings, on the line.

The Hawks likely will have to almost double their point output of 51 the rest of the way to have a shot at landing a playoff spot for the 10th straight season.

"There's not much else to be said other than disappointing," Murphy said. "Playoffs are on guys' minds so much I think sometimes that can be a double-edged sword — wanting it so bad guys slip up at the odd time."

Murphy said the Hawks aren't ready to stick a fork in themselves just yet, despite the odds becoming increasingly stacked against them. At 22-19-7 with 51 points, they are six points out of the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference with four teams ahead of them.

"We put ourselves in a tremen-

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **William Nylander, Leafs:** Goal six seconds into OT was winner.
2. **Nick Schmaltz, Blackhawks:** Scored tying goal, had assist.
3. **Frederik Andersen, Leafs:** Made 34 saves.

THE SUMMARY

Toronto	1	0	1	1-3
BLACKHAWKS	1	0	1	0-2
FIRST PERIOD: 1. BLACKHAWKS, Seabrook 3 (Schmaltz, Kane), 5:29 (pp). 2. Toronto, Marner 7 (Hainsey, Gardiner), 16:37. Penalties: Bozak, TOR, (slashing), 5:18.				
SECOND PERIOD: No scoring. Penalties: Keith, HAWKS, (slashing), 1:46; Marleau, TOR, (holding), 2:23; Schmaltz, HAWKS, (cross checking), 12:52; Komarov, TOR, (elbowing), 18:16.				
THIRD PERIOD: 3. Toronto, Kadri 15 (Bozak, van Riemsdyk), 4:58 (pp). 4. BLACKHAWKS, Schmaltz 13 (Anisimov, Hinostroza), 7:55 (pp). Penalties: Jurco, HAWKS, (interference), 3:23; Marner, TOR, (high sticking), 6:45; Seabrook, HAWKS, (tripping), 8:53.				
OVERTIME: 5. Toronto, Nylander 10, 0:06. Penalties: Keith, HAWKS, Penalty Shot (interference on breakaway (penalty shot)), 0:06.				
SHOTS ON GOAL:	11	11	13	1-36
BLACKHAWKS	17	7	12	0-36
PP:	1-4			2-4
Goals: Toronto, Andersen 23-14-4 (36 shots-34 saves). HAWKS, Glass 3-3-1 (36-33). Referees: Jake Brenk, Francis Charron. Linesmen: Lonnie Cameron, Greg Devorski.				

dous hole," Quenneville said. "We certainly left a lot on the table here (on the homestand)."

There was some good for the Hawks, who scored a power-play goal for the first time in 17 chances when Brent Seabrook's zinger bounced off the stick of a Maple Leaf and into the net 5 minutes, 29 seconds into the game. Nick Schmaltz added another in the third period.

Going into Wednesday the Hawks were tied for the second-worst power-play percentage (14.8) despite being tied for the second-most chances in the league at 175.

If that doesn't change it would be the lowest the Hawks have finished in the power play since Quenneville took over in 2008-09. They were 26th in the league in 2011-12 when they converted just 15.2 percent of their chances.

"The power-play goals helped," Quenneville said. "The last game,

(there were) a lot of positives. Good things tonight (too).

"The league is good. You have to find ways to win games and find different ways to get some production as well."

The Hawks received some of that from some new lines.

Alex DeBrincat joined Jonathan Toews and Anthony Duclair on the top line. Brandon Saad shifted to the second line with Patrick Kane and Schmaltz, whose tying goal withstood the scrutiny of replay after the Leafs challenged Artem Anisimov had committed goalie interference.

The changes resulted in some quality chances early, though the Hawks hit the post twice in the first period to run their season total to a league-high 39.

"We had some good looks," Schmaltz said. "(I was) fortunate to get one there. A couple of big power-play goals, but it wasn't enough."

The Hawks began Wednesday night in last place in the Central Division, looking for their first goal in two-plus games. The night ended as they watched a goal they would like to forget.

But one goal remains. "What is there, like 30 games left?" Murphy said. "There are chances there. With the talent in this room, it's just about breaking free of this slump."

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76ERS 115, BULLS 101

Sixers in control vs. sluggish Bulls

Portis, LaVine produce but can't overcome Simmons triple-double

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

PHILADELPHIA — Through a combination of injuries and rest days, Joel Embiid never had faced the Bulls until Wednesday night. But coach Fred Hoiberg knew firsthand what Embiid could do.

"He whooped our ass in college," Hoiberg said of an Iowa State-Kansas matchup in January 2014.

And Ben Simmons now has done the same in the NBA.

Simmons needed just 49 seconds into the second half to post his second triple-double against the Bulls and fifth overall this season. The rookie finished with 19 points, 17 rebounds and 14 assists in the 76ers' 115-101 blowout in which they led by as many as 25.

"I just felt like we didn't have that type of juice we usually come out of the game with," Zach LaVine said. "We're not good enough to come out and mess around like that. We have to bring that energy every time."

Simmons created so much havoc that Hoiberg benched Jerian Grant in favor of David Nwaba to begin the second half. Grant later left the game holding his mouth when he took an inadvertent elbow from Embiid, who scored 22 points.

Grant didn't need stitches but sported a fat and bloody lip in the locker room after the game. Hoiberg said Grant likely will start again at point guard Friday night against the Lakers with Kris Dunn almost certain to sit again with his concussion.

"We didn't come out with any grit or toughness," Hoiberg said. "And then it just kind of became a 'my-turn' shot. A guy took a bad one and we said, 'If he's going to take a bad one, then I'm going to take a bad one.' And it just kind of trickled down. It's disappointing."

The Bulls shot 38.3 percent and allowed 51.9 percent shooting in a truly listless performance at both ends. Lauri Markkanen missed his first four 3-point attempts to run his streak to 15 straight misses over parts of four games before finally sinking one.

Even the bright spots of LaVine scoring a season-high 21 points on 8-for-15 shooting, including three 3-pointers, and Bobby Portis posting 22 points and 11 rebounds came with qualifiers.

Portis played well early but some of his production came after the game was out of hand. And Hoiberg offered tepid praise for LaVine, who also had seven rebounds and three assists.

"We have to get better shots," Hoiberg said. "We have to run,



LAURENCE KESTERSON/AP

Ben Simmons of the 76ers dunks during the second half of his team's win over the Bulls on Wednesday night.

THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	25:37	2-11	0-0	0-1	1	2	5
Markkanen	22:40	5-13	1-1	1-3	2	1	15
Lopez	18:46	1-6	0-0	3-6	0	1	2
Grant	25:22	2-6	2-2	0-1	3	3	7
LaVine	24:03	8-15	2-2	0-7	3	1	21
Mirotic	25:45	5-15	3-3	0-3	0	0	15
Portis	25:20	8-12	5-6	5-11	2	1	22
Valentine	23:45	2-9	2-2	0-3	3	4	7
Nwaba	21:36	3-4	3-6	1-5	5	2	10
Arcidiacono	17:52	0-1	0-0	0-1	2	0	0
Felicio	3:29	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Zipper	3:29	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Pondexter	2:15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS		36-94	18-22	10-43	21	15	104

Pcts: FG .383, FT .818. **3-pointers:** 11-37, .297 (LaVine 3-5, Mirotic 2-8, Grant 1-1, Nwaba 1-1, Portis 1-2, Markkanen 1-5, Valentine 1-6, Holiday 1-7, Arcidiacono 0-1, Zipser 0-1). **Team rebounds:** 10. **Team turnovers:** 11 (11 PTS). **Blocks:** 2 (Lopez, Zipser). **Turnovers:** 11 (LaVine 3, Grant 2, Arcidiacono, Felicio, Holiday, Lopez, Nwaba, Valentine). **Steals:** 8 (Portis 3, Grant, LaVine, Lopez, Nwaba, Valentine). **Technical fouls:** Lopez, 7:56 third.

76ERS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Covington	32:02	6-9	0-0	0-4	5	4	16
Saric	27:58	6-9	5-5	1-10	2	0	21
Embiid	31:22	10-17	1-1	0-5	3	3	22
L-Cabarrot	33:36	4-8	0-0	0-3	2	2	12
Simmons	38:47	6-15	7-10	3-17	14	4	19
Anderson	20:41	5-7	1-2	1-1	1	2	12
Booker	17:39	3-5	0-0	1-5	1	0	6
Young	12:22	1-5	1-2	0-1	0	2	4
Johnson	12:08	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	3
Drew II	9:13	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Holmes	4:10	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
TOTALS	42-81	15-20	6-48	31	20	115	

Pcts: FG .519, FT .750. **3-pointers:** 16-32, .500 (Saric 4-5, Covington 4-7, Luwawu-Cabarrot 4-7, Johnson 1-1, Anderson 1-2, Embiid 1-2, Young 1-5, Holmes 0-1, Drew II 0-2). **Team rebounds:** 14 (10 PTS). **Blocks:** 7 (Covington 2, Embiid 2, Simmons 2, Johnson). **Turnovers:** 14 (Simmons 6, Embiid 3, Covington 2, Saric 2, Luwawu-Cabarrot). **Steals:** 6 (Anderson 2, Covington, Johnson, Luwawu-Cabarrot, Saric).

BULLS	16	25	26	34-101
Philadelphia	25	30	30	30-115

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get out and play with pace, flatten out the floor. We did not flow into our offense as well as we have been. Zach hit some shots at the end and got into a little bit of rhythm, which is obviously great to see. But we need better shots."

Is that on LaVine?

"It's on everybody," Hoiberg said. "He'll get in better shape and in better rhythm as we go on. It was good to get him a solid stretch of about six or seven minutes in the fourth quarter to get him back in the type of shape he needs so he can run the floor and play with maximum effort every possession."

Few Bulls did that.

"Get it going here and there, try and let the game come to me. I'm not trying to force anything," LaVine said. "I'm at 22, 24 minutes, so I can't try to force things. Main thing is just compete, try and help get these wins up."

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BULLS NOTES

Rising Stars Challenge taps Markkanen, Dunn

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

PHILADELPHIA — Before the season, management said **Fred Hoiberg** and his staff wouldn't be judged by wins and losses but by player development and how hard the Bulls play.

Placing two players in the Rising Stars Challenge during All-Star weekend bodes well for an organization that had no All-Star for the first time since 2009.

Lauri Markkanen will play on the World team and **Kris Dunn** on the U.S. team in the Feb. 16 game featuring first- and second-year players at Los Angeles' Staples Center. The rosters were selected by the league's assistant coaches.

"It's a big honor," Markkanen said. "I didn't even think it was possible. Like two weeks ago, I thought maybe I can be part of my first All-Star weekend. It means a lot. Maybe I can guard Kris. It's awesome he's on the other team."

Among rookies, Markkanen entered Wednesday ranked fourth with 15.5 points per game, second with 7.7 rebounds and first with 103 3-pointers.

"He's one of the more versatile players, especially as a 7-footer, a guy who can score from all over the floor," Hoiberg said. "We all think he's going to be a special, special player."

After a disappointing rookie season with the Timberwolves, Dunn, who is in the league's concussion protocol after his nasty fall on Jan. 17, is averaging 13.7 points, 6.4 assists, 4.6 rebounds and 2.1 steals. He has raised his scoring average almost 10 points from last season's 3.8.

"He's really evolving into a closer of this team," Hoiberg said.

Bump it up: Wednesday marked **Zach LaVine's** third game with a 24-minute restriction. Hoiberg said LaVine will meet with team personnel Thursday to address an expected increase for Friday's home game against the Lakers.

"I'm not going to say no (to more minutes)," LaVine said. "I'm going to keep pushing but keep it safe and keep progressing. I feel good. My conditioning is picking up."

Layups: Hoiberg said Dunn visited the doctor Wednesday but there's been "no change" in his status. He's almost certainly out through Sunday's home game against the Bucks. ... The NBA retroactively assessed the Pelicans' **Rajon Rondo** a bench misconduct technical foul for trying to distract **Justin Holiday** by throwing a towel as Holiday shot his three free throws at the end of regulation during Monday's game, which the Pelicans won in double overtime.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Crawford good to go — on road trip

By PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Corey Crawford might be packing his bags soon.

Blackhawks coach **Joel Quenneville** said Wednesday his goalie might join the team after the All-Star break for its three-city trip, which begins Tuesday in Nashville.

Crawford, who has been on injured reserve since Dec. 27 with what the team is calling an upper-body injury, worked out off the ice Monday and Tuesday at the United Center. Quenneville said Crawford is "making progress" but cautioned that "playing may be a little distant."

Crawford hasn't done that since Dec. 23. The Hawks were 5-6-1 in his absence before Wednesday's game.

"For anyone who's on the shelf for a little while, regardless of what your injury is, it's not fun to be by yourself all the time,"

BLACKHAWKS AT RED WINGS
TV/radio: 6:30 p.m. Thursday; NBCSN, NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Blackhawks' first trip to Detroit this season begins a three-game trip wrapped around the All-Star break. ... Red Wings center Luke Glendening returned Tuesday after missing 12 games with an upper-body injury.

Trending: The Hawks are 2-6-1 in the second game of back-to-backs. ... Red Wings goalie Petr Mrazek had back-to-back shutouts, including one against the Hawks, before allowing three goals in an overtime loss to the Flyers on Tuesday.

Jonathan Toews said. "It always gives you a little energy to be back in the locker room around the guys."

Crawford is 16-9-2 with a .929 save percentage and 2.27 goals-against average.

"Seems like he has a good frame of mind and (is) looking forward

to getting on the ice," Quenneville said.

Excused absences: **Brandon Saad** and **Artem Anisimov** both were absent from Wednesday's morning skate, as was Quenneville.

But all three were present Wednesday night for the team's game against the Maple Leafs.

Quenneville said the morning skate was optional and joked that he took a maintenance day.

He said it: "You're not going to win every game, even when you play well. We need to have that consistent energy and be even better in the next game." — Toews on how the Hawks can turn things around.

He said it II: "We're in a winning business. Don't feel sorry for yourself. We need more. We need to be better." — Quenneville on parity in hockey.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



RICK DANZL/AP

Illinois' Trent Frazier drives past Indiana's Zach McRoberts during the first half of the Illini's victory.

ILLINOIS 73, INDIANA 71

Illini break through

Big Ten winless streak ends with victory over Hoosiers in Champaign

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — It was the mid-80s when Kansas State guard Brad Underwood stepped to the free-throw line with the game on the line. He missed two free throws and the Wildcats lost the game.

Underwood said he couldn't remember the game, but he remembered the feeling.

The Illinois coach shared that memory on Monday night with freshman guard Trent Frazier, who had an emotional night at State Farm Center.

Frazier's story had a happier ending than Underwood's from that game long ago. Although Frazier missed two free throws with eight seconds remaining and the game on the line, the Illini hung on — in large measure because of Frazier's 19 points — for a 73-71 victory against Indiana (12-9, 5-4 Big Ten) for their first

Big Ten win of the season.

"Here's a young man who was happy we won and crying because he knew it wasn't perfect," Underwood said of Frazier.

In the closing seconds he pulled Frazier aside near the bench, put his hands comfortingly on Frazier's chest and told him, "You need to understand for the rest of your career I'm going to put you in that spot."

The Illini (11-11, 1-8) have thrown away similarly close games this season.

On Wednesday night down the stretch against Indiana, the Illini weren't error-free. But they survived.

For a young team seeking its way, that's all that mattered.

"The gorilla, the monkey, the piano gets lifted off your back," said Underwood, who is in his first season with the Illini and broke out the famed orange jacket Illinois coaches wear for special games.

The Illini let an eight-point lead dwindle in the final 56 seconds. A Frazier turnover led to a layup from Indiana's Juwan Morgan (28 points) followed by Frazier com-

mitting a costly foul with 40 seconds left as Morgan made a 3-point play to cut it to a three-point edge for Illinois.

Frazier then missed the two free throws.

But it was the Hoosiers' horrendous 16-of-29 effort at the free-throw line that assisted the Illini.

"We're becoming a true team," said Frazier, who shot 7 of 15 from the floor. "We're finally building that culture. We had to bring that energy tonight. We were going crazy in the locker room."

A video the team posted online shows the players dancing in the middle of the room with their coaches for the long-awaited victory. The Illini had earned a reputation as the nation's best team without a league win due to its close losses.

But now they finally have a victory, something that they have not felt since Dec. 30.

"They've persevered through some very interesting times," Underwood said. "I think it's part of the process."

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ROUNDUP

Ramblers' 6th straight puts them atop MVC

Tribune news services

Marques Townes scored 17 points, Clayton Custer added 14 with eight assists, and Loyola pulled away from Drake 80-57 in Des Moines, Iowa, earning their sixth straight victory and taking over first place in the Missouri Valley Conference on their own.

Cameron Krutwig scored 12 points and Lucas Williamson added 10 for the Ramblers (17-4, 7-2), who shot 56.7 from the field and trailed 31-29 at halftime before a huge second-half run.

Drake's Nick McGlynn tied it at 51-51 with a 3-pointer with 9:19 left, but Ben Richardson's layup ignited a 22-2 run in which Williamson and Custer each hit 3s. The Bulldogs went without a field goal for nearly seven minutes during the stretch. Graham Woodward scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogs (12-10, 6-3).

DePaul 74, Georgetown 73: Eli Cain scored a season-high 27 points and hit the game-winner with 7.3 seconds on the clock for the visiting Blue Demons (9-11, 2-6), who survived after surrendering a 14-point lead.

Marcus Derrickson sank a pair from the line to lift Georgetown into a 70-70 tie, then nailed a 3-pointer to put the Hoyas ahead 73-72 with 50 seconds left.

Max Strus, who finished with 19 points, missed a 3 for DePaul, but the Blue Demons controlled the rebound and worked the clock down until Cain hit his winning jumper.

Derrickson led the Hoyas (13-7, 3-6) with 23 points.

Top 25: Quentin Goodin scored 13 a team-high 15 points as No. 8 Xavier (19-3, 7-2 Big East) rolled to an 89-70 home win over Marquette. Markus Howard had 33 points for the Golden Eagles (13-7, 4-4), who shot only 6-for-23 on 3-pointers. ... Gary Clark had 17 points and 10 rebounds as No. 9 Cincinnati (17-2, 7-0 American) won its 37th straight at home in a 75-42 win over Temple. ... Jared Harper

scored 21 points as No. 19 Auburn (18-2, 6-1 SEC) won 91-73 at Missouri. ... Wesley Myers scored a season-high 22 points and Chris Silva added 18 points and 12 rebounds as visiting South Carolina (13-7, 4-4 SEC) upset No. 20 Florida 77-72. Egor Koulechov and Jalen Hudson led the Gators (14-6, 6-2) with 16 points apiece. ... Andre Berry had 20 points as No. 24 Rhode Island (16-3, 8-0 Atlantic-10) cruised past host Fordham 78-58.

Nebraska 60, Rutgers 54: Isaac Copeland scored 23 points to lead the visiting Cornhuskers (15-8, 6-4 Big Ten). James Palmer Jr. added 18 points and Glynn Watson Jr. made two clutch layups in the final 2:30. Corey Sanders had 14 points for the Scarlet Knights (12-10, 2-7).

Northern Iowa 83, Illinois State 72: Isaiah Brown scored 20 points as the host Panthers (11-10, 3-6 MVC) used a 25-0 first-half run to pull away. Keyshawn Evans' 25 points led the Redbirds (10-11, 4-5) while Milik Yarbrough added 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Southern Illinois 82, Indiana State 77: Aaron Cook had 25 points on 8-for-12 shooting for the host Salukis (13-9, 5-4 MVC). Jordan Barnes' 23 points led the Sycamores (10-11, 5-4).

Evansville 75, Valparaiso 65: Dru Smith scored 23 points and Ryan Taylor added 22 points as the visiting Purple Aces (13-9, 3-6 MVC) made 29 of 31 free throws in a game that featured 50 total fouls. Bakari Evelyn's 17 points led the Crusaders (11-11, 2-7).

Big loss for No. 1: Villanova junior guard Phil Booth, who is averaging 11.6 points per game, will be out indefinitely with a fractured bone in his right (shooting) hand, an injury he suffered during the second half of the top-ranked Wildcats' 89-69 victory over Providence on Tuesday night.

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BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Vlad, Chipper, Hoffman get call

Guerrero becomes third Dominican player elected to Hall

BY BILL SHAIKIN
Los Angeles Times

Vladimir Guerrero, who captivated Expos and Angels fans with his easy smile, rocket arm and an almost otherworldly ability to hit even the worst of pitches for the best of results, was one of four players elected Wednesday to the Hall of Fame.

Chipper Jones, Trevor Hoffman and Jim Thome also were elected.

Guerrero said he would announce Thursday what cap he would wear on his Hall of Fame plaque. He played seven full seasons with the Expos and six with the Angels; his statistics were better with the Expos, but he won his MVP award with the Angels in 2004. The outfielder batted .318 with 449 homers and 1,496 RBIs.

Guerrero, 42, is the youngest current Hall of Famer. The nine-time All-Star joined pitchers Pedro Martinez and Juan Marichal as the third Dominican player in the Hall. CDN television in the Dominican showed images of fireworks and people celebrating in the streets in Nizao, Guerrero's hometown.

"I'm extremely proud of that and I'm humbled," Guerrero said through an interpreter. "There were so many great Dominican players before me, and I never thought I'd be the first position player to make it."

"I know there's a group coming that could give me some very good company from my country: Adrian Beltre, David Ortiz, Albert Pujols. ... I know I'll have some company very soon."

Jones, who batted .303 with 468 home runs, was an eight-time All-Star third baseman for the Braves. He was a force for most of the Braves teams that won 14 straight division titles — his election put another member of those clubs in the Hall, along with pitchers John Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux, manager Bobby Cox and general manager John Schuerholz.

"It was waterworks," Jones said after receiving the call.

He joined Ken Griffey Jr. as the lone overall No. 1 draft picks to reach the Hall.

Hoffman was chosen in his third year after missing by just five votes last time. The former Padres closer used an outstanding changeup to post 601 saves, second to Mariano Rivera's 652.

As for his wait, Hoffman said: "You can't do anything to enhance your career after not getting that call. I'm not worried about whatever year it is. I'm ecstatic to get in."

Associated Press contributed.



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Jim Thome, on the shoulders of Jermaine Dye, left, and Bobby Jenks, celebrates his 500th home run in 2007.

Socking with Sox

Hall of Famer made lasting memories in his 4 years on South Side

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

Jim Thome played all but 529 of his 2,543 career games wearing other uniforms, yet the burly Peoria native provided plenty of memorable moments as a member of the White Sox.

Thome's tenure with the Sox lasted four seasons from 2006-09, and while they were not the most productive of his career, they helped him earn induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Wednesday.

In his first year of eligibility, Thome garnered 379 votes, or 89.8 percent of the 422 ballots with 75 percent needed for election. He joins a four-man class including Chipper Jones (410 votes), Vladimir Guerrero (392) and Trevor Hoffman (337) that will be inducted into the Hall in Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 29.

At 35 and in his first season on the South Side after being acquired in a trade with the Phillies, Thome earned his fifth and final All-Star Game appearance and finished with a .288 average, 42 home runs and 109 RBIs.

The next season, Thome launched the 500th of his 612 career home runs — a walk-off blast on Sept. 16 that gave the Sox a dramatic 9-7 victory over Angels before a jubilant crowd of 29,010 at U.S. Cellular Field.



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Jim Thome rounds the bases after hitting a home run against the Twins in the one-game playoff for the AL Central title in 2008.

"It's amazing, it really is — like a movie script," Thome said. "I would never have imagined doing it in that situation."

Maintaining a flair for the dramatic, Thome blasted one of the most memorable homers in franchise history when he plated the Sox's lone run during the "Blackout Game," the Sept. 30, 2008 American League Central Division tiebreaker against the Twins. Thome led off the seventh

inning of a scoreless game before a crowd of 40,354 at U.S. Cellular Field — most of them dressed in black as a show of support for the home team — with a titanic home run off Nick Blackburn to straight-away center field that traveled an estimated 461 feet. Along with a combined two-hitter from left-hander John Danks and closer Bobby Jenks, the homer was enough to lead the Sox to a 1-0 victory and their second postseason appearance in four seasons.

"There's no better feeling," Thome said afterward. "This is what you live for."

Before Thome's Sox career ended with an Aug. 31, 2009 trade to the Dodgers, he had amassed 134 homers and 369 RBIs with a .265 average during his stint in Chicago.

Thome rejoined the Sox in 2013 as a special assistant to general manager Rick Hahn and shortly after Wednesday's Hall announcement spoke of his fondness for the organization and its top executives.

"I love Jerry Reinsdorf, I love Rick Hahn (and) Kenny Williams," Thome said via a conference call. "They have taught me so much in the areas of the game that I basically didn't know as a player. Now being on the other side, I see both sides of it and I love the fans. I love the White Sox. I love the White Sox organization. They always have treated me with the utmost respect."

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Journey from Peoria to Cooperstown complete

Sullivan, from Page 1

Thome and the other three inductees will join Jack Morris and Alan Trammell, who the Baseball Writers' Association of America rejected during their years on the ballot before the Modern Era committee selected them last December.

The numbers of the newest members of the Hall speak for themselves. Thome is eighth on the all-time home run list with 612, while Jones was the best switch hitter of his era, averaging 32 home runs and 107 RBIs with a .961 OPS during an eight-year span from 1996-2003.

Hoffman's 601 career saves are second to Mariano Rivera, a sure-fire first-ballot Hall of Famer next year, and Guerrero finished with a career average of .318 while slugging 449 home runs and using his cannon arm to gun down baserunners from right field.

Thanks to the online Hall of Fame tracker, we already knew Thome, Jones, Guerrero and Hoffman were good bets to get in. Jones wound up with 97.2 percent, leading the pack, while Thome finished third with 89.8 percent. There were 422 ballots cast, including one blank one, down from 442 in 2017.

As for Hall of Famer Joe Morgan's controversial "steroid" letter to BBWAA voters last fall, it didn't seem to have much of an effect on the electorate.

The only real question was whether Mariners designated hitter Edgar Martinez would join them. Though he came close with 70.4 percent, Martinez just missed the necessary 75 percent cutoff. He figures to get in next year in his final year of eligibility, along with Rivera and perhaps starting pitcher Mike Mussina.

As for Hall of Famer Joe Morgan's controversial "steroid" letter to BBWAA voters last fall, it didn't seem to have much of an effect on the electorate, which always had been divided on whether PED-tainted superstars Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens belonged.

Morgan's letter said: "We hope the day never comes when known steroid users are voted into the Hall of Fame. They cheated. Steroid users don't belong here."

After six years on the ballot, Bonds and Clemens remain a ways off, with Clemens picking up three votes (from 239 to 242) and Bonds remaining the same at 238.

In 2013, their first year of eligibility, Bonds was at 36.2 percent,

while Clemens was at 37.6 percent. Now they're at 56.4 percent and 57.3 percent, respectively, with four more shots at a spot in Cooperstown.

Former Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa wound up with 33 votes (7.8 percent), down from 38 last year. The meager total keeps Sosa on the ballot at least one more year, prolonging the inevitable.

Last week I asked Cubs great Billy Williams if Morgan spoke for him and the rest of the Hall of Famers with the "steroid" letter.

"All the players, this is what we think," Williams replied. "We talk about it at the Hall of Fame, and he just sent a letter to us that this is what we're going to send to the writers."

Isn't it likely some alleged cheaters already are in the Hall?

"They're in already," Williams admitted. "But it's a letter you (writers) are having a problem with. They don't know about (whether to vote in) the steroid guys. We're just giving you guys an outlet, to ease your conscience knowing this is how we feel. We

don't vote."

I told Williams Morgan should have had all of the Hall of Famers sign the letter if he wanted it to have more impact. Nevertheless, the voters seemingly are entrenched in their views on Bonds and Clemens, with little movement this year.

Two players picking up momentum in '18 were Mussina and Curt Schilling. Mussina went from 51.8 percent to 63.5 percent in his fifth year, and Schilling from 45 percent to 51.2 percent in his sixth. Schilling was at 52.3 percent in 2016 but dropped down last year after sharing on Twitter a photo that suggested journalists should be lynched.

Omar Vizquel, the perennial Gold Glove-winning shortstop, garnered 37 percent in his first year, which bodes well for his chances down the road.

As for the other Chicago candidates, Jamie Moyer, Kerry Wood and Carlos Zambrano were all one-and-done on the ballot, failing to get the necessary 5 percent in their first years of eligibility to be listed again in 2019.

Moyer had 10 votes, Wood received two votes, while Zambrano was shut out.

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CUBS

Gimenez a key for Darvish?

Haugh, from Page 1

The subtle but significant move of signing Gimenez suggests the Cubs realize how badly they need Darvish, whose presence would restore them as a legitimate World Series contender. So would re-signing Jake Arrieta but, according to reports, Darvish seems more willing than Arrieta to discuss the four- or five-year contract the Cubs favor. Blame agent Scott Boras if the bearded one departs. If terms were equal, Darvish still seems like a safer investment.

Five teams remain in the Darvish derby: the Cubs, Dodgers, Twins, Rangers and Brewers. At least one of those teams has offered Darvish a five-year deal, reports say.

The Cubs were engaged in active discussions with Darvish as late as Tuesday, the Associated Press reported. Citing a source, MLB Network's Jon Morosi on Wednesday tweeted that Darvish "is increasingly likely to sign" with a team this week. Suspense builds around baseball but especially on Chicago's North Side.

With pitchers and catchers scheduled to report to Mesa, Ariz., three weeks from Thursday, an increasing urgency settles in around the Cubs organization — especially if the Brewers stay as active as rumors imply. Free-agent starting pitcher Alex Cobb still exists as an eleventh-hour alternative for the Cubs, and he also worked with Gimenez during the catcher's 46-game stint with the Rays from 2012-13 under manager Joe Maddon. Not surprisingly, Maddon's personality clicked with Gimenez, too, by the way.

The Cubs still could sign Cobb, a more affordable arm with a solid 48-35 career record, and believe they are good enough to win the National League Central next season. Or they could sign Darvish, a potential ace, and become a team good enough to win it all for the second time in three years. Failing to sign Cobb, Darvish or Arrieta and entering spring training with Tyler Chatwood as the only addition to the rotation would qualify as a disappointment.

How could anyone put a positive spin on the Cubs entering the season without having replaced Arrieta or closer Wade Davis? The toughest thing about establishing championship standards can be meeting them. A 2018 rotation of Kyle Hendricks, Jon Lester, Jose Quintana, Chatwood and Mike Montgomery would fail to meet them.

Adding Darvish as a No. 1 would allow Montgomery to return to the utility role he grudgingly accepts but in which he thrives. Montgomery dividing his time between spot starts and relief stints gives the Cubs versatility in a bullpen Epstein and Hoyer made deeper overall despite not signing a proven 35-save closer.

The importance of Darvish to the Cubs underscores why the team shouldn't rule out offering a five-year contract, even for a pitcher who will be 32 in August — and why adding Gimenez raised eyebrows. Gimenez's sense of humor could be seen in how he responded to a tweet this week asking him if it was cool being called "Grandpa," as former backup catcher David Ross famously was.

"Maybe great uncle?" Gimenez replied.

The Twins' persistent interest in Darvish caused the pitcher to call his old buddy, Gimenez, who spent last season in Minneapolis. According to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Darvish reached out to Gimenez with questions about Twins coaches, players and team rules. One must wonder if Gimenez has spoken with Darvish since reaching an agreement with the Cubs. *What's that goofy Maddon really like? Did he dye his hair in Tampa?*

A better question: Could the Cubs' biggest offseason acquisition be a fun-loving, 35-year-old father of three who has changed major-league organizations eight times and played 884 minor-league games? It all depends on Yu.

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GOLF

Woods returns, but what's to come?

At 42 and after back surgeries, his future is filled with questions

BY **TOD LEONARD**
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SAN DIEGO — For virtually all of Tiger Woods' career, it was the one question that produced the shortest answer.

Invariably, someone would inquire about Woods' expectations for a certain tournament. He'd answer quickly, without a hint of a smile or doubt. It doesn't take long to utter a single letter.

"W," Woods would say.

Next question.

That was the guy who won 14 majors and a total of 79 PGA Tour events in the first 18 years of his career. That is not the same golfer who is sitting on a victory drought of four years and will be making his first U.S. start in a year when the Farmers Insurance Open begins Thursday.

Woods arrived at Torrey Pines — the site of eight of his wins — with fused disks in his back, some hints of optimism, but absolutely no clue how he will perform. That single letter has been replaced by piece of punctuation: "?"

At a news conference Wednesday, Woods fully admitted that his expectations have been tempered



GREGORY BULL/AP

Tiger Woods follows his tee shot during Wednesday's pro-am event at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego.

by all that he has been through since his last victory in 2013.

"I haven't played a full schedule since 2015," he said. "I just want to start playing on the tour and getting into a rhythm of playing a schedule again. I haven't done that in such a long time that I don't know what to expect.

"I want to start feeling what it feels like to be out here and hit shots, grind out scores. That's something that I've been looking forward to."

Woods, 42, played 16 PGA Tour events in 2013 and won five times.

He has competed in only 19 tournaments since, managing one top-10 finish.

Back surgeries and recovery periods have been the culprits. Last April, Woods announced he would undergo more surgery, this time to fuse disks in his lower back. He said that there were times when the pain was so bad he couldn't get out of bed.

His soft return came in December at the unofficial event he hosts, the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. More encouraging than the results — he shot a 65 in one

round and finished 15th — was how sound his swing and body looked.

Since then, Woods said he has been playing golf at home in Florida about six days a week.

He said his quality of life is "infinitely better" than it was a year ago when he came to the Farmers Open.

"I just wanted to not feel as bad as I had felt for such a long time," Woods said. "I just want to have the lifestyle in which I can actually participate in my kids' life. ... Golf was not on the top of that list."

"We don't know what that's going to look like, but I know I've got to see it."

— CBS' Jim Nantz on Tiger Woods' return to tournament play at the Farmers Insurance Open

"But now that I'm able to start doing that, it feels good. ... I haven't felt this good in years, so I'm excited about it."

Knowledgeable coaches have marveled at the swing speed Woods displayed in the Hero. Others are more skeptical.

"The Bahamas was a nice resort golf course (and) it was 85 degrees," CBS commentator Nick Faldo said on the phone this week. "Now you come to a proper golf tournament, on a proper golf course, with serious rough."

"Does he have the stamina for tournament week? Does he have the consistency?"

Jim Nantz, CBS's longtime golf host, said this latest comeback is akin to Tom Brady or Michael Jordan taking a couple of years off and then suiting up again.

"We don't know what that's going to look like," Nantz said, "but I know I've got to see it."

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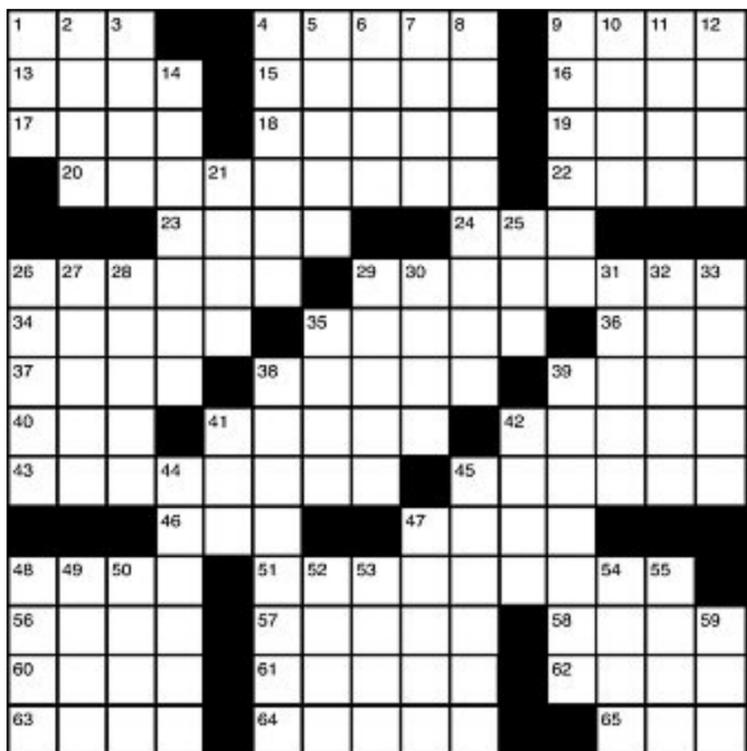
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 - 36 Groove
 - 37 Try to lose
 - 38 Pig out
 - 39 Member of South Africa's largest ethnic group
 - 40 Suffix for count or poet
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 - 42 ___ out; eradicated
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The Bears interviewed Washington State QB Luke Falk during Senior Bowl preparations. "They just wanted to see ... what my process was," he said.

SENIOR BOWL NOTES

Bears doing homework

A rookie QB could be an option as backup in Trubisky's 2nd season

BY BRAD BIGGS
Chicago Tribune

MOBILE, Ala. — The Bears figure to have a new backup quarterback behind **Mitch Trubisky** this season and while conventional wisdom leads you to believe a veteran will fill the role, it's always a good thing to do your homework.

The Bears aren't ignoring the position at the Senior Bowl and that should be viewed as a very good thing for a franchise that has made more wrong moves than right ones when it comes to quarterbacks. In an interesting development, they interviewed Washington State quarterback **Luke Falk** on Tuesday night.

Maybe the Bears want to knock out advance work on quarterbacks here rather than use up some of their 60 interview slots at the scouting combine on them. Whatever the case, Falk enjoyed the process, which included watching some cut-ups of his Washington State tape.

"They were the first team to put me up on the board," said Falk, who re-wrote the Cougars' record book playing for **Mike Leach**. "It was pretty fun. They just wanted to see if I understood our concepts at Washington State and what my process was and see how it could maybe translate to the next level."

Falk projects as a mid- to late-round pick in the NFL draft.

Coaching connections: Seven



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The Bears are scouting quarterbacks at the Senior Bowl and are open to using a rookie to back up starter Mitch Trubisky next season.

current NFL head coaches have served as assistants under the Chiefs' **Andy Reid** and new Bears coach **Matt Nagy** is probably most similar in his background to the Bills' **Sean McDermott**. Both played college football in the Colonial Athletic Association with Nagy a quarterback at Delaware and McDermott a safety at William & Mary. Both got their start as young coaches under Reid with the Eagles. McDermott, 43, got his foot in the door as a scouting administrative coordinator in 1999 before becoming Reid's assistant two years later.

Nagy, 39, was a training camp intern in 2008 and 2009 before he was hired as a coaches' assistant in

2010, which was McDermott's final season in Philadelphia as the defensive coordinator. It was a brief stretch in training camp in 2009 that sticks with McDermott when he's asked about Nagy.

The Eagles were short on quarterbacks as **Donovan McNabb's** backup **Kevin Kolb** was recovering from a knee sprain so the team pulled out a red No. 9 jersey and issued it to Nagy.

"The neat part of Matt, and you already may know the story, we were looking for guys to throw in practice and here is Matt, an office assistant, who was willing to throw," McDermott said. "Sometimes we don't see that anymore, maybe in your business and what

we do in the coaching end of things, young guys willing to do whatever it takes to move forward and grow and learn and Matt embraced that.

"Before I left, Matt was a guy who came in at the entry level, I guess you would say, similar to me in a lot of ways. He worked his way up. When I left, he was just entering into the quality control role on offense. You could tell early on that Matt was serious about his career and very passionate about this game."

Nagy's NFL playing career was short-lived. It lasted only a day, in fact. The league office rejected the contract Nagy signed as a player over a technicality as he had a contract in the Arena League that had not expired. Nagy went back to his duties as a coaching intern but those that were there with him didn't forget.

Extra points: The Texans coaches experimented with Central Florida outside linebacker **Shaquem Griffin** at safety on Wednesday, displaying his versatility. ... Oklahoma defensive end **Ogbonnia Okoronkwo** has gotten plenty of time standing up, meaning he potentially could be considered for a 3-4 scheme. ... Indiana tight end **Ian Thomas** has looked good in individual drills for two consecutive days. One scout praised what he called "natural catching ability." ... Arizona State running back **Kalen Ballage** has moved well for a big guy at 6-foot-2, 222 pounds. He has been fluid too and has run good routes out of the backfield, not a surprise as he caught 64 passes the last two seasons.

NFL NOTES

Panthers followed protocol

League: Newton handled properly

Tribune news services

The Panthers will not be punished for their handling of **Cam Newton's** injury during a playoff loss to the Saints on Jan. 7.

The NFL and the Players Association announced Wednesday that the Panthers' medical staff correctly followed concussion protocol guidelines. The league released a statement Wednesday saying it reviewed game footage and medical reports, as well as statements and interviews with Newton and coach **Ron Rivera**, before making its determination that "there was no protocol violation."

After walking off the field with a second-half eye injury, Newton stumbled to the ground near the sideline when asked by trainers to take a knee.

The league said they believe that stumble was caused by a previous knee injury. The NFL said the league's 2015 MVP had an MRI on Jan. 8 that "confirmed ligament and cartilage damage and very extensive swelling in the knee."

Panthers interim general manager **Marty Hurney** told the Associated Press on Wednesday that Newton will not need surgery on the knee.

Newton sat out one play but returned on the next offensive series and finished the game.

Up for debate in the investigation was whether Newton should have been taken to the locker room for evaluations.

Hurney said Jan. 8 that Newton intentionally took a knee because he was told to by the team's training staff so the Panthers could get an official timeout, thus allowing backup quarterback **Derek Anderson** a little more time to warm up on the sideline.

"He took a hit," Hurney said of Newton. "But when he walked off and he told the trainers he got poked in the eye, then they did take him into the tent and checked him for a concussion, which he did not have."

Gronk has concussion: Patriots tight end **Rob Gronkowski** was listed with a concussion on the team's initial injury report ahead of Super Bowl LII against the Eagles. The injury report said Gronkowski would not have practiced had the Patriots taken the field Wednesday. It's the first time the Patriots have acknowledged that Gronkowski suffered a concussion in the AFC championship game.

Bell optimistic: Steelers Pro Bowl running back **Le'Veon Bell** says he and the team are making progress on a contract extension. The team has presented an initial offer, and Bell says "we are a lot closer than we were last year." He said he doesn't believe talks will drag on. The 25-year-old back turned down a long-term contract in 2017, skipped training camp and then signed a one-year, \$12 million franchise tender.

Clearing the air: Jaguars defensive end **Yannick Ngakoué** says he and Bills guard **Richie Incognito** have cleared the air after Ngakoué accused Incognito of using "weak racist slurs" during a playoff game earlier this month. Ngakoué says the Pro Bowl teammates talked it out Wednesday and are good to go. Ngakoué declined to get into specifics about their conversation.

On the move: **Joe Philbin**, 56, a Packers assistant for 2003 until 2012, is back in Green Bay, hired Wednesday as offensive coordinator, a job he held for his final five seasons before being named the Dolphins' head coach in January 2012. ... Former Steelers offensive coordinator **Todd Haley** has joined the Browns. Haley, 50, is the first coordinator to work under Browns coach **Hue Jackson**, who decided after a 0-16 season that it was time to hand off play-calling duties. ... The Jets fired offensive line coach **Steve Marshall** after three seasons. The move comes a week after coach **Todd Bowles** parted ways with offensive coordinator **John Morton**.

College receivers appear unprepared for the NFL

Biggs, from Page 1

Second-round picks include Marqise Lee, Jordan Matthews, Paul Richardson, Davante Adams, Allen Robinson and Jarvis Landry. Add in Donte Moncrief and John Brown from Round 3 and Martavis Bryant from Round 4 with Allen Hurns an undrafted free agent and there's a reason it stands as the best draft class for the position in two decades.

The first round has been more miss than hit the last three years at wide receiver. Corey Davis, Mike Williams and John Ross were selected in the top nine last April and they combined for 24 games, 45 catches, 465 yards and no touchdowns as rookies. The Bengals are considering shifting Ross to defensive back. Corey Coleman, Will Fuller, Josh Doctson and Laquon Treadwell were taken in the first round in 2016 after six went in Round 1 in 2015 — Amari Cooper, Kevin White, DeVante Parker, Nelson Agholor, Breshad Perriman and Phillip Dorsett. Of those 13, there's probably not a true No. 1 in the bunch.

That brings us to the Senior Bowl, where Oklahoma State's James Washington looks like the best of a group that isn't wowing scouts. After a strong opening practice Tuesday, Washington was less impressive Wednesday when he put a couple of balls on

"We're getting fundamentally unsound players."

— NFL GM on college receivers

the ground. Washington averaged 66 catches for 1,339 yards and 11 touchdowns over the last three seasons, crazy production in the Cowboys' wide-open offense.

"I have to expand my route tree because that was the thing most scouts talked about coming into this week — I have a limited route tree," said Washington, the winner of the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver this year. "I just want to prove I can do more."

Reality is the 5-foot-10, 210-pound Washington was asked to run about three, maybe four routes at Oklahoma State. Same thing goes for Jaleel Scott, the 6-foot-5, 216-pounder from New Mexico State who has an 81 1/2-inch wingspan that makes you think of Calvin Johnson. Scott had 76 catches for 1,079 yards and nine touchdowns, including one of the highlight grabs of the year vs. Arizona State, but scouts wonder if he can make the transition after running basically four routes — go, post, fade and dig.

"That's the biggest thing," Scott said. "If you want to last in the NFL,

you have to perfect the route tree. I didn't have any option routes in school. It's a huge adjustment. I'm just trying to pick it up."

White faced the same adjustments when the Bears drafted him at No. 7 in 2015. He had a limited route tree at West Virginia and guys like White (6-3, 216) and Scott are bigger than every defensive back on the field and can rely on elite athleticism to put up big-time statistics in college. It doesn't work that way in the NFL.

As one college scouting director said, the problem facing teams as they sort through potential wide receivers is the same one they battle when it comes to identifying quarterbacks. A guy who runs three routes in college could be asked to run dozens with options off of most of them as a pro. His playbook goes from being thin to a stuffed binder. The spread offense is simple reads for quarterbacks and simple routes for receivers.

"We're getting fundamentally unsound players," one general manager said Wednesday between the North and South practices. "Thirty years ago, you picked a wide receiver high in the draft and most of the time you just had to polish him up."

The GM said the majority of wide receivers are going against zone coverages in college and things get much more complicated

and varied in the NFL. As Washington said, Oklahoma State saw almost exclusively zone coverage in 2017 when he still managed to take the top off defenses regularly with seven catches of 50 yards or more.

Before times and measurements from the scouting combine, Alabama's Calvin Ridley looks like the best prospect. He had 63 receptions for 967 yards and five touchdowns, and that was without a top quarterback.

Washington said he would put himself in the top five for the position group come April and a little modesty from a position so known for brash behavior actually is refreshing. He predicted a 40-yard dash time in the mid to low 4.4's at the combine, which would match the big-play ability he has in highlight films.

"There is a sense that you should be the best but at the same time you have to be humble and remember that those guys are just as good as you because if not they wouldn't be here," Washington said.

The Bears will have to project which receivers they believe are suited best to the NFL adjustment, a decision that likely comes after they wade into the free-agent pool and look at some options from that 2014 class.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Head injuries still affect former football player

BY LAURA SCHULTE
Wausau Daily Herald

WAUSAU, Wis. — Drew Bouche loves to play catch with his son, Abram.

The two often can be seen in downtown Wausau, tossing a football, smiles on their faces.

Football is deeply rooted in both of their lives. Abram, 11, can't wait to play just like his father did before him. At Wausau East High School, Bouche was a running back, a fixture in local sports coverage and someone recognized throughout the community. Bouche's dad, Abram's grandfather, was the East football coach.

Bouche went to South Dakota State to further his career, but he never got the chance to shine. He left the sport in his freshman year after a blow to the head left him unable to walk off the field.

He lives the consequences of those brain injuries every day. He struggles with extreme, sometimes violent mood swings. He has migraines and endures days when depression makes it hard to get out of bed. Forgetfulness can cause him to lose track of conversations or what task he's supposed to accomplish. He thinks his struggles with alcohol stem from the injuries too.

Bouche is experiencing what doctors say is typical of chronic traumatic encephalopathy. CTE is a degenerative brain disease believed to be caused by repetitive hits to the head. And it's a disease researchers have traced to the hard hits that athletes take on the field, including collisions that never result in a concussion diagnosis.

Most of the national media attention around CTE has focused on former NFL players, who've won a \$1 billion settlement against the league. But Bouche is among countless football players who believe they suffered brain damage without ever playing beyond high school or college.

Doctors say the disease has long-term effects on health and quality of life. But CTE is mysterious because most research can occur only after the person has died and the brain can be examined.

Football leagues at all levels have made changes in response to heated discussion around CTE. The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association now mandates that high school players sit out if they appear to have suffered a concussion, with rigid rules for returning to play. There are new rules on how players should tackle, with their heads off to the side instead of into another player's chest. Equipment manufacturers have developed helmets intended to limit head trauma.

But there's no way to take hits out of football, and top researchers say large and small collisions alike will inevitably cause damage in at least some of those who play. More than two decades after Bouche's football playing came to an end, it's not clear that any of the new policies, guidelines or equipment would have prevented the damage to his brain.

Bouche's own feelings about football are complicated. He worries about Abram playing, but he also said the game teaches so many lessons that can't be learned another way.

The first time Drew Bouche saw stars after a hit to the head was when he was in sixth grade. He was 12; it was his first year of tackle football. The sport was ingrained in his family because his dad, Jim Bouche, was the coach of Wausau East High School.



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Even years after leaving the game, the effects of head injuries and concussions can still follow former football players from all levels of the sport.

"(My brother and I) grew up around East athletics. Football was a part of life," he told USA Today Network-Wisconsin. "He would take us to practice as babies."

The pain of taking a hard hit and becoming disoriented — something doctors now say is a sign of a subconcussive hit — didn't faze Bouche. He continued with the sport into high school. That's when the real problems started.

The first time he was told he had a major concussion was in his freshman year of high school. It was the first time a hit had ever left him physically reeling on the field.

"I hit someone, and I couldn't remember where I was," he said. "But I kept playing. I chose to keep playing."

In his sophomore season, he experienced his second serious head injury. This time he could barely walk to the bench, and the field spun around him. Before the end of that year, he took a few more serious hits, causing him to sit out practices for some of the season, but he resumed play as quickly as possible each time.

It wasn't until his junior year that an injury gave Bouche pause.

"I was knocked out for 20 minutes," he said. "I don't remember anything until I was in the ambulance."

Jim Bouche, a high school and college football player himself in the 1960s and '70s, got into the ambulance that day with his son, who didn't regain consciousness until they were halfway to the hospital. It was the school's homecoming game against Stevens Point Area Senior High. Jim Bouche acknowledged that if that hit were to happen today, Drew's career in football would have been over. But at that point, Jim said, he thought time would heal the injury.

Drew Bouche sat out the rest of the season but returned in time for senior year and the college football recruitment process. There was hardly a game or practice at that point, he said, where he didn't lose his bearings after a hit. His senior year was when the headaches began.

In 1999, he started at South Dakota State.

His time as a college player didn't last long. At a practice one day, he took an accidental knee to the head. He thought he had lost consciousness, but later his teammates told him he'd been talking and sitting up the entire time.

"It was almost like being drunk," he said. "I was not with it. My mind and body weren't communicating."

By then, Bouche knew his condition was no joke.

He hung up his pads and cleats at 19, but the struggle with the effects of his career was just beginning.

Though it's been getting a lot of attention in the last decade, CTE isn't a new problem, said Dr. Ann McKee, one of the lead researchers with the Boston University CTE Center.

Doctors started noticing the symptoms of CTE nearly 100 years ago in people who were sustaining blows to the head regularly, especially boxers. They called it "punch drunk."

It's become more prevalent in football players recently, she said, because players are starting earlier in life and the game is becoming more violent and aggressive.

McKee, who got her undergraduate degree at University of Wisconsin, has been on the forefront of the research, noticing the degradation of a boxer's brain years ago, she said. She was fascinated by the patterns of CTE and how it affected brains.

Later she was asked to look at the brains of football players, and she noticed the same degradation of the brain tissue. So began her research on CTE, opening a brain bank through Boston University and examining brains of those believed to have suffered from the disease during life.

Her research, which received national publicity, shocked with its findings: Of 111 players' brains studied, 110 studied showed signs of CTE.

That research has shown that CTE is a buildup of the tau protein in the brain, caused by repeated blows to the head, whether concussive or not. Subconcussive hits can do the same amount of damage, McKee

said, even if the person has never been diagnosed with a concussion. All it takes is a jostling of the brain inside of the skull. The tau protein is then released, and when it collects, it can cause the death of brain tissue.

And when the brain tissue starts to die, it can cause everything from forgetfulness to bouts of rage, and later maybe even dementia.

The problem of CTE isn't new for the Bouche family. Jim Bouche, who left the Wausau East coaching job in 2007 and today is a high school principal, believes he probably had about 10 concussions himself when he played, with two serious ones. His symptoms have never been as serious as his son's, but he struggles with short-term memory loss, and he wonders if it's a result of those hard hits.

After college, slowly but surely, other symptoms started to creep in for Drew Bouche.

Bouts of depression were debilitating. Migraines kept him home from work weekly. Anger would cloud his mind for no apparent reason.

"He was a light-hearted middle schooler and high schooler," his father said. "His mother and I would agree, how he looks at things now is different."

Drew had seen news coverage of CTE in 2009 and went through the checklist of symptoms.

"It listed a lot of symptoms that could be related and I went down the list and was like, check, check, check," he said.

Bouche has thought about contacting the Boston University CTE Center and volunteering for tests, maybe even donating his brain after death. He went to see a local neurologist who said he was likely the textbook example of CTE but that there was no way to know. And there was no way to treat or cure it.

"The doctor said right away that he (couldn't) give me a magic pill," he said. "It's just something we still don't know a lot about, we're still learning about, and the research is just now kicking in."

He went to the neurologist a few times after that but hasn't been back in years.

"I just kind of got to the point where I can't be seeing a specialist for the rest of my life, when there's nothing to be done," he said.

Bouche struggles to focus at work as a graphic designer and attends weekly counseling sessions to combat his anger and depression. When the occasional migraine happens, he swallows pills to kill the pain.

"I make it sound like I'm some type of horrible dude, but when you go from 'I'm just standing there' to 'something triggers you and you're angry about something stupid,' it affects relationships, it affects friendships," he said. "I'm still trying to figure out, in some cases, how to deal with mood swings."

McKee echoed what Bouche's doctor told him. Although she said research may be bringing doctors closer to being able to diagnose CTE before death, there still isn't a cure. It's like Alzheimer's disease, she said.

"We don't have a treatment that halts or slows Alzheimer's in its tracks," she said. "A lot of time compassionate care, the following of patients and helping them with the tasks of daily living, giving them access to support groups and, most of all, suggesting a diagnosis (of) why they're experiencing these symptoms can be comforting to patients."

"That's all we can do right now."

When Bouche was playing football, the rules were very different.

He said his dad was often frustrated with him for hitting players with his head — not for safety reasons, but because it wasn't the most effective way to hit. Now it's mandated that players avoid hitting with their heads.

Today the state athletic association mandates that a student-athlete who is injured during play gets taken out of the game, evaluated and allowed to return to play only after he or she has been cleared by a doctor, said Brett Schulz, director of athletic training for Sport and Spine Physical Therapy in Wausau, which often works with students after they've had a concussion. That approval can come

anywhere from a week after the injury to months later, depending on recovery time and symptoms shown by the player.

Those new steps haven't seemed to slow the tide of high school sports injuries. Bouche's alma mater, Wausau East, reported six serious concussions and 18 serious injuries in the 2015 football season alone. The school declined to provide more recent figures.

New guidelines won't prevent players from sustaining concussions, McKee said. Just because players aren't hitting with their heads doesn't mean their brains aren't jostled when they fall hard to the ground, or when their helmets collide as they fall.

Bouche said he still will allow his son to play football, once Abram reaches middle school. He believes that the discipline and preparation that football takes, not only physically, but mentally, could be to his son's benefit.

"It's great practice for life," he said.

Abram's grandfather has talked to him about the sport, too. Jim Bouche and Abram's grandmother have always emphasized the triple A's — academics, arts and athletics.

Academics, he said, are important, because Abram will use his cognitive skills more than any other part of his body. Arts are important to develop music appreciation, design skills and creative-thinking skills. And athletics teaches the importance of learning teamwork.

Drew Bouche believes there's also a difference between his sports career and Abram's. Learning from his past, he'll keep a close eye on his son, watching for any signs of concussions or brain injuries during and after games.

"It's going to be a very short leash," he said. "He has one serious concussion, sorry, he's done. Heck, it'll be tough for me to not say, 'You're done' after seeing stars for the first time."

Despite the risk, Bouche said, there's too much value to the game and too firm a family legacy of football to completely say no to his son's requests to play.

"I want him to experience it."

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Jozy Altidore's reaction after a missed scoring opportunity summed up his team's disappointment when the U.S. lost to Trinidad and Tobago and got locked out of the World Cup.

Arena: U.S. 'laid an egg' vs. Trinidad and Tobago

BY STEVEN GOFF
Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA — More than three months after the U.S. men's national soccer team failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup, Bruce Arena reflected on a campaign he oversaw that ultimately faltered at a little stadium in a small town on a Caribbean island.

Speaking last week at a forum at the United Soccer Coaches convention, Arena detailed some of the issues that led to the 2-1 loss to last-place Trinidad and Tobago and marked the end of seven consecutive appearances by the U.S. at the sport's biggest competition.

A draw would have clinched a berth in this summer's tournament in Russia. Instead, the U.S. "laid an egg," said Arena, who subsequently resigned as coach.

The Americans had recovered from defeats in the first two World Cup qualifiers under Arena's predecessor, Juergen Klinsmann, and appeared poised to clinch CONCACAF's third automatic berth.

"In a lot of ways, our team did a remarkable job coming back and positioning (itself) to qualify," Arena said. "In all honesty, Mexico and Costa Rica

were better teams ... but we should've been the third one. I accept that responsibility. That's why I resigned so quickly.

"I don't feel good about it, but that's life. I'm not embarrassed by it because as a coaching staff and as a team and an organization, we really gave everything we had."

Despite challenges in Trinidad, "you (must) find a way to get off that field with a point," he said. "If you have a team of quality and the right chemistry, you battle through that game and get a point. I couldn't care less what it looks like."

An early own goal and a shot from great distance left the Americans with a two-goal deficit at halftime.

"I felt if we went into halftime at 1-0, we had a chance to come back and get our point," Arena said. "We read them the riot act at halftime. We told our guys they had to go out and battle, find a way to create chances."

"We get the early goal (by Christian Pulisic). We feel if we get another goal, we get the point, we get the hell out of here. We're going to World Cup. It never came."

"I can't explain why it didn't work. We had some guys who had bad games. It was the same team that had

a remarkable performance four days earlier."

The U.S. pounded Panama 4-0 in Orlando, Fla., that day. But instead of injecting the lineup against Trinidad and Tobago with fresh players, as he had done in the away leg of the previous sets of matches, Arena made no changes. He said he considered it, but in the wake of the convincing victory and a clean bill of health, Arena decided to stay with the same group and tactics.

The Americans were flat at the beginning and fell behind, heightening the pressure on the players.

"Top players respond to big games," Arena said of athletes in all sports. "Players (who) lack some quality, the pressure gets to them. A lot of (U.S.) players must have felt the pressure."

"One thing I pride myself on is I get teams ready to play. We understood the magnitude of the game. Trinidad played us very well in Denver (in the summer). They played very well against Mexico in their previous game."

"I told (the players) we've got to be ready. I think our players understood that. A lot of pressure built up, especially after we conceded the first goal. We seemed to get ourselves settled in after that and

conceded another goal, and some people cracked."

Arena also said the U.S. Soccer Federation unintentionally motivated the host team by posting photos and video of standing water on and around the field the day before the match. U.S. staff was seen carrying players across the ankle-high threshold. It was, Arena said, "humiliating" to the Trinidadians.

Asked if his players had taken enough pride in representing the country and qualifying for the World Cup, Arena said, "We had good citizens. We had a couple of bad eggs, as you have on every team. We were well aware and the players were aware" of who they were.

Arena offered high praise for the commitment put forth by players such as Tim Howard, Michael Bradley and Clint Dempsey.

"I can say (good things) about a lot of guys," Arena said. "I don't question their character at all."

He did say, however, there was one veteran "we could never get through." He didn't identify him, but multiple sources said it was defender Geoff Cameron, who didn't end up playing in the last two matches after starting four of the previous six qualifiers and entering

one as a sub.

After the T&T disaster, Arena said one player told him, "This was a culture you couldn't change in a short period of time." In general, during Arena's 10-month stint "there were a lot of things I didn't feel right (about)."

Later, Arena said, "I never felt really comfortable with the team. We won the Gold Cup (last summer with many secondary players) — the only time we had that team together for 30 days. When we mixed (regulars) back in September, it wasn't the same team or the right chemistry. It didn't seem (as if everybody) was on the same page and had the same mentalities and same understanding of what everything was about."

The U.S. lost at home to Costa Rica. Four days later, a late equalizer by Bobby Wood at Honduras kept the Americans in good position to qualify.

"We go down to Honduras and have to scramble," Arena said. "It has nothing to do with soccer; it's survival of the fittest in those games. ... We're now six games into qualifying (since Arena was hired). We made up a lot of ground, and it's down to the last two games."

After the demolition of Panama, the Americans were primed to clinch in Trinidad with a victory or draw. And then came the most painful defeat in recent U.S. history, probably ever.

Arena had figured he could get through the qualifying stage with the established group.

"We didn't have time to experiment," he said. "We had eight games to get it right and a very small margin of error."

He then planned to begin rebuilding the roster ahead of the World Cup. Of the 11 starters in Trinidad, maybe four would have been on the field for the World Cup opener eight months later, Arena said.

"We knew we had to get better, but we somehow had to get through 2017 and make our team better for the World Cup," Arena said. "(But) I would say we weren't going to be in a great position to get out of the group stage at the World Cup."

Of the failed qualifying campaign, "it was a mountain to climb" to qualify after the two opening defeats.

"We got most of the way up there, but then (we) slid down at the end," Arena said.



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Chef Sarah Grueneberg, host of the new WTTW show "Dishalicious" with chef Giuseppe Tentori during the taping of a pilot episode in Chicago last week.

Something different on cooking show menu

'Dishalicious' features camaraderie over competition with Chicago's top chefs

BY STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Chef Tony Mantuano is put out, or pretending to be. He's loaded some butter into pans where country-style ribs are searing, and two other top Chicago cooks, Sarah Grueneberg and Giuseppe Tentori, give him grief for it.

"It's called flavor, OK?" says Mantuano, chef at seemingly eternal Chicago favorite Spiaggia, on North Michigan Avenue and at Terzo Piano, atop the Art Institute.

Tentori, whose establishments are GT Fish and Oyster and GT Prime, is not one to let up, however. "Nothing is burning there, right, Tony?" he needles.

Grueneberg, of Monteverde, dishes it out a bit too. Watching pastry chef Leigh Omilinsky (Nico Osteria) add ingredients for her citrus and olive oil cake to the mixing bowl in careful order, Grueneberg says across the room, "This is why pastry is much different than savory, guys."

What the former "Top Chef" run-

ner-up is getting at is that baking demands a scientific precision, while savory treats such as Mantuano's ribs and Tentori's gnocchi dish, incorporating potatoes, pumpkin and shrimp, are more forgiving.

It's the kind of talk you might hear among chefs whenever they get together to cook, eat and share recipes. What's different about this culinary banter is that it's happening on a stage,

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Audience members get a live cooking demonstration from some of the chefs. The first three episodes of the show are scheduled to air in April.



MARKETPLACE EVENTS

Joanna and Chip Gaines' "Fixer Upper" series is in its final season.

If you need Gaines fix, visit Magnolia Market



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Changes are afoot in the Gaines household: Chip is pregnant with the couple's fifth child and "Fixer Upper," the duo's wildly popular HGTV series, is quickly drawing to a close.

Tuesday's episode was No. 9 of the final 19, which means

we're not so far away from a world in which #shiplap and #demoday exist only in reruns. (And our hearts, obviously.) (Sob.)

Anyway, I went to the Silos. My daughter had a trampoline and tumbling competition in suburban Dallas over the weekend, and it turns out Magnolia Market at the Silos, the official name for the bakery/gift shop/gardens/outdoor play area often featured on "Fixer Upper," is a mere hour and 40 minutes from the Dallas Love Field airport.

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MY WORST MOMENT

Anika Noni Rose's 'legit' audition earns a guffaw

BY NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune

Because real life sometimes feels like the Stone Age, the presidents of most universities are male. But on the BET drama "The Quad," back for a second season, the person in charge is none other than Anika Noni Rose's Dr. Eva Fletcher, whose outward calm often belies an inner frustration with any number of roadblocks and problems that come with the job.

The show is set on the campus of a historically black university, and Rose is an alum of an HBCU herself, having attended Florida A&M. Occasionally that background comes in handy: "I was a student; I wasn't faculty — but having had that experience, there are things I remember as a student that I can put forth and share with the writers so that we have a feeling of honesty. If something is happening that doesn't necessarily make sense, I might say, 'This would have been more like the experience that I had, or that I knew.'"

Her character on the show is a master at appearing composed in the face of an embarrassing or



ANNETTE BROWN/BET

Anika Noni Rose plays a university president on "The Quad."

awkward moment, and it sounds as if Rose may have that talent as well in an acting career that includes Broadway (and a Tony award), film ("Dreamgirls") and an animated movie (Disney's "The Princess and the Frog").

"This is so funny because I can think of three worst moments immediately," she said. "But I don't want to do the I-forgot-my-line moment because everybody thinks that's your

worst moment. And truly, sometimes it absolutely is. Especially if you're singing, believe you me, that is a hell — and no one can help you because the music keeps going! So by the time that you've figured it out, the orchestra is already at a different point in the song."

But it was an audition that really sticks out.

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Oprah Winfrey said she visited Recy Taylor's gravesite. Taylor, who was raped in 1944, died last year at age 97.

Oprah visits grave of woman honored in Globes speech

Oprah Winfrey has visited the grave of a black Alabama woman whose rape by six white men in 1944 drew national attention and whose story was highlighted in Winfrey's recent Golden Globes speech.

Winfrey said in an Instagram post that, on assignment for "60 Minutes," she ended up in the town of Abbeville, where Recy Taylor suffered injustice, endured and recently died.

Meanwhile, since Winfrey's rousing Globes speech, she has been perhaps the only A-lister who hasn't weighed in on her potential presidential bid. That relegates many to social-media-crumb following. So when Oprah shows up in the battleground state of Michigan for the second time in just a few months, the #Oprah2020 hashtags come out to play.

Winfrey touched down in Grand Rapids over the weekend to sit down once again with the 14 politically diverse Michiganans she first profiled in her inaugural dispatch as a "60 Minutes" correspondent.

The group spent three hours talking politics over pizza and beer at Mitten Brewing Co., according to Mlive.com. Winfrey, a Weight Watchers spokeswoman with a 10 percent stake in the company, said she didn't eat all day so she could indulge, according to the local Fox affiliate.

— Associated Press, The Washington Post



PAU BARRENA/GETTY-AFF

Shakira tax woes: Pop music star Shakira is under investigation in Spain for possible tax evasion during the three years before she officially moved to Barcelona, Spanish authorities said Tuesday. Shakira switched residences in 2015 from the Bahamas to Barcelona, where she lives with her partner, Barca soccer player Gerard Pique, and the couple's two sons. Spanish tax authorities suspect the Colombian singer already lived in the northeast city between 2012 and 2014, when she allegedly failed to pay income taxes in Spain. Prosecutor Jose Miguel Company said a decision on whether to press charges is expected by mid-June.

Amore fired: WWE star Enzo Amore has been fired by the wrestling business after a woman alleged on Twitter that he raped her and police opened a sexual assault investigation. The company said that Amore, whose real name is Eric Arndt, was fired Tuesday after initially being suspended. A lawyer representing Arndt says he denies the accusations and is cooperating with authorities in Phoenix, where the alleged assault took place.

Field vandalized: A vandal has caused thousands of dollars in damage to the Field of Dreams by driving a vehicle onto the site made famous by the 1989 movie. The Dubuque Telegraph Herald reports that workers at the site outside Dyersville, Iowa, found the damage Tuesday and were still assessing the costs and needed repairs.

Jan. 25 birthdays: Actress Ana Ortiz is 47. Singer Alicia Keys is 37.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Man's 'relaxation' videos worry wife

Dear Amy: I was on my husband's phone recently and saw that he had been watching videos featuring lots of different women — women who were doing things like folding towels, pretending to give haircuts and sometimes just whispering. Nothing sexual, just long videos of really nothing happening.

I didn't know what to make of it, so I asked my husband, and he told me that the videos are to trigger "ASMR," which he described as "deep relaxation" and "tingling in the head." He said the soft noises and images help him calm down. He said he needs them every night, or he has trouble going to sleep. After he told me, I was concerned about the whole thing; first that it was a form of addiction, and second, that he needed other women to relax him.

The whole thing feels a little bit weird.

My husband has offered to stop watching the videos if it bothers me. He's got no other problems that I'm aware of. He is healthy and a good husband, so I don't want to demand anything of him, but I'm a little worried about the impact these videos will have long term on both him and our marriage. What do you think about this?

— Wandering Wife

Dear Wondering: ASMR stands for autonomous sensory meridian response, which is really just a clinical-sounding (but not "officially" clinical) term for that lovely, shivery, slightly "spine-tingling" feeling that humans sometimes get when stimulated by gentle sounds, whispers and soft repetitive move-

ments, sort of the way you feel when a soft summer breeze kicks up and washes over your skin: pleasant, tingly and soothing. Social media have helped people to describe and name the sensation, and people are also creating and sharing "triggers" to help others who want to feel this way.

The sound of sand underfoot, human whispers, the sound (or sight) of someone repetitively folding towels — these are all triggers that people say they use to stimulate this calming feeling.

You seem to be bothered that the videos were all of women doing these repetitive tasks, and although this seems "weird" to you, it doesn't seem to have a sexual component. There are also many videos available of men doing ASMR triggers, including calming videos from the late, great painting instructor Bob Ross (my nighttime drug of choice). You might be able to help your husband by re-creating some triggers at home. You also might give this a try along with him, to see if you can experience this sensation. Otherwise, I don't think you should worry about it.

Dear Amy: Is there a term for when a person gives another person a gift but the gift-giver likes but the gift-receiver does not necessarily like?

For example, a family member loves cats. I'm not what you would call a cat person. I don't dislike cats, but I also don't really have any affinity for them. The gift-giver knows this about me. And yet every so often the giver will give as a gift

an item — usually a home decorative type item — that is cat-themed.

I don't mind the gifts. But I think it's an odd thing for the giver to give.

My friends and I discussed this, and we wondered whether there was a term for this type of gift-giver.

Thanks!
— Wondering

Dear Wondering: I just call this "Aunt Betty."

Aunt Betty is an imaginary aunt who means well and is sweet and generous. Aunt Betty believes the adage that you should give people what you would most like to receive.

Aunt Betty might have come into your life to teach you a little lesson about looking beyond the gift and (really) seeing the giver.

However, when I shared this question with some family members, they branded "Aunt Betty" a hostile, downsizing, regifting trickster.

You get to decide how to interpret this behavior.

Dear Amy: "Want to Intervene" had a desire to confront (overweight) parents about their (increasingly) overweight kids.

Your "mind your own business" philosophy is why there are so many fatties running around.

— Annoyed

Dear Annoyed: I'd welcome hearing from people concerning whether shaming other people's children has ever worked. I'll run responses in future columns.

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Show offers inside look into kitchen

Cooking, from Page 1

at WTTW-Ch. 11's Northwest Side studios, in front of 250 audience members who are lapping it up.

Throughout the live cooking demonstration, cameras and microphones are on, catching both the bonbons on the prep tables and the bon mots in the air. It's the first of three pilot episodes of "Dishalicious," a prospective new TV cooking show in the public-television arsenal and one with the potential to further spread the gospel of Chicago cuisine.

The Italian-themed episode was staged and shot Friday. This coming Friday, Rick Bayless (Frontera Grill, etc.) heads a cast of three chefs cooking Mexican. And on Feb. 9 Beverly Kim (Parachute) and Bill Kim (urbanbelly) will lead a Korean cooking corps. The \$150 audience tickets remain only for the last of the episodes.

A constant is that the effervescent Grueneberg is host. "It's a really interesting opportunity for a chef to jump into a hosting role versus a chef that cooks," she said in an interview. "I love being on TV. It's a new challenge for me and a way to share my love of cooking with a larger audience than we can at the restaurant."

"And it's so cool for Chicago because there really isn't any interactive food filming happening right now in the city."

Chef-on-chef teasing aside, the point is not competition but rather demonstration, and this is one of the first things that chefs said they appreciated.

"It sounded like an interesting thing because it's not a competition," said Beverly Kim, who finished fourth

on "Top Chef" Season 9, the same edition as Grueneberg. "I think running a restaurant, it feels like you're in a competition every day. I just thought that it was great that it's more like a conversation. It's a nice approach to gathering chefs together. It's more in the spirit of who we are."

"I think a lot of people are tired of the competitions," said Bayless, winner of "Top Chef Masters" Season One, whose own cooking show, "Mexico: One Plate at a Time," is a PBS mainstay. "In a way the competition is sort of a silly competition: 'Oh, I'm against these people, and I have to win.' There's not a ton of motivation for that. This is a show that is a lot more about a conversation."

That was what sparked David Manilow to come up with the idea for "Dishalicious." As executive producer of the long-running "Check, Please!," the Chicagoan, at food festivals, took note of how popular live cooking demonstrations are, especially with celebrity chefs.

So he sat down with the people at Chicago public television station WTTW, which presents "Check, Please!," and refined the concept.

"I'm like, 'Why don't we do an event that's also a show? Let's get three chefs. It'll be fun,'" Manilow recalled saying. "I'm much more interested in collaboration and camaraderie and rapport and people enjoying each other's company and making a meal than I am in competition shows."

The event portion of "Dishalicious" gives the audience members time in front of celebrity chefs, but also food and drink. Arriv-



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"Dishalicious" host Sarah Grueneberg, second from left, with Giuseppe Tentori, left, Tony Mantuano and Leigh Omilinsky.

ing ahead of the 7:30 p.m. taping Friday, guests were treated to sampler portions of an artichoke crostini from Grueneberg and of the pumpkin gnocchi with shrimp that Tentori would later cook in front of the cameras.

Tastings of the ribs with a giardinera topping and cake with a mascarpone dollop came after the roughly half-hour taping. Wine and beer were poured throughout, and guests left with WTTW annual memberships and swag bags that included much promotional material from sponsors, but also some handmade pasta from Monteverde and a corkscrew and flute stamped with the Binny's logo.

Whether all of that is worth a \$150 per person ticket probably depends on how much you like celebrity chefs. The fact that the first two of the three shows sold out fairly quickly suggests that many people considered the price fair.

And the enticement of first-rate cooks guiding preparation of interesting

dishes is no afterthought. Here, for example, is Bayless' plan for Friday:

"I'm going super old school and super satisfying," he said. "I'm going to cook a dish that is a super homey dish at the heart of what we do at Frontera. It is seared pieces of rib-eye in a sauce that combines dried guajillo chiles and ancho chiles and roasted garlic. We'll serve that with super well made black beans."

WTTW, which has a history of producing national cooking shows with "The Frugal Gourmet," loved the "Dishalicious" idea, said Dan Soles, the WTTW programmer credited as executive producer, along with Manilow. "The Frugal Gourmet's" run ended in 1997, and the station's last studio cooking show, Soles said, was the short-lived "The Americas' Family Kitchen" with host Vertamae Grosvenor, which began in 1996.

Like those two, the idea for "Dishalicious" is very much to make it a national show, one that could fly in chefs from all over to take

part but will be rooted in Chicago and its culinary culture. The initial three will air in April, and the reception they get, both from local audiences and from PBS executives and other stations, could go a long way to determining whether this concept has a future.

But so far so good, said Soles.

"I'm really pleased," he said. "Based on Friday, it really exceeded my expectations."

A key to it, he said, is Grueneberg: "She's not only a great cook but a wonderful, warm personality who gets a lot out of the chefs, gets them to interact well. We're very lucky to have her as a host."

And she seems to be something of a connector in the cooking world. Bayless, Beverly Kim and Mantuano (who was Grueneberg's boss for eight years) all said that Grueneberg asking was a big part of the reason they agreed to do the pilot shows.

But waving the flag for Chicago was another incentive. "I like things that

have a certain spontaneity to them, and I certainly like things that really focus on Chicago," said Bayless. "It's always nice to do something showcasing what high quality we have."

The chefs also said they want to show off the fellowship among Chicago chefs, the fact that the people responsible for this quality seem to sort of like each other. Indeed, at the taping, Grueneberg introduced Mantuano as "the man that taught me how to make simple, elegant Italian food."

Tentori pointed out an irony in the dishes they were choosing to make. "He's got an Italian restaurant. He's making a steak," Tentori said of Mantuano. "I've got a steakhouse. I'm making pasta."

All agreed on that cake with olive oil and citrus. "Anywhere there's blood oranges, I'm there," said Mantuano.

"I love the citrus," Grueneberg said. "I feel like this is a good reason to eat cake for breakfast."

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Diversity breakthrough in Oscar nominees

BY TRE'VELL ANDERSON
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When the dust settled after Tuesday's announcement of this year's Oscar nominees, it was clear that Academy Awards voters had diversity and inclusion on their minds. Among the nominees are Pakistani-American Kumail Nanjiani for "The Big Sick" (who wrote the original screenplay nominee with wife Emily V. Gordon, inspired by their courtship), "Mudbound" actress Mary J. Blige (in the supporting actress and original song categories, the latter of which she shares with Raphael Saadiq) and three directors — Jordan Peele ("Get Out"), Greta Gerwig ("Lady Bird") and Guillermo del Toro ("The Shape of Water") — who don't fit their category's historically white male template.

Making history, however, are the foreign film "A Fantastic Woman" and feature documentary "Strong Island," projects with transgender voices, making it quite possible that the work of an openly trans person could earn one of the industry's top prizes in March. "Mudbound" cinematographer Rachel Morrison also made history as the first woman nominated in the category.

"Seeing two out trans-



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Daniela Vega, a transgender woman, stars in "A Fantastic Woman," a foreign-language film Oscar nominee.

gender people (represented) in this year's Oscar nominees is a big step forward toward more inclusive and diverse content in Hollywood," Nick Adams, GLAAD's director of transgender media and representation, said in a statement to the Times.

"A Fantastic Woman" follows Marina, a waitress and nightclub singer who must put her life back together after her older boyfriend dies suddenly. But because she's a transgender woman in a country

with little to no support for trans people, she has to navigate cruelties lodged both by her boyfriend's unaccepting family and the government. Newcomer Daniela Vega, who is trans, stars in the Chilean movie nominated for the foreign-language film Oscar, and though her performance wasn't recognized on its own, director Sebastian Lelio said the picture wouldn't be what it is without her.

"Daniela's presence took the film in a different di-

mension, and she brought something that a cisgender actor wouldn't be able to bring," Lelio said. "She brought a real, beating heart to everything."

Vega also served as a cultural consultant of sorts for Lelio in the writing process. In an interview with the Times last year, Vega, who called herself the first and only trans actress in Chile, lent her voice to the ongoing conversation about LGBTQ representation in film.

"Why is it just now that

trans individuals are starting to run next to people who have always had those opportunities to play the main roles?" she asked. "Why is that just happening?"

As for "Strong Island," which won a special jury prize at Sundance last year, it charts Yance Ford's journey to reconnect with the officers and prosecutors involved in the case about his brother's killing and discover how the grand jury could have made its decision. Featuring emo-

tional interviews with Ford's mother and sister, it's an intimate meditation of how a family's personal tragedy is situated in an institutionalized fear of blackness and how a loved one's unexplainable death has impacted decades later. Ford, who directed the film, is a trans man.

While the film doesn't address Ford's trans-ness, "it is important that his work has received recognition from the academy," Adams said.

Morrison also finds herself in the history books as the first woman, after 90 years of the film academy, to receive a cinematography nomination. In responding to the "dream-come-true" nod, she said she hopes it "opens the door for more women to believe that they can do it and follow their dreams and become cinematographers."

"I think that once you see 50 percent of us (represented in the industry), you'll see a lot more nominations this time of year," she said.

We'll find out March 4 whether any of these nominees will become Oscar winners. Until then, the recognition does represent a more diverse and equitable future the industry appears to be working toward.

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Short memory a key

Rose, from Page 1

My worst moment ...

"I remember doing a show in Philadelphia called 'Me & Mrs. Jones' and it was a jukebox musical about the Philadelphia sound. Lou Rawls was in it and I was the young female lead. It was supposed to transfer to Broadway — that didn't work out, but it was still a fun show. This was in 2001, a few months after 9/11. During the run I was called to New York on a day off for an audition. Now, nobody really gives you time to prepare for an audition. It'll be 5 in the afternoon and they'll call and be like, 'We'd love you to come in tomorrow at 11.'

"For this one I think I had two days to prepare. It was for a musical, and I don't even remember which one. I asked what kind of music they needed and I was told they wanted something a little more — let me think so I can get their wording correctly — something a little more on the legit side.

"OK, first of all, I hate that term. 'Legit' meaning, more in the classical style of singing. It's closer to an operatic sound. It's more of a classical sound than a pop sound. When I think of shows that I have done, it would be more 'Caroline, or Change' than 'Footloose.' And the reason I hate the term legit is because it sounds as if any other style of singing is illegitimate — that it's not real singing.

"Now, I can sing either way. But this show that I

was doing in Philadelphia, it was a lot of belting because it was the Philadelphia sound. It was the O'Jays and Patti LaBelle and all those ferocious belting-singers. So for this audition they were like, we want you to be a little bit more on the legit side, so I decided to do something from the musical 'Jekyll & Hyde' but mind you, I had been belting for months.

"So I get up very early so I can take the train to New York. I prepped this 'Jekyll & Hyde' song, I forget which one. And I look at the sign-in sheet and the first damn name I see is Audra McDonald! I love Audra. And I knew in that moment, this is not 'a little more on the legit side' like they said — this is full-blown legit! You tried me when you said 'a little more.' Because I had known that's what they were looking for, I probably would have said, 'That's not something I can do on short notice.' I had been belting for four months and needed time to bring my voice back down. Sometimes your voice just doesn't want to switch techniques. It's like you've been running sprints all day and then someone says, 'On Monday, why don't you do a marathon?' Your muscles are not ready to spring into shape.

"But I was like, 'Well, OK. I'm here. Might as well do this.' But also: 'That's Audra, I know better!' So I go into the audition feeling really positive and like I said, they knew that I was in this show where I was going, 'waaaaah!' giving full R&B and rock holler. So I go in and it's this British dude whose name I don't remember and he's like (British accent) 'Anika, so glad you came. What are you going to sing for us today?' So I introduce my

little song and then I start.

"And in the middle of singing this song — I kid you not — this man stuck his fingers in his ear during the audition. I'm looking at him do this while I'm acting my face off and some notes are totally legit and some are belted, you know, riding that line. And I finish the song and I said, 'Well, that was a little belty.' And he said, 'A lit-ull?' And I couldn't believe it, he fully guffawed at me! And I was like, 'OK well. Thank you for having me!'"

What was going through her mind ...

"Didn't get that one! There was nothing to be done about it really. They called me two days ahead of time so I didn't have the time to prep the song the way I would have wanted to — especially while I'm doing another show. My vocal muscles, their instinct in that moment was to tear it up as opposed to opening up and ushering a note through. It didn't devastate me because I knew, I had already seen Audra's name! So I knew what I was walking into."

The takeaway ...

(Long laugh)
"Sometimes stuff just isn't going to be right! I couldn't have done anything more than I did. By the way, I paid to travel to New York for that audition and it wasn't the cheapest ticket either. But I think I learned, you can only do the best that you can do. I'm somebody who usually beats myself up when things don't go right. I'll go over it 10,000 times in my head and I'll kill myself over it — and I didn't do that this time.
"And I was really happy

about that, because I could have been really hurt and devastated when the man put his fingers in his ears. It actually struck me as quite funny because it wasn't like I was singing badly. It just wasn't what he was prepared to hear and it wasn't what I was prepared to give in that moment.

"I mean, it was so rich! I will never forget it. And he fully guffawed: 'Lit-ull?' It wasn't like he said, 'Do you have anything else that you can sing? Maybe we can come back and do it when

you're done with your show.' I could have done 'I Could Have Danced All Night' from 'My Fair Lady' — but not in that moment I couldn't! I did 'The Pirates of Penzance' a couple summers ago in the park and I was Mabel; that's probably what he wanted to hear.

"But I was able to shake it off. There are things that happened years ago that I haven't been able to shake off. But mostly those are when I've done something to mess myself up. Oh my God, I just hate that. Or if

something is just patently unfair and people are unkind and nasty.

"But we're people and we're irrational and I'm an artist, which means sometimes you just have a bad day and it stays with you. So I'm glad that didn't happen with this one. Although clearly I didn't let it go too much because I still remember it real clear! But I'm glad that it's something that makes me laugh and wasn't scarring."

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A+E NOTES

'Tootsie' musical will premiere in Chicago

A new Broadway musical based on "Tootsie" — the 1982 Hollywood hit from Columbia Pictures about a struggling actor who disguises himself as a woman to secure a role on a soap opera, only for romantic complications to ensue — will have its pre-Broadway world premiere in Chicago this fall before heading to Broadway in the spring of 2019.

Broadway actor Santino Fontana — the voice of Prince Hans in "Frozen" and Greg on CW's "Crazy

Ex-Girlfriend" — is to star in the role made famous by Dustin Hoffman in Sydney Pollack's movie. "Tootsie" grossed closed to \$200 million in the United States and the film was nominated for 10 Academy Awards.

The musical features a new score by David Yazbek ("The Band's Visit" and "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"), a book by Robert Horn and choreography by Denis Jones. Scott Ellis is the director. The rest of the cast has yet to be announced.

A spokesman said that the Oscar-nominated song "It Might Be You" (by Stephen Bishop) will not be in the show, which features an entirely original score. The lead producer of the "Tootsie" stage musical is Scott Sanders Productions.

"Tootsie" will play

Broadway in Chicago's Cadillac Palace from Sept. 11 to Oct. 14. Individual tickets will be available at a later date.

— Chris Jones

Pearl Jam to return to Wrigley to play 2 shows

Pearl Jam is set to return to Wrigley Field to play two shows in August, the band announced Wednesday. The dates are Aug. 18 and Aug. 20, with tickets scheduled to go on sale for the general public at 10 a.m. Feb. 21. There will be presales for members of Pearl Jam's Ten Club and fans who register through Ticketmaster.

Frontman Eddie Vedder, who spent part of his childhood in Evanston, is a diehard Cubs fan.

— Tracy Swartz

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Laura Lippman discusses fiction, delving into noir

Author says years at Baltimore Sun inform her novels

By LLOYD SACHS
Chicago Tribune

Though she and her husband, TV writer and producer David Simon (“The Wire,” “The Deuce”), have divided their time between Baltimore and New Orleans, novelist Laura Lippman will always be first and foremost a favorite daughter of Charm City. That’s where she grew up and was a reporter for a dozen years for the Baltimore Sun. It’s also where she sets her popular Tess Monaghan mysteries as well as her genre-crossing stand-alones inspired by local news stories.

With her new novel, “Sunburn,” due out Feb. 20, Lippman communes even more deeply with her Baltimore roots in putting a modern gloss on the hard-boiled fiction of James M. Cain. Cain, who earned his spurs as a newspaper reporter in Baltimore, made pulp sing in the ‘40s in such works as “The Postman Always Rings Twice,” “Mildred Pierce” and “Double Indemnity.”

The protagonist in “Sunburn” is Polly, a mysterious woman who, after walking out on her husband and child, enters into a complicated relationship with a mysterious man, Adam, in a small town in Delaware. He turns out to be a private investigator hired to keep tabs on her. Things get dicey and violent. Surprises get sprung. Love, of all things, blooms.

Writing about Cain’s “Love’s Lovely Counterfeit” in the 2012 anthology “Books to Die For,” Lippman praised it as “a book by someone who knows how things work ... and (gets) the details right.” As rich in noirish touches as “Sunburn” is, she never loses sight of the details, either, whether in describing, as a journalist might, how to make an explosion look like an accident or how Adam prepares dishes after

being hired by the diner where Polly is a waitress.

Lippman, an alumna of Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism, credits the late Chicago cultural icon Lois Weisberg, her onetime summer camp counselor, with helping her find her first agent. In a recent phone conversation (a transcript of which follows, edited for clarity and space), Lippman said journalism wasn’t always the easiest profession for her, thanks to certain newspaper editors, including one who told her she couldn’t write. Lippman said she turned to books, which she began writing full time in 2001, to escape that kind of wrongheaded, unilateral judgment.

Q: In what ways did your experience as a journalist have a more positive effect on your fiction writing?

A: It still has a powerful influence in teaching me not to be precious about writing. People still struggle with this notion of gifted writers somehow being in touch with a higher power, but it’s all about showing up and doing the job, meeting deadlines, working hard. Journalism also instilled in me the need for clarity, for giving the reader what he or she needs to follow a story.

Q: Several of your stand-alone novels are inspired by real-life events. As a reporter, you must have been privy to a lot of great story ideas.

A: For a long time, my work was heavily influenced by crime stories that were big in Baltimore but unknown to the world at large. For me, crime fiction was an opportunity to sneak up on readers with social issues, something they won’t go out of their way to seek.

Q: You had written seven novels featuring reporter-turned-investigator Tess Monaghan when your first stand-alone, “Every Secret Thing,” came out. In switching points of view and moving back and



LESLEY UNRUH PHOTO

Laura Lippman is the author of the popular Tess Monaghan mysteries.

forth in time, it solidified the approach you’ve been taking ever since. What led you to branch out?

A: I was married and divorced — my idea — and had a really crummy experience. Afterward, I woke up to the fact that I was the villain in someone else’s story. Knowing that my story was not the one my ex-husband was telling led to a shift in my work. I wrote “Every Secret Thing” trying to see through everyone’s point of view. Every person you meet has a story. I’m very empathetic — that might be one of my superpowers.

Q: One of the most impressive things about “Sunburn” is that for all its cutting touches, all the characters are afforded a level of understanding you

don’t often find in this kind of novel.

A: That human scale wasn’t there in an early version. A good friend who read it when I was midway through said to me, “That’s not you. That’s not the kind of book you write.” And I knew that wasn’t the kind of book that interests me as a reader.

Q: What led you to take on noir after all these years as a novelist?

A: I had read Anne Tyler’s “Ladder of Years,” a dark, cathartic fantasy in which a woman escapes her unhappy family life and spends time alone, in her own house, for a long period of time. And I thought that could be a noir story: What if the person passing through town is a woman? I didn’t want to write about



‘Sunburn’

By Laura Lippman, William Morrow, 304 pages, \$26.99

the present day, but a time when it was easier to disappear. So I set it in 1995, before Facebook and cellphones and such.

Q: When can fans of Tess Monaghan, most recently heard from in “Hush Hush” in 2015, expect the next novel in the series?

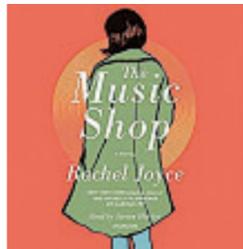
A: I’m very picky about Tess ideas. I had been thinking about doing a novel about Tess’ parents, but I decided to do something different. My next novel is about another woman who walks out on a marriage and reinvents herself as a cub reporter at a newspaper. It’s set in Baltimore in 1966, which is a little bitter-sweet for me because that’s the year after my dad (columnist Theo Lippman Jr.) started at the Sun. He died in 2014. There are so many questions he could have answered.

Q: With the huge success of Gillian Flynn’s “Gone Girl” and Paula Hawkins’ “Girl on the Train,” female crime writers are all the rage now. That must be extremely gratifying.

A: Something wonderful is going on. “Big Little Lies,” the book and the miniseries, is another breakthrough. This is what everyone wants now. You can’t help but feel nervous that the pendulum will swing, we’ll reach that point where “women have had their turn” and things will revert to the straight white male default. But you never know.

Freelancer Lloyd Sachs regularly reviews crime fiction and streams mysteries for the Tribune.

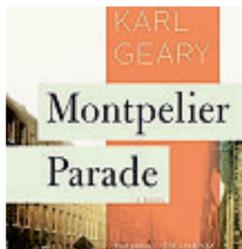
Audiobook roundup



“The Music Shop” by Rachel Joyce, narrated by Steven Hartley, Random House Audio-books, 8:33

Rachel Joyce, the author of the delightful and not quite believable “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry,” has done it again with the often laugh-out-loud funny and similarly unbelievable “The Music Shop.” The shop is owned by Frank, who sells only vinyl records. One day Ilse Brauchmann stops by his shop and collapses, and thus the love story begins. Frank has a special musical gift. He can look at anyone and know what music they need to hear. But his gift fails him in the face of Ilse Brauchmann.

English actor Steven Hartley approaches this narration with the good humor it requires, gamely singing when it’s called for — just don’t expect to be reminded of Aretha Franklin or Handel’s “Messiah” when he tackles them. Joyce is clearly an author who loves her characters, and Hartley helps make each memorable, from the prickly Maud, not-so-secretly in love with Frank, to Frank’s lovable and clumsy assistant, Kit, who, in one of the book’s most adorable chapters, dances around the record shop to the tune of “Shaft.” Frank is ill-prepared to believe he has the right to love, which leads to the plot twists that just don’t bear scrutiny. But do you really expect believability from a story built around one man’s magical ability to find the music to save your life? Of course not. So just sit back and enjoy the music.

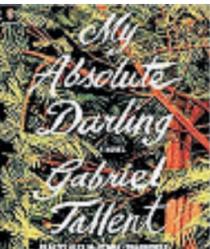


“Montpelier Parade” by Karl Geary, narrated by Geary, Audible Studios, 5:51

Actor and club owner Karl Geary, who left Dublin for the United States as a teenager, adds a mournful shade to every sentence in “Montpelier Parade,” his debut novel shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award. It’s an appropriate tone for a story so full of longing.

The people around 16-year-old Sonny Knoll are angry or desperate — or both. When Sonny comes home with a book, his mother treats it like a subversive threat. “I’d like to know what she’s doing giving books to young lads? Cheek of her.” Sonny is the youngest of seven brothers, the others all grown men who still live with their warring parents. The brothers have sided with their mother, but Sonny feels sorry for both parents, even though his father’s gambling means there’s not always enough food for him. Then he meets Vera, a beautiful English woman with a stately home on Montpelier Parade. The first meeting comes when Sonny and his father are repairing her garden wall. The second comes by accident. Sonny is quickly infatuated and drawn into Vera’s life, not realizing how deeply troubled she is. Yet Vera becomes his door to another world, to books, places like art museums and new dreams. Geary explores whether it’s enough to give Sonny a real chance.

By JENNI LAIDMAN
Chicago Tribune



“My Absolute Darling” by Gabriel Tallent, narrated by Alex McKenna, Penguin Audio, 15:47

Gabriel Tallent’s debut novel about 14-year-old Julia “Turtle” Alveson is deeply unsettling and consistently gripping. Turtle lives with her father in a rough-hewn cabin near the ocean in Northern California’s Mendocino County. Her father’s idea of child-rearing is chilling, and Tallent doesn’t hesitate to describe the physical, sexual and emotional abuse Turtle is subject to. Yet Turtle’s life is so isolated that she remains deeply attached to her father and hostile toward outsiders, especially women, such as the teacher who tries to help her. The one kind person in her life is her grandfather, but her father turns that affection into a reason for punishment.

Then Turtle meets Brett and Jacob as they wander lost in the forest. These high school freshmen are something new for Turtle, and she is as intrigued by their chatter as they are by her long silences. “You don’t feel any urgent need to fill the gaps in conversation, do you?” Brett says. “Turtle is surprised that they would go on like this in a cold downpour and then she thinks, they’re waiting on you, Turtle. They’re waiting on you and the talking helps them.”

Alex McKenna’s raspy voice makes a convincing Turtle, suggesting the rough edges and even the appeal of a girl so convinced of her own ugliness and so desperate to survive.

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BOOK REVIEW

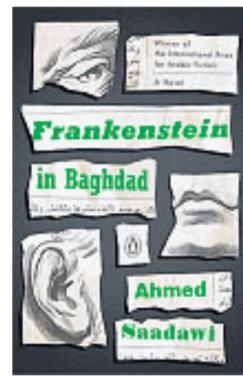
‘Frankenstein in Baghdad’ offers powerful allegory

By RAYYAN AL-SHAWAF
Chicago Tribune

“I was not a murderer: I had merely plucked the fruit of death before it fell to the ground.”

The grisly imagery here seems apt when one considers the speaker: a composite of human carrion, “the Whatsitname” who must kill almost unceasingly to replace his rotting body parts with the fresher ones of his victims. He is the subject and partial narrator of Ahmed Saadawi’s surreal novel “Frankenstein in Baghdad,” which cleverly scripts a macabre character from a venerable literary work in the service of a modern-day cautionary fable. This winner of the 2014 International Prize for Arabic Fiction now reaches American shores in an excellent English translation by Jonathan Wright. “Frankenstein in Baghdad,” set in Saadawi’s native Iraq in 2005-06, emerges as an oblique and darkly humorous commentary on the self-perpetuating nature of violence.

When a suicide bomber blows a hotel security guard to smithereens, the victim’s soul takes up residence in the corpse Hadi the junk dealer has cobbled together in his shed (for reasons not entirely clear) with human remains swiped from the scenes of other terrorist attacks. Saadawi employs Hadi’s befuddlement at the disappearance of his creation — which inexplicably comes to life in his temporary absence and decamps from the shed — to generate farce. He also deftly maneuvers the Whatsitname into a drama involving senescent widow Elishva, a faithful Assyrian Christian who’s convinced that the monster is her missing son



‘Frankenstein in Baghdad’

By Ahmed Saadawi, translation by Jonathan Wright, Penguin, 288 pages, \$16

Daniel, finally returned from the long since concluded Iran-Iraq war.

As for the Whatsitname himself, he wants to avenge the hotel security guard whose soul is now lodged within his breast, and in due course decides to extend the same courtesy to those casualties of terrorism whose body parts Hadi used to stitch him together.

He will kill those who killed them. Yet when he begins to disintegrate before locating his numerous quarries, he resorts to murdering random people for their eyes, arms and other must-have anatomical bits. “In retribution for this victim, who should I exact vengeance on?” he asks, anguished, the first time he takes an innocent person’s life.

Saadawi widens the story’s circle of characters to include skeptical magazine journalist Mahmoud, who lends Hadi his digital recorder so the elusive Whatsitname might provide him with fodder for a feature on urban legends (published as “Franken-

stein in Baghdad”), and Brigadier Majid, head of a top-secret security outfit who knows that Baghdad’s Frankenstein is real and vows to apprehend him. Given these characters’ remove from the Whatsitname, it’s difficult for them to captivate.

Perhaps the reason for this owes something to the author’s rather obvious pursuit of allegory. Because Saadawi wants the Whatsitname to embody (literally) post-invasion Iraq’s pervasive violence and criminality, he repeatedly feels obliged to turn away from the monster’s exploits to explore myriad real-life dangers menacing ordinary Iraqis.

Despite the costly trade-off it entails, this conceit works. The Whatsitname’s murderous rampage is revealed as differing precious little from that of militias and terrorists, while his justifications prove similarly sanctimonious. “With the help of God and of heaven,” he declaims into Mahmoud’s recorder, “I will take revenge on all the criminals. I will finally bring about justice on earth, and there will no longer be a need to wait in agony for justice to come, in heaven or after death.”

And most unsettling of all? Instead of closing ranks against the Whatsitname, most Iraqis just plug him into their pre-existing sectarian outlook. “In Sadr City they spoke of him as a Wahhabi, in Adamiya as a Shiite extremist.”

The Whatsitname, far from jolting Shiites, Sunnis, the Iraqi government and the U.S. military out of their biases, inadvertently ends up reinforcing them.

Rayyan Al-Shawaf is a writer and book critic in Lebanon.

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Monica Raymund

"Chicago Fire" (9 p.m., NBC): After coming across some important new information, Dawson and Casey (Monica Raymund, Jesse Spencer) redouble their efforts to discover Briar's (guest star Quinn Cooke) whereabouts in the new episode "Slamigan." Meanwhile, Severide (Taylor Kinney) reconnects with Chief Grissom (guest star Gary Cole) and an old family friend. Elsewhere, Cruz (Joe Minoso) turns to Brett and Mouch (Kara Killmer, Christian Stolte) to help him create a new tool. Daniel Di Tomasso also guest stars.

"Grey's Anatomy" (7 p.m., ABC): Many doctors report that patients who are children somehow carry higher emotional stakes for those treating them, and in a new episode called "Personal Jesus," a young boy who has just been admitted to Grey Sloan Memorial turns out to have a profound impact. Meanwhile, Jo (Camilla Luddington) continues to deal with her ex-husband and April (Sarah Drew) finds herself with a very surprising patient. Matthew Morrison guest stars.

"Beyond" (7 p.m., FREE): Still plagued by relentless and disturbing nightmares, Holden (Burkely Duffield) finds it increasingly difficult to maintain control of his powers while he is at work in the new episode "No Es Bueno." Jeff (Jeff Pierre), meanwhile, is furious to discover that Pastor Ian (Chad Willett) and Helping Hands are trying to get close to Christine (Parveen Kaur), and Luke (Jonathan Whitesell) catches himself about to slide back into a bad habit.

"Arrow" (8 p.m., CW): The ruthless Cayden James (guest star Michael Emerson) raises the stakes even higher as he launches his scheme to seize control of the city, but Oliver (Stephen Amell) is determined to outwit him using only the original Team Arrow — without the contributions of Rene, Dinah or Curtis (Rick Gonzalez, Juliana Harkavy, Echo Kellum).

"Life Below Zero" (8 p.m., NGE0): In the new episode "The Intruder," the short Arctic summer is dominated by a single priority for most Alaskans: taking advantage of the endless sunlight to harvest the resources the season provides, since they'll otherwise find themselves coming up short during the dark winter months.

"60 Days In" (9 p.m., AE): A new episode called "Jail Crush" finds Stephanie resorting to a dangerously dubious strategy — namely, using drugs — to forge connections with her fellow inmates, but Jaclin earns acceptance in a far more ingenious way: by creating her own line of jail clothing, bringing "pink flare and positivity" to those incarcerated inside I-Pod. Her success eventually leads to some heated exchanges with jail officers, however.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Lisa Kudrow; comic Tom Segura; comic Sam Morril.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Will Ferrell; Robert Irwin; Migos performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Gwyneth Paltrow; actor Ben McKenzie; 30 Seconds to Mars performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Viola Davis; actor Thomas Haden Church; LANco performs.*

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THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 25

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	MVP: Most Valuable Performer (N) ©	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon ©	S.W.A.T.: "Miracle." © ㉔	News (N) ▶		
	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	The Good Place (N)	Will & Grace ©	Great News (Season Finale) (N) ©	Chicago Fire: "Slamigan." (N) © ㉔	NBC 5 News (N) ▶	
	ABC 7	Grey's Anatomy: "Personal Jesus." (N) ©	Scandal: "Good People." (N) © ㉔	How to Get Away With Murder (N) © ㉔	News at 10pm (N) ▶			
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	3's Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	Company Business (PG-13, '91) **	Gene Hackman.			The Return of the Pink Panther ***		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Rick Steves Special: European Festivals ©		Lost Opera: The Way to Andina (N)	Leonard Nimoy ▶	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶		
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Doctor Dolittle 2 (PG, '01) **	Eddie Murphy.	Women ▶		
	FOX 32	The Four: Battle for Stardom: "Week Four." (N) © ㉔			Fox 32 News at Nine	Modern Family ©		
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods: "Innocence." ©	Blue Bloods © ㉔		Blue Bloods © ㉔	Blue Blood ▶		
	TeleM 44	José José, el príncipe (N)	Sangre de mi tierra (N)	Señora Acero 4: La C (N)	Chicago (N)			
	CW 50	Supernatural (N) ©	Arrow: "We Fall." (N) ©	Law Order: CI	Law CI ▶			
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	WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	S. Glory	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Know-Cause	Monument
	Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)	Papá a toda madre (N)		Caer en tentación (N)	Noticias (N)		
	AE	60 Days In: "Pissed Off."	60 Days In: "Party Favors."		60 Days In (N) ©	Waco (N) ▶		
	AMC	Bruce Almighty (PG-13, '03) **	Jim Carrey. ©		Pretty Woman (R, '90) ***	© ▶		
ANIM	North Woods Law ©	North Woods Law: Uncuffed (N)			North-Law ▶			
BBCA	The Chronicles of Riddick (PG-13, '04) **	Vin Diesel. ©			Chronicles-Ridd ▶			
BET	*(6:05) Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son ('11) *		Black (N)	Mancave (N)	Rundown (N)			
BIGTEN	College Basketball: Penn State at Ohio State. (N) ©		The BIG	The BIG	The BIG			
BRAVO	Million Dollar LA	Million Dollar LA (Season Finale) (N)		(9:15) Top Chef: "Restaurant Wars." (N)				
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©		Jay Leno's Garage (N)	Jay Leno's ▶			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ▶			
COM	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 (N)	Daily (N) ▶		
DISC	Killing Fields ©	Killing Fields (N) ©		Interrogation Room (N)	Killing ▶			
DISN	Andi Mack	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Jessie ©	Andi Mack	
E!	Mean Girls (PG-13, '04) ***	Lindsay Lohan. ©		Revenge Body	E! News ▶			
ESPN	* Wm. Basketball (N)	Skills Show. (Tape)		Winter X Games: Aspen. (N)	(Live) ▶			
ESPN2	* College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Central	Florida at Wichita State. (N)	Basketball				
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News			
FOOD	Chopped ©	Chopped: "T.G.I. Fry-Day."		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby		
FREE	Beyond (N) ©		(8:01) Jumper (PG-13, '08) *	Hayden Christensen. ©	700 Club (N)			
FX	Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13, '14) **	Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci. ©						
HALL	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls		
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Int! (N)	Hunters	
HIST	American Pickers ©	American Pickers (N) ©		(9:03) American Pickers	Pickers ▶			
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	*(6:45) Uncle Buck (PG, '89) **	John Candy. ©		Portlandia	Baroness	Due Date ▶		
LIFE	Project Runway (N)	Project Runway (N)		Making a Model (N)	This Time ▶			
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)			
MTV	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild/Out (N)		
NBCSCH	* NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Red Wings (N)			Postgame	All-Access	The Loop (N)		
NICK	Megamind (PG, '10) ***	Voices of Will Ferrell. ©		Two Men	Two Men	Friends ©		
Ovation	*(6) Field of Dreams (PG, '89) ***	Outbreak (R, '95) **	Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. ▶					
OWN	20/20 on ID ©	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID ©	20/20 ▶			
OLY	NCIS: "Trojan Horse." ©	NCIS: "Angel of Death."		NCIS: "Bury Your Dead."	NCIS © ▶			
SPRIKE	Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N)	Lip Sync	The Devil Wears Prada ▶			
SYFY	(7:05) Tomorrowland (PG, '15) **	George Clooney, Hugh Laurie. ©			Magicians ▶			
TBS	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Conan (N) ▶		
TCM	Fanny (NR, '61) **	Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier. ©			Four Horsemen ▶			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Supersized: Alicia's Story." (N)		Family by the Ton (N)	My 600-Lb ▶				
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Fallen Idols (NR, '08)	Following	Tru News	Robison		
TNT	NBA Basketball: Wizards at Thunder (N Subject to Blackout)			Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)				
TOON	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Mysteries at the Museum	Battle-Little (N)		Mysteries-Museum (N)	Mysteries ▶			
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Nashville ©	King		
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam				
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars (Season Premiere) (N) ©	America's Next Model	RuPaul's Drag Race: All ▶					
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop	Hip Hop ▶				
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		
PREMIUM	HBO	Mosaic (N) ©	(7:50) Deepwater Horizon (16) ***	High Main. Mosaic ▶				
	HBO2	Gone in 60 Seconds (PG-13, '00) * Nicolas Cage. ©	In a Valley of Violence (R, '16) ***					
	MAX	Jennifer's Body (R, '09) ** Megan Fox.	(8:45) First Kill (R, '17) Hayden Christensen. © (SAP)					
	SHO	* Shameless (7:20) Chuck (R, '16) *** ©	The Chi: "Ghosts." ©	SNCTM				
	STARZ	*(5:56) Mr. Brooks ('07) ** Shaft (R, '00) ** Samuel L. Jackson. ©	Saving Private Ryan (R) ▶					
STZNC	* Coming to America ***	Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (PG, '84) ***	District 9 ▶					

Need Gaines fix? Visit Magnolia Market

Magnolia, from Page 1

I couldn't let the moment pass without a visit. And I couldn't visit without filling y'all (or is it all y'all?) in on the experience.

Here goes. Two minutes off the main highway in Waco, Texas, a couple of giant, rusty silos sit on one end of the 26,000-square-foot property.

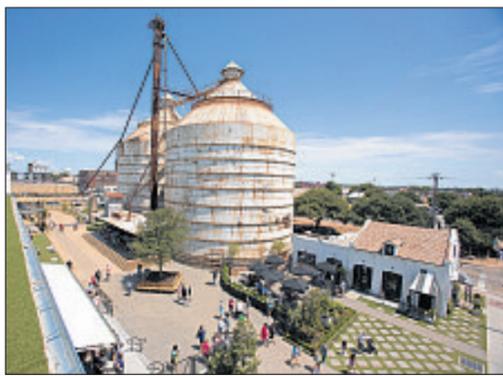
Formerly part of a cottonseed mill, the structures got an interior makeover in a "Fixer Upper" episode last spring, but they were closed to the public the day we visited.

Next to the silos sits Silos Baking Co. — "Joanna's bakery" to most of us — which is every bit as adorable as you'd expect. And every bit as crowded. We visited on a January weekday, and the line snaked out the door, down the sidewalk and around the side of the building.

An employee walked around distributing order cards and mini pencils, which kept the line moving swiftly. My group ordered three different cupcake flavors and decided lemon lavender was the winner. The bakery also sells cookies, cinnamon buns and coffee.

A giant gift shop beckons a few steps from the bakery, stocked with T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts and a whole bunch of housewares. You can even buy signs made by Jimmy Don — friend of George W. Bush and "Fixer Upper's" favorite ironworker. Items are priced reasonably well — higher than a TJ Maxx HomeGoods, lower than a boutique on Armitage Avenue.

Behind the shop sits a giant backyard of sorts, which is where we spent most of our time. A large, square plot is covered in green AstroTurf and stocked with footballs, soccer balls and beanbag toss games. Picnic tables, wooden swings and beanbag chairs ring the yard. I imagine it's quite a scene in, say, June. The day we



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Magnolia Market at the Silos is in Waco, Texas.

were there, it felt like a relatively empty little slice of serenity amid a sea of consumption.

Beyond the picnic tables, a ring of food trucks circles the property. You can grab run-of-the-mill pizza and burgers or more adventurous Thai-fusion rice bowls, artisanal grilled cheese sandwiches and crepes.

The only spot we didn't visit was the seed and supply store because I'm a gardening failure. But it was truly darling from the outside.

Magnolia Market attracts an average 30,000 or so visitors a week, the Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau estimates, which adds up to around

1.6 million people per year.

Will they keep visiting after "Fixer Upper" ends? "I absolutely believe it has staying power," Andrea Barefield, a Waco retail manager, told USA Today.

"What we need to do is take this and capitalize on it and really create a brand for Waco. We've invited millions of people into our home. ... The challenge is, 'Let's make sure the front porch is swept, that we change out the flowers and have curb appeal.'"

I hope she's right, especially because the appeal, at Magnolia Market anyway, didn't end at the curb. The employees were a smiling, friendly bunch, and the quality of goods was impressive.

It's definitely worth an afternoon of your time, especially if you happen to be in the area ... relatively.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Jan. 25): This year grows your professional stardom. Keep deadlines rigorously and strategize. Changing circumstances in a partnership this winter lead to renewed personal growth and confidence. Flowering fitness this summer and a re-branded self-image lead to a fine romance. Love inspires you.

Aries (March 21-April 19): 9. You hear about a lucrative lucky break. Expand communications for a broader reach. You're exceptionally quick and charming now. Do your homework before launching.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Learn even more about yourself. Ask for what you want. Your own wit and effort make the difference. Stick with tested techniques to get results.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Reminiscence about pleasant memories. Finish up what you've begun. Consider a persuasive argument carefully. Plan upcoming events, and invite participation. Prepare for what's next.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Get creative with a team project. Ask for more, and get it. Expansion comes through communication, promotion and marketing. Engage your crew.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Good news benefits you professionally. Minor setbacks can be easily managed. Get help from a strong partner. Exceed your own expectations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Study and investigate. Explore a subject to uncover a hidden truth. Do the research, and come up with a new idea. Persuade with clear arguments.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Figure out expenditures. Hunt for bargains and cash in your coupons. Get financial advice from a trusted source. Learn and apply valuable tricks.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Communication with your partner grows your relationship deeper. Resolve a barrier and surge ahead. Learn valuable insights for your collaboration. Discover a bonus.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. You can do this. Get farther than expected with a fitness, work or health goal. Get coaching from someone you trust. Make adjustments.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. A romance grows and flowers through communication. Relax together. Talk about what you love, and discover shared enthusiasms. Share your inspirations, wishes and dreams.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Take action behind the scenes. Adjust to changes at home. Implement solutions and household upgrades. A little paint goes a long way.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Use your communication skills and tools to help others deal with bad news. Listen and witness. Offer an empowering view or possibility.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, East deals

North		East	
♠ AKQ3	♥ A108	♠ J9842	♥ J
♦ AJ764	♣ A	♦ K953	♣ 1032
South		West	
♠ 10	♥ Q76432	♠ 765	♥ K95
♦ Q	♣ KJ865	♦ 1082	♣ Q974

East-West were having a lot of fun in the bidding, but they wouldn't have had much fun in the play. A contract of three spades, doubled, would have seen the defense taking nine tricks rather than the declarer. We've often thought that there should be a bonus for the defense if they make

declarer's contract, but the laws make no such provision. South was Andrew Robson, one of England's all-time greats. He couldn't possibly imagine such a successful defense so he made the aggressive game bid that his

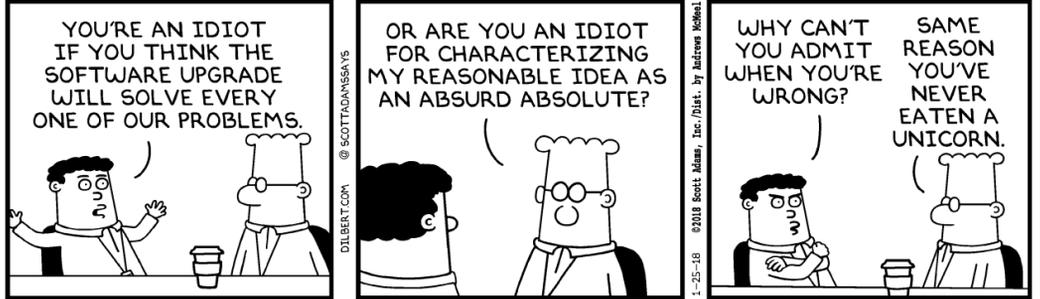
exciting distribution suggested. North must have been quite surprised to hear an aggressive bid from partner after all the East-West bidding, but he bid the slam that his high cards suggested.

Robson made no mistake in the play. He won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and continued with the king of spades, shedding a club from hand. When he saw West follow with the six of spades, after leading the five, Robson cashed the queen of spades and discarded another club. He then cashed the ace of hearts, the ace of clubs, and the ace of diamonds, followed by a diamond ruff in his hand.

He cashed the king of clubs and held his last club with dummy's eight of hearts. When that held the trick, he led the 10 of hearts and conceded a trump trick to West, making his contract. At the other table, one of the world's best declarers failed in the same contract. Surprisingly, the auction at his table also started with a weak two-bid from East.

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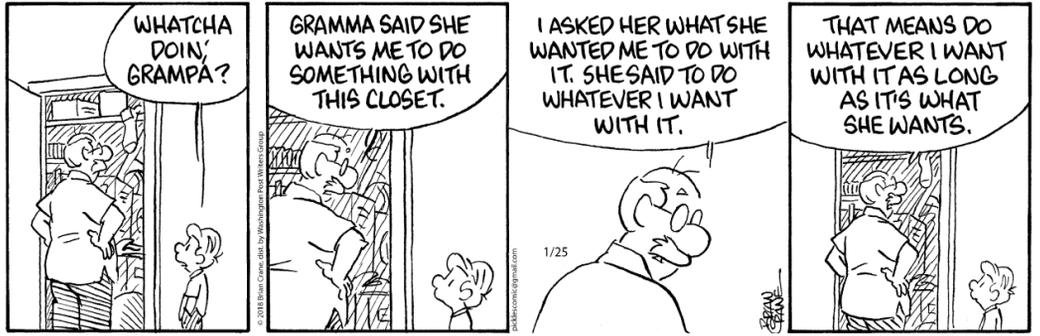
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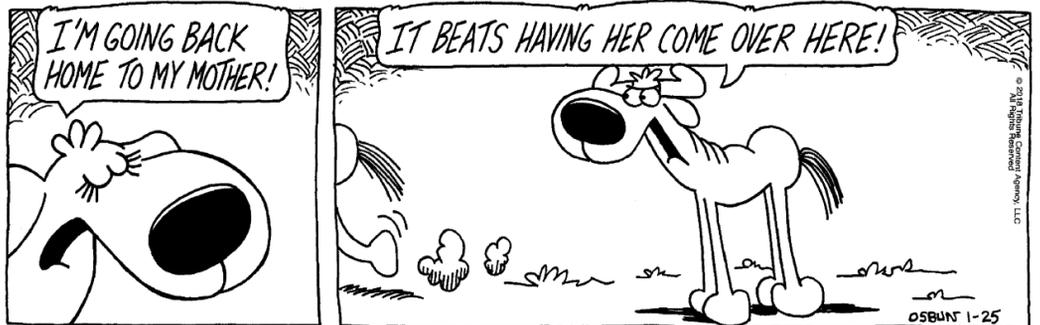
Pickles By Brian Crane



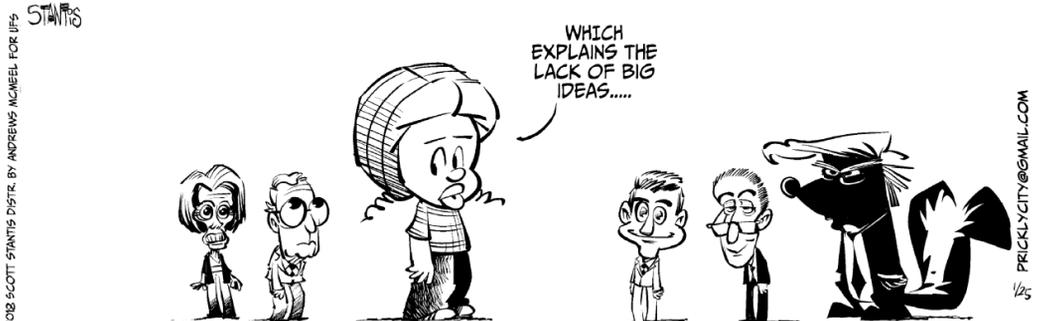
Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



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THURSDAY, JAN. 25 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 67° (1950) RECORD LOW: -20° (1897)

South winds bringing Marchlike temperatures

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 44 **LOW** 34

■ A warm front just to our south will give some mid-level cloudiness along with a southerly wind.

■ Scattered clouds along with plenty of sunshine and warmer with afternoon highs ranging from the upper 40s far south of Interstate-80 to the upper 30s far north in counties along the Illinois-Wisconsin state line where a solid snow cover still exists.

■ Partly cloudy overnight with lows 30-35.

NATIONAL FORECAST



After a chilly Wednesday highlighted by a freezing drizzle that glazed roads for a hazardous morning commute and temperatures that stayed below freezing, the return of southerly winds Thursday will abruptly reverse the temperature trend. Afternoon highs will range from the upper 30s over our still-snow-covered northern sections to the upper 40s far south.

Southerly winds will strengthen overnight and boost Friday readings into the 50s — more reminiscent of late March or early April. The roller-coaster ride continues with a cold front Saturday followed by snow showers and seasonably cold readings at or below freezing Sunday and Monday. Brief warming should occur next Tuesday and Wednesday before a surge of Arctic-source air hits here the latter part of the week.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

HIGH 53 **LOW** 40

Increasing clouds during the afternoon. SW winds gusting over 30 mph and mild with highs in the mid 40s far north to upper 50s far south. Thickening clouds overnight with a chance of rain toward morning.

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

HIGH 46 **LOW** 28

Overcast skies early with light rain moving off to the east, becoming partly sunny and not as mild. Highs in the lower 40s north to upper 40s south. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Colder with scattered clouds overnight.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

HIGH 32 **LOW** 20

Cloudy north/partly cloudy south and much colder — highs struggle to reach much above the 30-degree mark. Occasional flurries with lake-effect snow showers likely in NW Indiana. Gusty northwest winds.

MONDAY, JAN. 29

HIGH 29 **LOW** 22

Mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of snow showers close to Lake Michigan. High temperatures in the upper 20s. Gusty winds out of the north.

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

HIGH 38 **LOW** 36

Partly cloudy, winds shift out of the S/SW and strengthen. A turn warmer with afternoon highs in the mid 30s far north to mid 40s far south. Partly cloudy and windy at night with nearly steady or rising temperatures.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

HIGH 48 **LOW** 26

Clouding over, windy and mild with a good chance of showers spreading over the area from the west. High temperatures 45 to 50. SW winds shift to the west in the afternoon, then NW and much colder overnight.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I hear a great deal about the costs of pollution (in dollars and deaths) in this country, but what are the statistics elsewhere?
— Airee Poulous

Dear Airee,
Pollution claimed an estimated nine million lives worldwide in 2015. Eighty-two percent of those deaths occurred either in poor or in rapidly industrializing countries, but pollution is an issue everywhere in the world. Additionally, the price tag for health care expenses due either directly or indirectly to pollution-related diseases was a staggering 4.6 trillion dollars, or six percent of the value of world output in 2015. Contamination of water, air, soil and workplaces accounted for most of the deaths, with air pollution responsible for 6.5 million deaths. Polluted water accounted for 1.8 million deaths, and 800,000 were attributed to noxious work environments.

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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koehnman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Temps soar to springlike levels Friday on gusty SSW winds

TWO MILD SURGES NEXT 7 DAYS—THEN ARCTIC SURGE FOLLOWS

Chicago temperature departures from normal

NEXT 7 DAYS							DAYS 8-16																
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FRIDAY FORECAST: Strong winds to bring early taste of spring in Chicago

Projected peak wind gusts: 35 MPH

Broad swath of powerful southerly winds

Friday's temperatures: How much above normal?

Chicago: +28°, +24°, +20°, +18°, +12°, +6°

Storm riding U.S./Canadian border to sweep milder air across Lower 48

FRIDAY FORECASTS: 6 P.M. THUR., 6 A.M. FRI., 6 P.M. FRI., 6 A.M. SAT.

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	29	27	Midway	31	28
Gary	32	28	O'Hare	30	27
Kankakee	28	26	Romeoville	28	26
Lakefront	30	27	Valparaiso	31	29
Lansing	30	28	Waukegan	28	25

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	0.02"	0.06"
January to date	1.53"	1.39"
Year to date	1.53"	1.39"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Wed. (through 6 p.m.)	0.2"	0.1"
Season to date	9.9"	10.9"
Normal to date	17.9"	19.0"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	S-14 kts.	S-15-25 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	4-6 feet
Wed. shore/creeper water temps	34°/34°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

JAN. 24	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	39.5%	40.3%
Average snow depth	3.6"	6.6"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	26 days	25 days
Subzero lows	8 days	5 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading: Good
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THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

	Sun	7:09 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Moon		12:43 a.m.	1:51 a.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:27 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
Venus	7:26 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Mars	2:31 a.m.	12:10 p.m.
Jupiter	1:45 a.m.	11:45 p.m.
Saturn	5:13 a.m.	2:25 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Planet	Viewing Time	Direction
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
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**TIP
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Displaying throw pillows:

Organize pillows by size, with the largest in the back and the smallest pillows in the front. A cascading layout, in which the heaviest concentration of pillows is in the center and then the display becomes thinner on either end, remains popular.

Especially en vogue right now: using pillows that are all the same height, instead of a series of pillows that are high and low. First, sort all of your pillows by color, then by size. Experiment with different combinations. With sofas, it's OK to have an odd amount of pillows on one side, or the opposite if you prefer a more symmetrical look.

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Let there be LED light

Efficient bulbs will pay for themselves in a few months

By ELISABETH LEAMY

The Washington Post

When Jason Chroman relocated from San Francisco to the suburbs, he and his family moved into a bigger, newer house. It was all very exciting until their first electric bill arrived.

"The house was maybe 30 percent bigger, but the electric bill was something like 200 percent more," Chroman said. So he started looking around to figure out what could be using so much power.

He found the answer when he looked up: "Because it was a new house, it had a lot of recessed lighting, all of which was incandescent."

Chroman is the vice president of finance at a Silicon Valley startup called Tubular Labs, so he put his money skills to work at home. The question: Since LED lightbulbs cost more but use less energy, how soon would they pay for themselves? He was surprised to find that because of Califor-



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LEDs can save homeowners not only money but time, with fewer trips to the store and up the ladder, because the lightbulbs tend to last about 25,000 hours.

nia's high energy prices, he could recoup his costs in less than two months.

"When I figured out the economics of each bulb, I upgraded all the bulbs in the house," Chroman said. "It cost me a bundle, but my power bill went down by about half. I was blown away by how much electricity lighting consumes."

The federal government caught on to the high cost

and energy consumption of lighting in 2007 and passed a law decreeing that lightbulbs must be three times more efficient by 2020. Congress didn't outlaw the old-fashioned "Edison" lightbulbs, so named because it's what we've used since inventor Thomas Edison's time. But it may as well have, because no incandescent bulb comes anywhere

close to meeting the new standard. States then had the choice to accelerate the change, and California moved ahead. Starting Jan. 1, California retailers must exhaust their supply of incandescents and then sell only bulbs that meet the new standard, which means LEDs and compact fluorescent lightbulbs. The rest of the nation will follow in two years.

Chroman's home is big and his power rate high, but the numbers are compelling even for an average home, which uses 40 lightbulbs. The average rate for electricity is 13 cents per kilowatt hour. If all 40 lightbulbs were 75 watt incandescent, which is pretty typical, you could convert to 11 watt LEDs to get the same amount of light.

Here's the math for using incandescents versus LEDs if you leave 40 lights on five hours a day:

Monthly cost per bulb:

75-watt incandescent, \$1.46; 11-watt LED, \$0.21

Monthly cost per 40 bulbs: 75-watt incandescent, \$58.40; 11-watt LED, \$8.40

Yearly cost for 40 bulbs: 75-watt incandescent, \$700.80; 11-watt

LED, \$100.80

In this scenario, homeowners would save \$600 a year by switching lightbulbs from incandescent to LED.

Prices vary, but let's say the difference in cost between a basic LED and an incandescent bulb is \$4. According to the math above, the monthly usage savings for a single bulb is \$1.25. So most people will be able to recoup the cost of a new LED bulb in just over three months.

LEDs can save not only money but time, with fewer trips to the store and up the ladder, since they last about 25,000 hours. That's more than 13 years, if you keep your lights on five hours a day, as in the example above. Incandescent bulbs last just 1,200 hours; compact fluorescents, 8,000 hours.

Not all LEDs are created equal. To know you are purchasing LEDs with the maximum benefits, look for the Energy Star label. This means they meet standards for brightness, color quality, efficiency, steadiness and immediate lighting.

Elisabeth Leamy is a freelancer.

FINDS

Carnivores' delight

Meat eaters might appreciate this smart thermometer

By GREGG ELLMAN

Tribune News Service

Meet Meater. Apption Labs calls it the first wireless smart meat thermometer. You can leave the device in your meat choice while cooking in an oven, grill, stovetop or rotisserie.

I asked my wife to lead the testing, as I've always been lacking in cooking

skills.

The temperature readings are sent to an app, which lets you select your meat and tell how you like it cooked (medium, well, rare, etc). The app (available on iOS and Android) will spit out a cooking time and alert you when the meat's ready.

The pen-shaped Meater (meater.com, \$69) is stain-

less steel and water-resistant. A pair of sensor probes measure the meat's internal temperature (up to 212 degrees) and the external temperature (up to 527 degrees).

A rechargeable AAA battery is included to power the Meater for 24 hours before a charge is needed. A wood grain charger with a built-in LED



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indicator is included to charge up to 100 times. And here's the most

important part: Our pork roast was oven cooked to perfection.



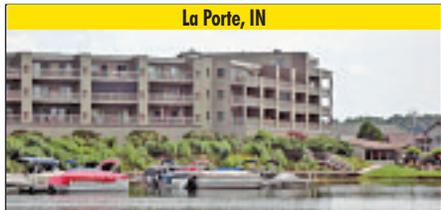
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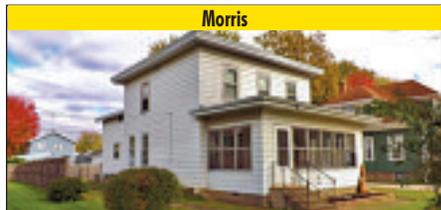
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Are we still in love with subway tile?

Clean, bright look pairs with modern, farmhouse looks

BY MARIE ELIZABETH OLIVER

The Washington Post

It's Season 4, Episode 11 of HGTV's smash hit, "Fixer Upper," and Joanna Gaines is walking her husband, Chip, through her vision to transform a vacant flower shop in Waco, Texas, into a Parisian-inspired cupcake cafe.

The camera pans across a dilapidated interior with peeling white paint and chartreuse wainscoting.

"But all of this would be, like, subway tile, from the floor up," she says, conjuring a great wall of glossy, 3-by-6-inch ceramics.

As any loyal viewer can tell you, subway tiles — along with shiplap and farm sinks — hold a special place in the holy trinity of "Fixer Upper" renovations. But how did something eponymous with one of the most utilitarian urban spaces in America become synonymous with cozy farmhouse chic? And what is it about these white rectangles, which debuted more than 100 years ago, that obsesses modern homeowners?

"It does feel post-recessional," says Lindsey Waldrep, vice president of marketing at Crossville Tile. "Our lives are crazy, and there's something about those classic shapes and traditional styles that are soothing."

This calming effect is precisely what drove architects George Heins and Christopher Grant La Farge to cast the tile in its original breakout role. Tasked with creating an inviting space

for potentially fearful passengers, the men behind the design of New York City's first underground rail stations chose the white glass field tiles — named because they create a monolithic field of color — to keep the subway stations bright, said Rebecca Haggerty, a research archivist at the New York Transit Museum. Inspired by beaux-arts design and the City Beautiful movement, the architects infused the stations with 3-by-6-inch glass tile to unify the various mosaics and terra cotta units.

"The tile had many design options, was considered to be hygienic and was affordable at the time," she said. "They were also selected as they are easy to be rinsed off, which is why there are so many round corners and smooth finishes."

That sounds like something any practical homeowner would want. And it's likely the reason the popularity of the tile surged in the 1900s and made the jump from underground tunnels into the kitchens and bathrooms of America — everywhere from New York City apartments to those original Victorian farmhouses.

Keith Bieneman, managing director of Heritage Tile, says that in the early 1920s, the tile we now so fondly refer to as "subway" was not only popular, but pretty much the only option. "It was used virtually everywhere at the time — kitchens, bathrooms. It was the utilitarian tile of America," he says. "It was absolutely more ubiquitous than it is now."

According to Bieneman, the pace of growth in



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This kitchen by Studio McGee features standard subway tile with a darker grout. Subway tile is a go-to because it pairs easily with so many different styles, designer Shea McGee says.



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Classic styles continue to be popular because people want their renovations to last longer, according to Elle H-Millard, who is with the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

America at the time required precise synchronization across tile production and installation practices. This resulted in a mutual agreement among about 20 tile companies that decided upon specifications, such as a uniform size and thickness, rectified edges, flat surface and pencil-thin grout. But technology soon disrupted all that.

"Things became more mass-produced, and it changed the character of the original tile work," said Bieneman.

Even though homeowners now have limitless options when it comes to tile, there's still really only one choice for those looking to restore an older house to its pre-World War II glory, Bieneman said.

"This is an enduring surface," he said. "If you choose something historic or authentic to that period, you know you can live with it for years to come."

But does the longevity of these historical tiles translate to a modern loft or a home that is more "Brady

Bunch" than "This Old House"?

"Subway tile has become a neutral in our industry that goes with anything," said Elle H-Millard, certified kitchen designer and trend specialist with the National Kitchen and Bath Association. "It's almost like investing in low-risk stock, it is so timeless. It isn't going to date itself."

Classic styles are maintaining their popularity because people want their renovations to last longer, she said. That's why she predicts that the deluge of white, stainless steel — and subway-tiled — kitchens overwhelming our Houzz and Pinterest streams won't slow down anytime soon.

Waldrep agrees subway tile will always be classic and emphasizes it "is not dead," but, she admitted, "A lot of people are over it." What excites her now is that designers are continuing to reinterpret the classic look with variations on the tiles' size, texture and color.

"You're seeing wider planks, like 3-by-12 and 3-by-8, and it's getting more textural with some variations raised more like a

Georgian brick," she said. "Colors vary from boldly saturated to subtle, water-color glazes."

When it comes to grout, experts agree choosing something darker will take your design in a more modern and industrial direction that may become dated a little faster than the more traditional white grout.

Shea McGee, the Salt Lake City interior designer who's behind the Instagram-famous brand Studio McGee, said those torn between a classic look and something more unusual should opt for just one of the variations (size, color or texture), with texture perhaps being her top pick. "It adds interest and a thoughtful detail without being too trendy."

And for those concerned the end of "Fixer Upper" will mean the sunset of America's infatuation with subway tile, take heart from Gaines, who vowed in a Q&A after Season 1: "I liked subway tile 10 years ago, and I will like it for years to come."

Marie Elizabeth Oliver is a freelancer.



DREAMSTIME

A professional organizer can help you create solutions for long-term improvements.

HOME REMEDIES

Sorting out whether to hire a professional organizer

BY MEGAN LINHOFF
Angie's List

In the new year, many homeowners are resolving to clean out their closets and do what it takes to stay organized. But not everyone has the knowledge and tools to keep clutter at bay for the long haul. And some people find it's worth the cost to pay an expert to make sense of their mess.

What can professional organizers help with? A professional organizer can work with you to create a customized organizing system — whether you're just a little disorganized or seeking to sift through several years' worth of stuff. In fact, professional organizers can help with everything from paper filing to garage, closet and pantry organization. And they can not only help take control of your surroundings, but they can also provide tools and suggestions to help you create better habits and make long-term organizational improvements.

Who should you hire? Before you hire a professional organizer, be sure that you've identified a few

clear goals for your project. Once you've established what you hope to accomplish, it's a good idea to interview at least three pros to find the right fit. Check online to find trusted home organizers near you. And be sure to check references and read verified online ratings and reviews from past customers.

Ask pros how long they've been in business and whether they have any specialties that may apply to your situation. There is no formalized training required to be a professional organizer. But many experienced pros obtain certification from the National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals to establish their credentials and prove their dedication to best practices. (To become NAPO-certified, a pro must pass a certification examination and document at least 1,500 hours to paid professional organizing and productivity consulting.)

A good organizer will ask you a lot of questions and include you in the planning and implementation processes. And you should be able to find out a lot about a pro's approach to projects like yours in an initial inter-

view. Keep in mind: It will take time and communication to complete your organization project. So, it's important to hire someone you'll be able to open up to and spend several hours with.

How much will it cost — and is it worth it? Like most home service providers, professional organizers base their fees on experience, location and the type of service requested. You can typically expect to pay by the hour, though many professionals will offer service packages for specified rooms and common situations like moving preparation. Most homeowners report paying between \$30 and \$80 per hour, with a typical project lasting between eight and 12 hours.

On average, a home organization project will cost around \$500 — and many homeowners find that the outcome is well worth the price. It's hard to find the time, motivation and tools to buckle down and organize your space. But with the help of a professional organizer, you can get just about anything organized — and keep it organized for good.

How to de-ice walkways without killing your plants

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

There has not been much snow yet this year, but the last storm left my walkways an icy mess. I have not used any de-icing products in the past, but I am reconsidering that now and want to minimize any harm they might cause to my garden. Please provide some advice on the best way to manage snow and ice on my walkways for the rest of this winter.

— Bob Gunther, Park Ridge



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The more snow you shovel, the less de-icing product you will typically need to use, saving money and helping to avoid environmental and plant health problems.

salt-laden snow blows or is shoveled onto plants and when poor drainage or runoff causes soil concentrations to reach levels toxic to plants. Turf grass can be killed when covered with salt-laden snow over the course of winter.

If the snow or ice has been treated with a de-icing product, try to avoid piling it on the root zone of just one nearby tree or shrub. Spread treated snow around to reduce the likelihood of toxicity building up in one area. Also try to avoid piling treated snow or ice on older trees and shrubs. Turf grass is much easier to replace than trees or shrubs are.

Read the label of the product you are using, and store properly. Many of these products absorb water if stored in an open bucket or bag, and that can render them useless. Calcium chloride, which works when temperatures are as low as minus-20 degrees, is less damaging to plants than products made with sodium chloride (rock salt) but is similarly harmful to carpet, tile and shoes, and it is corrosive to concrete and metal.

A similar product, potassium chloride, is also less damaging to plants and works until temperatures drop below 15 degrees. Calcium magnesium acetate, also known as CMA,

is generally considered the best de-icer from an environmental standpoint with the least impact on plants. It is effective up to temperatures as low as 20 degrees, so CMA does not work as well as calcium chloride products do when the weather is very cold. Many common ice-melt products include a blend of active ingredients to maximize performance at different temperatures. The key is to only apply the recommended amounts to avoid harming garden plants, hardscapes and the environment.

The Botanic Garden uses sand on roads and walks to control slippery conditions. De-icing products are used minimally in select areas. The sand improves traction on slippery surfaces and is environmentally benign. However, using large amounts of sand has disadvantages if it is not properly swept and removed in spring. Sand can clog catch basins and drains and will track into the house, as will residue from de-icing salts. Try mixing some de-icing product in with sand to minimize the amount of chemicals used at home.

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Advice for aspiring architects: Get muddy

Students should invest time at construction sites

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Not only do I answer questions each day at my Ask the Builder website, I also do the same at another major internet Q&A site. Two days before Christmas I answered a most unusual question.

The gentleman wanted to know the best books I'd recommend about building and construction for young architecture students. You might think my first reaction would be to provide a few links from Amazon to one or two top books.

I didn't do that. Instead I uploaded a photo I had taken the day before of a house being built near me and a short story. I drive by this house each time I go into town. About a week before Christmas the builder had completed pouring the foundation for a two-car attached garage. There are two separate garage doors in this structure.

As often happens, the builders poured the garage foundation at a later date than the house foundation. Doing this allows better access to the house foundation forms for ready-mix concrete trucks. If you decided to pour both foundations at once, you might have to incur the cost of an expensive concrete pump truck.

I decided to take a few



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Can you see in this photo the mistake made by the architect? The platform that will project into the garage, leading from the garage into the house, is going to occupy space that was supposed to be for a car in the two-car garage. Now that space will be adequate only for a motorcycle or a golf cart.

photos of the garage, and once I pulled into the driveway I shook my head in disbelief. The two-car garage had a fatal flaw.

You need to know that the first-floor level of the house is going to be about 2 feet higher than the garage floor. This means there has to be a minimum 3-by-3-foot platform that projects into the garage immediately adjacent to the door leading from the garage into the house. Two steps will get you from the platform down to the garage

floor.

The edge of the garage door that's closest to the house is about 28 inches from the sidewall of the house. The platform is going to occupy space that was supposed to be for the car. Now that space will be adequate for at most a touring Harley Davidson motorcycle or a golf cart.

My answer to the man asking about the books was that instead of reading about how to build, aspiring architects should just go work full time on con-

struction sites for a minimum of a year. Two years would be a much better investment of time. This hands-on construction experience would pay off in spades later in their careers, allowing them to better serve their clients.

I went on to mention how the young women and men should work for both remodeling and new-construction builders. They'll quickly discover the challenges faced by builders when trying to work from plans that contain flaws or

oversights.

About halfway through my career as a custom builder and remodeler, I had a confrontation with an architect who was about my age. He had drawn the plans for a room addition I was building. I knew this architect had no field experience at all because it had come up in previous conversation.

As I reviewed the plans before starting the job, I uncovered a design flaw that would no doubt cause a massive wood beam to rot

years down the road. The wood beam held up one end of the addition over a new garage below the addition.

The architect called for a flat concrete block pier to be built for one end of the wood beam to rest upon. The top of the block pier extended about 6 inches beyond the face of the wall plane. I told the architect that rainwater would pond on the pier and saturate the concrete block. That moisture would wick back to the wood, causing it to rot.

He disagreed and demanded the top of the block pier to be flat for a particular look and feel. I protected myself with a written note to the owner so I would not be held liable when it rotted. She sided with the architect. I'm sure the beam has rotted by now.

By working on construction sites, aspiring young architects would see how frustrating it is to work from plans lacking great details of complex connections, blueprints missing interior elevations, and AWOL room finish schedules along with minimal written specifications.

All of these things lead to misunderstandings, drama, blown budgets and, in the worst cases, expensive lawsuits where only the attorneys win.

If you know a person who expresses an interest in being an architect, please persuade them to get muddy, sweaty and dusty for two years. They'll forever thank you.

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Bartlett	139	\$266,000	30	\$275,250
Bensenville	60	\$195,250	6	\$246,500
Bloomington	106	\$237,000	22	\$279,000
Bolingbrook*	7	\$267,500	2	\$272,500
Burr Ridge*	30	\$464,500	8	\$602,500
Carol Stream	172	\$225,000	35	\$230,000
Clarendon Hills	64	\$576,250	16	\$412,000
Darien	127	\$280,000	38	\$288,500
Downers Grove	268	\$315,000	72	\$338,250
Elmhurst	211	\$419,000	37	\$415,000
Glen Ellyn	229	\$374,000	67	\$364,000
Glendale Heights	117	\$177,000	31	\$188,000
Hanover Park*	73	\$180,000	16	\$188,750
Hinsdale*	90	\$865,000	17	\$750,000
Itasca	56	\$264,000	9	\$325,000
Lemont	6	\$287,500	1	\$246,500
Lisle	132	\$254,500	42	\$266,500
Lombard	278	\$234,500	70	\$239,000
Medinah	5	\$318,000	2	\$385,000
Naperville*	585	\$329,500	213	\$379,000
Oak Brook	37	\$610,000	21	\$340,000
Oakbrook Terrace	9	\$212,000	2	\$339,250
Roselle*	101	\$230,000	13	\$230,000
Saint Charles*	5	\$200,000	2	\$207,500
Villa Park	102	\$208,500	25	\$225,000
Warrenville	78	\$200,000	27	\$230,000
Wayne*	6	\$477,750	4	\$592,500
West Chicago	116	\$246,250	27	\$240,000
Westmont	97	\$240,000	26	\$267,500
Wheaton	312	\$312,500	70	\$313,500
Willowbrook	86	\$205,000	21	\$200,000
Winfield	68	\$303,500	29	\$304,000
Wood Dale	70	\$239,500	18	\$214,500
Woodridge	138	\$279,500	46	\$271,000

West Cook

COMMUNITY AREA	July 2016 - Sept 2016		July 2017 - Sept 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Bellwood	66	\$142,500	59	\$158,000
Berkeley	25	\$154,000	21	\$184,000
Berwyn	217	\$195,000	172	\$216,750
Broadview	32	\$154,500	29	\$170,000
Brookfield	131	\$233,000	102	\$246,500
Cicero	161	\$158,000	122	\$170,000
Countryside	27	\$269,500	25	\$234,500
Elmwood Park	110	\$249,750	102	\$228,500
Forest Park	110	\$228,500	80	\$250,000
Forest View	6	\$195,000	4	\$228,750
Franklin Park	92	\$172,500	61	\$190,000
Hillside	30	\$140,000	31	\$172,500
Hinsdale*	14	\$835,000	16	\$1,031,000
Hodgkins	1	\$306,500	0	\$0
Indian Hd. Park	36	\$213,500	26	\$224,000
La Grange	90	\$450,000	100	\$429,250
La Grange Highlands	19	\$330,000	13	\$334,000
La Grange Park	64	\$343,250	51	\$295,000
Lyons	36	\$135,250	34	\$158,500
Maywood	52	\$131,250	74	\$153,250
McCook	1	\$480,000	0	\$0
Melrose Park	84	\$165,000	82	\$195,500
North Riverside	29	\$232,000	29	\$248,000
Northlake	35	\$182,500	44	\$184,000
Oak Park	319	\$360,500	307	\$347,000
River Forest	76	\$446,250	66	\$553,250
River Grove	35	\$179,000	46	\$200,000
Riverside	50	\$349,750	51	\$369,000
Stickney	23	\$164,000	20	\$208,250
Stone Park	10	\$120,500	8	\$138,500
Westchester	110	\$226,000	103	\$235,000
Western Springs	107	\$505,000	80	\$614,500

NEXT WEEK: Lake and North Cook

* Municipalities that straddle county lines may be listed in more than one county. Figures listed on each county chart represent that county's sales only. A municipality's total home sales are the sum of the numbers.

NOTE: This representation is based on data supplied by Record Information Services, which is responsible for data accuracy. Record Information Services, 630-557-1000 or public-record.com, provides market data on such topics as new homeowners, mortgages, foreclosures and new businesses.



NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Fire up your imagination

Extensive choices in fireplaces ensure the popularity of this symbol of charm and comfort

American families have long enjoyed the comfort and convenience of central heating, yet the fireplace retains an important place as a symbol of the warmth and joy of simply being at home.

Fireplaces have retained their popularity in part to the fact that modern fireplaces offer the convenience that fits today's busy lifestyles. With an ever-expanding variety of types and finishes, they are also prized as a major decorative focal point, and can add to the festive environment of holiday decorating and entertaining.

Alison Keifer, senior sales manager at Toll Brothers' luxury home communities throughout Chicagoland, says the company's upscale single-family homes include a full masonry wood-burning fireplace.

"The classic architecture of our homes is ideally suited to the beauty of a fireplace, and our staff of designers and masons ensure that buyers can have virtually any style of surround they desire, whether it is a sleek modern look or a more traditional type," Keifer says. "Fireplaces can be impressive floor-to-ceiling styles, and surrounds may be of granite, stone or many other materials. Thin stacked stone is very popular these days, because it has a transitional feel that blends with both modern and traditional decors.

"About 99 percent of our buyers choose to have gas lines and gas logs in their wood-burning fireplaces, because gas log fires are more convenient, cleaner and more energy-efficient. There are many types of detailing that can be added as buyers work with our designers, so they can create the fireplace that ideally reflects their tastes and personalities," she says.

Along with single-family home communities, Toll Brothers offers homes for active adults at Regency at Bowes Creek Country Club, its multi-neighborhood development overlooking Bowes Creek Country Club, the No. 1 golf course in Illinois.

"In this neighborhood, we've found that approximately 35 percent of our active adult

buyers opt for fireplaces, and they prefer direct vent fireplaces that include gas logs, thermostats and remote controls. These fireplaces are increasingly popular and are convenient as well as beautiful," Keifer says.

Shodeen Homes also offers a wide variety of choices in masonry fireplaces.

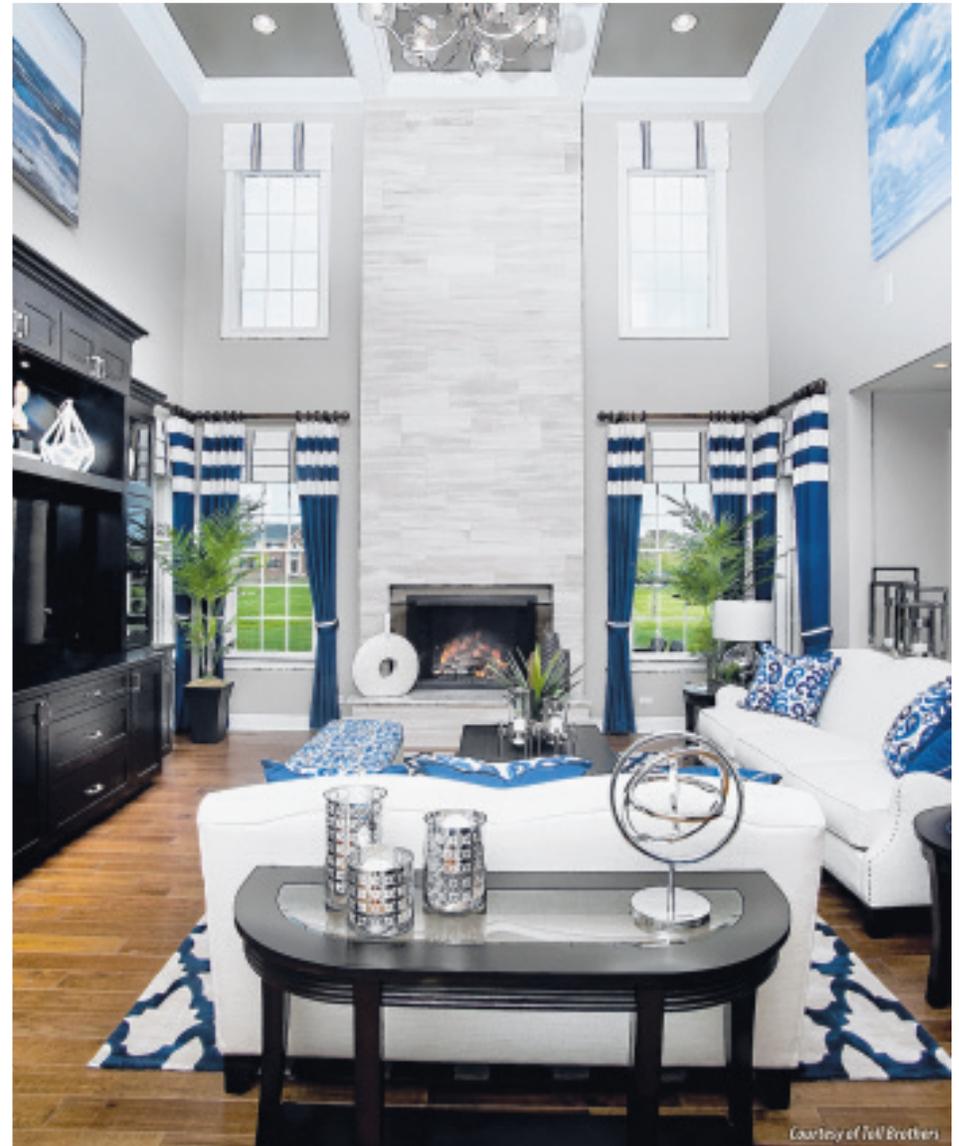
"Buyers can work with our designers to create wood-burning or direct vent fireplaces, and these can be of any type, including see-through fireplaces, raised hearths, and contemporary or traditional surrounds," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations. "Fireplaces are included in many of our homes, and they are a popular feature. As a family-owned company that includes a custom homes division, we have the flexibility to provide the professional design services and craftsmanship that ensure a unique focal point for every home."

West Point Builders' buyers work with a local fireplace store to design their fireplaces.

"Fireplaces are offered as an option in our homes," says Christine Smith, sales manager. "Buyers work directly with the experts for advice on the mechanical components of the fireplace, which can be a direct vent type or a prefabricated type that contains a gas log. Given the greater energy-efficiency, cleanliness and convenience of a gas log, few of our buyers want to build a wood fire.

"With our open concept floor plans, which feature the kitchen and family room as one large area, a popular look features a granite surround that may match or harmonize with the granite countertops in the kitchen. Marble and ceramic tile surrounds are also popular, and there are many choices in gas logs, many of which look very realistic," she says.

For more information, please visit TollBrothers.com, WestPointBuilders.com and ShodeenHomes.com.



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Enjoy endless winter fun and be settled in for summer in Fontana

Buyers who have dreamed of owning a lake home steps from Geneva Lake will want to visit the Row Homes of Fontana, in Fontana, Wisconsin, where Shodeen Homes has a selection of maintenance-free homes ready now and priced from \$399,900.

"There's no better time to purchase a second home, or year round lake home than now," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "Buyers can enjoy the endless winter activities offered in Lake Geneva and the surrounding area and be settled in to experience lake living at it's very best this summer."

Located off of Highway 67 in downtown Fontana, walking distance from the 5,500-acre Geneva Lake, Fontana Beach and Lake Shore path, the Row Homes range from 1,923 to 1,980 square feet in size with three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, balconies, and two-car garages.

"Current Row Home owners know that the area is more than a summer vacation destination and provides opportunities for year-round vacationing," Harmon adds. "Less than two hours from Chicago, Row Home buyers enjoy weekend getaways any time of year."

Just a sampling of the numerous winter activities offered in the Lake Geneva area, include:

- Skiing, snowboarding and snow-shoeing at The Mountain Top at Grand Geneva or Wilmot Mountain
- The Abominable Snow Race, a premier winter obstacle race, Jan. 27
- Winter Fest and the U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition, Jan. 27-Feb. 4
- The Annual Electric Christmas Parade

A complete calendar of area activities is available at visitlakegeneva.com.

One of the Row Homes for immediate availability is the 2,032-square-foot Windward model at 185 Second Ave. in Fontana. Priced at \$399,900, this home includes three bedrooms, 2.5 baths and attached, oversized two-car garage. A charming front porch welcomes guests to the Windward and leads to the welcoming foyer. The open first floor features hardwood wood flooring throughout and a spacious living room with corner fireplace. The kitchen, which is open to the dining area and living room, features black-glazed mahogany cabinets with crown molding, granite countertops, tiled backsplash, stainless-steel appliances and sliding glass doors to the balcony.

Upstairs, the sunny master bedroom suite includes a walk-in closet and private bath. Two additional bedrooms are served by a full hall bath.

The lower level of the Windward includes a finished flex room that can be used as an office, guest room, hobby room or media room.

The Row Homes of Fontana is located at 190 Third Ave. in Fontana, Wisconsin, just off Highway 67.

The sales center is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of Tuesday and Wednesday, which are by appointment only. For more information, call 262-394-5650 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Toll Brothers will hold its first National Sales Event of 2018 beginning Saturday and running through Feb. 19.

Toll Brothers national sales event heats up across Chicagoland

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes, hosts its first National Sales Event of 2018 beginning Saturday, Jan. 27, and running through Monday, Feb. 19.

Buyers in Barrington, Batavia and Elgin, as well as 49 additional markets, across 20 states nationwide can search for their dream homes with exclusive access to money-saving incentives and low interest rates during this event.

With a focus on location, location, location, Toll Brothers builds its communities with consideration for everything from scenic views and access to amenities, to proximity to excellent schools, commuter routes, and nearby entertainment. Home buyers who visit any Toll Brothers community during this limited-time offer can get the most out of Toll Brothers' extensive option selections to customize their homes. They also will experience firsthand the quality of product and service that has earned Toll Brothers its place as the No. 1 Home Builder Worldwide on the "Fortune" magazine "World's Most Admired Companies"™ list three years in a row.

According to Keith Anderson, Toll Brothers Illinois Group president, the National Sales Event gives Chicagoland buyers the opportunity to browse, save and secure low interest rates.

"New home buyers can save on homes for quick move-in or to-be-built homes at The Woods of South Barrington, Tanglewood Hills in Batavia and Bowes Creek in Elgin," Anderson says. "Ranch, traditional two-story and first-floor master plans are offered with maintenance-free, active adult options available in South Barrington and Elgin.

Incentives vary among communities and will comprise a package of savings created specifically for this event, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more."

In Illinois, buyers can choose from new homes at:

- Regency at The Woods of South Barrington — Active Adult — Priced from the mid-\$500s.
- The Woods of South Barrington — Luxury Single-Family Homes — Priced from the \$800s to \$1 million plus.
- Tanglewood Hills — Luxury Single-Family Homes — Priced from the low \$500s.
- Regency at Bowes Creek Country Club — Active Adult — Priced from the upper \$200s.
- Bowes Creek Country Club — Townhome Collection — Priced from the mid-\$200s.
- Bowes Creek Country Club — Luxury Single-Family Homes — Priced from the low \$300s.

During the National Sales Event, homebuyers can browse an expansive variety of home styles and gorgeous homesites in communities situated in the most sought-after locations throughout the country — and make their purchase at a great value. Buyers will then work with designers to create a breathtakingly beautiful home by choosing from literally hundreds of fabulous options.

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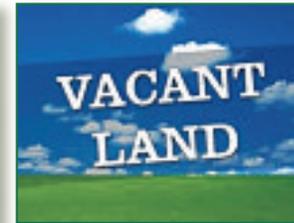
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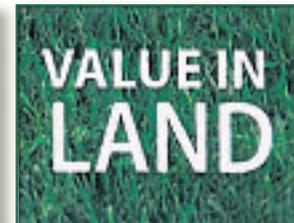
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