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Clay Polak, 20, takes a cigarette break in downtown Chicago this week.

Illinois may say no smokes if under 21

Legislative effort comes decade after ban in public places

BY ESE OLUMHENSE AND BILL LUKITSCH
Chicago Tribune

In the decade since Illinois passed a law banning smoking in public places, the state has seen the youth smoking rate drop by more than 50 percent. Next, advocates say, their goal is to see a smoke-free generation.

Since 2014, 14 communities in Illinois have passed ordinances raising the legal age for buying tobacco to 21. A proposal pushed by Democratic lawmakers would make 21 the legal purchase age statewide.

The premise of the law is simple: Teens and young adults are likely to quit smoking, or never start, if they have to ask those 21 and older to buy cigarettes for them.

"Fourteen-year-olds do not know 21-year-olds, but 18-year-olds who are still in high school know 14-year-olds," said Shana Crews, director of Illinois government relations for the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network. "So by raising the age to 21, you're really cutting out a younger portion of smokers by making sure that they can't have access to cigarettes."

In Springfield, lawmakers on Tuesday joined advocates and doctors to cite shifting public opinion and documented health risks as they make the case for altering the regulations on tobacco retailers.

Kathy Drea, a lobbyist for

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STATE OF THE UNION

'ONE PEOPLE AND ONE AMERICAN FAMILY'

In 1st address, president emphasizes unity, 'common ground'



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President Donald Trump gestures Tuesday night as he delivers his first State of the Union address in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

With futures unclear, 2 Chicago-area 'Dreamers' attend speech as guests

BY NEREIDA MORENO
Chicago Tribune

Two Illinois Democrats brought local "Dreamers" as guests to the State of the Union address Tuesday to pressure the White House into supporting legislation for young immigrants who came to the country illegally as children.

Sen. Dick Durbin and Rep. Bill Foster were among dozens of Democratic lawmakers who used their guest invitations to spotlight immigration reform as Congress wrangles over perma-

nent relief for young people who were previously shielded by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

President Donald Trump moved to end the Obama-era program in September, but was blocked by a federal judge in California earlier this month. Trump had 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.

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Trump departs from harshness of inauguration, urges bipartisanship

BY NOAH BIERTMAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump tried to shed the polarizing image and words that have stunted his popularity and thwarted his ability to pass bipartisan legislation, recasting himself on Tuesday as a unifying figure in his first State of the Union address.

"Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people," he said at

the top of his 80-minute speech. "This is really the key: These are the people we were elected to serve."

It was a striking difference in tone for a president who came into office decrying "American carnage" at his inaugural, and who has since then spoken and tweeted in harsh terms about his perceived enemies, including lawmakers of both parties and his vanquished opponent, Hillary Clinton.

Trump continued to warn
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Corey Batchelor, left, greets Kevin Bailey on Tuesday as Bailey is released after serving 28 years in prison for a 1989 murder. Batchelor had earlier been paroled.

Dropped charges end men's fight to be free

2 say 1989 murder confessions coerced by Burge-tied cops

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Kevin Bailey admits that there were moments during his 28 years in prison that he lost hope he would ever be cleared of murder.

"But I just kept fighting," he said with a smile moments after his release Tuesday afternoon from Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet. "Just kept fighting."

Hours earlier, with Bailey

in a courtroom at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, a Cook County special prosecutor dropped charges against him and Corey Batchelor, who had been paroled in 2004. The two had long alleged that Chicago police detectives with ties to disgraced former Cmdr. Jon Burge had physically abused them into confessing to a brutal 1989 murder.

After Judge Alfredo Maldonado formally tossed out their convictions, Batchelor and Bailey, both 48, embraced in the courtroom.

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Comfort found at Southern funeral



DAHLEEN GLANTON

It isn't often that you go to a funeral for someone you really like and come out feeling happier than you did when you went in.

That's what happened at the good ol', down-home African-American funeral I attended in Georgia last weekend.

On Saturday, we said goodbye to Rose, my brother's son's wife's mother. By Southern standards, that's close kin.

It seemed natural that I would be considered part of Rose's immediate family.

Rose was not famous, but her funeral seemed fit for a celebrity. Though it wasn't one of those flashy extravaganzas that Hollywood stars have when they die, with an audience full of sunglasses-wearing A-listers.

Rose's homegoing was modest — like the way she lived her life.

If you've ever been to a black funeral in the South, you know that the service isn't just about honoring the deceased. It is just as much about praising God for taking a loved one out of their life of pain. It is a tradition passed down from slavery.

Rose had spent most of her adulthood battling sarcoidosis. After a brief illness, complications from it took her life.

Her funeral was held in a small Baptist church on the outskirts of Atlanta, before a standing-room-only crowd of regular people — the kind Rose enjoyed being around.

The program was more than three hours long, which is actually short for an African-American funeral in the Deep South.

I've attended much longer funerals. More than 14,000 people, including four former U.S. presidents, attended Coretta Scott King's funeral in Atlanta. It lasted six hours. I was bored out of my mind.

But Rose's funeral kept me fully engaged.

There was music, lots of it. During his sermon, the preacher broke into

song. There were shouts of "Amen" and holy dancing, which happens when the spirit gets into your soul and you can't sit down. And ushers in white gloves standing by with boxes of tissues.

A young saxophonist played "I Shall Wear a Crown," and received a standing ovation. The choir director glided across the pulpit, waving his arms and moving his tall, lean body to the beat of the organ, an electronic keyboard and drums.

And then Rose's daughter, Lesley, took the microphone. We all knew that Lesley could sing. She'd recorded a CD a couple of years ago under the name Shannelle, the Artist. But when she belted out "Encourage Yourself," a cappella, we realized that the girl could *sang*, which requires much more talent than merely being able to sing.

Lesley entered the church on the arm of her husband. Their three sons walked slowly behind them. She sobbed quietly as she walked to the pink casket adorned with pink roses, kissed her mother's forehead and lowered the top of the coffin.

But the sadness ended there. Lesley would not allow it, because Rose would not have wanted tears shed over her. This was to be a celebration.

When organ, piano and drums were going, Lesley rose from her seat. In 3-inch spike heels, she jumped around the floor, waving her hands in the air as if it were one of the best days of her life.

Like her mother, Lesley and her dad, Lester, a minister, have the kind of faith that preachers preach about. There is no question in their minds that Rose is with God in heaven, a much better place than she was in here on Earth.

Throughout the service, Rose's smiling face was displayed on video screens erected in the sanctuary. Midway through the program, they showed a short video about Rose from her high school days to the present.

I learned from Rose's obituary that she was 58. She could easily have passed for 48, and if she had said she was 38, I would not have raised an eyebrow. She was petite, soft-spoken, well-dressed with her hair always perfectly coiffed — the exact opposite of me. But she liked me anyway.

Prior to the funeral, I had only seen

her occasionally at family gatherings. But you would never have known that by the way she greeted me when I entered the room.

"There's my Dahleen," she would scream, rushing toward me with her arms wide open.

She was like that with most people, I learned, which explains the crowd at her funeral, and the 20 cars and a mega bus that formed the procession for the 30-minute drive to the cemetery.

She could work a room like Bill Clinton, but without the bravado. When she talked with you, she made you feel as though whatever you were saying was the most important thing she'd ever heard.

During the service, her co-workers at the elementary school where she ran the in-school suspension program introduced me to the Rose I never knew.

She was not as fragile as she looked. Behind that beautiful smile, she was tough as nails. All she had to do was look at a misbehaving kid at school and he would straighten up.

She believed in always saying thank you. "People don't have to be nice to you, not even your family and close friends," she would say.

And she was honest. She once returned to the store to pay for a \$75 jacket the clerk had forgotten to charge her for. She encouraged others, but she never stopped encouraging herself. And her faith was unending.

Rose was a good woman. Her funeral made me want to be a better woman.

When it was over, my dad's sister's daughter's son's wife turned to me and said, "I really enjoyed that funeral." I said, "Me too, but I'm not sure we should express it that way."

On second thought, that's exactly what Rose would have wanted.

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Red Stars' Julie Ertz gets Super Bowl love

With all due respect to **Tom Brady** and his eighth Super Bowl appearance, **Julie Ertz**, the Red Stars midfielder and wife of Eagles tight end **Zach Ertz**, has been Super Bowl LII's media darling.

Since she became a viral sensation a week ago when cameras caught her tearful reaction to Zach earning his first trip to the Super Bowl, Julie has been a fixture in Eagles Nation.

She was center stage again on Super Bowl media day Monday, interviewing Eagles players and getting interviewed herself, including NFL Network personality **Michael Irvin's** awkward probing into the couple's family plans. It started when Zach made the mistake of calling Julie "the best athlete in the family," setting up Irvin for this: "Now, Julie, tell me about the kids that you guys are going to have. If you have two champions as parents, what will that kid be?"

"I, I, I don't know. Just grateful and very blessed," said Julie, who

changed the subject to talk about how proud she is of Zach.

Of course, like a nosy dad who can't wait to find out when he's having grandkids, Irvin found his way back to the topic. "They sound so sweet over here, hubby and wife," he said. "You guys got to keep this (video) and show it to your kids one day. This is what a great family does, they win championships and then they have champion kids." Boundaries, Michael.

It was an interesting day overall for Julie:

■ An NBC Sports Philadelphia reporter interviewed Julie while wearing a German shepherd mask (it's that "underdog" craze Eagles teammates **Chris Long** — Bears guard **Kyle Long's** brother — and **Lane Johnson** started).

■ Zach revealed Julie makes "unbelievable tacos."

■ Julie revealed Zach took her to Chipotle for their first date. "We were in college, you know?"

■ Some fans on social media have been buzzing about Julie's throw-



GREGORY PAYAN/AP

The NFL Network's Michael Irvin interviews Philadelphia Eagles tight end Zach Ertz and wife Julie Ertz, midfielder for the Chicago Red Stars.

back Eagles sweater, which looks like the 1988 authentic sweater sold on Mitchell & Ness.

■ For all her media exposure (remember, she's a 2015 World Cup champion with the U.S. women's national team and was named U.S. Soccer female player of the year in December), Julie

drew a blank when Irvin asked whether she had any questions for her husband. "No," she said, laughing. Later she added, "I've been asking people questions all day. I get nervous when I ask my own husband questions."

— Phil Thompson

Quincy Jones: Chicago in 1930s worse than today

Even at 84 years old, legendary composer and producer **Quincy Jones** can easily recall his tough South Side upbringing with vivid detail.



Jones

"The '30s in Chicago, man. Whew. No joke. If you think today's bad ... As a young kid, after my mother was taken away, my brother and I, we saw dead bodies every day. Guys hanging off of telephone poles with ice picks in their necks, man. Tommy guns and stogies, stacks of wine and liquor, big piles of money in back rooms, that's all I ever saw," Jones told GQ magazine.

Jones, whose accomplishments include winning 27 Grammys, said he was 7 or 8 when he first saw a dead body. Jones, who lived in the Rosenwald Court Apartments in Bronzeville, recalls wandering into the wrong neighborhood.

"Oh, (the gang) grabbed me, and they took a switchblade knife and nailed my hand to the fence right there," he told GQ as he pointed to a scar on his hand. "And they stuck an ice pick" — he points to his left temple — "in here, the same time."

Jones said his father was a carpenter for gang members called the Jones boys. He said his mother suffered from dementia. His family moved to the Seattle area when he was 10.

He now lives in a hilltop Bel-Air mansion, but Chicago is still top of the mind.

"Harlem and Compton don't mean (expletive) after Chicago in the '30s — they look like Boys Town to me. Chicago is tough. There's something in the water, man," he said.

— Tracy Swartz

Reggie Watts the human vows to help Reggie the cat

The absurdist comedian/musician Reggie Watts, bandleader on "The Late Late Show With James Corden," can check off plenty of comic firsts in his career — including being the first stand-up to start his Netflix special by clambering over the audience onto the stage.

Now Watts is wading into his first cat custody case, this one involving an eponymous Logan Square cat — named Reggie in honor of the comic — whose story was chronicled in the Tribune last week.

Watts noted in an interview that it's not the first pet named after him — comic Penny Slate's dog is also Reggie Watts.



Watts



Reggie

already contains hundreds of pages of documents.

Reggie Watts the human wants to help reunite Bees with the feline Reggie, who Bees says is a well-loved muse for an artist collective.

"I'd love to help her get her cat back!" Watts wrote in an email. "After all the cat is a version of myself in some way."

In a phone interview, Watts said he'd like to make a video to raise awareness for the plight of his feline namesake. He also tweeted twice last week about the case, directing his 246,000 followers to Bees' YouCaring fundraising page; the money would be used to cover court costs.

"It was irrational," Watts said by phone from Montana of Reggie's repossession. "I could be wrong — they're not really talking."

"Honestly I could cry," said Bees, who by Monday had already raised \$1,200 toward her \$3,000 goal. She emailed Watts suggesting he could serve as Reggie's cat translator if the case goes to trial.

A spokesperson for the rescue group emailed the Tribune, stating: "Feline Friends Chicago is only concerned about one thing: the health and safety of the cats it entrusts into people's care."

— Steve Schmadeke

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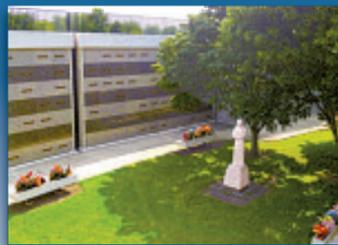
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Simon & Garfunkel perform at Comiskey Park in 1983. Paul Simon, now 76, says he's ready to retire from the business.

When is it time to say farewell to work we love?



MARY SCHMICH

Who was the first musician or musical group you ever saw in concert?

My answer is Simon & Garfunkel.

I was 13 when I saw the two of them together — it was impossible in the late 1960s to imagine

Paul Simon without Art Garfunkel — and the thrill of it has stuck with me for all the years since.

I can still see Garfunkel in a pool of light down on the stage, leaning into the microphone, with his soaring voice and poof of blond curls. I can see Simon stopping abruptly — in the middle of “Homeward Bound,” if memory serves — glaring at the audience and announcing that if one more flashbulb popped, he’d walk out.

The cameras quieted down, and the guys sang on. It doesn’t seem so long ago.

It was, however, a while ago, and now, according to news reports Tuesday, Simon, who’s 76, is scheduled to do what’s being billed as a “farewell performance” this summer in London. While it remains murky whether farewell really means never again anywhere, several stories describe him as pondering the existential nature of retirement back in 2016.

“It’s an act of courage to let go,” he’s quoted as telling *The New York Times*. “I am going to see what happens if I let go. Then I’m going to see, who am I? Or am I just this person that was defined by what I did? And if that’s gone, if you have to make up yourself, who are you?”

These are questions that confront many people eventually, even if the average person’s reckoning with them doesn’t make news and the average person lacks the money to choose as freely as celebrities like Paul Simon can.

For some people, the famous as well as the down-to-earth, letting go of a work identity isn’t a choice. They’re forced into the decision, by illness, family strain, the company squeeze.

The singer Neil Diamond, 77, recently cut short his 50th anniversary tour and announced regretfully that, because he has Parkinson’s disease, he’s done touring.

Other people have the luxury of choosing to walk away.

The singer Elton John, 70, citing a desire to spend more time with his kids, recently announced his goodbye tour (a three-year, 300-city extravaganza that will make goodbye a very long word).

In recent years, the writer Philip Roth, 84, has sworn off writing and public appearances, though his thoughts still pop up in print here and there. “I was not going to get any better,” he said in a 2014 BBC interview. “And why get worse? And so ... I set out upon the great task of doing nothing.”

The actor Daniel Day-Lewis, 60, who’s currently starring in “*The Phantom Thread*,” issued a statement last summer to say he’s done with movies. “All my life, I’ve mouthed off about how I should stop acting,” he told *W Magazine*, “and I don’t know why it was different this time, but the impulse to quit took root in me, and that became a compulsion. It was something I had to do.”

All the celebrities I’ve mentioned have had the privilege of being able to do the work they love beyond the age that many people are allowed to do good work for decent pay.

Still, when they talk about leaving their jobs, they don’t sound much different from the not-famous.

Many people I know have mouthed off at some point about how they should stop doing the work they do and do something else. This includes people of all ages, many who love their work and are good at it.

A number of people I’ve met have thought about embarking, in Roth’s words, on “the great task of doing nothing” and for the same reason — they weren’t getting any better at what they did and were afraid of getting worse.

Since the announcement of Simon’s “farewell” show in London, some news outlets have pointed out that he did a farewell tour with Garfunkel in 1993 and that maybe “farewell” isn’t really goodbye.

But the questions he poses are worth considering anyway:

What would happen if you let go of the work that defined you? If you had to make yourself up again, who would you be?

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Despite rancor, governor to appeal for bipartisanship

Rauner’s State of State comes days after calling House speaker ‘a crook’

BY MONIQUE GARCIA AND KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner on Wednesday plans to issue a bipartisan call to lawmakers to work together to cut spending, roll back a tax hike and bring in more jobs, two days after calling Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan “a crook” during a campaign forum.

The theme of the governor’s noon State of the State speech is “Bringing Illinois Back,” a source familiar with his remarks said. It’s a recycled concept he’s long championed on the campaign trail and is resurrecting as he asks voters for four more years in office.

Rauner will advocate for “rolling up our sleeves and working together” to spur economic development, the source said. The governor also will argue that cutting regulations, spending and taxes will help businesses grow and lead to an “in-migration of talented people into our economy.”

“Throughout our history, Illinois has been a magnet. If you wanted to till the soil, lay a brick, build a building, make a deal, super compute, you name it ... you could find work in Illinois, afford a home and rely on the public schools to educate your children,” Rauner plans to say in the speech. “Today, we have an opportunity to turn yesterday into tomorrow, and given its assets, make Illinois the powerhouse job creator it should be.”

For Rauner, the speech is a chance to try to reframe the public debate on his time in office. On Monday, his Republican primary election challenger, state Rep. Jeanne Ives, ripped him for nearly 90 minutes during what could be the campaign’s only joint appearance.

Not waiting for his speech, critics on both sides of the aisle on Tuesday said



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

“Building a relationship with a crook who’s out to make money and become rich from his power, that won’t work,” Gov. Bruce Rauner said of Speaker Michael Madigan.

Rauner has little to offer, saying the state racked up billions of dollars in debt under his watch while the governor failed to pass much of his own agenda.

“What you won’t hear is Bruce Rauner tomorrow taking responsibility for the failure he brought on the state,” said Democratic Comptroller Susana Mendoza, a frequent critic of the governor. “But here’s a secret: Bruce Rauner has been governor for three years and voters will hold him accountable for his record.”

While he will call for bipartisanship, Rauner also will take aim at Madigan, his chief nemesis at the Capitol who is chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois. Rauner will repeat his call for a measure to ban lawmakers from working as property tax attorneys, a direct attack against Madigan, whose law firm is one of the most active in the Cook County property tax appeals industry.

The governor has called it a corrupt system that allows insiders to profit by securing breaks for owners of high-value properties. During Monday’s forum with

the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board, Rauner discounted Ives’ idea that he shouldn’t have made the fight against Madigan personal.

“Building a relationship with a crook who’s out to make money and become rich from his power, that won’t work,” the governor said.

In addition, Rauner will renew a push for term limits, another swipe at Madigan, who has been in office since 1971 and speaker for all but two years since 1983.

Ives, a Wheaton Republican, has criticized the governor for blaming the state’s ills on Madigan, saying the governor has failed to lead.

“He doesn’t want to be judged on what he said he was going to get done and what he failed to get done,” Ives said Monday after the joint appearance. “He’s had three years to lead and to get something done, and he doesn’t want to be reminded of his record.”

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Todd Ricketts is likely to become the Republican National Committee’s national finance chair, sources say.

Todd Ricketts poised for key RNC job

Likely successor to Wynn, who quit amid allegations

BY KATHERINE SKIBA
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Todd Ricketts, part of the billionaire family that owns the Chicago Cubs, is poised to become the Republican National Committee’s national finance chair, sources say.

The position has been open since Saturday, when Las Vegas casino magnate and major political donor Steve Wynn resigned from the post amid sexual misconduct allegations.

Ricketts has been chosen for the post, and a formal vote to install him is set for the RNC winter meeting. It kicks off Wednesday in Washington and runs through Saturday.

Ricketts, 48, wants to help the Trump administration, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., “in any way he can,” said a source who has been in contact with RNC officials.

In November 2016 then-President-elect Donald Trump nominated Ricketts to be deputy secretary at the Commerce

Department, but Ricketts withdrew his name from consideration in 2017 after concluding his family’s business interests posed too many potential conflicts of interest.

Last year he was up for the presidency of the Heritage Foundation, which instead chose Kay Cole James to lead the conservative think tank.

Ricketts, of Wilmette, is an investor and the son of Joe Ricketts, the family patriarch who founded TD Ameritrade. Todd Ricketts sits on its board of directors and the Cubs’ board.

He has managed his own personal investment portfolio since 2001, TD Ameritrade said in a filing to the SEC.

A major donor to Republican candidates and conservative causes, Todd Ricketts originally backed Wisconsin GOP Gov. Scott Walker for the White House, but his allegiance shifted as Trump tightened his grip on the nomination.

One brother, Pete Ricketts, is the Republican governor of Nebraska. Another, Tom, is chairman of the Cubs.

According to Bloomberg News, others who were in consideration for the RNC’s national finance chair included Michigan fundraiser Lauren Rakolta, who is the

niece of RNC Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel, and Louis DeJoy, who is the RNC’s national deputy finance chairman.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for Republican U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton said Tuesday he will be donating a \$1,465 contribution Wynn made to his campaign in 2006.

The money will go to Family Shelter Service in Wheaton, which helps victims of domestic violence, spokeswoman Veronica Vera said.

Wynn made the contribution to Roskam through a joint fundraising committee that helped 20 candidates altogether, she said.

Over the weekend two Democratic candidates trying to oust Roskam — Kelly Mazeski and Amanda Howland — had called on Roskam to return the donation.

“Peter Roskam should stand up for Steve Wynn’s victims by denouncing him and donating the money that Steve contributed to Roskam’s campaign to help victims of sexual assault,” Mazeski, from Barrington Hills, said.

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NTSB sounds alarm on plane evacuations

Investigation winds down on fiery 2016 incident at O'Hare

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The emergency evacuation of a wide-body airliner in Chicago was anything but orderly.

As flames engulfed the right wing, passengers screamed and clambered over seats even before the American Airlines jet came to a stop on the runway after the aborted takeoff, ignoring flight attendants' pleas to stay seated. Within seconds, people were surging onto the runway even though the engine was still blasting exhaust, sending them rolling like tumbleweeds.

"Although everyone successfully evacuated, the investigation revealed ways that the evacuation could have been improved," National Transportation Safe-



ALAN LEMERY PHOTO

Passengers and crew leave the area where AA Flight 383 stopped with a wing ablaze on Oct. 28, 2016, at O'Hare.

ty Board Chairman Robert Sumwalt said Tuesday as the agency opened a meeting to conclude its investigation.

No one died in the Oct. 28, 2016, incident as Flight 383 prepared for takeoff, but the severity of the fire and the chaotic evacuation made it one of the most serious aviation incidents in recent years. It also gave the

NTSB a platform to raise long-standing concerns about aircraft evacuations.

The NTSB is preparing at its meeting to adopt recommendations to reduce the risks of emergency evacuations, as well as prevent the type of initial engine failure that led to the fire.

The Boeing 767-300 bound for Miami was accelerating for takeoff at O'Hare

International Airport when its right engine exploded, spraying metal debris. After reaching 154 mph, pilots hit the brakes and stopped as leaking fuel ignited and engulfed the right wing.

An imperfection in the metal used to make a spinning disk within the engine caused it to weaken and break apart, the NTSB said in documents released earlier.

U.S. aviation regulators and aircraft manufacturers have taken steps in recent decades to improve passenger safety during evacuations, such as reducing the flammability of plane interiors and making seats more impact-resistant. But the Chicago incident highlights how human behavior and the chaos of an emergency still create risk. Crashes on or near the ground during takeoff and landing killed more people around the world than other accident causes from 2007 through 2016, according to Boeing.

With the plane stopped on the runway and a fireball engulfing the American plane's right wing, poor communication and panic dominated, according to NTSB documents.

Flight attendants and pilots are supposed to coordinate an evacuation, but attendants reported they could not reach the cockpit. The captain told investigators the evacuation checklist the cabin crew was required to follow was "cumbersome" and slowed the cockpit crew's response.

Passengers repeatedly failed to follow crew instructions. In multiple cases they took luggage with them, which airlines prohibit because it can slow an evacuation or block aisles. In one case, an attendant tried unsuccessfully to wrestle a large bag away from a woman after she refused to leave it, according to NTSB records. The attendant said she gave up because the dispute was

slowing the evacuation.

"Let me say a word to the flying public," Sumwalt said. "Follow your crew's instructions. Things can be replaced. People can't."

A 77-year-old man suffered multiple broken bones, according to NTSB. Twenty others, including one crew member, reported more minor injuries, according to NTSB. The plane was carrying 161 passengers and nine crew members.

The fire was so hot that it burned through the fuselage and the tip of the wing slumped onto the runway.

"American is proud of the way its pilots and flight attendants handled this event," American Airlines said in a statement Tuesday. "The flight attendants performed a successful evacuation of all passengers and crew, despite concerns for their own personal safety. The cabin crew's judgment, skill, and self-discipline likely prevented significant injuries."

Lopez quits 4th District campaign

3 candidates now remain in race to succeed Gutierrez

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

The field to succeed Democratic U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez in Congress is now without members of Chicago's City Council, as Southwest Side Ald. Raymond Lopez dropped out of the race Tuesday hours before a candidate forum.

Lopez, 15th, said in a statement that he wants to focus on local issues and on getting re-elected in 2019 to a second City Council term. "As alderman, I have been able to directly address the needs of my constituents and positively impact their lives in a way that I truly do not believe would be possible from Washington, D.C.," he said.

His announcement came a day after Northwest Side Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st, dropped out of the campaign. Now, the once-crowded field of Democrats is down to three: Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, Logan Square community activist Sol Flores and Chicago police Sgt. Richard Gonzalez.

The remaining candidates met for a forum at the Mi Tierra restaurant in the heart of Garcia's Southwest Side County Board district on Tuesday, when they mainly stayed in their political lanes and didn't attack one another until after the event.

Flores focused on her experiences as the founder



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Activist Sol Flores, county Commissioner Jesus Garcia and city police Sgt. Richard Gonzalez meet at a forum Tuesday.

and director of La Casa Norte community organization, which helps homeless children and families on the Northwest Side, saying Congress needs a young woman with her business background. "When I'm out talking to people, they're excited about a fresh, new, energetic voice that will be there for the long term," she said.

Gonzalez, who got into the race before Gutierrez announced he wouldn't seek a 14th term, said the 4th District has been "abandoned for the past 25 years." He said Gutierrez was working only on immigration issues that he said have gotten worse. "We need to concentrate on other issues also that are important to residents of the 4th Congressional District," Gonzalez said.

And Garcia played up his progressive political bona fides, mentioning several

times his alignment on issues with progressive Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has endorsed him.

Garcia is working to set himself apart as the front-runner. He began his campaign with endorsements from Gutierrez and Sanders, and Northwest Side Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, backed him after dropping out of the race in early January. On Monday, Garcia held an event to tout endorsements from 11 more local Democratic officials, among them a group of establishment and progressive Chicago aldermen, members of the state General Assembly and a North Side ward committeeman.

Both Flores and Gonzalez took shots at Garcia while talking to reporters after the forum, calling him an insider who's trying to ride Gutierrez's coattails into Congress.

"The real question I ask

folks who like Chuy Garcia and know him by name, I tell them, 'Tell me two things that you know about Garcia that make you want to vote for him,' and they really can't answer that," Gonzalez said.

And Flores contended Gutierrez's endorsement of Garcia is working against him in many voters' eyes. "Voters are smarter than that," she said. "And that's what we heard on petition weekend. Folks don't want that. No one should be coronated."

Garcia countered that he's been an outsider fighting for progressive causes all his life. "That's what people will be looking for, not so much someone's gender or what part of town they may live in, but rather who is ready to hit the ground running, who has relationships in Congress today, who has been an agent of change?"

Garcia is trying to win broad support in the barbell-shaped, heavily Democratic district beyond his Southwest Side base of power in working-class neighborhoods like Little Village, South Lawndale and Brighton Park that have big Mexican populations. The district stretches through parts of west suburban Berwyn, Brookfield and Melrose Park before connecting to a chunk of the Northwest Side, including pieces of bungalow belt Galewood and Belmont Cragin and gentrifying neighborhoods like Logan Square, Humboldt Park and Avondale where Garcia is less well-known.

The forum was sponsored by Univision and ABC-7, along with the League of Women Voters and the Little Village Chamber of Commerce.

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CTU votes for 'one big union'

Merger with charter teachers includes board seats

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
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Labor groups representing educators at the city's traditionally run public schools and privately operated charters are set to merge, following a vote by Chicago Teachers Union members.

CTU leaders late Monday said results showed 70 percent of the 16,206 ballots cast favor the merger.

"These results are the outcome of a lengthy dialogue among members — and today we've declared that we're stronger together in one big union," CTU Vice President Jesse Sharkey said in a statement.

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

CTU members approved a number of changes to the CTU's constitution and bylaws as part of the vote. The changes would qualify all teachers licensed by the State Board of Education as eligible to join the CTU. Charter teachers would also be eligible to fill seats on the union's executive board and House of Delegates, and their dues are set to rise over the next three years.

Another amendment makes "crossing or working behind a Union picket line" an act that would potentially invite union charges and penalties against any offender.

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

Organized charter teachers operate under separate contracts negotiated with each individual charter operator. Such fragmented negotiations would continue to occur with a merger, but the constitutional changes would create a "charter school division" inside the CTU's ranks and represent teachers through what leaders have described as a single federated union.

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Rivals target Pritzker's electability in Downstate forum

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Democratic governor candidates Chris Kennedy and Daniel Biss on Tuesday night questioned rival J.B. Pritzker's electability in a general election matchup against Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, citing Pritzker's ties to imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

But Pritzker said the Democratic winner in the March 20 primary won't be immune from attacks by the wealthy governor. Pritzker also questioned whether recent comments Kennedy made crediting Rauner's attacks on the state's political culture meant the governor would rather face Kennedy in the fall.

The sparring came during a nearly 90-minute forum at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, hosted by the Daily Herald newspaper group and WSIL-TV in Harrisburg. The first major Downstate forum featured questions of regional interest and saw the candidates criticize the Democratic Party for not

working hard enough in an area that overwhelmingly embraced Donald Trump for president in 2016.

The latest debate followed the theme of previous candidate gatherings, with a firm target being placed on Pritzker, a billionaire heir to the Hyatt Hotel fortune who has coalesced much of the Democratic establishment behind his candidacy.

It was Rauner's unusual involvement in the Democratic primary — he's airing TV ads highlighting portions of wiretaps used by the federal government in its 2008 investigation of Blagojevich — that sparked the most heated exchange.

The recordings include phone conversations between Blagojevich and Pritzker discussing potential appointees to fill the U.S. Senate seat of Barack Obama following his election as president, as well as Pritzker's desire to be named state treasurer if a vacancy occurred. Pritzker has said he did nothing wrong.

Kennedy, part of the iconic Massachusetts political family, declared

Pritzker "unelectable in the general election."

"The truth is, just because you don't break a law doesn't mean you're innocent, and we need to hold our elected officials to a higher standard," the Kenilworth businessman said. He contended that Pritzker's actions made him "the poster child, the data point" of a "Republican strategy" of voter suppression to dissuade general election voters from casting a ballot for a Democrat.

Biss, an Evanston state senator, warned that a potential "blue wave building across the country" in October would occur "except in Illinois" because Democrats would have to "play defense about Rod Blagojevich and FBI recordings."

"Bruce Rauner is a failure. The only way he can win is if he is able to make that kind of attack, of unpopularity politicians like Rod Blagojevich and (House Speaker) Mike Madigan," Biss said. "If J.B. Pritzker didn't exist, Bruce Rauner would have to invent him. ... We can't afford to nominate J.B. Pritzker."

But Pritzker said Rauner

is attacking him because "he knows he can't beat me in the general election."

Pritzker said the conversation with Blagojevich indicated his well-known interest in public service. "I think we should stop allowing Bruce Rauner to play games in our Democratic primary," said Pritzker, who spoke with Blagojevich in November 2008, when the federal investigation was widely known.

Pritzker later turned on Kennedy, who after a recent Chicago Tribune Editorial Board forum told reporters he "applauded" Rauner for "speaking truth to power" when asked if the governor's ads were helping his campaign. "As I travel around the state and I've met thousands of Democrats, I hear about the devastation that Bruce Rauner has wrought upon the state. But I never have heard any of them say to me ... that Bruce Rauner is improving the economy."

Pritzker, who has put more than \$42 million of his own money into his campaign, also contended Biss was a creature of "special interests" during

his time in Springfield. Biss shot back that his campaign was being funded by low-dollar donations and he would "happily accept a contribution from you the day after the primary."

The Democrats acknowledged that central and southern Illinois backed Trump over former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and vowed to win back those voters. "I don't care what part of the state I'm in," Pritzker said. "Donald Trump is still a racist and a xenophobe and a misogynist and a homophobe, and I'm going to call him that." But, he added, "Many of the people who voted for Donald Trump ... voted for him because we Democrats in 2016 didn't demonstrate that we were standing up for the kitchen-table issues."

Kennedy said it would be a "mistake not to listen to those voices ... of people who were voting for Donald Trump."

Biss said it was time for a Democratic Party that will "stop engaging in the politics of division."

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Leah Reynolds, 20, smokes while on a break this week. A proposal would make 21 the legal age for buying tobacco.

Retail group sees drawbacks

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the American Lung Association, noted Tuesday's event marked the 10-year anniversary of state passage of a ban on smoking in businesses and on government property, saying the opposition thought "the sky was literally going to fall" after it passed.

But support for the Smoke-free Illinois Act has grown in the years since its passage. Drea and other advocates said public opinion on the new proposal has become more favorable and they expect to keep gathering support.

Rep. Camille Lilly, a Democrat from Chicago who is sponsoring the new legislation, acknowledged previous efforts have failed but said she's "optimistic" and plans to continue to "work the bill."

"The effort is worth it," Lilly said.

Retailers are opposed to the change, saying business owners along the state borders would lose money as young customers seek tobacco products across the state line.

Tanya Triche Dawood, vice president and general counsel of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association, called the legislation "a solution looking for a problem," saying smoking rates are already decreasing nationwide.

"If rates are already going down, then it hasn't shown a need that more needs to be done, necessarily," Triche Dawood said.

Tobacco companies, including R.J. Reynolds, are opposed to the legislation but declined to comment.

Only five states have passed laws raising the purchase age for tobacco sales to 21, but close to 300 cities and counties in the U.S. have laws on the books.

In 2014, Evanston was

the first community to do so in Illinois, and Chicago adopted the policy in July 2016. Both cities cite significant declines in the number of young people who report smoking. Immediately after Chicago raised the minimum legal purchasing age for tobacco, the mayor's office said Monday, the percentage of residents between 18 and 20 who reported using cigarettes or e-cigarettes fell by 5.5 percent, from 15.2 percent in 2015 to 9.7 percent in 2016.

Research has indicated that more than 70 percent of adolescents report smoking a cigarette at least once. Teen and preteen brains are particularly susceptible to nicotine, studies have shown, and more than 8,700 young people in Illinois are estimated to become new daily smokers each year.

"Quality of life is really critical to our society, and we wanted our young people to know that the earlier you engage in addictions, the more likely your health challenges — chronic health challenges — you'll have to face," Lilly said.

In addition to changing the age at which consumers can purchase cigarettes, the proposal would remove some of the penalties that come with smoking under age 18, such as counseling, fines and community service. Lilly said the removal of those penalties is meant to prevent "unintended consequences" that can come with criminalizing smoking for young people, such as having criminal activity on their records.

"We don't want to build that track or that path," Lilly said. "We want to increase awareness. We want to increase access to quality health care options for our young people."

State Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Deerfield, who introduced the Senate version of

the bill, said smoking causes "chronic diseases that are preventable," adding that the behavior puts a large financial burden on state-funded health care.

Proponents of Smoke-free Illinois credit the act with a 20.5 percent decrease in hospitalizations for some conditions aggravated by secondhand smoke, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart attacks.

These benefits were apparent in the first three years after the smoke-free policy went into effect. By 2011, the rate of hospitalizations for asthma fell just over 6 percent in the state, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. The rate of hospitalizations for heart attack fell by 8.6 percent, as did the rate of hospitalizations for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which fell 5.5 percent, state data showed.

There are fiscal advantages too: Since 2008, advocates said, these drops in hospitalization rates have saved the state more than \$1 billion in health care costs. Each year, they say, Illinois spends \$5.49 billion on health care costs for tobacco-related illnesses.

Smoking-cessation advocates tout other benefits they say resulted from the smoke-free policy: As of 2018, 15.8 percent of adults in the state smoke, down from 20.7 percent in 2007, according to data compiled by Crews, the cancer network director. And, critically, the high school smoking rate has fallen more than 53 percent since 2007, this data showed.

Crews said advocates hope the proposed law can help Illinois reach a point where young people don't smoke at all.

"We really hope there's going to be a generation

here shortly that will never know the burdens of tobacco use. Because it's a lifelong battle that you'll end up fighting," she said.

But not everyone supports the new bill.

College student Leah Reynolds, 20, has been a smoker on and off over the past two or three years. She considers the proposal oppressive and, likening it to the dry campus policy at North Park University, believes it would target only young adults who don't have places to smoke discreetly or friends who could provide cigarettes.

"It's not going to affect the people who have privilege, who can find a way around," said Reynolds, who turns 21 in August.

And if the proposal passes statewide, Reynolds, of Chicago, said she would buy cigarettes for a friend under 21 but not under 18.

Still, as national smoking rates continue to decline, public health experts said they remain on guard, particularly because the use of e-cigarette (sometimes dubbed vape pens or e-hookahs) has increased in popularity among young people in recent years. In Chicago, 6.6 percent of high school students reported using e-cigarettes last year.

"With the tobacco industry we always have our guard up," said Dr. Julie Morita, head of the Chicago Department of Public Health. "These products are being manufactured and really marketed toward young people. ... They're fruit-flavored, candy-flavored, they're made to be appealing to young people. Because the tobacco industry knows that when young people get addicted, they have lifelong addictions."

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U. of C. alumni speak out over Bannon invite

Petition calls on university leaders to cancel event

By Dawn Rhodes
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A large group of University of Chicago alumni is calling upon school leaders to block former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon from coming to campus for a planned debate, intensifying the outcry over the controversial event and the dispute over the university's firm stance on freedom of expression.

More than 1,000 former students have signed a letter to the university's president, Robert Zimmer, and provost, Daniel Diermeier, stating that welcoming Bannon, who is known for advocating a hard line on trade and immigration, would damage the reputation of the South Side university. The alumni argue that giving Bannon an opportunity to debate the issue undermines, rather than exemplifies, the university's long-standing commitment to open debate and free speech.

"Stephen Bannon seeks to silence dissenting voices of large portions of society," the letter states in part. "Denying him a platform to speak at our university does not restrict our environment of fearless freedom of debate and deliberation; rather, it protects that environment."

Graduates dating back decades have endorsed the letter.

They are demanding that university leaders rescind the Bannon invitation.

"Inviting Steve Bannon to speak clearly sends a message the university is more interested in protecting him rather than making a statement affirming to students, staff and faculty that this is a welcoming and inclusive space for them," said Miriam Shestack of Logan Square, a 2015 alum.

Shestack was among a small group of alumni who went to the president's office at Levi Hall on Tuesday attempting to deliver the letter but were stopped from entering the building by administrators and security. Eventually an administrator agreed to deliver copies of the letter to Zimmer, Diermeier and Dean of Students Michele Rasmussen on their behalf.

"Lately there's been this

idea that all free speech is good speech and that every side should be heard equally, but then we're lending false equivalency to what could be very dangerous ideas," said Marijke M. Stoll, who earned two degrees from U. of C. in 2005 and 2006. "This isn't a matter of disagreement over economic policy. We know which side is wrong; we know which side is morally and ethically repugnant."

The university confirmed last week that Booth School of Business professor Luigi Zingales had invited Bannon to participate in a debate that tentatively would address "the economic benefits of globalization and immigration." Bannon would debate an expert in the field, with Zingales moderating. A date has not been set.

The outrage was immediate. Student groups staged a protest outside the Booth classrooms on the Hyde Park campus. Faculty members signed an open letter to Zimmer and Diermeier objecting to the event. The list of professors op-



Bannon

posing the invitation started at around two dozen and since has grown to more than 100, though they stopped short of demanding the event be canceled.

Zingales did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday about the newest petition. Earlier he defended the invitation, saying he did not share Bannon's views but thought he represented a larger antipathy toward immigration and globalization throughout the world.

"I firmly believe that the current problems in America cannot be solved by demonizing (those) who think differently, but by addressing the causes of their dissatisfaction," Zingales wrote on his Facebook page. "Hate cannot be defeated by hate, but only by reason."

The university has also defended the invitation.

"We recognize that there will be debate and disagreement over this event; as part of our commitment to free expression, the university supports the ability of protesters and invited speakers to express a wide range of views," it said in an earlier statement.

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Men say they were beaten into confessing

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Bailey then grinned, pumping his fists in the air as spectators in the courtroom applauded.

"I never, ever wanted to give up," Batchelor, his voice at times emotional, later told reporters in the courthouse lobby. "At times, Kevin used to actually tell me that he was giving up, that he actually didn't believe that we were ever going to get out. And all I did was motivate and motivate and motivate him, and let him know no matter what ... the fight would continue."

Batchelor and Bailey were 19-year-olds with no criminal history when they were arrested for the murder of Lula Mae Woods, the wife of a retired Chicago police officer, according to court records. Woods was found stabbed to death in her South Side garage in June 1989.

"The evidence against Batchelor and Bailey does not meet the burden (of proof) of beyond a reasonable doubt," special prosecutor Robert J. Milan said in a statement, noting that his office took seven months to re-investigate the case.

While Burge was not involved in their interrogations — he had been transferred to another police

precinct by the time of the arrests — many of the detectives had trained under him and have been accused of abuse in multiple convictions, attorneys for the men said Tuesday.

"It just accentuates the disaster that the Burge era wreaked on this city," said Joshua Tepfer, one of Batchelor's attorneys.

Scores of African-American men have accused Burge, who is white, and detectives working under him of torturing or beating them during the 1970s and 1980s. The scandal has cost taxpayers at least \$115 million in lawsuit settlements, judgments and other compensation to victims.

Burge, who was fired in 1993 for torturing a suspect in the killing of two cops, was convicted in federal court in 2010 of perjury and obstruction of justice after jurors found he lied when he denied as part of a civil lawsuit that he had witnessed torture or abused suspects. He spent 4½ years in prison and on home confinement.

Tuesday's hearing marked the latest in a string of recent exonerations tied to accusations of misconduct by Chicago police.

Earlier this month, Cook County prosecutors dropped murder charges

against a man who spent 22 years in prison, the eighth conviction linked to former Detective Reynaldo Guevara to be tossed out since mid-2016 amid allegations that he beat suspects and coerced witnesses.

In November, in what is believed to be the county's first mass exoneration, 15 men with cases tied to disgraced former Sgt. Ronald Watts had their convictions thrown out.

Batchelor and Bailey both have long alleged they were beaten into confessing to Woods' murder.

For 24 hours, Batchelor insisted to detectives that he was innocent, according to a court filing from his attorneys.

Then the detectives got "a little brutal," Batchelor testified at his trial, according to the court filings. One detective choked him, slapped him and banged him against the wall, he said. After his interrogators threatened to kill him, he said, he falsely confessed.

"It was just the good cop, bad cop type of thing going on the entire time I was in their presence," he said. "There was a lot of physical abuse where they would literally just beat you with fists. ... They would just beat us, and one cop would come in and pretend to be our

friend and say the things that influence us to go along with the program."

Bailey's allegations were similar, according to court records: In a sworn statement, he alleged that a detective grabbed him by the throat and choked him before he confessed.

Both were convicted after separate trials in the early 1990s. A judge found that Batchelor was not the key participant in the murder and sentenced him to 30 years in prison. He was released after serving about half that sentence. Bailey was sentenced to 80 years.

Batchelor and Bailey are ineligible for the reparations the city has promised to Burge victims, since Burge was not directly involved in their interrogations, their attorneys said.

As part of an agreement with the special prosecutor, both also agreed not to seek certificates of innocence that would further clear their names and allow them to recoup money from the state for their wrongful imprisonment.

The attorneys cautioned that the agreement should not be viewed as an admission of guilt and does not prevent them from filing lawsuits against the city, police or prosecutors.

"The confessions that re-



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Corey Batchelor talks with the media Tuesday after the charges against him and Kevin Bailey were dropped.

sulted (from the abuse) were inconsistent with each other. They're inconsistent with the facts," said Bryce Benjet, one of Bailey's attorneys. "And now when everybody can take a look at it with the knowledge of what has happened, we realize that these two men did not commit the crime. And we're very happy that the state has acknowledged that today."

"Jon Burge was notorious for these kinds of practices,"

The attorneys have said DNA testing supported their claims of innocence. Hair found on a Domino's Pizza cap under Woods' body may have come from the same person as a hair found on a bloody towel at the scene — and the hairs did not match Batchelor or Bailey. After a hearing last

year, however, Maldonado ruled that the forensics evidence would not be enough to warrant a new trial.

If prosecutors had not dropped the case Tuesday, the next step would have been a hearing on both their claims of coerced confessions.

"We know we didn't have nothing to do with no crime," Bailey, wearing a neat purple tie that he said a prison official had helped him knot, said outside St. Louis on Tuesday afternoon moments before he made a memorable exit with Batchelor in a bright orange sports car.

"What was done to me and this man was a disgrace."

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NATION & WORLD

Man behind missile alarm feared attack

Officials say fired Hawaii employee had history of confusing 'real life ... and drills'

BY BRIAN FUNG AND MARK BERMAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Hawaii employee who sent out a false alarm earlier this month warning of an incoming missile attack said he misunderstood a drill and believed that a ballistic missile had actually been fired, authorities said Tuesday.

Even more alarming, officials said this was not the first such mix-up for the employee. At least twice before the false alarm, he "has confused real life events and drills," a state investigation concluded, part of a troubled work history that had "been a source of concern ... for over 10 years" to his co-workers.

The false warning that was blasted out to cell-phones across Hawaii on Jan. 13 had somber consequences, sending waves of panic across the state at a time of heightened tensions with North Korea and renewed fears of nuclear attacks. Exacerbating the terror, the message blaring "BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL." went uncorrected for 38 minutes.

A federal investigation said the employee believed there "was a real emergency, not a drill," which contradicted explanations previously offered by Hawaii officials, who have said the alert was sent when an employee hit the wrong button on a drop-down menu.



Retired Brig. Gen. Bruce Oliveira, right, talks to reporters about the false missile alert on Jan. 13, accompanied by Hawaii Gov. David Ige, left, and Maj. Gen. Joe Logan.

Authorities were apologetic after what Democratic Gov. David Ige had previously called "a terrifying day when our worst nightmares appeared to become a reality." Ige and other officials on Tuesday defended their public response to the false alarm, and they pledged to continue improving the state's Emergency Management Agency.

The employee who sent out the alert was fired last week and has not been publicly identified.

It was not clear if the employee contested his firing or disputed the public account of what happened and his history. A spokesman for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency did not immediately re-

spond to a request for comment Tuesday.

The agency's top official — Vern Miyagi, administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency — "has taken full responsibility" for the incident and resigned Tuesday, said Maj. Gen. Joe Logan, the state adjutant general, who oversees the department.

The state investigation released Tuesday described the employee who sent out the alert as having a poor history dating back for years, with other members of staff saying they did not feel comfortable with his work.

The state report describes a frenzy of activity after the false alarm was issued, but even as some employees began notifying

others, the employee who sent the alert was "sitting and seemed confused."

Hours before Hawaii officials released their findings, the Federal Communications Commission published its own preliminary report saying that the state employee claimed to have sent out the alert because he did not realize a drill was underway.

The incident began when a night-shift supervisor decided to test incoming day-shift workers with a spontaneous drill, the FCC report stated.

The supervisor managing the day-shift workers appeared to be aware of the upcoming test but believed it was aimed at the outgoing night-shift workers. As a result, the day-shift man-

ager was not prepared to supervise the morning test, the FCC said.

Following standard procedures, the night-shift supervisor posing as U.S. Pacific Command played a recorded message to the emergency workers warning them of the fake threat.

The message included the phrase "Exercise, exercise, exercise," the FCC report said, but it also included the "This is not a drill" language used for real missile alerts.

The worker who then sent the emergency alert said they did not hear the "exercise" part of the message. This person declined to be interviewed by investigators, but provided a written statement, the FCC said. Retired Brig. Gen. Bruce

Oliveira, the internal investigating officer tasked with investigating the incident, said he received the written statement from the fired employee — identified in the report as "Employee 1" — two days after the false alarm. But that statement had to be investigated and compared with what other people said, Oliveira.

In his report, Oliveira blamed a combination of "insufficient management controls, poor computer software design, and human factors" for both the ballistic missile alert and the delayed correction.

The lack of a contingency plan reflected a critical failure on the part of Hawaii's emergency management agency, said Ajit Pai, chairman of the FCC.



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Russian President Vladimir Putin stopped short of criticizing President Donald Trump.

Putin calls U.S. list of Russian officials, business elite 'stupid'

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV AND JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Mixing irony with scorn, President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday described a new list including Russian officials and tycoons under a U.S. sanctions law as a hostile and "stupid" move spearheaded by President Donald Trump's political foes, but he said the Kremlin will refrain from retaliation.

Putin's reluctance to criticize Trump signals that he still hopes for normalizing ties with Washington. At the same time, the U.S. move could help the Russian leader in his re-election bid in March.

Some observers warn that the blanket list of 210 names, which reads like a who's who in Russian officialdom and business elite, could further fuel anti-Western feelings in Russia and bolster support for Putin.

Putin immediately struck that chord, pointing that those blacklisted by the U.S. control companies employing millions of Russians. He cast the U.S. move as a blow to ordinary people.

"All of us, all 146 million, have been put on some kind

of list," he said at a meeting with activists of his campaign. "Certainly, this is an unfriendly move, which further exacerbates the already strained Russia-U.S. relations and hurts international relations as a whole."

The list was ordered by Congress in response to alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign. But the Trump administration said it had decided not to immediately punish anybody under the new sanctions, at least for now, and some U.S. lawmakers accused Trump of giving Russia a free pass.

The Trump administration came under further criticism Tuesday when officials said the administration let a top Russian spy official visit the United States last week for meetings with U.S. intelligence officials even though there are sanctions against him that typically prohibit such visits.

The Russian ambassador to the U.S., Anatoly Antonov, said on Russian state TV that Sergey Naryshkin, head of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service, met with his U.S. counterparts about the fight against terrorism.

The visit came less than a week before Trump de-

cidated not to issue any new sanctions against Russian politicians and oligarchs.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the timing of the trip was suspicious. "This is a serious national security issue," Schumer told reporters. "Russia hacked our elections."

Putin is expected to easily win another six-year term in the March 18 election. He noted sarcastically that his name wasn't on the U.S. list, saying of the omission: "It hurts."

The list of 114 Russian officials released just before a Monday deadline included the whole of Putin's administration, as listed by the Kremlin on its website, plus the Russian Cabinet, top law enforcement officials and senior executives at state-owned companies.

A companion list of 96 "oligarchs" is a carbon copy of Forbes magazine's Russian billionaires' rankings, only arranged alphabetically. Some have long fallen out of favor with the Kremlin.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday, said, "There will be sanctions that come out of this report."

Probe looks at McCabe, FBI actions near election

IG said to focus on handling of emails of top Clinton aide

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN
The Washington Post

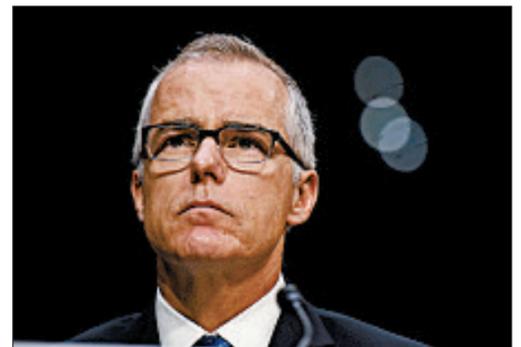
WASHINGTON — The Justice Department's inspector general has been focused for months on why Andrew McCabe, as the No. 2 official at the FBI, appeared not to act for about three weeks on a request to examine a batch of Hillary Clinton-related emails found in the latter stages of the 2016 election campaign, according to people familiar with the matter.

The inspector general, Michael Horowitz, has been asking witnesses why FBI leadership seemed unwilling to move forward on the examination of emails found on the laptop of former Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., until late October — about three weeks after first being alerted to the issue, according to these people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive matter.

A key question of the internal investigation is whether McCabe or anyone else at the FBI wanted to avoid taking action on the laptop findings until after the Nov. 8 election, these people said. It is unclear whether the inspector general has reached any conclusions on that point.

A major line of inquiry for the inspector general has been trying to determine who at the FBI and the Justice Department knew about the Clinton emails on the Weiner laptop, and when they learned about them. McCabe is a central figure in those inquiries, these people said.

The FBI declined to comment, as did a spokesman for the inspector gen-



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An internal report on the handling of the Clinton investigation by Andrew McCabe and the DOJ is due by spring.

eral. An attorney for McCabe did not respond to a request for comment.

On Monday, McCabe left the FBI, following a meeting with FBI Director Christopher Wray in which they discussed the inspector general's investigation, according to people familiar with the matter. Horowitz announced in January 2017 that he was examining the Justice Department's handling of the Clinton investigation. His report is expected in the spring.

The matter of the Weiner laptop emails has been debated publicly for more than a year, in part because many Clinton supporters say the FBI tilted the 2016 race to Donald Trump when it announced in late October that it was reopening its probe into Clinton's use of a private email server when she served as secretary of state.

Key parts of what went into that decision have remained murky and are a major focus of the inspector general's probe, according to people familiar with the matter.

In late September 2016, FBI agents in New York were investigating Weiner for possible Internet crimes involving a teenage girl. In the course of that probe, they discovered that his laptop contained thousands of work emails be-

longing to Weiner's wife, Huma Abedin. Abedin was a longtime aide to Clinton, and agents wanted to know whether the emails in question might shed new light on the Clinton investigation, which had been closed in July without any charges.

The New York FBI office alerted FBI headquarters to the new email issue within days — accounts differ as to when precisely, but McCabe was aware of the matter by late September or early October at the latest, according to the people familiar with the matter. The agents on the Weiner case wanted to talk to the Clinton email investigators and see whether the messages were potentially important. Some people familiar with the matter said officials at FBI headquarters asked the New York agents to analyze the emails' metadata — the sender, recipient and times of the messages — to see whether they seemed relevant to the closed probe.

McCabe was involved in those discussions, but there are differing accounts about how much then-FBI Director James Comey understood about the matter in the early days of October. An attorney for Comey could not immediately be reached for comment.

DOJ's plea: Don't release FBI memo

Officials warned White House chief of staff of risk in unveiling abuse allegations

By **JOSH DAWSEY AND DEVLIN BARRETT**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Top Justice Department officials made a last-ditch plea Monday to White House chief of staff John Kelly about the dangers of publicly releasing a memo alleging abuses by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, according to people briefed on the meeting.

Shortly before the House Intelligence Committee voted to make the document public, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein warned Kelly that the four-page memo prepared by House Republicans could jeopardize classified information and implore the president to reconsider his support for making it public, those people said.

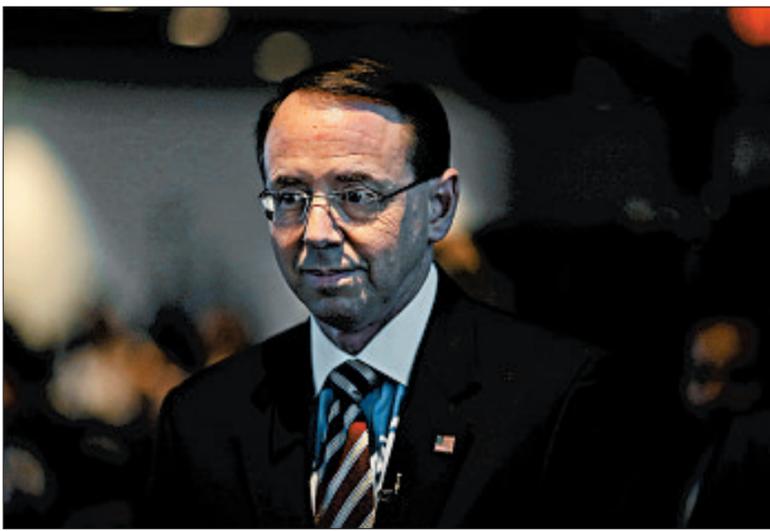
Rosenstein was joined in the meeting at the White House by FBI Director Christopher Wray.

Rosenstein, who is supervising special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election, said the Justice Department was not convinced the memo accurately describes its investigative practices.

He said making the document public could set a dangerous precedent, according to a person familiar with the discussion.

While Wray also expressed opposition to the memo's release, Rosenstein did much of the talking, according to a senior U.S. government official. Attorney General Jeff Sessions was not present.

In response, Kelly told Rosenstein and Wray that the president was inclined to release the memo but the White House would go through a review led by the National Security Council and the White House Counsel's Office, a senior administration official said. That



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Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein warned that the memo prepared by House Republicans could jeopardize classified info, according to people briefed on a meeting.

review is expected to take at least several days, a senior White House official said.

Trump had not yet seen the memo, according to a White House spokesman.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said Tuesday he supports the memo's release but doesn't want Republicans to use it to attack Mueller.

"This is a completely separate matter from Bob Mueller's investigation, and his investigation should be allowed to take its course," Ryan said, noting that he also supports Rosenstein.

Ryan said the memo shows "there may have been malfeasance at the FBI

by certain individuals." He did not provide additional details, only saying that "there are legitimate questions about whether an American's civil liberties were violated by the FISA process," a reference to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Monday's West Wing meeting Monday involving Kelly, which was originally scheduled to discuss other matters, was the latest sign of the tension between the administration and the Justice Department. That divide has deepened in the charged debate over the memo detailing alleged sur-

veillance abuses by the FBI and the Justice Department, a document championed by Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

Rosenstein's push to head off the disclosure of the classified memo came after Kelly privately relayed to Sessions last week that Trump wants to see the document come out, as The Washington Post reported.

The effort also comes amid questions about Rosenstein's future.

The president has told close advisers recently that the memo could provide

him with grounds for either firing or forcing the deputy attorney general to leave, according to one person familiar with his remarks.

The White House, the Department of Justice and the FBI all declined to comment.

After firing FBI Director James Comey last spring, Trump has told aides at times that he would like to oust Sessions and Mueller. The president backed off a threat to fire the special counsel last June after White House Counsel Donald McGahn threatened to resign. Trump's interactions with senior law enforcement officials have drawn scrutiny from Mueller's team.

White House officials have downplayed the Justice Department's role in the decision whether to release the memo.

The release is increasingly probable after the House Intelligence Committee voted along partisan lines Monday night to release the memo, giving the president a five-day window to decide whether he agrees with the release.

Leading Republicans have said it uncovers abuses that should be made public. Democratic lawmakers have said the document is a political tactic to undermine the Mueller investigation.

Associated Press contributed.

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Call for unity against backdrop of division

Despite message, a split remains along with myriad of problems ahead

By DAN BALZ
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump sought to project a positive and unifying message in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, but controversies, including of his own making, followed him into the House chamber. They were a reminder of the challenges he faces in converting rhetoric into real changes in his administration.

For the 80 minutes during which he spoke, Trump commanded the nation's focus with a review of successes and a bare-bones outline of his second-year priorities. And yet, the record of the past year shows that the president has chosen to stir controversy and stoke existing partisanship rather than do the work of bringing the country together.

As he spoke, there were signs of the challenges ahead.

On the floor of the House, elected officials sat opposite one another across the center aisle, angrily divided over the pending release of a memo from Republicans on the House intelligence committee that they say points to FBI misconduct in the Russia investigation. The partisan argument underscored anew the degree to which Trump's presidency is clouded by his actions and often shaped by special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

In the public balconies were the guests of members of both parties and of the White House. Many were genuine heroes, but there were others in the audience who were proxies for current conflicts. They included a group of so-called



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President Donald Trump delivers his first State of the Union on Tuesday in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

Dreamers, the young immigrants whose fate is to be determined in the coming weeks.

Trump has proposed a package that he called a down-the-center compromise, but to win passage he will have to overcome strong opposition — some on the right, but much more on the left.

Throughout the speech, Trump paid tribute to acts of courage, sacrifice and heroism that he said embody “the beauty of America's soul and the steel in America's spine.”

They included Americans who responded to hurricanes, wildfires or the mass shooting in Las Vegas; and others who suffered losses of loved ones or who showed bravery in the face of danger.

Those tributes were many of the most effective moments of the speech.

He also said, “But it is not

enough to come together only in times of tragedy. Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people we were elected to serve.”

Trump had a positive story to tell about the economy, which continued to grow steadily over the past year. The jobless rate is at its lowest level in 17 years, and wages have begun to rise. The stock market has set record after record.

The passage of the Republican tax cut has prompted companies to give bonuses to workers, announce new investments and promise more jobs.

The president has been a cheerleader calling for more, as he did last week at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. All this has put economic optimism higher than it has

been in nearly two decades.

The president also highlighted conservative priorities that he and his party have jointly pushed in an effort to redirect the government. He pointed to a reduction in regulations on businesses and energy producers, to the confirmation of conservative judges and to his decision to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

“For the last year, we have sought to restore the bonds of trust between our citizens and their government,” he said. But it was a selective interpretation of that relationship, one shared more by his loyalists than by others.

The record he cited and the priorities he outlined drew enthusiastic applause from Republicans in the chamber. Democrats appeared unmoved throughout much of the event.

Nowhere was the gap

greater than when the president noted that African-American unemployment was at an all-time low. Republicans rose in unison and cheered. Meanwhile, the African-American Democratic members of the House sat silently and grimaced across the chamber.

When Trump campaigned for the White House, he survived events that would have caused substantial damage to most other politicians.

But if nothing bad stuck to him during the campaign, nothing good seems to stick long either. When he spoke to a joint session of Congress last February, his approval rating in the Gallup weekly tracking was 43 percent positive, 51 percent negative. Today, despite the economic news, it is 38 percent positive and 58 percent negative.

There are many reasons, but one is this: Since he last

spoke to Congress, Trump has fired an FBI Director (James Comey), criticized his attorney general (Jeff Sessions), repeatedly vilified a deputy FBI director (Andrew McCabe, who on Monday resigned his position ahead of schedule) and, as was reported last week, wanted to fire Mueller last summer, only to be blocked when White House counsel Donald McGahn threatened to resign.

Now he appears to be at odds with the Justice Department, which has warned against releasing the intelligence committee's partisan memo.

The president's calls for unity and bipartisanship also came with an obvious political motivation.

The GOP's House majority is in jeopardy, though Democrats have work to do to win the seats to take control. But should that happen, the president would face a far different atmosphere in the House chamber in 2019.

With the GOP's Senate majority whittled to a bare minimum, any legislative progress this year will require the president and GOP leaders to win over some Democrats.

But Democrats know that cooperation with the White House comes at a potential cost: a backlash from the party's progressive base, which prefers resistance to reconciliation.

So the test is not how well the president delivered his State of the Union. It will be how he deals with the problems that will confront him in the coming months.

Does he have a plan for North Korea? Can he be the dealmaker he promised and bring about an immigration compromise? Can he woo Democrats to pass a big infrastructure package?

And, most important, what will happen on the Russia probe? Will he act impulsively or allow Mueller to complete his work?

Two local ‘Dreamers’ attend State of the Union

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Durbin invited Cesar Montelongo, 28, a third-year medical student at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. Montelongo said his family fled violence in his native Juarez, Mexico, and moved to the U.S. when he was 10.

He applied to renew his DACA status this month after a federal judge ordered the White House to resume accepting applications. “It felt like gambling,” Montelongo said. “But the upside of being able to renew for two more years under the current conditions ... it's a no-brainer when you think about it that way.”

Montelongo graduated from New Mexico State University, as a triple major in biology, microbiology and Spanish, with two minors in chemistry and biochemistry. He earned a master's degree in biology, with a minor in molecular biology and was the first DACA student enrolled in the M.D.-Ph.D. program at Loyola University.

His two brothers, ages 19 and 9, are U.S. citizens, and his parents are permanent residents. He said his family tried to adjust his status through a relative when he was a young child but were ultimately unable to do so.

“I think this topic is much more complicated than people give it credit,” he said. “If there was a way to adjust my status within a reasonable time frame, I

would do it now.”

Montelongo said he hoped his presence would inspire Congress and Trump to support the 2017 Dream Act, a bill that would grant conditional permanent residency to an estimated 1.8 million immigrants who arrived in the U.S. before age 18 and can meet requirements similar to those under DACA.

“It's been very difficult all these months when the president changes his opinion, sometimes from one day to another,” said Montelongo, of North Riverside. “He's made comments against it, but he's also made comments directly supporting something like the Dream Act.”

Ana Campa Castillo, 26, of Joliet, attended the speech as a guest of Rep. Foster, a Naperville Democrat. She said her family “left everything behind” in Mexico and moved to the U.S. when she was 6.

“My parents said it was gonna be for a little while, and well, here we are 20 years later,” she said. “Now that I'm an adult and I have a family of my own, it's frustrating.”

Campa Castillo graduated from Bolingbrook High School and is studying psychology at Joliet Junior College. A mother of two young boys, she plans to graduate in the spring and hopes to attend a four-year college in the near future.

“My 9-year-old is pretty excited,” he said. “He understands why we're do-

ing this. His advice to me was to relax, enjoy it and ignore everyone who says you don't belong here because you do.”

Campa Castillo said she got involved in immigration advocacy work after applying for DACA in 2012 and has renewed her status twice. She said it felt like a “punch to the stomach” when Trump moved to end the program. Still, she was hopeful that Trump would take notice of the Dreamers' presence at his State of the Union address.

“As Dreamers, we're tired

of promises,” she said. “We want action.”

Campa Castillo was among dozens of Dreamers who flew across the country to attend a news conference with House Democrats on Tuesday ahead of the speech. She said it felt good to see so many Dreamers being supported by their local representatives.

Illinois has the nation's fourth-largest number of DACA recipients, with more than 35,600 beneficiaries living in the state as of September.

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.

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Before attending the State of the Union speech, so-called Dreamers take selfies Tuesday afternoon in Washington.



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President touts 'strong' U.S.

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against what he sees as the scourge of illegal immigration. But the warnings were cloaked around softer descriptions of the American character, describing the nation as "one team, one people and one American family."

He alluded to one frequent target — the mostly black NFL players who have protested police violence by kneeling for the national anthem — but did so only obliquely, not mentioning them as he usually does but instead emphatically equating reverence for service members with "why we proudly stand for the national anthem."

As he reeled off a string of natural disasters and tragedies, including the shooting at a congressional baseball practice that nearly killed a Republican House leader, he emphasized that "we came together, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as representatives of the people."

The speech came in what's become a familiar spot for Trump: at a historic low in polls, furious over the Russia investigation and frustrated that he is not getting credit for a good economy and keeping his promise to shake up the government.

But the president put much of that aside, claiming credit for the booming economy as he sought to lay the groundwork for a bipartisan achievement that has eluded him — on immigration, and a major new infrastructure initiative.

He said notably little about three issues that animated his campaign and first year as president: health care, trade and the international Iran nuclear deal. Trump also made no mention of China.

Trump, like other presidents facing troubles, hoped the high-profile, nationally televised speech would help him move past the tumult in his White House and the shadow of the Russia investigation — an inquiry into his campaign's possible collusion with Russia's election meddling, and his own alleged acts of obstruction — that clouded his first year. Trump refrained from mentioning the investigation.

"This is in fact our new American moment," Trump said. "There has never been a better time to start living the American Dream."

Trump hammered the theme of "building a safe, strong, proud America," which fits loosely around policy proposals for a \$1.5-trillion plan to build a "safe, fast, reliable and modern infrastructure our economy needs and our people deserve"; an increase in military spending; and an overhaul of the immigration system.

The immigration plan includes a call to sharply cut the number of legal immigrants while allowing a path to citizenship for young "Dreamers" who were brought to the country illegally as children.

Trump framed his desire to restrict immigration as a



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President Donald Trump acknowledges those in attendance Tuesday night as he arrives in the House chamber for his first State of the Union address.

Democrats' response: 'Bullies' fall short on strength

Rep. Kennedy blasts Trump's record on civil rights protections

By MATTHEW DALY | Associated Press



Kennedy

WASHINGTON — Soaring stock prices under President Donald Trump have boosted investor portfolios and corporate profits but failed to give workers their fair share of the reward, Massachusetts Rep. Joe Kennedy III said Tuesday in the Democratic response to Trump's first State of the Union address.

Kennedy called on Americans to reject the ex-

treme partisanship and "chaos" of the Trump era. In an apparent reference to Trump, Kennedy said "bullies may land a punch" and leave a mark but have "never managed to match the strength and spirit of a people united in defense of their future."

In a hard-hitting speech, especially for a political newcomer, Kennedy de-

cried a rollback of civil rights protections under Trump, noting proposals that target Muslims, transgender people and others.

The administration "isn't just targeting the laws that protect us — they are targeting the very idea that we are all worthy of protection," Kennedy, speaking from a vocational high school in Fall River, Mass., a onetime manufacturing hub now struggling with high unemployment and other problems.

Trump's record is "a rebuke of our highest American ideal: the belief that we are all worthy, we are all equal and we all count — in the eyes of our law and our leaders, our God and our government," Kennedy said. The three-term congressman and grandson of former Attorney General Robert Kennedy has urged Democrats to focus on the economic worries of working-class voters who bolted the party in the 2016 elections.

In a nod to "Dreamers," the 700,000 young immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, Kennedy spoke in

Spanish as he said Dreamers are a part of America's story and promised that Democrats will not walk away from them.

Kennedy, 37, said Trump and his administration were breaking a core promise of America — that everyone will be treated equally under the law. He accused the administration of "calously" appraising Americans' worth.

Democrats support a higher minimum wage, paid leave for employees and affordable child care, among other priorities, Kennedy said.

security issue, arguing that a porous border has increased the threat of terrorism and drug trafficking. Immigrant advocates say Trump is creating scapegoats, and they accuse the president of deepening racial and ethnic divides.

The president, however, contended that he wants to be a uniter.

"Tonight I am extending an open hand to work with members of both parties, Democrats and Republicans, to protect our citizens, of every background, color and creed," Trump said.

He told a group of network television anchors meeting at the White House earlier Tuesday that his biggest lesson since taking office more than a year ago has been tempering his profit-centered business instinct with the need to show "heart" in his governing decisions.

"What I'm doing now, a lot of it is heart, a lot of it is compassion, a lot of it is far beyond money — such as

immigration," he said, adding, "If I was doing this purely from an economic standpoint, I would sit down and tell you in one second what I'd be doing, OK?"

Besides emphasizing immigration and infrastructure, Trump nodded to other priorities, including an undefined plan to reform federal prisons. He talked about solving the opioid crisis, yet called for greater law enforcement rather than new funding or programs to combat the epidemic of addiction.

Trump announced that he would keep open the prison camp on Guantanamo Bay, reversing another Obama administration policy and signaling a return to military detentions for captured terrorists.

Though presidents traditionally use these speeches to lay out their vision early in the year, they also try to claim credit for first-year achievements. Trump spoke about the economy

and his \$1.5-trillion tax cut, boasting as he often does about the rising stock market and low unemployment.

He also repeated his contention that his policies brought black unemployment to a historic low, when that development — like other economic gains — reflects a trend that began in President Barack Obama's first term, after the Great Recession.

As Republicans rose and applauded Trump's boast about black employment, members of the Congressional Black Caucus sat stone-faced; many wore African print shawls in apparent protest of Trump's recent slur in reference to African countries.

In a recent Pew poll, 41 percent of Americans rated the economy as excellent or good, one of the strongest such ratings in a decade. Yet many Americans do not give Trump credit. On average, polls show his approval at about 40 percent, lower than the standing of any of

his predecessors in the modern era after a year in office.

Democrats have worked aggressively to deny Trump any credit for the economy, arguing that his predecessor is responsible for the trends Trump inherited and that subsequent gains are little different from those in Obama's final years.

"Two words I don't think we'll hear tonight: Thanks, Obama," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said before the speech. Schumer sat glum-faced through much of the address.

The recently passed tax cut law has elicited mixed expectations, according to Pew, with about a third of Americans saying they expect it to improve their personal finances, a third saying they expect it to harm them and another third expecting no change.

Other polls have shown a majority of Americans believe the tax cuts favor high-earners, contradicting

Trump's promise to deliver for blue-collar workers and the middle class.

Administration officials say the tax cut will grow more popular as Trump sells it and as the large reduction in corporate rates leads to higher middle-class wages. Economists, including at the Federal Reserve, have more modest expectations, predicting a small short-term effect on economic growth.

In his speech, Trump named the tax cuts, reduced regulations and what he calls an end to the "war on American energy" — including coal — as among his promises fulfilled.

He credited the tax cuts with prompting businesses to give bonuses for roughly 3 million workers, though he exaggerated the amounts as "thousands and thousands of dollars" when most are \$1,000. Some wage hikes and bonuses were negotiated in union contracts or planned by corporations before the tax cuts became law.

Trump also trumpeted success in beating back the militant group Islamic State, while conceding that "there is much more work to be done."

"Past experience has taught us that complacency and concessions only invite aggression and provocation," he said. "I will not repeat the mistakes of the past administrations that got us into this dangerous position."

Trump, like every president since Ronald Reagan, invited guests who reflect aspects of his agenda to sit with the first lady in the House gallery.

Among those joining Melania Trump on Tuesday were Americans said to be benefiting from the new tax cuts, parents who lost children to gang violence, a Marine who reenlisted after losing his eyes and legs, and a man who led a volunteer rescue effort for victims of Hurricane Harvey along the Gulf Coast.

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Bill prompted by sports doctor heads to Trump

Measure involving Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal heads to president's desk

By RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress has responded to the sex abuse scandal involving sports doctor Larry Nassar by sending President Donald Trump legislation that requires governing bodies for amateur athletics to swiftly report claims of abuse to law enforcement.

The Senate approved the bipartisan bill by voice vote Tuesday, a day after the measure cleared the House by a vote of 406-3.

"Horrific sexual abuse and tepid responses from organizations that exist to support the careers of U.S. Olympic athletes are nothing short of a betrayal," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., one of the bill's backers.

Nassar worked at Michigan State University and for USA Gymnastics, the governing body that also trains Olympians. He was sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison last week at the end of an extraordinary seven-day hearing at which more than 150 women and girls said he had molested them under the guise of medical treatment.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the bill's main sponsor, said the safeguards mandated by the bill are

only possible "because of the incredibly courageous women who decided to come forward, share their pain and do all they could to make sure this dark chapter is never repeated."

Former gymnast Jeanette Antolin, who was a member of the U.S. national team in the late 1990s when she went to Nassar for treatment, said at a press conference earlier Tuesday that the legislation is an important step forward.

But Antolin said the U.S.

Olympic Committee, USA Gymnastics and Michigan State all need to be investigated thoroughly.

"Time's up," Antolin said, a nod toward the movement against sexual abuse and harassment. "Every minute that goes by with unanswered questions, more innocent children can be harmed."

Feinstein recalled meeting last year with several of the gymnasts alleging sexual abuse, including Antolin.

"The minute I walked

into the room, I knew something was different and something was very wrong," she said Tuesday. "The meeting made clear that USA Gymnastics was fostering a culture that put money and medals first, far ahead of the safety and well-being of athletes."

The Senate first passed the legislation in November, well before Nassar's sentencing. But the House made a change to the legislation, which required the Senate to pass it again.

Koreas look to ski diplomacy for thaw

North's luxury resort will host Olympic training

By ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press

MASIK PASS, North Korea — North Korea's only luxury ski resort is getting a taste of the Olympic spotlight, though it is a long way from hosting any events.

The Masik Pass ski resort has become something of a symbol of a budding detente between the two Koreas after a year of particularly high tensions over the North's nuclear weapons and long-range missile tests.

The resort, completed at the order of leader Kim Jong Un in 2013, has been chosen to host joint training for North Korean and South Korean skiers ahead of the Games' Feb. 9 opening date in South Korea.

A team of South Korean officials inspected Masik last week.

The decision follows a surprise proposal by Kim in his annual New Year's address for the North to send a delegation to the Games.

Though some have called the move an attempt to deflect attention away from the North's nuclear program and drive a wedge between Washington and Seoul, South Korea has generally welcomed the idea, and the two countries have held high-level talks and exchanged advance teams to work out the details.

North Korea has a relatively thin history of alpine skiing, but Kim has used the resort to promote the sport.

The resort is a popular winter stop for foreign tourists. More often, though, it's used by schools or factories or other workplaces to reward workers who have shown extra effort on the job.

Despite international sanctions on luxury items, the resort is well equipped with skis and ski equipment from all over the world.

Bringing even a tiny slice of the Olympic extravaganza to the ski resort would be a coup for Kim.

His regime is placing a high priority on developing Masik — along with the nearby port city of Wonsan and the scenic Mount Kumgang — as a tourist attraction over the next year. The area has been designated as a focus for construction projects, including more hotels. In 2015, it got a new airport, though it has been used only for domestic flights since.

Success will not come easily.

The United States recently slapped a travel ban on North Korea following the death of tourist and college student Otto Warmbier, who died shortly after his release from North Korean custody and return to the U.S.

With China also tightening its sanctions on the North, significantly increasing the flow of tourists would likely involve opening the door to more South Koreans.

That would require better relations and less animosity than what has been the norm in recent years, when ties have been chilly at best.

Even so, for the time being at least, Pyongyang appears to be looking for an Olympic truce — and, maybe, a bit of the Pyeongchang spotlight.

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Firearm-owning pot fans face choice

Even if weed legal, federal law bars gun ownership

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The federal government says grass and guns don't mix, and that is putting gun owners who use marijuana — and the strongly pro-gun-rights administration of President Donald Trump — in a potentially uncomfortable position.

As gun-loving Pennsylvania becomes the latest state to operate a medical marijuana program, with the first dispensary on track to begin sales next month, authorities are warning patients that federal law bars marijuana users from having guns or ammunition.

"They're going to have to make a choice," said John Adams, president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. "They can have their guns or their marijuana, but not both."

That's the official line, but the reality of how the policy might be enforced in Pennsylvania and other states is muddier. That includes the question of whether people who own guns might have to surrender them, instead of just being prohibited from making new purchases.

The political sensitivity was underscored Jan. 12 when Pennsylvania regulators reversed themselves and announced a registry of medical-pot patients will not be available, as was planned, through the state's law enforcement computer network.

Phil Gruver, a professional auto detailer from Emmaus who received a state medical marijuana card in mid-December, is weighing what to do with his .22-caliber rifle and a handgun he keeps for home defense.

"It's a violation of my Second Amendment rights," Gruver said. "I don't



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Phil Gruver, of Emmaus, Pa., who got a state medical marijuana card last month, is weighing what to do with his guns.

know of any time anyone's been using marijuana and going out and committing acts of violence with a gun. Most of the time they just sit on their couch and eat pizza."

State laws allowing medical or, more recently, recreational use of pot have long been at odds with the federal prohibition on gun ownership by those using marijuana.

But the government has traditionally taken a hands-off approach. Since 2014, Congress has forbidden the Department of Justice from spending money to prosecute people who grow, sell and use medical pot.

The picture has become murkier under Trump, a Republican whose attorney general, Jeff Sessions, has long denounced the drug.

Sessions has rescinded a President Barack Obama-era policy that was deferential to states' permissive marijuana laws. Now, federal prosecutors in states

that allow drug sales must decide whether to crack down on the marijuana trade.

It's not clear what impact the new policy will have on gun owners who use cannabis as medicine, or even how many people fit the bill. Nor is it clear whether anyone who use legally obtained medical marijuana have been prosecuted for owning a gun, although the existence of medical marijuana registries in some states, including Pennsylvania, has some patients concerned.

More than 800,000 guns are sold or transferred in Pennsylvania annually, and more than 10,000 people in the state have signed up for medical marijuana. The registry change makes it much less likely the state's medical marijuana users will be flagged when going through a federal gun sales background check.

A spokeswoman for Dave Freed, the new U.S. attorney in Harrisburg, said only that

criminal investigations and prosecutions "will be based on a fair and transparent fact-intensive inquiry of individual cases." State police said it's up to prosecutors to decide when to bring a case.

The Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has left no doubt where it stands. Last year, the ATF spelled out the marijuana prohibition in boldface type on gun purchase forms.

"Any person who uses or is addicted to marijuana, regardless of whether his or her state has passed legislation authorizing marijuana use for medical purposes is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition," ATF spokeswoman Janice Kemp said in an email.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department referred questions about medical marijuana and guns enforcement to local federal prosecutors and a

recent memo from Sessions that does not specifically address the issue.

In Ohio, which has authorized a medical marijuana program, the office of the U.S. attorney for the northern part of the state, Justin Herdman, has said Sessions' guidance won't change his case-by-case approach.

The gun-ownership ban has withstood at least one legal challenge. An appeals court in San Francisco, rejecting a challenge on Second Amendment grounds, said in 2016 that Congress reasonably concluded marijuana and other drugs raise the risk of unpredictable behavior.

Some state and local officials, particularly in law enforcement, have sought to crack down.

William Bryson, chairman of the Delaware Police Chiefs' Council, told state lawmakers in December that people who use marijuana for medical or recreational purposes should be

required to have a designation on their driver's licenses. That would make it easier, he said, for police to enforce the ban.

Last month, a police chief in Hawaii publicized and then quickly rescinded a directive that medical marijuana patients had to give up their handguns. Two people turned in their weapons.

But marijuana activists predict a backlash should federal prosecutors begin going after gun owners who use legally obtained medical marijuana.

The issue has been largely theoretical, but there would be quick pushback if the federal government took a more aggressive stance, said Paul Armentano, deputy director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Between 1998 and 2014, nearly 100,000 prospective gun purchasers went home empty-handed because they were flagged as using illegal drugs, according to the ATF. But the agency could not say how many of those used medical or recreational marijuana.

Dean Hazen, an Illinois businessman who helps broker online gun purchases, said a 75-year-old client with a medical marijuana card was denied when his state firearm-owner identification card was run through the federal background check system.

"He's got a collection of guns at home," Hazen said, "and he's a model citizen."

Even before his administration took the medical marijuana registry off the Pennsylvania law-enforcement computer network, Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, sought to assure people the state has no plans to take their guns.

State House Republican Leader Dave Reed wants residents to call their congressional representative and "urge them to make gun ownership legal for medical marijuana card holders."



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Bishop Juan Barros is accused of covering up allegations of sex abuse by a priest in Chile.

Pope sends sex-crimes expert to Chile to investigate bishop

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — After coming under public criticism, Pope Francis decided Tuesday to send the Vatican's most respected sex crimes expert to Chile to investigate a bishop accused by victims of covering up for the country's most notorious pedophile priest.

The Vatican said Maltese Archbishop Charles Scicluna would travel to Chile "to listen to those who have expressed the desire to provide elements" about the case of Bishop Juan Barros.

The move marks the first known time the Vatican has launched a full-blown investigation into allegations of sex abuse cover-up, and it comes after Francis was harshly criticized by the media, survivors of abuse, his fellow Jesuits and some of his top advisers for his unwavering defense of Barros.

The Barros controversy dominated Francis' just-ended trip to Chile and Peru and exposed his blind spot about clerical abuse. Even the head of his abuse advisory panel, Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston,

publicly rebuked him for his dismissive treatment of victims and tried to set him straight.

Barros was a protege of the Rev. Fernando Karadima, a politically powerful priest who was sanctioned by the Vatican for sexually abusing minors in 2011. His victims testified to Chilean prosecutors that Barros and other priests in the El Bosque community saw Karadima kissing youngsters and were aware of his perversions, but did nothing.

After Karadima was sanctioned by a church court, Chile's bishops were so intent on trying to stem the fallout from the scandal that they persuaded the Vatican to have Barros and two other Karadima-trained bishops resign and take a yearlong sabbatical, according to a 2015 letter obtained by The Associated Press.

But Francis stepped in and put a stop to the plan, arguing there wasn't any proof against them. He overruled the Chilean bishops' objections and in January 2015 appointed Barros to head the diocese of Osorno.

The issue haunted Francis' recent trip, and im-

ploded after he told a Chilean journalist Jan. 18 that the accusations against Barros were slander and he demanded "proof" against Barros to believe them. After O'Malley rebuked him, Francis apologized for having demanded proof, but he stood by his belief that the accusations against Barros were "calumny."

"I am convinced he is innocent," Francis declared during an in-flight news conference while returning home from Peru on Jan. 21.

Francis seemed unaware that Karadima's victims had placed Barros at the scene and were the original source of the accusations against him.

Barros said Tuesday that he welcomed "with faith and joy" the pope's decision to have Scicluna investigate, according to a statement read by the spokesman of the Chilean bishops' conference. He has denied knowing of any abuse.

Karadima victim Juan Carlos Cruz told Francis that he couldn't offer the proof the pope demanded.

"As if I could have taken a selfie or a photo while Karadima abused me and others and Juan Barros stood by watching it all," Cruz tweeted Jan. 19.

House Republicans wary of immigration blueprint

Trump plan draws ire of both parties amid DACA talks

By ERICA WERNER
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Republicans voiced skepticism and opposition Tuesday to President Donald Trump's immigration plan, a warning sign of the tough path ahead for any deal regarding the nation's young immigrants.

The concerns came from a range of lawmakers, not just immigration hard-liners.

In a sign that the issue is roiling both parties, members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus — made up entirely of Democrats — complained to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., on Tuesday about his one-on-one talks with Trump over the price of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The caucus is concerned that prospects are fading for a deal to protect roughly 1.8 million so-called Dreamers before a March 5 deadline.

The White House framework released last week would offer a 10- to 12-year path to citizenship to young immigrants who have been in the country illegally since they were children, in exchange for \$25 billion for a U.S.-Mexico border wall and other changes.

"The president's suggestion is going to be difficult for a lot of us," said Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn. "I think all of us want the DACA problem solved. But it may be a bridge too far."

DACA refers to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program the Obama administration created to offer temporary work permits to the immigrants. Trump has set a March deadline to end the



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A congressional Hispanic group complained to Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., about President Trump's border wall.

program, when the bulk of work permits will begin to expire, exposing hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients to deportation.

Democrats were outraged about the White House proposal because it would limit legal immigration by family members of citizens and others — but opposition from the right threatens to leave the plan with scant support from any quarter. Lawmakers face a Feb. 8 deadline to avert another government shutdown and are trying to strike a deal before then.

Emerging from a closed-door GOP meeting where the issue was discussed, Roe said that he is open to allowing legal status for DACA recipients, but that he does not support granting them citizenship, which he argued would put them ahead of others trying to enter the United States legally.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-NC., head of the conservative Freedom Caucus, said that Trump's plan would take major adjustments and that afterward, "there might be some support."

Senate Democrats forced a three-day partial government shutdown earlier this month over the immigration issue. In its wake, lawmakers in both parties have been trying to reach a deal, but the obstacles are enormous, given

entrenched positions on both sides.

In the meeting with Latino lawmakers, Schumer explained how his Jan. 19 meeting with Trump came together so quickly, leaving him little time to consult with colleagues, according to attendees and aides familiar with the meeting.

Schumer, his deputy, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., met with members of the caucus. Schumer and Pelosi have vowed to keep the group abreast of talks.

The White House plan would limit legal immigration by eliminating a visa lottery program that awards 50,000 green cards annually to countries with low immigration rates to the U.S. And it would curb citizens' ability to sponsor relatives to come to the country, limiting such sponsorship to nuclear-family members.

A study by the libertarian Cato Institute found that the White House plan would reduce legal immigration rates by 44 percent this year.

Many House Republicans support a bill by Rep. Robert Goodlatte, Va., that would grant DACA recipients a three-year renewable legal status but no chance of citizenship.

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Officials seek packaging fix to halt diarrhea-drug abuse

WASHINGTON — U.S. health regulators Tuesday asked makers of popular anti-diarrhea drugs to sell their medications in smaller amounts to make them harder to abuse.

The request comes amid a spike in overdoses from large doses of the over-the-counter drugs, which contain a small amount of an opioid. The Food and Drug Administration wants manufacturers to package medications in smaller quantities,

such as eight tablets per package.

The key ingredient in anti-diarrhea medications like Imodium is part of the opioid family. At low doses, the medicine, known generically as loperamide, helps control diarrhea. But recent statistics show a rise in abuse, including massive doses that can cause death. Fifteen deaths were tied to the drug between 2010 and 2016, researchers reported in a study last year.

TSA confiscates nearly 4,000 guns at U.S. airports in 2017

More people have been packing heat in airports across the country with the TSA discovering a record-breaking number of firearms in passengers' carry-on bags for the 10th year in a row.

Airport security screeners uncovered 3,957 firearms in 2017, a 16 percent increase from 2016, according to the Transportation Security Administration's Year in Review Report. The majority of

those guns — 84 percent — were loaded.

The amount of firearms discovered at airport checkpoints has consistently climbed in the last decade, according to the report. Guns were discovered at 239 airports nationwide, with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport taking the top spot for most firearms seizures. A total of 245 guns were recovered, 222 of them loaded.

Warrants in Vegas massacre reveal an additional name

LAS VEGAS — Authorities were looking into an additional person of interest following the mass shooting in Las Vegas that killed 58 people and wounded hundreds, according to search warrants unsealed by a Nevada judge Tuesday.

While Stephen Paddock has been identified as the lone gunman in the Oct. 1 massacre, and authorities had been looking at his girlfriend, Marilou

Danley, as a person of interest, a new name emerged when the court mistakenly failed to redact a name from the warrants.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal was the only publication to receive the mistaken document that identified the "person of interest" who could not be reached by media.

It's the first public acknowledgment by law enforcement that a third person had been looked at.



BEN CURTIS/AP

Kenya's mock inauguration: In a ceremony Tuesday that Kenya's government warned would be treason, opposition leader Raila Odinga, with Bible aloft, was sworn in as "the people's president" during a mock inauguration protesting President Uhuru Kenyatta's new term. The government cut live TV transmission as a huge crowd gathered in Nairobi.

In reversal, Pentagon releases figures on Afghan insurgents

WASHINGTON — In an abrupt about-face, the U.S. military released data Tuesday showing insurgents in Afghanistan are growing stronger after a Pentagon auditing office complained it had been prohibited from releasing the unclassified statistics.

After 16 years of war, about 56 percent of Afghanistan's 407 districts are under control of the central government in Kabul. An additional 30 percent are contested and 14 percent are under insurgent control, the Pentagon data showed.

In addition, an estimated

60 percent of the Afghan population is under central government control, down from 65 percent last February.

The data were released after the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, a Pentagon auditing office known as SIGAR, complained in a report that the U.S. military command in Kabul had called the metrics "not releasable to the public," even though they are unclassified.

Navy Capt. Thomas Gresback, a spokesman for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, said it had been

a mistake to restrict the data, one of the last publicly available metrics for evaluating progress in America's longest war.

"It was not the intent to withhold or classify information which was available in prior reports," Gresback said in a statement. "A human error in labeling occurred."

Meanwhile, the Taliban are assailing President Donald Trump's rejection of peace talks, interpreting his assertion that "there's no talking to the Taliban" as a dictate to the Afghan government.

Russia's Syria talks end with plan for constitution

MOSCOW — A Russia-hosted Syrian peace conference ended Tuesday with a plan to draft a new constitution as part of efforts to end the nearly seven-year civil war, but key opposition and rebel groups boycotted the gathering and it remained unclear if they would join the process.

The conference, held in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, was also overshadowed by renewed fighting in northern Syria.

Opposition activists reported more airstrikes on the rebel-held Idlib province, and Turkish troops continued their offensive on the Afrin enclave, held

by a U.S.-allied Kurdish militia that also boycotted the Russian-sponsored talks. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov nevertheless hailed the Syrian Congress of National Dialogue as an important step toward peace in Syria and sought to play down the opposition boycott.

Amid publicity tour, porn star denies affair with Trump

NEW YORK — An adult film star who previously alleged an extramarital affair with Donald Trump now says in a statement the affair never happened.

A lawyer for porn actress Stormy Daniels confirmed his client's statement Tuesday. Daniels' real name is Stephanie Clifford.

Clifford has been on a publicity tour in recent weeks amid news of the alleged 2006 tryst with Trump.

Clifford has sought to tell her story before, in 2011 and again during the 2016 presidential campaign.

The Wall Street Journal reported earlier this month that Trump's personal lawyer brokered a \$130,000 payment to Clifford in October 2016 to keep her from publicly discussing it.

Trump's lawyer has denied any affair.

Gov. Sam Brownback defended his call Tuesday for Kansans to fast and pray on his last full day in office before leaving for a job in the Trump administration.

He confirmed he was indeed fasting Tuesday.

"People have differing opinions and that's fine," Brownback said.

A Louisiana man imprisoned for nearly four decades walked free Tuesday after his conviction in a 1979 rape was thrown out and prosecutors agreed to dismiss the charge. Malcolm Alexander, 58, sat quietly and smiled as friends and relatives applauded and cried after a state judge ordered his release.

London fundraiser was a groping affair

Reporter exposes sexual misconduct at charity bash

BY FRED BARBASH
The Washington Post

For 33 years, The President's Club Charitable Trust has organized a fundraising dinner at London's exclusive Dorchester Hotel to benefit "worthy children's causes."

The attendees Jan. 18, as in the past, were from Britain's business, finance, fashion, entertainment and political elite establishments, an "esteemed" group if ever there was one, as the club's website says — esteemed to the man because it was a "men only" event.

Men only, except for 130 "hostesses" hired to cater to the needs of 360 attendees.

Among the hostesses this year were two infiltrators, a female journalist from the Financial Times named Madison Marriage and a woman working with her.

They applied for hostess jobs and got them, then went undercover to report on the event. The result was a bombshell story in the FT that set off an uproar in the House of Commons and promptly caused one high-profile head to roll, namely that of David Meller, the chairman of the event.

He stepped down within hours as non-executive di-



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London's Dorchester Hotel was the scene of bad behavior exposed by an undercover reporter at a fundraising dinner.

rector of Britain's Department for Education.

Donors and recipients of donations, as well as politicians, also distanced themselves from the scandal.

The first giveaway of the seedy behavior that would unfold at the dinner came before the reporters got there, while they were being prepped as hostesses.

The job requirements included "tall, thin and pretty," the FT's Marriage reported.

While the dinner was black-tie only, for the hostesses it was "BLACK sexy shoes, black underwear" and "short tight black dresses," along with a "thick black belt resembling a corset."

The agency hiring them did not say anything about

groping. They were told that the men might be "annoying" the FT reported. "You just have to put up with the annoying men, and if you can do that it's fine," they were told.

The emcee at the event began by welcoming the men "to the most un-PC event of the year."

Marriage wrote, "With the dinner properly under way, the hostess brief was simple: keep this mix of British and foreign businessmen, the odd lord, politicians, oligarchs, property tycoons, film producers financiers and chief executives happy — and fetch drinks when required.

"A number of men stood with the hostesses while waiting for smoked salmon starters to arrive. Others

remained seated and yet insisted on holding the hands of their hostesses ... a prelude to pulling the women into their laps."

As burlesque dancers entertained on the stage, dressed in furry hats like those worn by the famous guards at Buckingham Palace, except for the "star shaped stickers" hiding their nipples, a 19-year-old hostess was asked by a "guest nearing his seventies" whether "she was a prostitute," which she was not, Marriage reported.

One hostess recounted to the FT a scene of "braying men" fondling her bottom, stomach and legs. Another guest "lunged at her to kiss her."

"According to the accounts of multiple women

working that night, groping and similar abuse was seen across many of the tables in the room," the FT reported.

Hostesses said men "repeatedly" put their hands up their skirts, with one exposing himself to her during the festivities.

Hostesses who seemed unenthusiastic were prodded by "an enforcement team" to interact with the guests.

"Outside the women's toilets," the FT said, "a monitoring system was in place: women who spent too long were called out and led back to the ballroom."

One unnamed "society figure" grabbed a hostess "by the waist, pulled her in against his stomach and declared: 'I want you to down that glass, rip off your

knickers and dance on that table."

Marriage, the reporter, told The Washington Post in a phone interview that she, too, was harassed but did not include that detail in her story because she wanted to focus on the young women abused.

"I was propositioned and groped and received some very lewd comments," she said.

She said that after the event, "I genuinely felt incredibly sad and upset by what I had seen, the fact that the upper echelons of our society are operating this way in 2018." Marriage said she managed to stay in "professional mode" for the rest of the workweek.

But then, on the Saturday after the event, "I went to see my parents, and I burst out crying."

The other hostesses, who were paid about \$211, were between the ages of 19 and 23, many of them students, some actresses, dancers and models looking for a little extra money because their work is unstable.

Marriage said that while many of the women were "disturbed and alarmed by what they experienced," others "enjoyed" working the event, especially if "they were doing it with a group of friends, which makes it a lot easier than doing it on your own."

Child experts urge Facebook to pull its Messenger Kids app



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Facebook says its Messenger Kids app has plenty of parental controls. Child experts say kids aren't ready for it.

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Associated Press

BOSTON — Child development experts and advocates are urging Facebook to pull the plug on its new messaging app aimed at kids.

A group letter sent Tuesday to CEO Mark Zuckerberg argues that younger children — the app is intended for those under 13 — aren't ready to have social media accounts, navigate the complexities of online relationships or protect

their own privacy.

Facebook launched the free Messenger Kids app in December, pitching it as a way for children to chat with family members and parent-approved friends. It doesn't give kids separate Facebook or Messenger accounts. Rather, the app works as an extension of a parent's account, and parents get controls such as the ability to decide who their kids can chat with.

The social media giant has said it fills "a need for a messaging app that lets kids

connect with people they love but also has the level of control parents want."

But a group of 100 experts, advocates and parenting organizations is contesting those claims. Led by the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, the group includes psychiatrists, pediatricians, educators and the children's music singer Raffi Cavoukian.

"Messenger Kids is not responding to a need — it is creating one," the letter states. "It appeals primarily

to children who otherwise would not have their own social media accounts." Another passage criticized Facebook for "targeting younger children with a new product."

In a statement, Facebook said Monday that the app "helps parents and children to chat in a safer way," and emphasized that parents are "always in control" of their kids' activity. The social media giant added that it consulted with parenting experts and families, and said it has "no advertising."

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EDITORIALS

The mercurial president spoke. Can he deliver results?

President Donald Trump isn't a traditional orator. While he's an animated communicator, rarely does this president seek to give inspirational speeches in the style of John Kennedy or Ronald Reagan. Trump is conversational at political rallies and tempestuous on Twitter. His 2017 inaugural address was bleak in its attack on the "ravages" of trade. Often he's nasty, or tone-deaf.

But on Tuesday evening, in Trump's first State of the Union address, the president stuck to the teleprompter to deliver a broad speech that evidenced his unmistakable cadence, yet colored within the traditional margins of presidential performance. He laid out an agenda for his Year 2, with an emphasis on economic growth, job creation and modernizing America's infrastructure: "There has never been a better time to start living the American

Dream. If you work hard, if you believe in yourself, if you believe in America, you can dream anything, you can be anything and together we can achieve absolutely anything."

While Trump's performance was noteworthy for basic restraint, the real significance wasn't in the delivery but the moment. Trump has been president for a year. He's heading toward a November midterm election that will bolster or weaken his party's standing in the House and Senate. There's a short window to pass any major legislation. That gave this speech its juice: Trump telegraphed some priorities.

Can he follow words with action?

His erratic Year 1 gives no assurance that he'll follow through on these priorities. Ex-

cept that he'll continue to use Twitter as his bully pulpit and blunt force often to his detriment: Some tweets contradict his own policy goals, and some public remarks are best forgotten because they're mainly hot air.

It's worth remembering Trump is still new to the Oval Office and political leadership. He thinks he's an expert but that's the brash real estate developer listening to his ego. Trump's burned a lot of time on the job misfiring on policies and attacking political foes.

Key White House aides were bad hires who needed to be replaced. The Russia investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller, which turns in part on Trump's firing of FBI Director James Comey, is a major distraction. The end results are unknowable.

In his address, Trump spoke of

signing a major tax reform package into law and cutting the regulatory burdens on business to spur growth and job gains. He's also made diplomatic efforts to contain North Korea that are urgent and pragmatic.

He talked tough on Iran but did not abrogate the nuclear deal. On immigration he's sent confused signals about whether he'd support a deal to allow the young immigrants known as the Dreamers to stay in the country. During his speech he reiterated interest in a four-pillar agreement: a path to citizenship for 1.8 million immigrants; border security, a wall included; an emphasis on merit in migration policy; and restrictions on admission for extended family members.

We disagree with some of those elements, but we do want the president and Congress to strike a deal. We don't know

whether Trump is up to the challenge.

That's the problem. Trump is mercurial and moody, and thus not a reliable political partner for Democrats, Republicans or foreign leaders. We don't see a Trump doctrine. We haven't yet seen a dealmaker, either, despite his reputation. He's too temperamental to pin down or be trusted.

Ideally, this first State of the Union address would help define the Trump presidency as it would bind the wounds of the previous election. But the country is too politically fractured, and Trump too divisive. On Tuesday the president made big promises — none more important than his bipartisanship mantra. But that's not enough. The country needs results. Trump's next few months will set the trajectory for the rest of his term.

The smart way to dispatch Chief Illiniwek

Controversies come and go — and some just never go away. Put the brouhaha over Chief Illiniwek in the latter category.

It's been 11 years since the University of Illinois' mascot danced his last dance. The school decided to end the Chief's tenure as symbol for Fighting Illini sports teams in 2007. That was supposed to end 20 years of wrangling over the caricature — with its feathered headdress, buckskin and war paint in orange and blue.

But more than a decade later, the university remains divided over the Chief. Some think the mascot is a symbol of strength and dignity, a tribute to Illinois' Native American heritage. Others see the Chief as an expression of cultural insensitivity and racism. And while the school long ago formally fired the Chief, students from time to time have donned the Chief's garb and appeared at Fighting Illini basketball games and special events.

A recent appearance by the Chief, courtesy of graduate student Ivan Dozier, stirred up the tempest once more. Dozier had been planning to make an unofficial "Chief" appearance at a Jan. 22 Illini basketball game at State Farm Center in Champaign, the Tribune reported this week. Jay Rosenstein, a professor who's been critical of the mascot, said he heard about the plan and, with his cellphone, took an image of Dozier in an arena bathroom. Rosenstein was arrested for allegedly making an unauthorized video recording, although the state's attorney didn't charge him.

The episode has renewed calls for the school to put to rest the Illiniwek saga by naming a new mascot.

Sorry, but simply picking a new mascot isn't going to solve the problem. College kids who fervently believe the Chief must live on aren't going to be swayed by the



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Student Omar Cruz portrays Chief Illiniwek at a University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign basketball game in 2016.

new mascot in town, be it Eagle, Tiger, Bear or Duck.

They might be willing, however, to hear out a reasoned, back-to-basics discussion about how and why a prancing, head-dressed mascot in war paint is offensive to many Native Americans. That's the tack that Chancellor Robert Jones wants to take, and we think it's the right move.

For some time now, the country has been moving — albeit slowly — away from stereotypical depictions of Native Ameri-

cans. In the 1990s, the Marquette Warriors became the Golden Eagles. New York's St. John's University Redmen are now the Red Storm, and Miami University (Ohio) switched from the Redskins to the Red-Hawks. This week, the Cleveland Indians announced that in 2019, the cartoonish Chief Wahoo logo will be gone from players' caps and uniforms.

This is the arc of mascot history that school officials should stress at upcoming discussions about Illiniwek, which are

slated for the spring. We hope the discourse leads to a campuswide understanding that continued appearances by the Chief are demeaning.

Not that education and conversation in 2018 will erase the Chief from the university community's awareness. But with more education, more conversation, in future years, the Chief eventually will fade away.

Then the U. of I. finally can move on from this long-standing distraction.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

(F)ew presidents can claim to have presided over the kind of economy the United States is enjoying now. And surely the primal screams from both the right and left that President Trump would ruin the economy now seem hysterical.

... If Mr. Trump had continued Mr. Obama's policies, one might not credit him for today's strong economy. But Mr. Trump has begun to systematically overturn Obama policies on taxes, regulations, energy, climate change, net neutrality, budget priorities and health care — as well as replacing Janet Yellen as chairwoman of the Federal Reserve. Trumponomics is Obamanomics in reverse. ...

If the economy had nose-dived in 2017, there's no doubt the media would have pounced on Trump policies as disgraceful failures. But with the economy red-hot, he gets little credit. That's a double standard.

Ultimately, the most important statistical indicator for Mr. Trump will be wages for middle-income workers. ... If those wages go up, Mr. Trump may not get credit from the news media or Democrats, but it's a good bet he will get re-elected.

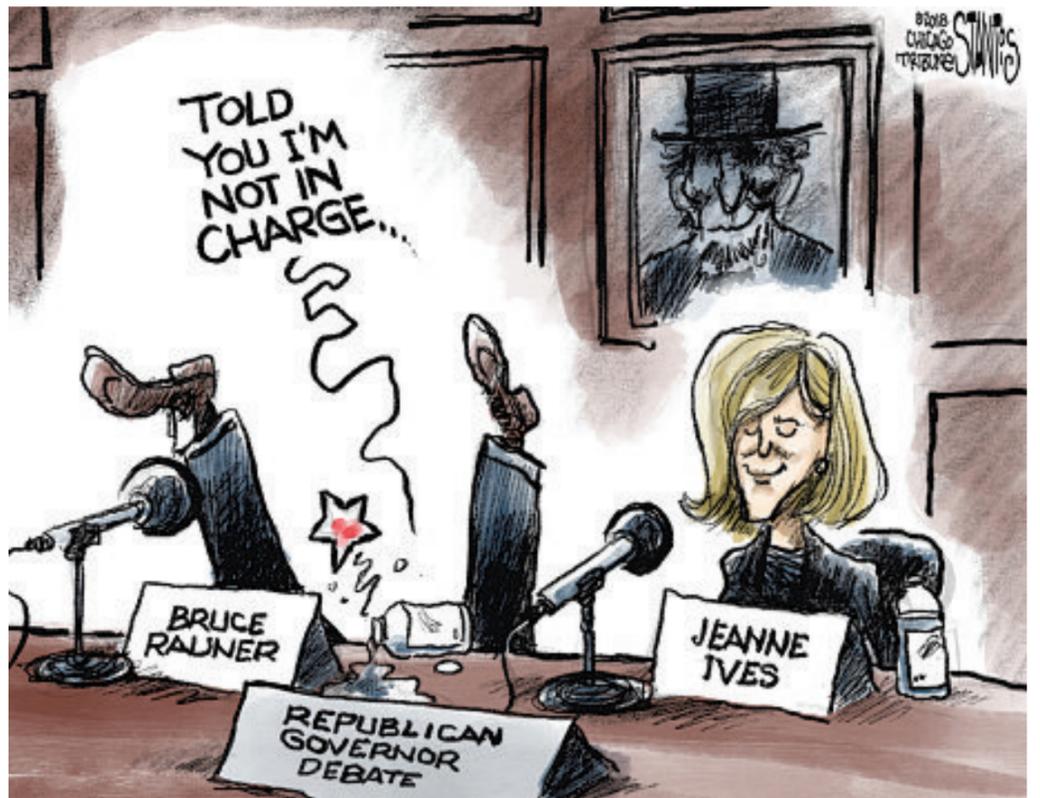
Stephen Moore, The New York Times

There was a time when Facebook made us feel good about using the service — I used to love it. It was fun to connect with old friends, share pictures of your vacation with everyone, or show off a video of your nephew being extra-special cute.

But, over time, Facebook has had to make Wall Street happy, and the only way to feed that beast is to accumulate more, more, more: more clicks, more time spent on the site, more likes, more people, more connections, more hyper-personalized ads. All of which adds up to more money. But as one recent mea culpa by an early internet guru aptly noted, "What if we were never meant to be a global species?"

Nick Bilton, Vanity Fair

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PERSPECTIVE



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Gov. Bruce Rauner leaves Monday after talking with the Tribune Editorial Board. Illinois' job growth has fallen in the first three years of Rauner's term to 2.29 percent.

By Rauner's own standards, he's a miserable failure on jobs



ERIC ZORN

During a televised debate in October 2014, then-candidate Bruce Rauner said that his opponent, incumbent Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn, was “a miserable failure on jobs. Illinois is one of the lowest job-creating states in America. He's a failure, I'll get results.”

Ah, but he did not get results.

Rauner won the election, but while in office, he made demands that were ignored, he picked fights with the Democrats who control the General Assembly and he presided over a costly, extended budget stalemate that worsened the state's finances.

Job growth in Illinois, which in the last three years of the Quinn administration was 3.57 percent — compared with a 5.31 percent national job growth rate over the same time — has fallen in the first three years of the Rauner administration to 2.29 percent, about half the 4.82 percent national job growth rate.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data show job growth in Illinois under Rauner has been lower than job growth in the neighboring states of Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Illinois Working Together, a pro-

labor coalition partial to Democrats, points out that if employment growth under Rauner had just continued at Quinn's rate, we'd have 75,000 more jobs now in Illinois. And if we'd simply continued creating jobs at two-thirds the national rate, we'd have nearly 56,000 more jobs than we do now.

Hence my question for Gov. Rauner during his appearance Monday with GOP primary challenger Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton in front of the Tribune Editorial Board:

Are you an even more miserable failure on jobs than Pat Quinn?

The answer is clearly yes. Rauner has failed to deliver, underperformed his predecessor and thus exposed the emptiness and hypocrisy of his attacks on Quinn as well as his own fecklessness.

But here's Rauner's actual answer:

“I'm a more passionate advocate (for jobs),” he said. “All the states around us have now changed their regulations to be much more pro-business and pro-growth. They are stealin' our jobs. We are losin' our jobs to Wisconsin and Indiana and Iowa and Kentucky. We are bleedin' out our jobs.”

To interrupt: One Midwestern state Rauner fails to include in this list is Minnesota, a blue state where workers don't have the right to freeload on union benefits that Rauner hopes will be granted here. Job growth there has been 90 percent higher in the last three years than it's been in Illinois,

and higher percentage-wise than in all our neighboring states.

Just sayin'.

Back to Rauner's answer: “I'm tryin' to get us to change,” he said. “(Democratic House Speaker Michael) Madigan so far has blocked the changes. But we ... are going to probably win in the courts. I will be able to bring about the same changes in Illinois that the other states around us have made through the court system, because I'm not patient, I'm not gonna wait for Speaker Madigan to do it with me. We're going to get it done unilaterally.”

To interrupt again: Rauner is counting on the U.S. Supreme Court to issue anti-union rulings expanding the right to freeload (some call it the “right to work”), but if those rulings go as he hopes, unions will wither no matter who the governor is, and states will accelerate the race to the bottom for wages and regulations.

Back to the conclusion of Rauner's answer to the editorial board: “This is an exciting time in Illinois. I've worked hard. We've grown about 120,000 net new jobs. It's been hard work. Because Speaker Madigan's legislators have blocked a lot of the reforms, but we're gettin' it done and you watch us boom when we get the rest of the changes made that we're gonna win in the court system. Even if Madigan is still in power, which I hope he is not after November, we will get changes through the courts that will allow us to compete, and the

companies will come from Indiana. They'll come from Wisconsin and Texas and Tennessee. We will be a rapid growth state. That will happen.”

Actually, BLS says the Rauner years have seen 135,000 new jobs — more, in raw numbers, than any of the surrounding states and Minnesota, but still 61 percent lower than during the last three years under “miserable failure” Pat Quinn.

Rauner refuses to own that, and instead he doubles down on making promises. He owns nothing but his grievances and his obsession with Speaker Madigan, a compulsive affliction that became almost comical during the forum when he explained that the reason he was refusing to appear again in public with challenger Ives was that it would take focus from his bellyaching about Madigan.

And it's true what you may have read elsewhere: Ives got the best of Rauner in every area — eloquence, knowledge of policy and pointed jabs — and showed herself to be far from a fringe candidate.

I'll never vote for her — her social conservatism is a deal-breaker for me — but plenty of Republicans will, particularly those who take the time to watch the video of Monday's forum at chicagotribune.com/gopgov.

Bruce Rauner, a miserable failure on his own terms, is in for the fight of his political life.

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Beware the paranoid style of Trump's politics



CLARENCE PAGE

My fellow Americans, the state of our union is ... (drumroll, please) paranoid.

The complex of mysteries known as “the Russia investigation” has become tangled up in conspiracy theories voiced by President Donald Trump's Republican allies and his friends in the tabloid sensationalist wing of the right-wing media.

The aim is not to find evidence or rational arguments to defend against possible charges of collusion with Russia or obstruction of justice. Rather, it is to muddy the waters with speculation and “alternative facts,” to borrow Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway's famous phrase, that can embolden the administration's defenders and trivialize the charges and make the pursuit look like a partisan witch hunt.

We've seen this sort of defense

before in President Richard Nixon's Watergate scandal and President Bill Clinton's Monica Lewinsky affair. You brand your pursuers as cynical partisans. You demonize investigative reporters as “fake news” or liars. (Nixon: “I am not a crook.” Clinton: “I did not have sexual relations with that woman.”) Counterattack the character, fairness and possible political alliances of investigators and hostile witnesses. Come up with counter narratives that distract and stall for time.

Finally, recognizing that the Constitution sets up impeachment to be a political process, not a judicial matter, build arguments that your party can use in Congress to avoid impeachment by the House or eventual conviction by the Senate.

Trump's biggest advantage over Nixon's or Clinton's examples is his party's role of both houses of Congress — for now anyway. That's why so much of his current defense, as argued by his allies in Congress, is aimed at whipping up public opinion to support Trump's allies in Congress.

As a result, Trump has labored like strongman autocrats the world around to trash the institutions that are designed to provide checks on a president's ability to abuse his or, someday, her powers. He's attacked the FBI, the CIA, the electoral system, the media (“fake news”), federal judges and the government bureaucracy (“deep state”).

The paranoid style of politics, as historian Richard Hofstadter famously titled it in the early 1960s heyday of the John Birch Society and the Barry Goldwater campaign, flourishes in today's industry of paranoid conspiracy theorists on the internet and other media. But never before has it been brought into the Oval Office by a president who, judging by various credible reports, would rather watch hours of Fox News than listen to his own intelligence briefings.

Even more stunning is the broad support that Trump has received from other Republicans for his conspiracy theories, as well as the new-age partisan media that Clinton and Nixon did not have.

Referring to the hyping by Republicans of a text message between two FBI employees that referenced a “secret society,” Fox News Sunday host Chris Wallace asked his guest, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., if “Republicans hurt their credibility on real issues of bias when they make such a big deal about secret societies and palace coups?”

Yet, as the liberal Media Matters website reports, Fox aired the phrase “secret society” more than 100 times in the two days after the text message between FBI agent Peter Strzok and FBI lawyer Lisa Page (no relation to this columnist) was revealed on Jan. 22 by Rep. John Ratcliffe, R-Texas, on Fox News.

After the message was reported likely to be a joke (gee, do ya think?), almost all references to the phrase “secret society” suddenly disappeared from the news network.

A recent RAND Corp. study concludes that, although “fake news” has been a widespread complaint since the late 1800s, a new problem of “truth decay” blurs the line between facts and

opinions in the public mind, undermines the credibility of formerly respected institutions and threatens our state of civil discourse.

The good news: More of us Americans appear to be engaged with the political process than at any time since the Vietnam War. The heightened awareness and engagement on the left that led to Barack Obama's election, followed by a similar uprising on the right that Trump rallied, have led to record number of candidates in this year's midterm elections and, according to political and media experts, a renewed sense of civic responsibility.

In other words, the best antidote to paranoid politics is us, the voting public. In our schools and elsewhere, we need to recommit ourselves as a nation to facts, not just our fears.

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PERSPECTIVE

The art of the public apology

What does it mean when public figures say 'sorry'?

BY ASHRAF RUSHDY

Just prior to his sentencing, former USA Gymnastics physician Larry Nassar formally apologized to the more than 160 women whom he'd sexually abused. He joins a growing list. Over the past few months, many public personalities accused of sexual assault have apologized in public.

Many of us at this point are wondering what these apologies mean. Indeed, like others before him, Nassar said that an adequate apology was impossible. He stated, "There are no words that can describe the depth and breadth of how sorry I am for what has occurred. An acceptable apology to all of you is impossible to write and convey."

What, then, is it that he and other public figures are doing when they say "sorry" publicly?

What is a public apology?

Televised public celebrity apologies, watched by millions, are a relatively recent phenomenon.

In his 1952 "Checkers speech," televised live to an American public, Richard Nixon, then Republican candidate for vice president of the United States, defended himself against charges of financial impropriety. Nixon did not explicitly apologize, but as journalist Caryn James noted, the speech began by "sounding apologetic."

In 1998, in a televised address to the American public, Bill Clinton apologized for his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Clinton expressed regret but denied responsibility. The apology failed. In a CNN poll taken immediately after, 60 percent of those polled said that Clinton should have explicitly used the words "I'm sorry."

Less than a month later, at the White House prayer breakfast, Clinton revised the apology. This time Clinton used the language Americans wanted — "I am sorry" — and the biblical terms with which they were familiar — "I have sinned."

Scholar of public apologies Edwin Battistella noted in his book "Sorry About That" that this was a successful apology. Indeed, this time more people believed they were witnessing



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Vice presidential nominee Richard Nixon responds to financial-impropriety allegations in a televised talk known as his "Checkers speech."

sincerity.

And that is the point of a public apology. It can provide public personalities an opportunity to regain public approval.

I would argue that these celebrity apologies are not much different from those offered over criminal violations in court. They are all driven by an ulterior motive.

Take, for example, the case of corporations. As philosopher Nick Smith discusses in his book "Justice Through Apologies," they do so to limit their legal liability. Similarly, philosopher Jeffrie Murphy explains what it means for someone to apologize to the court when a reduction in their sentences is at stake. Nassar's apology, offered just prior to his sentencing, was a combination of celebrity and court apology.

Apologies, in other words, try to control the damage.

In today's consumerist soci-

ety, the public is God. And so the celebrities apologize to us — the public — in a way that people earlier used to appeal to their God. In 1697, for instance, Judge Samuel Sewall went to South Church in Boston to apologize for his role in the Salem witch trials, in which 20 innocent people were executed in a fit of mass hysteria. He asked his fellow congregants for their "pardon," but his appeal was primarily that "God, who has an unlimited authority, would pardon" that sin, and all his other ones.

The public apology today is an act of publicity. Many of the public personalities are appealing to their audience not to boycott their product, which is the celebrity.

Private vs. public

Private apologies are different.

More often than not, we can

assess when someone is sincere by witnessing what she or he does after apologizing. We can see if those who apologize to us have indeed reformed their behavior. We are not in a position to see that in the case of celebrity apologies.

A private apology is generally not a performance. Our friends and lovers apologize to us in private to an audience of one, or a few. And they are generally not professional performers. Celebrities and other public personalities are apologizing to an audience of millions.

Nonetheless, apologies matter in public life, just as they do in private. The important thing about all forms of apologies is that they reveal and alert us to the limits of what is acceptable.

In our personal lives, a person who repeatedly apologizes for the same act or for

acts of the same type is revealing the deeper problem behind that behavior (anger, for instance, or disrespect). The victim forgives, if she does, on the understanding that the behavior is unacceptable.

This recent wave of public apologies reveals the outrage against crimes against women and that support from powerful institutions for that behavior is no longer acceptable.

Finally, apologies alert us to their own limits. In our private lives, we recognize that the words "I am sorry" are meaningless without a change in behavior.

The Conversation

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U.S. News wrong about what constitutes 'best diet'

BY GARY TAUBES AND NINA TEICHOLZ

Dieter beware: U.S. News & World Report, in its high-profile January cover story on "best diets," calls the DASH and Mediterranean diets tops for health, though these regimens represent the failed nutritional status quo of the last 50 years.

DASH is listed first in the U.S. News rankings, but authoritative reviews have found that it's been tested on about only 2,000 subjects (mostly middle-aged hypertensives) in studies lasting no longer than six months. Its effects can hardly be generalized to all Americans.

In those limited studies, the diet, which promotes fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy, did lower some cardiovascular risk factors, such as blood pressure. But it usually worsened others, such as HDL cholesterol (the good kind) and triglycerides. And the one and only time it was tested against a higher-fat version of itself, the higher-fat version performed better.

DASH — the acronym stands for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension — has been promoted by our government for more than 20 years, but the evidence still falls far short of demonstrating a significant impact on the major nutrition-related diseases of our time, especially obesity and diabetes. These twin disorders constitute a global public health epidemic of crisis proportions, a "slow-motion disaster," in the words of the director-general of the World



DREAMSTIME

The DASH diet — rich in fruits, vegetables, grains and low-fat dairy — has demonstrated little value in reducing obesity and diabetes.

Health Organization. The U.S. News "best of" rankings pay lip service to these diseases and end up extolling a diet with virtually no demonstrated ability to treat or prevent them.

The Mediterranean diet, listed second for overall healthiness by U.S. News (but formally ranked as tied with DASH), fares little better on the evidence. Highly popular since its formal introduction in 1993 by the Harvard School of Public Health and selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2015 as one of its three recommended "dietary patterns," the diet has principally been studied in one 2013 trial, on about 7,500 subjects in Spain. After five years, those on the diet had reduced their risk of cardiovascular events by an underwhelming 2 percent, in absolute terms. Moreover, the diet had no impact on overall mortality or weight loss. And the

trial itself was flawed; it didn't have an adequate, comparative control group.

It's clear that U.S. News, which employed an expert panel to rate 40 diets on various criteria, merely recapitulated questionable dietary advice that has gone by a succession of names since the 1970s — "low-fat," "DASH," "USDA-style," "plant-based." The basic set of recommendations has remained the same, emphasizing plant foods (grains, cereals, fruits and vegetables) over animal products (eggs, regular dairy, meat), and vegetable oils over natural animal fats such as butter.

According to government data, Americans have largely followed these recommendations over the past 50 years, notably increasing their consumption of grains, vegetables and fruits and eating less whole milk, butter, meat and eggs. The outcome? In that time,

rates of obesity and Type 2 diabetes have skyrocketed. Something has gone terribly wrong.

Why would 25 doctors, dietitians and nutritionists on the U.S. News panel choose a dietary philosophy that has — so far, at least — failed us? They might be entrenched in their opinions, supported by the industries that benefit from these diets or motivated by non-nutrition agendas such as animal-rights activism, or they might simply have fallen into the easy convenience of group-think.

The loss to would-be healthy eaters is profound. For instance, diets lower in carbohydrates and higher in fat — called, variously, "Atkins," "paleo," "ketogenic" or "South Beach," and based on the simple idea that carbohydrates are uniquely fattening — were all stifled in the U.S. News rankings. Indeed, the ketogenic diet, which acutely restricts carbohydrates in favor of fat, came in dead last.

That's too bad: Early results of a current trial reported that Type 2 diabetes symptoms can be reversed in just 10 weeks on such a diet. Subjects suffering from diabetes were educated about carbohydrates and coached over the study period. They effectively cured themselves of their disease, something that mainstream medicine does not even believe possible.

These are preliminary results, but many other studies on low-carb diets contain positive results that are similarly encouraging for people with nutrition-related diseases. Low-carbohydrate diets have now been tested in at least

70 clinical trials on nearly 7,000 people, including a wide variety of sick and well populations, mainly in the U.S. Thirty-two of these studies have lasted at least six months, and six trials went on for two years, enough time to demonstrate the lack of any negative side effects. In virtually every case, the lower-carb, higher-fat diets did as well or better than competing regimens. The cumulative evidence shows that low-carb diets are safe and effective for combating obesity and are highly promising for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes, and they improve most cardiovascular risk factors.

In the midst of a worldwide obesity and diabetes crisis, we don't need more input from experts who aren't paying attention to the latest science or who can't break free from 50 years of conventional thinking about healthy eating. Promoting the same dietary advice over and over again while expecting different results is indeed a kind of insanity and, worse, is doing nothing to combat rising disease and death rates. Consumers need solid information about how to eat for good health. The U.S. News "best diets" issue doesn't measure up.

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PERSPECTIVE

Brain damage, the Super Bowl and conflict

BY JOE NOCERA

NBC is televising the Super Bowl this year, and to the surprise of many, its best known sports-caster won't be there. I am speaking of Bob Costas, who usually has a prominent role in the network's high-profile sports events.

Costas, who is 65, has begun to wind down his duties, recently ceding the Olympics to other colleagues. But skipping the Super Bowl was not part of his long goodbye.

"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," he told Sports Business Daily. In the unlikely event that readers didn't understand the source of his ambivalence, he spelled it out:

"I have addressed the issue of football and its undeniable connection to brain trauma many times. Why? Because the evidence is overwhelming and the effects are often devastating. It's the elephant in the stadium at every game whether others choose to acknowledge it or not. And it's not going away."

A concerned fan base

Indeed it's not. The degenerative brain disorder chronic traumatic encephalopathy is now top of mind for everyone who has an interest in football, from TV executives to parents to fans and players. TV ratings for National

Football League games were down 97 percent this year after an 8 percent drop last year, and I'm convinced that a big part of the reason is that millions of fans are turning away from the game for the same reason as Costas.

Diagnosing CTE

Meanwhile, scientists are racing to find a way to diagnose the disease, which causes severe mood swings, uncontrollable anger, loss of memory and sometimes suicide. (Currently, it can be detected only after someone has died and his brain sliced open.) Lawsuits continued to be filed against the NCAA, universities and even some high schools by former football players who say they were never informed about the game's effect on the brain.

And then there are the parents, many of whom simply won't allow their kids to play. According to Tom Farrey, executive director of the Aspen Institute's Sports and Society Program, the number of kids between ages 13 and 17 playing football has dropped from 2.6 million in 2008 to 1.9 million in 2016.

Farrey dropped this statistic during a recent conference the Aspen Institute held in Washington. A former ESPN journalist, Farrey has been focusing on problems in youth sports. In the case of football, the biggest problem for kids is the possibility of brain disease later on. Research shows that professional players who

played tackle football prior to high school have a higher incidence of CTE than those who didn't.

This makes perfect sense. For all the attention paid to concussions, they are not the primary cause of CTE among football players. Instead, it is "subconcussive trauma," the constant helmet butting that is so much a part of the game, especially among linemen and linebackers. The longer a player engages in head-to-head combat, the more likely he is to wind up with CTE.

According to Robert Cantu, co-founder of the CTE Center at the Boston University School of Medicine, kids who play tackle football before age 12 risk more immediate consequences as well. Those are the years when the brain is maturing, when things like IQ and emotional makeup are forming.

"If you play tackle football before 12 years old, you have a higher chance of mood problems and of brain atrophy," Cantu said.

Adults only

The core question Farrey's forum explored was the effect on the adult game if children were kept away from tackle football until they entered high school.

The one high school coach on the panel, Tom Green of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Md., said he feared teenagers playing contact football for the first time would not know how to

tackle safely.

That objection didn't move the other panelists. Cantu reeled off a long list of NFL stalwarts who had never played youth football. Buddy Teevens, the head football coach at Dartmouth College, said he no longer allows tackling during practice to minimize potential brain injuries. "The skill of tackling can be taught on inanimate objects," he said.

Farrey is promoting the idea that flag football, in which a play ends when a defensive player pulls a small flag from the belt of the player with the ball, should be the sport football-minded kids play before high school. There was a general consensus that flag football could indeed help reduce brain problems later in life. Yet as a solution to the problem of adult football players winding up with CTE, you'd have to say it is pretty marginal.

And that's what struck me most about the Aspen Institute forum. Almost none of the people who spoke dared to call for the most radical, yet most obvious solution to the CTE problem: putting an end to tackle football. Instead, they were trying to save the game.

There were two exceptions: Domonique Foxworth and Chris Borland, the only two men in the room who had played professional football. They were hardliners. Foxworth, a former NFL cornerback who now writes for the website The Undeclared, was adamant that his son would never

play football at any level.

Borland, an ex-linebacker who famously quit the San Francisco 49ers after his rookie season out of fear of what football might do to his brain, said he had no patience for those who worried about the consequences of flag football to the pipeline to colleges and the NFL.

"Our goal is to get kids through their youth with no cognitive deficits. Who cares what it does to the pipeline? This is a public health issue," he said.

Protecting children

Flag football is a fine idea. It would help kids who never play football past high school. But it's no silver bullet.

Even if every youth league in the country stopped tackling, it would not end the curse of CTE among football players. Ultimately, if the NFL and the NCAA can't find a solution, the game is likely to go the way of boxing, replaced by the sport parents are putting their kids into instead of football, soccer.

Me? I'm going to watch Sunday's Super Bowl, as I always do. And then I'm going to look over at my 7-year-old son, and think: Never.

Bloomberg

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Being done with Hillary, finally!

BY ALYSSA ROSENBERG

It's been the longest relationship of my life as a voter, and as a writer on culture and politics. But after last week, and the revelation that she failed to take her campaign manager's advice and fire an aide accused of sexual harassment in 2008, Hillary Clinton and I are done. And to be honest, it's probably overdue.

Rooting for Clinton has never been purely about her, of course. Breaking that "highest, hardest glass ceiling" would have been a rebuke to the idea that taking time to support her husband's career is necessarily the end of a woman's dreams and ambitions. Seeing Clinton, the leading hate figure of the



Strider

past three decades of conservative politics, earn a respected role in public life often felt like evidence that women don't need to let themselves be defined by their most venomous public detractors. And when I defended Clinton from the charges that she should have done something more to prevent her husband's transgressions, I did so out of a belief that women have the right to complicated reactions in private as long as they behave with integrity in public.

I am absolutely convinced that wives shouldn't be assigned to govern their husbands' behavior. That's a kind of buck-passing that excuses their spouses from having functional consciences and limited self-control. And marriage is a special kind of relationship, one where we make unusual commitments to love and support the other person that we might not extend to others. That devotion inevitably interferes with objectivity. If Hillary Clinton, or any other wom-



DARRYL DYCK/AP 2017

Hillary Clinton reportedly ignored recommendations from staff to fire Burns Strider from her 2008 campaign over allegations of sexual harassment leveled against him.

an, is privately angry at or blinkered about another woman who comes forward to say that she had an affair with Bill Clinton, or that Bill Clinton sexually harassed her, I'm willing to allow Hillary that private fallibility and cruelty, that momentary lack of solidarity. We should all hope we find such forgiveness in moments when we're faced with astonishing personal pain and respond in ways that demonstrate the limits of our strength.

But if I'm being honest with myself, I also trusted that Clinton's marriage was a separate zone for her. I believed that when confronted with allegations of sexual misconduct in her capacity as a senator, secretary of state or candidate for president that she would handle those accusations decisively and in a way that made clear that she was on the side of other women. After all, she spoke eloquently about guaranteeing women equal access to the workplace and keeping us free from violence in her landmark speech in Beijing in 1995, and

connected the subjugation of women and the instability of nations during her tenure as secretary of state. I've long followed the career of one sexual assault survivor who went to work on Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, and I took her presence there as a vote of confidence that this was a workplace where she felt comfortable.

Maggie Haberman and Amy Chozick's reporting for The New York Times about how Clinton handled sexual harassment allegations against Burns Strider, her faith adviser, during her 2008 presidential campaign makes it impossible for me to maintain that trust.

To be clear: Clinton is not responsible for Strider's conduct. He alone is the person who is alleged to have rubbed his office-mate's shoulders, kissed her forehead and "sent her a string of suggestive emails." Clinton is also not responsible for the subsequent alleged sexual misconduct that got Strider fired from an outside group supporting Clinton's 2016 campaign.

But Clinton is responsible for ignoring recommendations from Jess O'Connell, her campaign's national director of operations and the person tapped to investigate the 2008 allegations against Strider, that Strider be fired from the campaign. She made the choice to ignore the advice of her campaign manager, Patti Solis Doyle, who took that recommendation to Clinton. Clinton is the person who made the call to withhold some of Strider's pay and to assign him to go to counseling sessions he never attended. And it's entirely reasonable to ask whether, in taking these actions rather than terminating him from the campaign, Clinton made it easier for Strider to find another job where he was accused of sexually harassing another young woman.

I respect Clinton's personal religious faith and the depth of her belief in forgiveness. What I can't accept is the idea that forgiving Strider means minimizing the consequences he faced for his behavior, especially when doing so put him in a position to offend again. Other women bore the cost when Clinton tried to focus on redeeming a man who worked for her rather than protecting the woman who did.

It's true that during her decades in public life, Clinton has been unfairly saddled with the weight of a lot of terrible decision-making by men. But it does not balance the scales to say that Clinton shouldn't be held accountable for the choices she made and the advice she shrugged off as the chief executive of her own presidential campaign. Trying to protect her even from the consequences of her own actions is condensation, not fairness.

The Washington Post

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

So-called sanctions

In one of the few bipartisan efforts last year, the U.S. House passed a bill, by a vote of 419-3, that requires the president to impose new sanctions against Russia for its meddling in the 2016 elections. The Senate passed the same bill 98-2. President Donald Trump signed it into law.

Monday was the deadline for sanctions to be put in place. The State Department issued a statement saying additional sanctions were unnecessary, since the mere threat of sanctions had been enough to get Russia to back off. In a direct contradiction, CIA Director Mike Pompeo said Russia is determined to interfere in the 2018 midterm elections and that Russian interference remains mostly un-

changed from 2016 levels.

Will Congress do anything with this apparent disregard for a law so overwhelmingly passed last summer? I doubt it — congressional Republicans are too busy trying to implicate the FBI in some kind of plot to make Trump look soft on Russia.

Meanwhile, a tanker full of Russian natural gas from a sanctioned gas producer just arrived in Boston Harbor.

Sanctions? What sanctions?
— John Houck, Lake in the Hills

Political pawns

So-called Dreamers are being used as pawns in a political game. President Donald Trump and his Republican allies are the most obvious manipulators of these young people, but the

Democrats don't have their hands clean either. Approximately 800,000 persons who were brought here illegally as children are facing an uncertain future because American politicians insist on using them in a cynical power struggle. I am convinced that very few of the legislators in Washington actually care about these immigrants. I'm sure that Trump doesn't care. These kids just represent another issue that can be used to fire up a base.

I know some Dreamers. I know them as friends. I know them as coworkers. I know them as human beings who have the same fears and hopes that I do. These youths want to build a life in America, the only country that most of them have ever known. They deserve to be treated with decency. They deserve to be treated with respect. They are just like me. They are just like you.

Right now, these Dreamers, through no fault of their own, are living in constant fear. I

wouldn't want to live in fear. Would you?

— Francis Pauc, Oak Creek, Wis.

Flying Fido

I'm glad that, as far as the airlines go at least, Delta Air Lines is showing signs of applying some common sense by limiting animals on planes. If someone absolutely must take Fido with them when they fly, then let them put it in the cargo hold where it belongs. Space is limited enough in the cabin. And what about the people who are allergic to or afraid of animals? Or just don't want to smell them? Why should they be put through that? The answer is, they shouldn't.

It is one thing for a person with a physical handicap to require a service animal. Those animals are properly trained for a specific purpose. But this whole "comfort animal" business has gotten completely out of hand. All you have to do is go online, and in hardly any time at all, you can have your bogus confirmation letter. It's

become something of a status symbol for the selfish.

I do feel sorry for someone who has a true mental issue that requires a comfort animal. I have no doubt that there are cases where a person with a condition such as post-traumatic stress disorder or depression may benefit. And legitimate animals that fall into that category still require special training. To those people, I wish you the best and sincerely hope that your situation improves. But even then, if you're afraid to fly without your animal right there beside you, then don't fly.

However, from my own personal observations, either a quickly growing number of people are suddenly and inexplicably becoming mentally unstable, or there are just a bunch of self-centered jerks who think it's OK to bring their flea bags with them wherever they go. I'm glad this pretense is finally being exposed and I hope all the other airlines quickly follow suit.

— Bryan Bradley, Buffalo Grove

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3 titans join forces to tackle health costs

Stock prices in top health companies fall in wake of news

By Carolyn Y. Johnson
The Washington Post

Three giant and influential employers — Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JP Morgan Chase — announced Tuesday that they were partnering to create an independent company aimed at reining in health care costs for their U.S. employees.

There were almost no details available about what the innovators in finance and technology would do to simplify U.S. health care. But there's no doubt the companies, which collectively employ more than 1 million workers worldwide, have an interest in ratcheting down their spending on health care.

Major health company stock prices tumbled on the news. The sector finished



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Amazon's Jeff Bezos, left, Warren Buffett, of Berkshire Hathaway, and JP Morgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon sent a shudder through the health industry with their venture Tuesday.

with a loss of 2.1 percent.

The Dow had its biggest decline since May, losing 362.59 points, or 1.4 percent, to 26,076.89. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 31.10 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,822.43. The Nasdaq slumped 64.02 points, or 0.9 percent, to 7,402.48.

Express Scripts slid \$2.61, or 3.2 percent, to \$79.31. Cigna tumbled \$16.01, or 7.2

percent, to \$207.89. United-Health Group lost \$10.76, or 4.3 percent, to \$236.65. Anthem fell \$13.58, or 5.3 percent, to \$243.44.

HCA bucked the trend after the hospital chain posted better fourth-quarter results than analysts had expected. The stock gained \$3.83, or 3.9 percent, to \$101.45.

The news gave Amazon

shares a lift. The stock added \$20.14, or 1.4 percent, to \$1,437.82.

The venture was announced by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos; Warren Buffett, the investment wizard of Berkshire Hathaway; and JP Morgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon.

The announcement from the three companies stirred excitement — and questions

— about how they could bring their clout to containing costs in the massive employer-sponsored health insurance market, which provides coverage to about 160 million Americans.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation's survey of employer health benefits, health insurance premiums have been rising faster than wages. Between 2012 and 2017, workers' earnings grew by 12 percent, while premiums went up by 19 percent.

"To have three of the most respected CEOs in the world step up and say that their companies are going to work together to focus on the real issues, of how do you make the U.S. health care system sustainable and a better delivery of service than what we have today ... it's very positive," said John Sculley, chief marketing officer of RxAdvance, a health tech company.

A person at one of the companies who is familiar with the matter said the

joint venture is not expected to be a new health insurance company or a hospital or a pharmaceutical company, but a company that can bring technology tools to bear on making health care more transparent, affordable and simple.

The person warned that could change.

This isn't the first time big employers have tried to tackle health care costs.

Two years ago, 20 major companies, including Verizon, American Express, IBM and Shell Oil, joined in a Health Transformation Alliance to improve the way health care is purchased for employees. Mercer, a human resources consulting firm, runs several collectives of employers that join forces to purchase prescription drugs, using the extra leverage from having a larger group to secure better prices.

Associated Press contributed.



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Demolition work continues Monday at the McDonald's at Clark and Ontario streets. It's slated to reopen in late spring.

Former Rock 'n' Roll McD's gets a remake

Arches exiting as River North landmark goes modern, green

By Greg Trotter
Chicago Tribune

The former Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's will reopen in late spring with more trees and a sleeker, more contemporary design, courtesy of Carol Ross Barney, the renowned architect who co-designed the Chicago Riverwalk.

A popular tourist attraction for decades, Chicago's flagship McDonald's is undergoing a major remodeling to reflect the global fast-food chain's pivot toward the future. Gone will be the remaining rock memorabilia and giant yellow arches, to be replaced by ordering kiosks, living plant walls and solar panels.

Once finished, a 19,000-square-foot one-story restaurant constructed of timber, steel and glass will replace the two-story, 24,000-square-foot McDonald's that opened in 2005, which supplanted the original building that opened in 1983. The new design aims to be more pedestrian-friendly — there will be less parking — and more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly throughout.

But, as franchise owner



MCDONALD'S RENDERING

The redesigned restaurant will have a drive-thru but is also meant to draw pedestrians.

"It's so interesting to work on a project like this because you're designing for an icon."

— Architect Carol Ross Barney, who co-designed the Chicago Riverwalk, on the McDonald's project

Nick Karavites pointed out, the ultimate goal of business is to make money.

"There's a lot of pride being part of something so cutting-edge. ... At the end of day, we're still a business selling hamburgers and french fries and milkshakes and we want to sell as many as we can," said Karavites, whose family's

franchise group owns 24 McDonald's restaurants in the Chicago area.

As for those glowing yellow arches that are coming down, Ross Barney said: "The symbolism was appropriate for its time, but it's time to move on."

That statement could be applied to much of what McDonald's has done in

recent years as the company has made moves to break from its past, including demolishing a longtime company museum in Des Plaines and moving its headquarters this spring, from Oak Brook to Chicago's Fulton Market district. McDonald's also has launched a flurry of initiatives for future growth, including recently starting a new value menu and introducing more premium products along with delivery and curbside pickup options.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the interior

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Amid Bon-Ton's restructuring, new focus on Carson's

Brand to get boost as its parent firm closes some stores

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

Bon-Ton Stores' plan to turn around its struggling department store brands includes the usual calls to close underperforming stores and boost online sales. But it's also considering opening new stores in cities other retailers are leaving behind and throwing more weight behind its well-known Carson's chain.

Bon-Ton, also the parent company of chains including Bergner's and Younkers, disclosed details of the turnaround plan Monday in a regulatory filing tied to debt restructuring negotiations.

Headquartered in York, Pa., and Milwaukee, Bon-Ton previously said it plans to close at least 40 stores this year. The turnaround plan describes a group of 45 stores with weak financial performance or locations in "dying

malls," 42 of which it could close and three of which could be sold. But it does not list specific store locations. The retailer has 260 stores in 24 states.

More closures could follow, according to the plan, which says Bon-Ton should consider placing at least 20 more stores on a "watch list." Others might stay open under a new name. The report proposes a test that would rebrand 11 Bergner's and 13 Boston Stores as Carson's this year to strengthen the Carson's brand and save on marketing.

The plan also suggests Bon-Ton could open as many as 14 new stores by 2020, focusing on markets that competitors like Macy's are leaving behind.

Bon-Ton stores in markets where a Macy's has recently closed have seen "a meaningful uptick in performance," the plan says.

The restructuring plan suggests taking a leaf from Sephora's playbook and remodeling stores to have an "open sell" cosmetics

Turn to **Carson's, Page 2**

Chicago's \$900 million Vista Tower up for sale

Bloomberg News

Chinese billionaire Wang Jianlin's Dalian Wanda Group Co. has put its last two overseas property developments up for sale, according to people familiar with the matter, in the latest unwinding of a decade-long overseas buying spree that put it in the crosshairs of Chinese regulators.

Wanda is seeking buyers for a hotel, office and apartment complex in Chicago and a development in Beverly Hills, Calif., said the people, who asked not to be identified because discussions are private. Wanda hasn't made a final decision to sell the projects and could opt to keep them, one of the people said. Wanda has estimated that its combined investment costs in the projects is \$2.1 billion.

The sales would be the latest in a wave of real estate disposals by Wanda in recent months to raise money, amid rising Chinese government scrutiny of how it financed an overseas expansion into luxury real estate and entertainment assets. Wanda

has agreed to sell its interests in real estate projects in London and Australia as it races to shed assets acquired during the spree.

Beijing-based Wanda declined to comment specifically on the U.S. projects, while pointing to a Monday filing saying that after the group's disposal of the London project, the sale in Australia and "if the commercial opportunity arises, the proposed disposal of the Group's project in America, the company has no intention to terminate, downsize and dispose of its existing businesses in China."

In November, the South China Morning Post reported that Wanda Group was seeking a single buyer willing to pay about \$5 billion for five huge developments around the world, including the 1,191-foot-tall Vista Tower now under construction at 363 E. Wacker Drive. Magellan Development Group is building the 98-story condominium tower, expected to be Chicago's third-tallest skyscraper, with Wanda Group as the equity partner.

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As part of a restructuring plan, the Harley-Davidson plant in Kansas City, Mo., will close.

More woes for Harley with cuts, plant closing

BY JAMIE BUTTERS
Bloomberg

A deepening slump in U.S. motorcycle demand is spurring more job cuts and a plant closing at Harley-Davidson Inc., a company President Donald Trump has cast as a model American manufacturer.

The Milwaukee-based motorcycle maker will close its factory in Kansas City, Mo., and consolidate production in York, Pa., according to a statement Tuesday. The restructuring will eliminate about 260 U.S. jobs, CEO Matt Levatich said on a conference call. Trump praised the company last year as a “great example” of a business creating jobs and building factories in the country.

Harley is consolidating its U.S. manufacturing presence as its bike sales fall on every continent.

And the pain won't end this year: The company projected global sales will drop as much as 4.9 percent more in 2018 after a 6.7 percent decline last year.

U.S. motorcycle ridership has stalled in spite of Levatich's efforts to introduce models for first-time buyers and teach more Americans how to safely get around on bikes. Harley shares fell as much as 9.4 percent in New York, the biggest intraday drop since July.

The issue for investors isn't the fourth-quarter miss, which was complicated by a number of one-time items, David Beckel, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., said in a note to clients.

“The story is, or continues to be, that Harley is in the throes of a significant secular decline,” he wrote.

Sales in the crucial U.S. market fell 11 percent in the

fourth quarter and 8.5 percent for the year.

Harley executives said they're drawing more consumers to their brand but couldn't say during the call with analysts how many are buying used instead of new bikes.

As bike demand weakens, one of Harley's rival brands is calling it quits. Polaris Industries Inc., which started winding down its Victory motorcycle operations early last year, projected adjusted profit of as much as \$6.20 a share for 2018, well below analysts' \$6.99 a share average estimate.

The Medina, Minn.-based company's stock plunged as much as 17 percent, the biggest drop since November 2008.

The Kansas City plant closing will cost Harley as much as \$200 million through 2019, then result in

annual cash savings of \$65 million to \$75 million after 2020.

Levatich declined to say how much production capacity will be reduced. At the same time, the company is building a factory in Thailand that will assemble bikes using components shipped from the U.S. Unions representing Harley workers accused the company in September of trying to “systematically dismantle” its hourly workforce.

A spokesman for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers said the union didn't have an immediate comment Tuesday.

“Harley can't get younger people into the hobby, and the bikes are too big to be transportation in Europe or Asia,” Kevin Tynan, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst, said in an email. “That future is really dark.”

Wheels up for Boeing CEO on Twitter

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Boeing and Airbus may still be battling for dominance in the aerospace market, but Chicago-based Boeing appears to have won at least one title: first among the rivals to have its CEO join the Twitterverse.

On Wednesday, Boeing will announce its financial results for the fourth quarter of 2017 from Chairman, President and CEO Dennis Muilenburg's as-yet silent Twitter account, the company announced Monday.

“Starting with our fourth quarter financial results and 2018 guidance, this new communication approach for our CEO will provide an effective platform for sharing company news and industry insight,” Boeing spokesman Phil Musser said in a news release. “It also will help us highlight the inspirational, innovative work of our people, and better connect with customers, stakeholders and aerospace enthusiasts — where the conversations are taking place.”

Boeing said the move was unrelated to a December 2016 incident in which President Donald Trump took to the platform to threaten to cancel an order with Boeing for a new Air Force One, citing costs.

It wasn't clear whether Muilenburg himself will be manning the keyboard. But his direct, to-the-point bio — “Former Boeing intern. Current Boeing CEO. Lifelong aerospace enthusiast. Proud Iowan. Avid cyclist.” — suggests he won't have much trouble with the social network's brevity-enforcing character limit.

Despite not having tweeted, he had more than 3,000 followers as of Tuesday afternoon, leaving him some work to do to catch up to another prominent tweeting Chicago-area CEO: McDonald's Steve Easterbrook, with about 12,200 followers.

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\$360M boost sought for Illinois hospitals

Funding would ease changes in Medicaid formula

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

The state has agreed to ask the federal government for funds to cover an additional \$360 million in hospital Medicaid expenses, resolving a key point of contention while inching toward the redesign of a program that provides critical support to many Illinois medical facilities.

The redesign has prompted concerns about reduced funding to hospitals in poor communities that say they might have to close as a result; collecting as much money as possible from the federal government has been viewed as key to ensuring their survival.

“As new funding comes into the system, we need to be sure that priority is given to high Medicaid hospitals and hospitals that have need across the state that are dependent on these funds,” Rep. Greg Harris, D-Chicago, said during a hearing Tuesday by the House Appropriations-Human Services Committee.

The amount of extra money the state can ask of the federal government was a sticking point during months of discussions about how to distribute \$3.5 billion in Medicaid funding generated through the hospital assessment program. The assessment program, which accounts for more than half of hospitals' Medicaid funding in Illinois, has hospitals contribute money that is then matched by the federal government, and the expanded pool of money is redistributed to the hospitals. No state taxpayer funds are involved.

The state's Department of Healthcare and Family Services had initially planned to seek a \$200

million increase in the spending ceiling, but groups including the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, which represents more than 200 hospitals across the state, and the Association of Safety Net Hospitals, which represents hospitals that see mostly Medicaid patients, pushed the state to seek more money.

The agreement on \$360 million is “conservative, reasonable and defensible” as it goes through the federal approval process, said Harris, chairman of the appropriations committee and a member of a bipartisan legislative working group hammering out details of the redesign.

The \$3.5 billion assessment program is critical to paying for hospital services for the 3 million people in Illinois on Medicaid, which is a quarter of the state's population.

Lawmakers are under the gun to draft a bill for the redesigned funding program so that it can be implemented before the current program expires July 1. The measure still has to be approved by the General Assembly, signed by the governor and approved by the federal Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services. A bill is expected to be presented as soon as next week.

In case the July 1 deadline isn't met, the bill's crafters plan to include a provision to extend the current program until the new one is in place.

The revamp of the funding program, which hospitals have relied upon since 1992, will dramatically change how Medicaid funds are distributed. Under the current model, hospitals receive a fixed payment based on inpatient data from 2005 and outpatient data from 2009, using a formula that takes into account the number of Medicaid patients they see and their reliance on Medicaid funding, among other factors.

The proposed redesign,

which still has not been finalized, aims to shift away from fixed payments and will instead allocate money based on where people are actually getting care and what procedures they are receiving.

It also would provide additional support for expensive services like trauma care, pediatrics and substance abuse treatment, and for hospitals that provide graduate medical education. The allocations would be based on 2015 data.

At Tuesday's hearing, A.J. Wilhelm, president and CEO of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, said the redesign has to pass muster with the federal government, which for years has expressed concern about Illinois' reliance on fixed payments to hospitals.

Still, he said the new formula ensures the stability of hospitals in poor communities vulnerable to reduced cuts as a result of the changes. Exactly how much each hospital will receive has not yet been released.

Pressed by Rep. Camille Lilly, D-Oak Park, on whether the redesign will harm or take away resources from hospitals operating in vulnerable communities, Wilhelm said: “In the totality of the plan we are talking about, the answer is no.”

Part of the plan is to create a transformation fund to help struggling hospitals realign to meet community needs, such as by focusing on behavioral health services.

But Anne Igoe, vice president of hospitals at SEIU Healthcare, a union that represents workers at several Medicaid-reliant hospitals, said she worries about converting full-service hospitals to target narrower needs, as proximity to an emergency room can make a difference in a patient's outcome.

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Golden Arches redo adds green features

Remake, from Page 1

design rendering provided by McDonald's is the “floating glass garden” of ferns and white birch trees above the area where customers will place their orders, either at kiosks or at the counter. Much of the dining area is partially sectioned off from the flow of customer foot traffic to the ordering area. Employees will carry food out to customers — part of McDonald's “experience of the future” model that the company is in the process of rolling out to all U.S. locations.

Outside, there will be more than 70 trees — roughly double the previous number — and an outdoor plaza area with seating. Solar panels will cover most of the roof and help offset nonrenewable energy costs. Atop the kitchen, which partially juts out from the glass building, will be harvestable apple trees, said Ross Barney, founder of Ross Barney Architects.

“You'll be able to look up at the apple trees while you're eating your hamburger or whatever,” Ross Barney said.

Ross Barney and her firm have garnered accolades for their work on the riverwalk, on which they partnered with Sasaki Associates of Watertown, Mass. Ross Barney is also known for her design of public spaces, including new CTA stops at McCormick Place and Morgan Street on the Near West Side.

This is her first McDonald's.

“It's so interesting to work on a project like this because you're designing for an icon,” she said.

Ross Barney said she considered the fast-food restaurant, like other projects in her portfolio, to be an opportunity to improve upon a public gathering space and, ultimately, make the city more livable for its residents. She was also drawn to McDonald's desire for a more energy-efficient design — a personal passion of hers. Everything from the building's heating and cooling system to the fryers is designed to use less nonrenewable energy.

And though there's still a drive-thru, as well as a curbside pickup area for mobile ordering, the design is intended to attract more people on foot, she said.

“The major change here is there's been a rebalancing

to where the design is about the neighborhood and it's about people,” Ross Barney said.

This year, McDonald's plans to invest \$2.4 billion in capital projects, most of which will go toward ongoing work in converting U.S. locations to the experience of the future model, which includes ordering kiosks, table service and increasing use of the mobile app, the company said Tuesday. This year, the company plans to convert another 4,000 U.S. restaurants, which will mean roughly half of the approximately 14,000 U.S. McDonald's will have adopted the experience of the future concept. The plan is to overhaul most free-standing U.S. restaurants by 2020.

Karavites' restaurant at Clark and Ontario streets will be one of the largest McDonald's of the future.

While McDonald's recent initiatives have been a lot for franchisees to digest, Karavites' excitement about the new design is evident.

Though the remodeled restaurant will be smaller, it will feel more spacious, in part because the glass walls won't be angled inward like they were in the last design, Karavites said. And though there will be fewer seats without the second floor, Karavites said he was pleased to see the company take a more “thoughtful” approach to improving the dining experience.

Because it's a flagship store, the company, not Karavites, is shouldering the bulk of the costs associated with the project, he said. McDonald's spokeswoman Terri Hickey declined to provide specific figures or terms of the agreement.

The restaurant usually employs about 120 workers, ranging up to 160 in the busy summer months.

The original Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's was razed in 2004, but many Chicagoans continued to refer to its two-story replacement with the same name. But the remaining rock memorabilia, owned by Karavites, is now in storage.

What will it be called now that rock 'n' roll has left the building?

Ultimately, that will be up to the customers.

“Internally, we call it the Rock,” Karavites said. “I'm going to continue calling it that.”

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New focus on Carson's

Carson's, from Page 1

area, where customers can help themselves rather than waiting for a salesperson, and working with vendors to develop shops within its stores.

The plan calls for greater investment in top-performing items and a focus on growing online sales.

“These are all things they need to be doing, the question is: Is it enough, and did they start early enough?” said Neil Stern, senior partner at Chicago-based consulting firm McMillanDoolittle.

In November, Bon-Ton said it was working with

turnaround advisers it hired to “proactively engage with our debt holders to establish a sustainable capital structure to support the business.” It missed an interest payment originally due in December and said in its filing Monday that an extension expired Friday.

Bon-Ton has not reported financial results for the fourth quarter of 2017, but the company said earlier this month that holiday sales at stores open at least a year fell 2.9 percent compared with the same nine-week period in 2016.

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Vista Tower ‘fully funded’

Vista, from Page 1

Construction has already started on the \$900 million Chicago project. Hong Kong-listed Wanda Hotel Development Co. owns 60 percent of the Chicago project, according to annual reports.

“It's somewhat clear that our partner on the Vista project, the Dalian Wanda Group, wishes to divest its international real estate projects including those in London and Australia,” Magellan President David Carlin said in an emailed statement. “However, we've also been informed that they may remain our partner in Vista to its successful conclusion. Like any responsible and astute corporation, Dalian Wanda is examining its options. In the meantime, the project re-

mains on schedule and fully funded.”

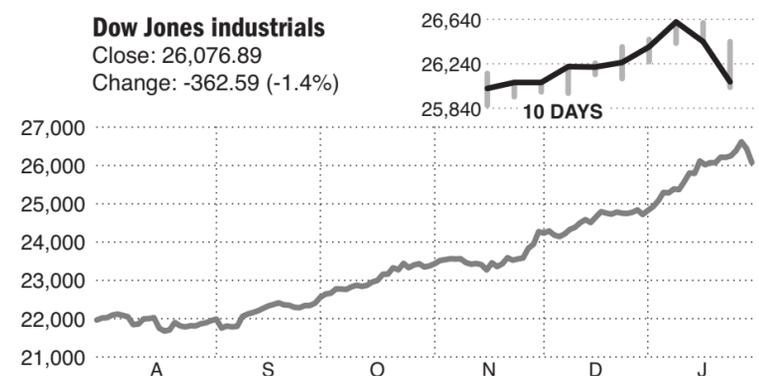
The \$1.2 billion Beverly Hills site, a prime parcel in one of the country's wealthiest areas, faced hiccups in October when its local partner walked away from the project.

Wanda said it agreed to sell both its Australian projects for 1.13 billion Australian dollars (about \$910 million) and assumed debt to AWH Investment Group, an affiliate of Huang Xiangmo's Yuhu Group. The two developments comprise a five-star hotel and apartment complex, and a harbor-front luxury hotel, residential and retail project in Sydney. Wanda Hotel shares jumped as much as 52 percent Tuesday.

Chicago Tribune's Ally Marotti contributed.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,256.99 Low: 26,028.42 Previous: 26,439.48



Nasdaq -64.02 (-.86%)	S&P 500 -31.10 (-1.09%)	Russell 2000 -15.29 (-.96%)
Close: 7,402.48	Close: 2,822.43	Close: 1,582.82
High: 7,433.65	High: 2,837.75	High: 1,595.64
Low: 7,373.99	Low: 2,818.27	Low: 1,579.49
Previous: 7,466.50	Previous: 2,853.53	Previous: 1,598.11

10-yr T-note +0.02 to 2.72%	Gold futures -4.90 to \$1,335.40	Yen -0.16 to 108.78/\$1	Euro -0.0010 to .8062/\$1	Crude Oil -1.06 to \$64.50
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Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-51	-77	-59	+5.05	+5.65	+4.70	+31.28	+31.84	+23.85

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	454	458.50	449.75	457.25	+8
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	359.50	362.25	359	361.50	+2.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	994.50	1004.75	988.25	1000.25	+8.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.97	33.11	32.62	33.08	+0.21
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	338.20	342.80	334.80	340.50	+3.10
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 18	65.53	65.56	63.91	64.50	-1.06
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	3.187	3.259	3.161	3.195	+0.028
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.9363	1.9530	1.8800	1.8954	-0.0395

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	62.44	-.87	Equity Commonwith	N	29.75	-.03
AbbVie Inc	N	115.88	-6.43	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	85.22	+0.44
Akorn Inc	O	32.24	-.05	Equity Residential	N	50.57	-.64
Allstate Corp	N	98.45	+1	Exelon Corp	N	30.29	-.46
Aptargroup Inc	N	87.69	-.28	First Indl RT	N	70.82	-.78
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.48	-.63	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.33	-.44
Baxter Intl	N	71.75	-.30	Gallagher AJ	N	275.45	+9.7
Boeing Co	N	337.71	-3.11	GrubHub Inc	N	72.72	-2.70
Brunswick Corp	N	63.24	+3.37	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	86.53	-1.35
CBIO Global Markets	O	133.29	-1.82	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	81.00	-.69
CDK Global Inc	O	71.77	-1.04	IDEX Corp	N	144.45	+3.79
CDW Corp	O	74.99	-.81	ITW	N	175.19	-1.71
CF Industries	N	42.00	-1.0	Ingredion Inc	N	143.00	-1.30
CME Group	O	153.33	-1.2	John Bean Technol	N	115.60	-.75
CNA Financial	N	54.29	-1.1	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	156.62	-.60
Caterpillar Inc	N	163.76	+1.18	Kraft Heinz Co	O	78.50	+0.8
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.86	-.35	LKQ Corporation	O	42.19	-.52
Deere Co	N	168.51	-.67	Littelfuse Inc	O	207.66	-1.19
Discover Fin Svcs	N	79.72	-1.59	MB Financial	O	43.48	-.11
Dover Corp	N	107.05	+3.37				

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	15.95	-.33
Bank of America	31.88	-.40
Chesapeake Energy	3.63	-.25
AK Steel Hold	5.49	-.82
Twitter Inc	25.62	+4.44
Ford Motor	11.06	-.06
Sthwstn Energy	4.45	-.30
Pfizer Inc	37.80	-1.22
Parsley Energy	24.07	-4.01
Petrobras	13.30	-.33
Rite Aid Corp	2.08	-1.15
MetLife Inc	49.73	-4.67
AT&T Inc	37.44	+1.18
Alibaba Group Hldg	199.66	-3.35
Denbury Res	2.46	-.13
Vale SA	12.99	-.06
Colony NorthStar Inc	9.14	+0.07
Transocean Ltd	10.99	-.02
Range Resources	14.63	-.46
Kinder Morgan Inc	18.23	-.35
ENSCO PLC	5.99	-.23
Teva Pharm	20.65	-.96
Petrobras A	12.29	-.18
Oracle Corp	50.96	-.98

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.44	+1.18
Alphabet Inc C	1163.69	-11.89
Alphabet Inc A	1177.37	-9.11
Amazon.com Inc	1437.82	+20.14
Apple Inc	166.97	-.99
Bank of America	31.88	-.40
Berkshire Hath A	323000	-500
Berkshire Hath B	214.41	-1.05
Chevron Corp	125.23	-3.25
Exxon Mobil Corp	86.78	-1.23
Facebook Inc	187.12	+1.14
Home Depot	201.81	-3.11
JPMorgan Chase	115.11	-1.09
Johnson & Johnson	142.43	-1.25
Microsoft Corp	92.74	-1.18
Source Cap	41.85	-.50
Unitedhealth Group	236.65	-10.76
WalMart Strs	107.73	-1.82
Wells Fargo & Co	65.28	-.54

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.33	...	+27.8
American Funds AmnrcBAlA m	28.82	...	+17.0
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	64.97	...	+2.7
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.10	...	+16.4
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	65.83	...	+32.8
American Funds FdmtnInvSA m	65.83	...	+26.6
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	54.03	...	+30.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	24.20	...	+15.3
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	43.42	...	+24.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.51	...	+32.1
American Funds WAMtnvSA m	47.93	...	+24.3
DFA EMktCorEq	24.72	...	+36.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.70	...	+3.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	49.50	...	+26.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	216.27	...	+22.9
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.54	...	+2.8
Fidelity 500IdxIns	98.75	...	+1.08
Fidelity 500IdxPrrm	98.75	...	+1.08
Fidelity Contrafund	133.34	...	+37.7
Fidelity Contrafund	133.27	...	+37.8
Fidelity InvMGrdeBdd	11.10	...	+2.9
Fidelity LowPrStk	57.19	...	+25.6
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.42	...	+9.7
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.52	...	+2.1
Oakmark IntlInv	30.69	...	+34.0
PIMCO IncInstl	12.33	...	+7.5
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.15	...	+3.4
Schwab SP500Idx	43.52	...	+48.8
T. Rowe Price BCGR	105.85	...	+42.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.89	...	+37.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	260.81	...	+28.5
Vanguard 500IdxInv	260.79	...	+26.1
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.85	...	+23.4
Vanguard HCAmrl	92.20	...	+25.7
Vanguard InTrnGrAdm	9.61	...	+2.7
Vanguard IntlTEAdmrl	13.96	...	+0.3
Vanguard InsdInvs	257.26	...	+2.2
Vanguard InsdInvsPlus	257.28	...	+2.2
Vanguard InsTSMInPls	62.64	...	+25.2
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	199.83	...	+1.1
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	142.53	...	+31.0
Vanguard STInMGrAdmrl	10.57	...	+1.4
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	73.01	...	+7.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.16	...	+15.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	34.80	...	+17.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.80	...	+27.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.51	...	+19.4
Vanguard TlBMDxAdmrl	10.60	...	+2.2
Vanguard TlBMDxIns	10.60	...	+2.2
Vanguard TlInBdxAdmrl	21.60	...	+3.0
Vanguard TlInBdxIns	32.19	...	+29.7
Vanguard TlInSdxIns	128.71	...	+29.7
Vanguard TlInSdxInsPlus	128.73	...	+29.7
Vanguard TlInSdxInv	19.24	...	+29.6
Vanguard TlSMdxAdmrl	70.27	...	+25.2
Vanguard TlSMdxIns	70.28	...	+25.2
Vanguard TlSMdxInv	70.24	...	+25.1
Vanguard WngtnAdmrl	74.72	...	+65.1
Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl	65.68	...	+17.0
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	70.73	...	+31.7

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.41	1.425
6-month disc	1.63	1.625
2-year	2.13	2.12
10-year	2.72	2.70
30-year	2.97	2.95

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1335.40	\$1340.30
Silver	\$17.013	\$17.068
Platinum	\$1001.80	\$1009.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.29

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	19.6348
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Britain (Pound)	.7066
Canada (Dollar)	1.2324
China (Yuan)	6.3233
Euro	.8062
India (Rupee)	63.776
Israel (Shekel)	3.4193
Japan (Yen)	108.78
Mexico (Peso)	18.7406
Poland (Zloty)	3.35
So. Korea (Won)	1072.67
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.25
Thailand (Baht)	31.42

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3488.01	-35.0/-1.0
Stoxx600	396.12	-3.7/-1.0
Nikkei	23291.97	-337.4/-1.4
MSCI-EAFE	2159.75	-9.6/-0.4
Bovespa	84482.46	-215.6/-0.3
FTSE 100	7587.98	-83.6/-1.1
CAC-40	5473.78	-47.8/-0.9

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OBITUARIES

DR. ANGELO SCANU 1924-2018

U. of C. cardiologist was prolific researcher

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Dr. Angelo Scanu, a University of Chicago cardiologist, conducted groundbreaking research that led to the discovery of a cholesterol particle associated with increased risk of coronary artery disease for 1 in every 5 or 6 people around the world.

"He identified a lipoprotein, a cholesterol-containing particle, that has been associated with heart disease," said Dr. Matthew Sorrentino, a professor of medicine and radiology with University of Chicago Medicine. "He was a brilliant investigator who was able to discover a unique cholesterol particle, determine its structure and determine its function."

The particle, usually referred to as Lp(a), spoken as "lipoprotein little a," may affect up to 20 percent of the world's population, according to Sandra Revill Tremulis, president and founder of the California-based Lipoprotein(a) Foundation.

"Without his work, I would never have known why I almost died of a heart attack at 39 years of age with no other risk factors other than high Lp(a)," she said.

Scanu, 93, died Jan. 12 after a fall in his home, according to Celina Edelstein, his domestic partner. He lived for years in Hyde Park before moving to Chicago's New East Side about six years ago.

Scanu was born in Sassari, Italy.

After earning a bachelor's degree in science from the Scientific Lyceum there, he got a medical degree from the Sassari University Medical School in 1949.

He completed a residency and did additional research at universities in Spain and Sweden before joining the faculty of the University of Naples in 1953.

In 1955, he was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to



U. OF C. MEDICINE

Dr. Angelo Scanu joined the faculty at the University of Chicago in 1963.

study biochemistry at the Cleveland Clinic in the United States. After work at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, he came to the University of Chicago in 1961 for a second round of residency training where he could combine his laboratory research with caring for patients.

He joined the faculty at the University of Chicago as an assistant professor in 1963 and became a professor of medicine and biochemistry in 1970.

"He was a wonderful teacher and mentor for many, both scientists and clinicians, who worked with him through the years to help determine ways of measuring cardiac risk, especially in relation to cholesterol particles," Sorrentino said.

Lp(a) is difficult to treat, since it doesn't respond as well to traditional cholesterol-lowering medications, Sorrentino said.

Although there is no direct treatment to lower high levels of the lipoprotein, Tremulis and Sorrentino said new medications are in development.

Scanu advised patients to correct what they could with appropriate balancing of diet and exercise, plus treatment with lipid-lowering agents when necessary.

"I found him to be a great scientific mind," Sorrentino said. "An early mentor (for me) when it came to research and to science. He

was the type of person who always stimulated you to do better work and to do better science because he was such a strong mentor in that field."

A prolific researcher, Scanu published more than 275 papers along with about 100 topic reviews or book chapters during his career. Most of his work focused on lipoproteins. He retired in 2011.

Edelstein was also Scanu's longtime laboratory colleague and research associate. "He was really meticulous," she said. "He saw in the data many things that I and others probably would not have seen. He was very insightful."

Edelstein said that in addition to Lp(a)'s role in heart disease, Scanu's research led to many papers on its role in strokes.

Scanu received many honors and awards, including a Special Recognition Award from the American Heart Association.

Edelstein said he was especially proud of the George Lyman Duff Memorial Lecture Award, presented in 1997 by the association's Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology.

He held two patents, served on the editorial boards of eight journals and was a member of 10 study sections at the National Institutes of Health or the American Heart Association.

Scanu was also known for previous research. In a 1958 paper published when he was at the Cleveland Clinic, he was the first to characterize the biochemistry of high-density lipoproteins (HDL) known as "good cholesterol."

Scanu also is survived by his daughter, Gabriella; his son, Marco; and two grandsons.

Plans are being made for an April memorial service on the University of Chicago campus.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

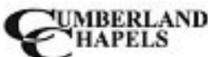
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Death Notices

About (nee Kulma), Kathleen D 'Kathy'
Kathleen D. About (nee Kulma), 66, of Genoa City, WI formerly of Downers Grove, Illinois passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018, in her home in Genoa City, WI. Born November 21, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois. Survivors include her beloved husband of 30 years, Nabil G. About of Genoa City, WI, pet bunny, "Boo," niece, Gina M. Worch of Buckeye, AZ and nephew, Charles T. Vrana of Scottsdale, AZ. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday February 5, 2018 at 6:00PM at the **Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Home** 620 Legion Dr. Twin Lakes, WI. Visitation will be from 4:00PM until the time of service. Online condolences HaaseLockwoodffhs.com.

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Amidei, Marie C.
Marie C. Amidei, nee Arnieri, age 90, passed away on January 29th surrounded by her loving family. Marie was the beloved wife of the late Richard Sr.; loving mother of Janice (David) Kaczorowski, Monica (Keith) Mellovitz, Robert (Maria), Joseph and the late Richard Amidei Jr.; cherished grandmother of Marc (Tania), Timothy and Ryan (Natalie) Kaczorowski, Alan (Lois), Jordan and Brian Mellovitz, Jesenia (Jose) Molina, Michael (Lumarys Valentin) Amidei, Francisco (Lillian Garcia) Echenique, Megan, Melanie and Ashley Amidei; great grandmother of Adriana, Destiny, Angelica, Eva, Gianna, Yarielis, Amayha, Christopher, Analisse, Ethan, Jay and Jaxson; dearest sister of Frank (the late Elsie) and the late Antonio and John Arnieri, Vivian (Edwin) Kennedy and the late Louis (the late Edna) and Joseph Arnieri; sister-in-law of the late Lorraine (the late Stanley) Bernson and the late Donald (the late Therese) Amidei. She was a fond aunt, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, at the funeral home, and will then proceed to St. Robert Bellarmine Church for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.



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Anderson, Patricia A.
Patricia A. Anderson (nee Boortz) 79, of Des Plaines was born February 3, 1938 in Chicago to Elmer and Ruth Boortz and passed away January 29, 2018. Patricia was the beloved wife of Robert W. Anderson; loving mother of Robert W. (Eileen) Anderson, Keith (Bridgette) Anderson and Kim (John) Neiman; cherished grandmother of Michelle, Sean, Dillon, RJ and Connor. Fond sister in law of Nancy (late Duane) Placko. Visitation will be Friday February 2, 2018 from 4 - 8 pm at **Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home**, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Funeral Service will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11 am at the funeral home. Interment will be in Willow Lawn Cemetery, Vernon Hills. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Blind Cat Rescue Now Sanctuary. For information please contact 847-253-5423 or lauterburgoeher.com

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Arterian, Sam 'Sarkis'
Sam "Sarkis" Arterian age 86, US Army Veteran; beloved husband of Anahid nee Zaratian; loving father of Lucy (Mark) Schmidt, and Arda (Vito) Masi, dear papa of Kristin (Peter), Erik, Joseph, and Taline. Visitation Thursday 6 PM until time of service 8 PM at the Armenian All Saints Apostolic Church, 1701 N. Greenwood Rd., Glenview, IL 60026. Funeral Service at the church on Friday 11 AM. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. Arrangements by **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Bauerlein, Herman Paul
Herman Paul Bauerlein, age 49, of Chicago passed away January 5, 2018. Beloved husband of Gerri Hutson, loving father of Lucas and Devo, dear son of Mary Lee (Charles) and Gerhard Bauerlein (Milka). Devoted brother of Carol Stefunek (John), Katrina Bauerlein, and Erica Blouch (Drew). Predeceased by his sister and special friend, Elizabeth Bauerlein. Cherished son-in-law of Gail Gray and brother-in-law of Carl Kendrick Gray. Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Herman Paul was a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, obtaining a degree in structural architecture. He was employed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. A memorial mass will be held at St. Cornelius Church, 5430 W Foster Ave., Chicago, on February 3, 2018 at 10:00 am. Private burial will be held at St. Lucas Cemetery at 5300 N. Pulaski Ave. Herman Paul was a "man for others."

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Borenstein, June Lee
Borenstein, June Lee, nee Simons, 94 passed away Tuesday; born on January 13, 1924 in Medford, Oklahoma. Predeceased by her parents Nick and Inez Marie, her husband Joseph and her granddaughter Katie Rose; she was a loving mother to Judith and David (Nancy); cherished grandmother to Joshua and Zachary. Private services to follow.

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Breen, John Aloysius
John Aloysius Breen, age 75, beloved husband of Mary Helen nee McCarthy, loving father of Molly (Daniel) Barrett, Marnie (Robert) Vosper and John (Lisa) Breen, devoted grandfather of Nora and Mac Barrett, Fiona, Luke and Tait Vosper and Eloise, Buster and Theodore Breen. Dear brother of Sharon (late Louis) Belmont, William (Kathy) and Thomas (Jeanine) Breen. Visitation Friday Feb.2 from 9:00 am until time of Mass at 11:00am at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 1962 Old Willow Rd, Northfield, interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to JourneyCare "We Honor Veterans Program", 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 appreciated. Funeral info: **John E. Maloney Funeral Home** (773)764-1617



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Briney, Maria Antonia Rivera
Maria Antonia Rivera Briney, of Hinsdale IL, died on January 27, 2018. Beloved wife of late Dr. Robert Briney, loving mother to Sunny (Ed) Minx and Mimi Briney, grandmother to Jessica and Jake Minx. She was a loving sister to Julita, late sister Olga, and her late brothers, Francisco and Wilfredo. She leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was born in Puerto Rico. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Nursing Degree. She met and fell in love with the handsome Army doctor. She was honorably discharged as a Major from the U. S. Army. She devoted her life to her husband and her children. She enjoyed being a doctor's wife and being active in her church. She will be greatly missed. Visitation 10-11 a.m followed by church service at 11-12 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2018 at Hinsdale United Methodist Church, 945 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale IL 60521. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Hinsdale United Methodist Church are appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Cochran, Dorothy J
Dorothy J. Cochran (nee Moldraski), 95, devoted wife of 66 years of the late Fred, loving mother of Liane Cochran-Stafira (Dennis) and Caryn Zull (David), cherished grandmother of Laura, Matthew and Ryan Zull. Visitation Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 720 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL at 9 AM. Funeral mass to follow at 10. Burial private. In lieu of flowers donations are appreciated to Salvation Army give.salvationarmyusa.org.

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Cozzi, Gerald N. 'Jerry'
Gerald "Jerry" N. Cozzi, age 75; beloved husband of Kris Cozzi; cherished father of Ken Cozzi, Katie (Jesal) Patel, Angela (Ian) Hutchinson and Chris (Katie) Mehrer; Loving grandfather of Carter, Jesal, Jr., Andersen, Rhys, Myles, Ruby and Jillian; dear brother of Robert (Mariann) Cozzi and Carole (Tony) Buedel; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Lying in State 9:00 A.M. until the 10:00 A.M. Funeral Service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Kimberly Way, Lisle, IL 60532. Visitation 3:00-9:00 P.M. Thursday at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Trinity Lutheran Church appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Crist, Mary M.
Mary (Baldwin) Crist, 77, died Jan. 17, 2018 in Libertyville, IL. She was born March 9, 1940, to the late Reuben and Margaret Baldwin of England and was raised in Chicago. Mary married the Rev. Richard A. Crist on Sept. 5, 1959. Together they raised three children while moving around the country with Richard's church assignments and his tours as a Navy chaplain. Mary spent almost thirty years working in the medical records field serving Northwest Community Hospital and The Alexian Brothers Medical Center in the cancer registry with the task of compiling and organizing their statistics for cancer research. She finished her working years at the American College of Surgeons where she headed the College's computers statistics department, again related to cancer research. Mary devoted her life to listening to Jesus and sharing his words through the Words of Blessing ministry. She touched lives around the world through her prayers and words from Jesus. Mary brought love and joy to St. Hilary's Episcopal Church, Prospect Heights, for many years. She served as the first woman to become president of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago and served as a delegate to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Mary is survived by her husband Richard (Libertyville, IL); her daughters Betsy Crist and Cathy Crist Mack (both of Grayslake, IL); son-in-law, Greg Mack; grandchildren, Sarah, Grace, Annie, Philip and Charlie. She was preceded in death by her son, Timothy and her sister, Shirley. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at 10 a.m. at One in Christ Episcopal Church, 307 W. Hintz Rd, Prospect Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund.

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Croak, Patricia A.
Patricia Ann Croak, nee Kelma, 90, passed away peacefully at home January 28, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was a loving wife for 67 years to the late Richard J. Croak. Loving mother of the late Christine (the late Dale) Withem, Carolyn (the late Spike) Jones, Michael (Barbara), Cathy (Larry) Schramm, Constance (Gene) Nowak and Cynthia (James) Mitchell. She was dearly loved by her 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital. Family and friends will meet Saturday February 3, 2018 at Holy Family Church, 2515 W. Palatine Road, Inverness for visitation from 9:15-10:15 AM. A Funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 AM. Interment St. Michael The Archangel Cemetery. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Distelheim, MD, Irving H.
Irving H. Distelheim, MD, 99, beloved husband for 66 years of Rochelle nee Shulman; loving father of Ellen (Richard Tannenbaum) Distelheim, Laura Distelheim and Lisa (Jeffery Cornett) Distelheim Barron; cherished grandfather of Nina, Ethan and Isabel Tannenbaum; dear brother of the late Meyer Distelheim, the late David Distelheim and the late Molly Goldberg. Funeral service Thursday 10 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Jewish Child and Family Services of Chicago, www.jcfs.org. Funeral info: 847-256-5700.

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In 1865 the House passed a constitutional amendment to abolish slavery.

In 1872 Western novelist Zane Grey was born in Zanesville, Ohio.

In 1934 President Franklin Roosevelt devalued the dollar in relation to gold.

In 1958 the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite into orbit, Explorer 1.

In 1961 NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral. (Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16 1/2-minute sub-orbital flight.)

In 1971 astronauts Alan Shepard Jr., Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

In 1990 McDonald's Corp. opened its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow.

In 1995 President Bill Clinton scrapped a \$40 billion rescue plan for Mexico, announcing instead that he would act unilaterally to provide Mexico with \$20 billion from a fund normally used to defend the U.S. dollar.

In 2000 Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis was charged with murder in the deaths of two people outside an Atlanta nightclub hours after the Super Bowl. (Lewis ended his trial early by pleading guilty to obstruction of justice; two co-defendants were acquitted.)

In 2001 a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands convicted one Libyan and acquitted a second in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. **Also in 2001** the state of Georgia hoisted its new flag above its statehouse, one featuring a smaller Confederate battle emblem. **Also in 2001** Michel Navratil, one of the last known survivors of the sinking of the Titanic, died in Montpellier, France; he was 92.

In 2004 John Elway and Barry Sanders were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on their first attempt; they were joined by Bob Brown and Carl Eller.

In 2005 SBC Communications Inc. announced it was acquiring AT&T Corp. for \$16 billion.

In 2006 Coretta Scott King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Rosarito Beach, Mexico; she was 78. **Also in 2006** the Senate approved Ben Bernanke as chairman of the Federal Reserve.

In 2011 Gov. Pat Quinn signed into law a landmark measure recognizing civil unions, making Illinois the sixth state to provide such protections for same-sex couples (another five states and the District of Columbia allow same-sex marriage).

In 2013 "30 Rock," the Emmy Award-winning sitcom starring Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin, ended its seventh and final season.

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Jan. 30 Mega Millions	29 41 42 49 57 / 24
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Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 02 16 20 38
Pick 3 evening	931 / 9
Pick 4 evening	3574 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	03 07 23 27 41
Jan. 31 Powerball: \$127M	
Feb. 1 Lotto: \$2.75M	
WISCONSIN	
Jan. 30 Pick 3	528
Pick 4	1378
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SuperCash	01 03 08 17 24 27

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Jan. 30 Daily 3 midday	370 / 8
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EHRHARDT, MARCIA A.

MARCIA A. EHRHARDT age 68 of Downers Grove, IL. Beloved wife for 49 years to Frank L. Ehrhardt. Loving mother of Bill (Taliah) Ehrhardt, Stacy (John) McNeerney and Heather (Scott) Clifford. Cherished grandmother of Sora, Sophia, Serilda, Wolfgang, Ethan and Addison. Dear sister of Barbara (Keith) Walther and Nancy (Keith) Getz, fond aunt of several nieces and devoted niece of Ed (Liz) Sweet. Visitation will be Thursday February 1, 2018 from 3pm until services 7pm. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorials to the National Kidney Foundation www.kidney.org would be appreciated. For information www.toon-funeralhome.com OR 630-968-0408

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Fenlon, Kathryn E.

Fenlon—Kathryn E. age 76 years, resident of Chicago; Passed away peacefully in her own home on Sunday, January 28, 2018

Devoted sister of the late Pat (the late Marty) Daufenbach; Cherished aunt of Janet (Joe) Winkler, Pat (David) Balog, Terri O'Connell, Tom (Mo) Daufenbach, Jean Weaver, Marty (Sharon), David and Brian (Loreli) Daufenbach; Dearest great-aunt of 19, Proud great-great aunt of 12. Dear cousin to Raye and Jim Beaty. Visitation Friday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 8:45 a.m. from the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home 11028 Southwest Hwy, Palos Hills, to St. Symphorosa Church, mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery

Arrangements entrusted to Heinen & Loschetter Funeral Service, Lisa M. Arnold-DeAngelis Director.

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Fin, Lina

Lina Fini beloved wife of the late Maurizio; loving mother of John (Noreen); Dearest Nonna of Marc and Sarah; dear sister of Esi and the late Antonio; also many fond nieces and nephews. Funeral mass Friday 11 AM at St Francis Borgia Church 8033 W Addison St. Lie in state at 10 AM until time of mass. Interment St Joseph Cemetery. 773-625-3444.

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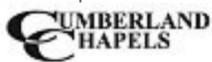
Foley, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Foley, 50 years, passed away peacefully surrounded by his devoted family. Beloved son of Patricia nee Barron & Eamon Foley. Loving brother of Denis Foley, John Foley, Edward Foley & the late Kevin Foley. Cherished nephew, cousin & friend of many. Funeral Saturday 8:45 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 9:30 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 3 pm until 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1210, Chicago, IL 60601 would be greatly appreciated. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Gorman, Rita 'Margarita'

Rita "Margarita" Gorman earned her Angels Wings on January 29, 2018 surrounded by family members in her final days. Beloved Wife of the Late John; Loving Mother to Thomas (Marie); Joan (the late John) Brick; the late Michael; Rosemarie (John) Johnson; Mary (Barry) Liss; Martina (Antonio) Bonifazi; Judith (fiancée J Randall Thrall); Beloved Daughter of the Late Walter and Mary Kampa; Loving Grandmother of 19; Loving Super-Nana of 26; Beloved Sister to the Late Robert (Margie) Kampa and the Late Ralph Kampa; Fond Aunt, Cousin, and Friend of many; Fond Mother to many furry family members and nature. Please view full obituary at www.cumberlandchapels.com. Visitation Friday February 2, 2018 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Saturday 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Hedwig Church, 2226 N. Hoyne Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in fond of memory of Mom may be made to PAWS Chicago and Alzheimer's Association. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Helson, Bradley John

Bradley John Helson, age 21, of La Grange Highlands. Loving son of Erica (nee Rokosik), Brian Wieringa, and Robert A. (Tracy) Helson. Devoted brother of Ashlea and Robert W. Helson. Cherished step-brother of Matthew, Mara, Michael, Samantha, Alexis, Kaylee, and Amanda. Dear grandson of June and Earl Olsen, the late Starr and the late Ernest Rokosik. Beloved great-grandson of Lorraine and the late Ed Oliver. Fond nephew, cousin, and friend of many. Bradley loved skateboarding and drifting. He loved making people smile. Visitation 12pm until time of Funeral Tribute 8pm Thursday, February 1st, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment Private. For Funeral Info: (708) 352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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Hirt, Marian R.

Marian R. Hirt (nee Samardzich), age 94. Beloved wife of the late Fred R. Loving mother of Mary, the late Fred S. (Irene), and the late Steven G. Proud grandma of Indre. Cherished aunt. Visitation Thursday, February 1, from 3-8pm at **Ridge Funeral Home** (6620 W. Archer Ave. Corner of Natoma). Funeral Friday, February 2, 9:30am from **Ridge Funeral Home** to a 10:00am Mass at St. Daniel the Prophet Church. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For more info call 773-586-7900 or visit www.ridgefh.com.



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Huggins, Charlotte Harrison

Charlotte Harrison Huggins, 84, of Winnetka, Illinois passed away peacefully on December 13, 2017 following a long illness. Funeral services were held at **Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Home** in Knoxville, Illinois on December 19, 2017 where Charlotte was laid to rest with her husband, Rollin C. Huggins, Jr.



Charlotte was born on May 13, 1933 in Rockford, Illinois to Lyle Lux Harrison and Alta Bowers Harrison. She grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and attended Glenbard High School. In 1952 she married her high school sweetheart, Rollin Huggins, and together they attended Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Following Rollin's army service and the birth of two daughters, they moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts where Rollin attended Harvard Law School and Charlotte finished her undergraduate degree in English with distinction at Radcliffe College. She was one of the first women admitted to Radcliffe who had young children.

The young family returned to the Chicago area in 1958 and settled in the North Shore suburb of Wilmette. Rollin began his legal career at Bell, Boyd & Lloyd in Chicago where he was an estate attorney and Charlotte began work for the local newspaper, the Wilmette Life. While working at the paper, she completed her masters degree in English at Northwestern University and would later pursue a PhD degree completing all required course work.

In 1965 she began her long teaching career at New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. In addition to teaching many advanced placement classes in English, she served as sponsor of the school's yearbook and newspaper in the latter part of her career. On a lighter note, her daughters remember with great fondness the many festive English Department parties that Charlotte hosted at our home.

Charlotte had many varied interests including history, travel, French culture and genealogy. She was actively involved until recent years in numerous educational and philanthropic organizations including the Northwestern Settlement House and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Always cheerful with a great sense of humor, Charlotte will be remembered for her intelligence, warmth, and charm.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Roger Harrison; her husband, Rollin Huggins; and her son, John Huggins. She is survived by two daughters and their spouses, Cynthia and Scott Peters of Winnetka, Illinois and Shirley and Duncan Cooper of La Luz, New Mexico, and four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Her family wishes to express their gratitude to the dedicated and wonderful staff at the McGaw Care Center at Presbyterian Homes in Evanston, Illinois. Memorial donations in Charlotte's or Rollin's honor may be made to Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois.

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Jaffee, Richard M. 'Dick'

Richard M. Jaffee, age 82, beloved husband of late Shirley Handmaker Jaffee to whom he was married for 60 years. He was the loving father of Susan (David), Karen (Thomas), Nancy (William), and Daniel (Heidi); also remembered in the hearts of his 14 grandchildren, Jennifer, Michael, Kevin (Rebecca), Jimmy, Coley, Becca, Camille, Jeffrey, Taylor, Elise, Claire, Joey, Jaqueline, and Nathaniel; loving brother to Robert (Phyllis); and missed by many many more.



Dick graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Business in 1957 and received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2001 and from Rush University in 2013. He earned his CPA certificate from the State of Illinois in 1957 and briefly worked in public accounting for the firm of Deloitte & Touche. In 1958, after serving as an officer in the United States Army, Dick joined Oil-Dri Corporation of America. He assumed the role of President, from his father and company founder, Nick Jaffee, in 1960, and became Chief Executive Officer in 1962. Under his stewardship, until his retirement in 2001, Dick grew the company into a worldwide leader in the manufacturing of clay products, employing 800 people. He continued to serve as Chairman of the Board until his passing.

In addition to his business achievements, Dick helped others through his considerable civic and philanthropic work. From 2008 to 2013, he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Rush University Medical Center and Chairman of its Executive Committee. Dick chaired Rush's largest-ever capital campaign, ultimately raising over \$389 million. Dick's legacy remains forever memorialized by the new Rush University Center hospital dedicated in 2012. He was a life trustee of the Illinois Institute of Technology, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Chicago History Museum. Dick served on an SEC advisory committee on smaller public companies and on an advisory committee to the Chicago Federal Reserve. He also served as a director of Harris Bank until 2006. He was inducted into the Chicago Business Hall of Fame and received the Making History Award which recognizes extraordinary contributions to Chicago.

Dick's unique ability and captivating desire to help those he encountered in daily life will be notably missed. He was known to invest in the personal stories of everyone around him, from cab drivers to the valets at Rush, and loved to help people, usually by connecting them to someone who could be of further assistance. Dick Jaffee was a true humanitarian.

Private burial services have been held while a celebration of Dick's life will take place some time in the Spring or early Summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Rush University Medical Center at (312) 942-1514 or <https://www.rush.edu/giving-rush>.

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Jagodowski, Alice M.

Alice M. Jagodowski, age 89, of Wilmette, IL. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Jagodowski. Loving mother of Diane (Robert) Malooly and Lynne (the late Bill) Dahlgren. Cherished grandmother of Claire (Simon) Connell, Kevin (Brenda) Malooly, Ann (Roman) Seckel; and Kirsten (Brad) Lanpher and Mara Dahlgren. Proud and loving great grandmother of Ben, Peter, Jack, Sam and Kate Connell; Megan, Alice, Sean, Ryan and John Malooly; and Joe, Kathleen and Thomas Seckel. Fond sister, kind aunt, and caring friend of many. Visitation Thursday, February 1, 2018, 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at Saint Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, at Ridge Road, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Saint Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



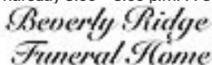
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Johnston, Constance Jo

Constance Jo Johnston, age 67. Beloved wife of Charles Nemon for 42 years. Dear mother of Catherine (Jeremy) Barrow. Loving grandmother of Henry and Connie Colette. Devoted daughter of the late Paul and Marilyn Johnston of Lima, Ohio. Dear sister of Chris (Jim) Moscato, Cathie (Mike) Gordon, Jon (Linda) Johnston. Dear niece of Colette Holmes. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Connie worked with the young people of Chicago as a social worker and teacher for 40 years. Retired CPS teacher and counselor at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. Resting at **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave where services will be held Friday 11:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Thursday 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. 773-779-4411



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Jones, Margaret A. 'Peggy'

Margaret A. "Peggy" Jones nee Clark, 73, of Northbrook and formerly of Wilmette for 34 years. Wife of Edward "Ted" Jones; mother of Christopher (Gail) Jones, Donald (Katie) Jones, Marilyn Jones, and Peter (Prema) Jones; grandmother of Cassidy, Connor, Cooper, Quinn, Lumen and Astra; Sister of Cathie Clark and the late Robert Peter Clark, III; daughter of Robert P. Clark Jr and Catherine Isabelle MacKay Clark. Peggy attended Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, New Jersey and graduated from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Visitation Thursday February 1, 2018 6:00pm-8:00pm at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Funeral Mass Friday February 2, 2018 10:00am at SS. Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment private, Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Presence Maryhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 1700 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025 or JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, IL 60025 or Alzheimer's Association of Chicago, 8430 W Bryn Mawr Ave # 800, Chicago, IL 60631.



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Kocher, Daniel T. 'Dan'

Daniel T. Kocher, age 64, of Naperville, IL, passed away on January 29, 2018 at his home. Visitation will be Friday, February 2, 3:00 until 8:00 PM at **Friedrich Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, February 3, 9:30 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville. Interment SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville. For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Dan's life, memorials in his name to SS. Peter & Paul School would be greatly appreciated. For information please call 630/355-0213 or visit www.friedrich-jones.com



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Kolbaska, Steve N.

Steve N. Kolbaska of Niles / McHenry Illinois. In Loving memory: longtime original resident of Niles, IL. where He helped shape the now big little city of Niles, IL in the 60's, and 70's. He was one of the driving forces in the creation of the Niles Free Bus, now Niles Pace bus when he represented Niles on the Cook County Board of Transportation in the late 60's. Former G.M. at Frankenhush Electric Niles, IL. Steve was a Veteran, Korean War hero with 2 Purple Hearts, 1 Bronze Star, and other accomedations. He is survived by his Loving wife of 61+ years Irene D. Kolbaska, sons Jeffrey, David, and Larry. Loving Daughter in Law Karen Kolbaska (Richter) grand daughters Brittnay,Lindsay, Great Grandsons Jackson, and Remi, along with many Loving nieces, nephews, and Friends. Visitation at **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 North Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL, Thursday from 4PM until 9PM. Funeral Friday 10:15 AM to St. Isaac Jogues Church for 11AM Mass. Entombment St. Adalbert Mausoleum. Funeral Info.847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

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Lawrence, Lorraine Alice

Religious of the Sacred Heart, Lorraine Alice Lawrence, died January 24, 2018, in Atherton, California. She was born in Libertyville, Illinois to Mary Kathryn Gannon and Elmer Lawrence. An alum of Catholic University of America, her career was devoted to teaching and she served on the faculty of Sacred Heart Schools in Nebraska, and San Diego



College for Women (University of San Diego). She taught for twenty years at San Francisco College for Women, Lone Mountain College in San Francisco, California, and at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, California. Sister Lawrence is survived by her sister, Mary Neal, and her brother, John Lawrence, both of Arizona, and her sisters in the Society of the Sacred Heart. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, February 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Oakwood Chapel located at 140 Valparaiso Avenue, in Atherton, California. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Society of the Sacred Heart, 4120 Forest Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63108.

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Mazzeffi, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Mazzeffi (nee Michela) - Born on April 6, 1924 in Chicago, IL. Beloved wife of 50 years to the late Joseph R., Sr.; loving mother of Joseph R., Jr. (James Compton), Lawrence (Charmaine), Kenneth (Patricia), Joan, William (Yvonne); adored grandmother of Carissa (Brian Alvers), Joseph W. (Erin), Thomas (Jennifer), Michael (Darcie), James (Sandra), Kathryn (Deraedt), Cynthia (Joseph Gunsteen), Vincent (Erica), Tiffany (James Shubalis), Matthew (Shiroma), Matthew (Deraedt); great grandmother of Brock (Alvers), Ellie, Mia, Parker (Shubalis), Nathan, Mary Ann, Siena, Brittaby (Alvers), Amelia, Nora Galen, Evelyn, Piper (Shubalis); dear sister-in-law of Josephine Jablonski. Visitation Thursday 3-8 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W Irving Park Rd. Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. to St. Andrew Church for 10:30 a.m. mass. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) would be appreciated. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Mendonides, Diamond

Diamond Mendonides, beloved husband of Johanna Hauki, devoted father of Tracy (Mark) Poulakidas and loving Pappou of Zoe and Tommy Poulakidas. Dear brother of the late William (Giannoula) Mendonides, Agnes (the late Robert) Deja, and Georgia Mendonides. Cherished "Uncle D," cousin, and friend to many.



Diamond was born in Chicago on August 8, 1943 to John and Dina Mendonides from Patrika, Chios, Greece. He attended Socrates Greek School and Marshall H.S. Although he did not formally graduate high school, Diamond went on to earn a political science degree from the University of Illinois (1970) and his Juris Doctor (cum laude) from DePaul University College of Law (1975), where he was a Law Review member. He enjoyed a successful legal career as Regional Counsel with Prudential Financial, and as an Administrative Judge at the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board. His unwavering support of the local Greek-American community included service as President of the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois; Secretary and Executive Committee member at the Hellenic American Academy; Secretary, United Hellenic American Congress; founding member Midwest Region, International Orthodox Christian Charities; Parish Council member and officer at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church; Board member of Hellenic Professional Society of IL; Member of Hellenic Link Midwest; Representative to Greektown SSA; and Delegate to the Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE). Diamond was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and also enjoyed traveling, politics, reading and cooking. Above all, he enjoyed spending time and engaging in animated discussions with his family and friends. May his memory be eternal. Family and friends will meet Friday morning at Sts. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL, for visitation at 11:30 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 12:30 p.m. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. Kindly omit flowers; donations may be made to the Hellenic American Academy, Deerfield in Diamond's honor. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd.



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Miller, Loretta "Lori"

Loretta "Lori" Miller, loving wife of the late Walter Miller. Cherished mother of the late David Sheehan. Step-mother of Jolane (John) Gervasi, Wayne Miller, and Karen Cardinal. Beloved grandmother of Janelle, Kristen, Katie, Molly, T.J., Jolane, and Renee. Dear aunt of Mary (Brian) Dahowski, and Janet (Glenn) O'Connell. Great-aunt of Emily and David Dahowski, and Bennett, Sean and the late Kevin O'Connell. Memorial Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien. Interment private. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Mullin, Francis P 'Frank'

84, formerly of Skokie, then 14 year resident at St. Benedict Nursing Center, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2018. Loving son of the late Joseph and Bridget (nee McGuiney) Mullin. Devoted brother of Elizabeth (the late John) Mahal, John (the late Joanne), Mary Jo (the late Thomas) Dockery, the late Reverend Edward J. Mullin C.M., and the late Joseph. Graduated from DePaul Academy and DePaul University. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the staff and volunteers at St. Ben's for their wonderful care and kindness they provided Frank during his stay there. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Frank's name to Presence Saint Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 6930 W. Touhy, Niles, IL 60714 or Avenues to Independence, 515 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Visitation Friday from 3-9 pm at **Cooney Funeral Home** in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday at 12 noon for mass at 12:30 pm at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery. He had a great passion for his profession as an accountant. Also, he was an avid Cubs fan and loved crossword puzzles. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Mullowney, Nancy P.

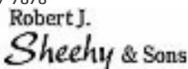
Nancy P. Mullowney, nee Daly. Age 85. Loving mother of Joseph (Barbara), Diane (Rick) Miller and Gene. Dear grandmother of Corinne, Elizabeth, Ryan (Tina), Patrick, Jack, Connor and Colleen. Great-grandmother of Reagan. Visitation Saturday, February 3, 9-9:45 a.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to your favorite charity appreciated. Info., www.ryan-parke.com.



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O'Connell, George

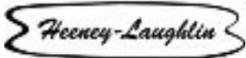
U.S. Coast Guard Veteran. Beloved husband of 49 years to Arline (nee Baumann). Devoted father of Lawrence (Rosa), Gail (Greg) Warren, and Cynthia (Patrick) O'Brien. Loving grandfather of Lary, Taryn, and Patrick. Cherished great-grandfather of Gwen, Bennett, Thomas, and Savanna. Loving brother of the late Lorraine (George) Maher and loving uncle to their children. Friend and mentor to many. George was an avid hunter and collector. Graduate of University of Illinois, and Kent Law School, Chicago, IL. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 10:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church, Mass 10:45 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to your choice of the American Cancer Society or Veteran's Administration. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Peterlin, Marie J.

Marie J. Peterlin, Born into Eternal Life on January 28, 2018 after a beautiful long journey through life of 101 years, 9 months, and 11 days. Beloved wife of the late William J. Loving mother of Barbara. Thomas (Pamm), James (Jaren), Judith (Brad) Herman, and Janet (Larry) Dimond. Proud "Grandma Re" of Becky (Cliff) Wiest, Jeff (Chelsea), and Mark Herman; Shane, Beau, and Ana Peterlin. Fond great-grandma of Kierlyn and Landon Wiest. Eldest of five children born to Charles and Carrie Haslouer on the family farm in Dickinson Co. Kansas. Marie was a Registered Nurse and member of LCM Associates. She was an avid gardener and quilter, and past member of the Beverly Hills Embroiderers Guild. Beloved member of Christ the King Parish for many years. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Friday morning for visitation 10am-11am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Christ the King School Foundation or Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation, 2800 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 are most appreciated. Info: **Heehey-Laughlin Funeral Directors** 708-636-5500 or www.heeheyfh.com



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Remkus, John Joseph

John Joseph Remkus passed away on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at the age of 89. He was born on December 26, 1928 at the Oak Park Hospital in Oak Park, IL. to John and Mary Remkus (nee Dobbins). He grew up in Melrose Park, IL. He earned a Bachelor's in Mathematics at DePaul University in Chicago. He served as an Ensign in the Navy.

He was married to Geraldine Huron on July 31, 1951 who passed away September 21, 2001.

He was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine, his son William, daughter Barbara, brothers Edwin and Tom.

He is survived by his daughters, Cathy and Margaret, sons Steven, Allen, and David, and sister Lorraine Nosacek (nee Remkus). He had 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was accompanied in life by Charlotte Seiler at the Fairhaven Senior Services. Charlotte's daughter and son-in-law Jaime and Richard Gunther generously cared for John, and he was accepted as a part of the entire Seiler family

He was a parishioner of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Whitewater, WI.

A memorial service will be held at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, at the Fairhaven Senior Services 435 W. Starin Rd, Whitewater, WI 53190 Nitardy Funeral Home in Fort Atkinson, WI is assisting the arrangements, www.nitardyfuneralhome.com

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Rifkind, Myron Robert

Myron Robert Rifkind, age 87, beloved husband of Ene-Janet, nee Marcus; cherished father of Marc (Elisa, nee Garrison) Rifkind and Bruce Rifkind; devoted grandfather of Lindsay, Daniel, Bailey, and Chelsie Rifkind, Keri Garrison and Margarita Gomez; dear brother of Janet (Andrew) Ashlund. Service Thursday, 10:00 a.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago. Contributions in Myron's name to Wheeling Township, Senior Services 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 would be appreciated. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Rosa, Rigo

Rigo Rosa, age 97, formerly of Villa Park. For funeral info, go to www.knollcrest.net.

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Rouffa, Michael Alan

WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP, MI - Memorial services for Michael Alan Rouffa will be held at Unity Temple, 875 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Rouffa died January 24, 2018. Condolences at www.swansonlundquistfuneralhome.com

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Sansone, Nancy Ann

Nancy Ann Sansone nee Clausen, age 64 of Burr Ridge. Beloved wife of Robert "Bob". Loving mother of Melanie (Joseph) Grimes and Robert "Bobby" Sansone. Beloved daughter of the late Dorothy and Howard Clausen. Proud grandmother of Trinity, Maceylee, Tanner, Caleb, Urijah and Ezra. Dear sister of the Clausen Boys. Fond aunt and friend of many. Visitation Friday, Feb. 2nd 10AM until time of service 12:30PM at Adolf Funeral Home 7000 S. Madison St. Willowbrook. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery-Darien. (630) 325-2300.

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Slattery, Rosemary G.

Rosemary G. Slattery, nee Salem, 99. Beloved wife of the late John. Devoted mother of John. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:15 AM from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn to Our Lady of Loretto Church. Mass 10:00 AM. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 PM. Info 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com.



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Slawewski, Shirley M.

(nee Sieczkarski), age 82. Beloved wife of the late Michael A. Slawewski. Loving mother of the late Christopher (Christine) Slawewski, Debra (Richard) Slawewski, Jeffrey (Terry) Slawewski, and Cynthia (T.J.) Murphy. Cherished grandmother of Susan (Steven) Barnett, Michael (Christen) Kerrigan, Nicole (Glen) Stafford, Jeffrey (Amanda) Slawewski, Jason (Kristen) Slawewski, Kelsey, Sheamus (Hannah) Murphy, Cassie (Alan) Spencer, Madelynn, Kayla, and Kaylynne. Proud great-grandmother of Logan, Elena, Michael, Colin, Landon, Brayden, Madilyn, and Jay. Treasured daughter of the late Theodore Sieczkarski Sr. and Doris Sieczkarski-Papesh (nee Jaderberg). Dear sister of the late Theodore (Dolores) Sieczkarski Jr. Adored aunt of many nieces and nephews. Devoted care givers, Joanne Mannerino and Tammy Fencil and friend of many. Loving grandmother to many fur babies. Visitation Friday 3 - 9 p.m. Funeral service Saturday 10:30 a.m. at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society, 17060 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60477 would be appreciated. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

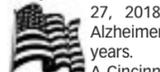


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Smith, Gerald W.

Gerry Smith of Northfield, IL passed away January 27, 2018 after a noble battle with Alzheimer's. He lived a full life of 81 years.



A Cincinnati native, Gerry was a retired partner at Ernst & Young, joining its predecessor firm Arthur Young & Co., directly after his graduation from the University of Cincinnati. He spent his entire career in public accounting, was a member of the AIPCA and loved his clients and co-workers. Prior to relocating to Chicago, he was the Managing Partner of the Louisville, KY office of Arthur Young & Co. Always active in his community, Gerry joined several boards as a member of the finance committee for: The Catholic Charities of Chicago, the Chicago chapter of The Boy Scouts of America, and Kohl's Illinois, Inc. For the Village of Northfield, he served as a Trustee, Treasurer, also sitting on the Library Board and Architectural Commission. A long-time parishioner of St. Phillip the Apostle Church in Northfield, he was a member of the finance committee for 20 years and a regular Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Lumen Cordium Society of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Order of the Kentucky Colonels, and served in the US Navy from 1954 - 1957.

Gerry was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Barbara R. Smith and faithfully remarried to Phyllis J. Smith. He was adored by his surviving children: David (Cheri), Cindy (James Campbell), Lisa, and Derek, stepchildren Beth (Charles) Chilla, and Christopher Sims, Grandchildren: Jack, Olivia, Henry, Eleanor, Charlie, Michael, Fiona, and Neve. As part of a large extended family, he was a doting, generous, and favorite brother, cousin, nephew, and uncle to many Smiths', Roettesles', Dellers' and Brosnans'. Visitation Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Phillip the Apostle Church, 1962 Old Willow Road, Northfield, IL 60093. In Gerry's honor, please consider a donation to either The Catholic Charities of Chicago, 721 North La Salle Drive, Chicago, IL 60654 or Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Stelzer, Mildred K.

Mildred K. Stelzer nee Kaufman, age 97. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Sister of the late Harvey (Bertie) Kaufman, the late Melvin (Elaine) Kaufman and the late Thelma (the late Louis) Silverman. Loving aunt of many. Graveside service Wednesday 10AM at Zion Gardens Cemetery, 6758 W. Addison Street, Chicago. Memorial contributions may be made to The ARK, 6450 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60645, www.arkchicago.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfiinfo.com



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Sugiyama, Miriam M.

Sugiyama, Miriam M., nee Suzuki, 85, passed away, loving wife to the late Tak; cherished daughter to the late Grandma Rose; beloved mother to Glenn T. (Patricia); adoring grandmother to Nicole and Tyler; sister to the late Michael (Betty), the late Patrick (Ruth) and Nancy Suzuki; aunt to many nieces and nephews; a great friend to many. Visitation is Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 11am to 12pm at St. Philip Lutheran Church, 2500 W. Brywn Mawr, Chicago, IL 60659; memorial Service at 12pm. Committal service at Rosehill Cemetery chapel. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, 420 E. Superior St., Rubloff Building, 9th Fl, Chicago, IL 60611 or www.wewill.northwestern.edu/lurie OR to the Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60640 or www.jasc-chicago.org Arrangements under the direction of **Drake & Son Funeral Home**, info 773-561-6874 or visit www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Svitaneck, Daniel J.

Daniel J. Svitaneck, beloved husband of the late Margaret "Peggy" nee Howells and the late Donna Brooks; loving father of Kimberley (Anthony) Jansto & Annie USAF Ret (Jennifer USAF Ret) Svitaneck; dear grandfather of Taylor & Jake Jansto; son of the late Florence Svitaneck; brother of Jeff (Judy) Svitaneck. He was a retired member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 73. Visitation Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Lack & Sons Funeral Home**, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Funeral Service Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at the funeral home to St. Gerald Church for 11:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For info 708-430-5700.



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Turk, Stefan

Stefan Turk, age 84; beloved husband of the late Marija nee Bosnar; loving father of Brigita (Alfredo) Giallanza and Peter (Julie); cherished grandfather of Julia Giallanza and Rachel Turk. Visitation Friday 10:00 A.M. until time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. at Slovenian Cultural Center, 14252 Main St., Lemont. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Slovenian Cultural Center are appreciated. For funeral info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.

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Uddman, Roy R.

Roy R. Uddman, 84, US Army Korean War Veteran, at rest January 27, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Sally, nee Lyons. Loving father of Roy W. Uddman and Susan (William J.) Evans. Cherished and proud grandfather of Alexandra (Brian) Noffsinger and

Mckenzie Evans. Fond brother of the late Dorothy (Walter) Wiese. Fond uncle of Thomas (Donna) Wiese and Wendy (Anne Hunter) Wiese. Mr. Uddman was a 45 year employee of General Mills and 19 year employee of Central American Group. Past president of the East Side Chamber of Commerce, founding member / past president of South Chicago Parents and Friends, member of American Federation of Grain Millers, Harborland Jaycees, and longtime member of the "Dirty Dozen" and the General Mills Men's Club. Also a lifelong die hard Chicago Cubs Fan. Visitation Thursday 2 PM to 8 PM at **Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home** 11333 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn. Chapel service Friday at 10:30 AM. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Emilie's Fund C/O Smith Village 2320 W. 113th. Pl. Chicago, IL 60643 or Honor Flight Chicago www.honorflightchicago.org would be appreciated. Info (708) 636-1200 or www.chapel-hillgardensouth.com.

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Valentine, Charlene Rose 'Cookie'

Charlene "Cookie" Rose Valentine (nee Koenig), 78, at peace Jan. 25, 2018, with her daughter, Kathryn Tutkus, and adored pet shih tzu, Bella Valentine, at her side. Charlene was the beloved wife to the late Joseph, loving mother to the late Tony Tutkus, dearest daughter of the late Charles and Marie Koenig, super sister to late brother Bruce, and a friend to many. Memorial service Feb. 1, 2018, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Sheridan Room at Brookdale Lake View Senior Community, 3121 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL.

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Wharton, Richard T.

Richard T. Wharton, 53, of Chicago passed away surrounded by cherished friends and Norman Falls bandmates. He was born June 14, 1964, and was a graduate of Larkin High School and Valparaiso University. A celebration of Rich's life is scheduled on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 3:00 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church, 37W040 W Highland Ave, Elgin, IL 60123. All who knew and loved Rich are warmly invited to share memories. **Laird Funeral Home**, Elgin. 847-741-8800 or www.lairdfamilyfuneralservices.com.

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Zgorski, Gladys

Gladys F. Zgorski, age 93, of Reedsburg, WI, formerly of Chicago, died on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Loving wife of the late Anthony; dear mom of Lynn (Troy) Porter, of Gold Canyon, AZ; beloved grandmother of four; loving great-grandmother of 10; fond sister of Leora Bonvini and the late Loretta Poindexter; other relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass: 10:30 A.M. on Friday, February 2, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church in LaVale, WI. Visitation: 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials for masses would be appreciated.

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Zuelke, Pearl J.

(nee Smerz). Pearl is survived by; son Earl Jr. (Sally) and Garry (Jeannie); grandchildren Christopher (Elizabeth), Samantha and Jill; great grandchildren Shaylee and John Christopher; brother Earl (the late Corky); Dear aunt and friend to many. She was preceded in death by her former husband Earl Sr.; brothers Leroy, Raymond, William and George. A visitation for Pearl will be held Friday, February 2, 2018 from 2to 8 PM at **Mount Auburn Funeral Home**, 4101 S. Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL 60402/708-749-2033. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.MountAuburnFuneralHome.com for the Zuelke family.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Gloria Crain David Crain AKA David Crain Bryant Crain AKA Bryant Crain Jr. AKA Bryant Crain Jr. AKA Bryala Crain Bryalyse Crain Caitlyn Wood

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alisha Wood (Mother) AKA Alesia Wood

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00287 17JA00291
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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Alisha Wood (Mother) AKA Alesia Wood**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 29, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/21/2018**, at **1:00 PM** IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 31, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

Melody Villegas AKA Melody Villegas

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alyana Acosta (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01003

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) And Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 28, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/14/2018**, at **9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Sealed bids will be received by J Sterling Morton High School District 201 located at 5041 W 31st. St. Cicero, IL 60804 until 10:30 AM local prevailing time, March 1, 2018. Immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Contracts will be awarded, if at all, by the J. Sterling Morton High School District 201 at their next Board meeting. All questions concerning the bid must be submitted to Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. in writing. All bidders must procure a current set of drawings and specifications. Bidders may rely only on information contained in the bid documents and provided in written addenda during this bid process, and shall not rely on any oral information or interpretations given by any representatives or agents of the J. Sterling Morton High School District 201, FGM Architects Inc., their consultants, or Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. All trade contractors must pay prevailing wages in accordance with IDOL requirements for Cook County, Illinois.

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company and Successor-403-043-1050, Volume 142 Company as Trustee under Trust Agreement dated 1/14/2005 and known as Trust Number 05-8082 Daniel Virgine Occupants of Linda Smith City of Chicago c/o City Clerk City of Chicago c/o Corporation Counsel City of Chicago c/o Department of Water James A. Mackey County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2017COTD004857 FILED: December 21, 2017 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0004643 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at West side of Vincennes Ave., Approx. 156.6 Feet South of 45th St., Commonly known as 4515 S. Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-03-416-004-0000, Volume 252 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 8, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 8, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1706, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on July 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 8, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 DERRICK G ROWE Purchaser or Assignee Dated December 21, 2017 Pub: 1/30, 1/31, 2/1/2018 5424772

TO: C Rubino & M Rubino; Christopher J. Rubino; Melissa A. Rubino; First Choice Bank; City of Chicago, Water Dept., Re: Doc. #0913940088; Payette Financial Services, LLC; Payette Financial Services, LLC; Payette Financial Services, LLC; Commercial Finance, LLC; Occupant, 131 W. 108th Pl., Chicago, IL 60628; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2017COTD003740 FILED: January 24, 2018 AMENDED TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: August 5, 2015 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 13-0012869 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2013 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 131 W. 108TH PL., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 25-09-330-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 15, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 15, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on June 20, 2018, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 15, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK. 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Oak Park Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: January 24, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 1/30, 1/31, 2/1/2018 5425109

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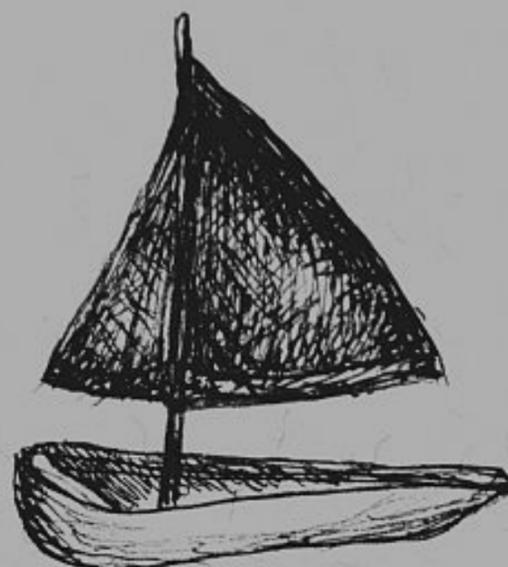
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NBA TRADE DEADLINE: FEB. 8

Deal takes a dip

Trade of Mirotic to Pelicans falters when forward drops anchor over 2nd-year option

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

After Nikola Mirotic failed to evoke significant interest in restricted free agency last year, the Bulls and his representatives agreed on an intriguing proposal.

Rather than play this season on his \$7.2 million qualifying offer, why not make a higher annual salary on a two-year, \$25 million deal structured with a team option that could make Mirotic eminently tradable at some point in the deal?

After all, if Lauri Markkanen emerged as a force, Mirotic, who will seek a big payday in 2019, wouldn't fully match the

timeline for the team's rebuild, given it has to sign Zach LaVine to a big payday this summer. Markkanen and Kris Dunn also will be due extensions in the coming years as part of the core.

And if Mirotic played well, which he has, he might be able to net a first-round pick in return. Plus, the Bulls were — and still are — under the salary-cap floor.

The notion that it's a matter of when, not if, Mirotic is dealt picked up steam Tuesday.

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TALKING SMACK | Steve Rosenbloom

For a minute there Tuesday, Nikola Mirotic was traded to the Pelicans. Then he wasn't. Tank Watch 2018 continues. More, [Page 2](#)



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Jeffery savors new reality: 'It's amazing'

After leaving Bears, receiver's dreams are all coming true



BRAD BIGGS
On the NFL

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Alshon Jeffery stood at his riser Monday night at the Xcel Energy Center and took in the vast crowd at Super Bowl LII's opening night, the descendant of media day.

The stands were full of boisterous fans, many of them Vikings supporters still stung by the loss to the Eagles in the NFC championship game on Jan. 21. Jeffery held up his phone, panning the crowd in wonderment. He was wearing a body camera so he could record 60 minutes of questions and his answers about the Eagles and their preparation for Super Bowl LII on Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium, where they will meet the AFC champion Patriots.

The moment was surreal for Jeffery, who missed the playoffs in each of the first five years of his career with the Bears. He caught two touchdowns in the 38-7



GREGORY PAYAN/AP

Eagles wide receiver Alshon Jeffery was happy to take in the scene at the Super Bowl's opening night festivities Monday.

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demolition of the Vikings and is one win away from hoisting the Lombardi Trophy, just as he said his team would when the Bears finished a miserable 3-13 season here against the Vikings on Jan. 1, 2017.

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BLACKHAWKS 2, PREDATORS 1

Break over, breaks finally go Hawks' way

Against short-handed Preds, Kampf, Forsberg key victory

By PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — After five weeks littered with them, the Blackhawks are ready to take a break from taking breaks.

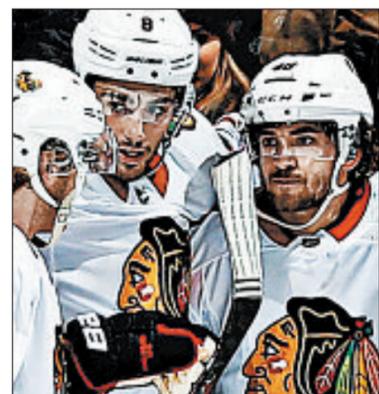
The team had three hockey-free days wrapped around Christmas. They took four more full days off the ice during their off week in mid-January.

Then came three more days of rest for All-Star weekend.

"Let's play hockey," coach Joel Quenneville said Tuesday before the Hawks defeated the Predators 2-1 at Bridgestone Arena for their second straight win and the home team's first regulation loss since Jan. 2.

The Hawks were happy to oblige their coach, and they took whatever breaks they could on the ice along the way.

They caught their first one before their first game back from break began. Absent from the ice for the Predators were All-Star



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The Blackhawks' Vinnie Hinostroza, right, celebrates his second-period goal with Patrick Kane, left, and Nick Schmaltz.

goalie Pekka Rinne and injured forward Filip Forsberg (15 goals, 19 assists), who has been on IR since Dec. 30 with an upper-body injury.

The breaks continued 3 minutes, 3 seconds into the first period, when David Kampf scored after Vinnie Hinostroza and Tomas Jurco teamed up to force a Predators turnover.

The three celebrated Kampf's second score in his last three shots on goal (he had none the previous five games) with a group hug.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLUM

There's hope for Hoiberg

Hey, kids, it's now time to play our favorite game during Bulls season.

No, it's not "Why Is Gar Forman Still Here?" Good guess, though.

And no, it's not "When Will Cameron Payne Save the Franchise?" You joker, you.

No, we're going to flip all the cards and reveal the answer: "Can Fred Hoiberg Actually Coach in the NBA?"

We've played this game for three seasons now, usually after the Bulls have failed to play a game worthy of professionals, such as Sunday's dog of a 110-96 loss to the Bucks. The Bulls' fourth straight defeat screamed for another episode, and so, here we are, noting how Hoiberg talked tough after the desultory effort.

"We're going to have a hell of a practice (Monday)," Hoiberg said. "We're going to have a training-camp-type practice. We have to get our competitive edge and spirit back. We're going to go like hell."

Tough talk right there, mister. It came from a Boy Scout, but it sounded tough and necessary and get your popcorn ready.

But here's the thing: The tough-guy trait has been an issue before, and it usually hasn't included a happy ending, initially and most famously with Jimmy Butler saying the Bulls "probably have to be coached a lot harder at times."

Just 25 games into his NBA coaching career, Hoiberg was officially neutered.

It lasted the season, and whatever hope there was last season seemed to go boom when Butler again — hrm, a trend — and fellow co-conspirator Dwyane Wade publicly questioned how much their teammates cared and hurt after a loss. Hoiberg said he, not management, benched Butler and Wade to start the next game, but not everyone believed that.

Tough talking, it seemed, didn't fit Hoiberg's coaching. Like Kermit the Frog working the door at a Hells Angels convention.

Nonetheless, he was doing it anyway Sunday, and maybe it's me, but in searching the web for big stories of the "hell of a practice," expecting to hear players regret their apathetic performance and bemoan getting run to their knees, there was, um, nothing. Nary a report of what was threatened to be a basketball version of hockey's bag skate.

Maybe I missed it, but that's not his coaching style, and it sounds lame when he tries.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Fred Hoiberg, right, coaches-up shooting guard Zach LaVine during Saturday's game.

But you know what is Hoiberg's coaching style? You know what answers yes, for now, to the "Can Fred Hoiberg Actually Coach?" game we've been playing? Teaching players to move the ball and giving them minutes to show they deserve more playing time, that's what.

Denzel Valentine, come on down. You, too, Bobby Portis. When Jerian Grant didn't work out, Kris Dunn did. Lauri Markkanen got an unexpected chance early and not only made the most of it, but also had Hoiberg saying the Bulls should look for their first-round draft choice every time down the court.

In a Bulls season with more wins than expected — and more than are helpful for the tank program — Hoiberg has been teaching the style of ball that Butler's game and insistence never allowed. He's teaching concepts that are being executed, just like big-boy teams. He's teaching a style that is fun to watch, the last four games

notwithstanding, but that will change upon Dunn's return.

Hoiberg could face some tricky maneuvering when that happens, when it's all going, when Zach LaVine starts making shots again and when Markkanen continues to make his case as rookie of the year and when Nikola Mirotic can't miss (for as long as he's here, anyway). Hoiberg has faced it before and admirably finessed a solid lineup and productive rotation in the wake of Portis punching Mirotic.

And Hoiberg should leave it at that. Leave it at facile coaching. I'm not saying he should lose his anger when his team cheats on an effort, but channel it into drilling plays that produce open shots. It has been shown to be more productive than threatening to hold his breath until he turns blue.

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THE LINEUP

Better late than never



Shaquem Griffin, a one-handed linebacker from Central Florida, has received a belated invitation to the NFL scouting combine.

Griffin, the twin brother of Seahawks cornerback Shaquill Griffin, turned plenty of heads at last week's Senior Bowl but said he had yet to receive an invitation, triggering outrage from NFL Network's Mike Mayock and others. That changed Tuesday, when he announced the news over social media, thanking his supporters.

"I'm going to show you guys," Griffin said in a Twitter video. "I've got a lot to prove. Against all odds."

Griffin, who had his left hand amputated at 4 because of a congenital birth defect, was an all-league player for the unbeaten NFL Knights. Tribune news services

Not budging on Redskins



A day after the Cleveland Indians announced they will cease using the Chief Wahoo logo on uniforms starting in 2019, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said not to

expect any change to the Washington Redskins' name in the foreseeable future.

Redskins owner Dan Snyder has vowed to "never" change the team's nickname, which dates to 1933. Goodell was asked Tuesday on ESPN Radio if the league would ever pressure Snyder to make a change.

"I think you start from the position of what the reaction is from the Native Americans," Goodell said. "As I said, that's overwhelmingly positive about it. Second, I think you obviously ask Dan to listen and make sure you understand what the fans are saying, which he has, we have. We don't hear this very much from our fans, but we understand there are different perspectives on this. We're sensitive to that." Washington Post

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BULLS AND BLACKHAWKS

Bulls headed to The Score?

Team could finalize radio deal Wednesday with WSCR-AM 670

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls, whose multiyear contract with WLS-AM 890 may end early through a bankruptcy court ruling this week, are negotiating with all-sports station WSCR-AM 670, sources said.

If there are no snags in the talks with The Score, it's possible the Bulls could make their debut on the station Saturday. An announcement might come as early as Wednesday.

WLS' parent company, Atlanta-based Cumulus Media, filed motions earlier this month with the

U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York seeking to nullify "a handful of extremely unprofitable contracts, including those with the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bulls" and its deal to operate and acquire Merlin Media's Chicago stations, WKQX-FM 101.1 and WLUP-FM 97.9.

With a ruling expected Thursday, the Bulls are trying to hammer out the deal with Entercom's WSCR, which is the flagship station for the Cubs. Sister station WBBM-AM 780 (simulcast on WCFS-FM 105.9) renewed its multiyear Bears contract last fall.

According to those with knowledge of the talks but not authorized to discuss them publicly, the NBA team and radio station seek to partner in a way that minimizes the potential downside for either

party while recognizing the need to proceed quickly. Arrangements also must be made for when Bulls games conflict with Cubs games.

Speculation on the ultimate destination for the Sox has centered on Tribune Media's WGN-AM 720 and Disney-owned ESPN's WMVP-AM 1000.

The Bulls have had a five-year agreement with WLS that began in November 2016. The Sox began a six-year deal in April 2016.

The two Jerry Reinsdorf-controlled pro teams issued a joint statement after Cumulus' court filing that they had tried but failed "to find an amicable solution" with Cumulus but were "confident in finding a radio broadcast solution."

The Bulls' talks with WSCR were first reported Tuesday by

media blogger Robert Feder.

Radio Ink on Monday reported that Merlin Media, in a filing with the bankruptcy court, said it was attempting to resolve its legal and business issues with Cumulus, which had a local marketing agreement to operate and eventually buy WKQX and WLUP.

A potential outcome is control of the stations could be returned to Merlin, whose CEO is Randy Michaels, a former CEO of then-Chicago Tribune parent Tribune Co., or they could be sold to another company.

"We are fully prepared to step in and operate the stations essentially as is," Michaels told the Tribune earlier this month. "There are no changes being planned right now other than behind the scenes."

Cumulus has said its agreement with Merlin has it paying Merlin \$600,000 per month and on the hook to acquire the stations for roughly \$50 million. The company, however, reported it has lost \$8.4 million on the two stations since 2014 and has "determined that the legacy terms to acquire WKQX-FM and WLUP-FM in Chicago for approximately \$50 million is significantly in excess of the stations' market value."

Merlin's filing also objected to Cumulus' attempt in its reorganization plan to classify its Merlin partnership as a subordinated or junior claim. Such claims would be addressed only after all senior claims are paid.

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MARK ZALESKI/AP

The Blackhawks' David Kampf, right, fights for the puck Tuesday night against the Predators.

BLACKHAWKS NOTES

In need of big streak

Hawks short on time to find winning formula for run at postseason

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — There's no time for the Blackhawks to walk before they go on a run.

The sprint to the finish of the regular season, and one of the eight playoff spots in the Western Conference, likely will require a winning streak unlike any the Hawks have had this season.

The team's season-high five-game losing streak from Nov. 28 to Dec. 6 was followed immediately by its season-high five-game winning streak. That was followed by an 1-3-1 showing the next five games.

"Everybody's aware of the urgency that's needed and the fact we're in the position we're in

and how we've got to get to a certain number," coach Joel Quenneville said. "We keep saying we need to put a run together. That's going to be a great test. ... We control our destiny here and we haven't put a great run together. That's what we're looking to find."

After going 2-5-1 at home in January, the Hawks will have to do a lot of their finding from the road. Tuesday's game in Nashville is the second of seven road games in a nine-game stretch.

"We have to put it together, there's no doubt," Jonathan Toews said. "That confidence of squeaking into the playoffs off some really great efforts down the stretch can help you play well in the playoffs."

Crawford update: No news is still news when it comes to goalie Corey Crawford.

The Hawks were hoping the

33-year-old would get on the ice over the weekend. After that didn't happen, Quenneville said Monday that this week was a possibility for that to happen.

On Tuesday, that possibility was laced with some uncertainty.

"Right now, we don't know," Quenneville said when asked whether Crawford would be on the ice this week.

Should the Hawks be on the road when Crawford returns to the ice for the first time since he was placed on injured reserve Dec. 27 with an upper-body injury, Quenneville said it would be under the supervision of someone on the medical staff.

Scratched: Left winger Lance Bouma and defenseman Jan Rutta were healthy scratches for the fourth consecutive game Tuesday, while winger Patrick Sharp sat out for the second game in a row.

Breaks finally go Blackhawks' way

Blackhawks, from Page 1

The Hawks celebrated again when Hinostroza casually pushed the puck past Juuse Saros from outside the circles with 5:27 left in the second to give the Hawks the lead again. All-Star Patrick Kane absorbed a hit before passing the puck to Nick Schmaltz, who found Hinostroza for what turned out to be the winner.

"One of the best players in the league is taking a hit to make a play, an unselfish play, that goes such a long way," Hinostroza said. "He made a great play, Schmaltz made a great pass and (I was) fortunate enough to see that go in."

Goalie Anton Forsberg did his part to make sure the Hawks were winners, too.

Forsberg rejected 42 of the 43 shots aimed at him, a career high. Twenty-two of those occurred during the third period.

"I felt good last game, too," Forsberg said of a 5-1 win over the Red Wings before the All-Star break. "I felt even better today. I have to continue playing like this."

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **Anton Forsberg, Hawks:** Stopped 42 of the 43 shots he saw.
2. **Vinnie Hinostroza, Hawks:** Scored winning goal, had assist.
3. **David Kampf, Hawks:** Scored second goal in last seven games.

■ **Up next:** At Canucks, 9 p.m. Thursday; WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

THE SUMMARY

BLACKHAWKS 1 1 0-2
Nashville 0 1 0-1

FIRST PERIOD:
1. BLACKHAWKS, Kampf 2 (Hinostroza, Jurco), 3:03.

2. Nashville, Turris 9 (Smith, Hartnell), 2:12.

3. BLACKHAWKS, Hinostroza 5 (Schmaltz, Kane), 14:33.

Penalties: Watson, Nas, served by Aberg.

(interference), 5:09;

Wingels, Hawks, Watson, Nas, major (fighting), 5:09;

Fiata, Nas, (cross checking), 15:12.

THIRD PERIOD: No scoring.

Penalty: Hartman, Hawks, (interference), 11:51.

SHOTS ON GOAL: PP: PP:

BLACKHAWKS 9 13 9-31 0-2
Nashville 8 13 22-43 0-1

Goalies: BLACKHAWKS, Forsberg 4-7-3 (43 shots-42 sv).

Nashville, Saros 5-3-4 (31-29).

Referees: Tom Chmielewski, Gord Dwyer.

Linesmen: Ryan Galloway, Kiel Murchison. A: 17,172.

four points and four teams out of the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference promised not to improve no matter what happened Tuesday.

But the two points they earned didn't hurt.

If the Hawks are to shorten their next scheduled break, as in summer break, they'll have to steer their own way — and get a little help along the way.

"Our division, and our conference, there's so many teams competing for playoff spots. Everybody has that belief," captain Jonathan Toews said. "You're going up against that every night, you're going to have to earn every bit of success."

"We just have to go out there and do it."

The first step was taken Tuesday.

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BULLS NOTES

Hoiberg: No 'panic' even without Dunn

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

The Bulls knew they would be without **Kris Dunn** for a sixth straight game Wednesday but expected him to travel to Portland, Ore.

But Dunn, who has been in the league's concussion protocol since Jan. 17, ended up not flying with the team. While there's a chance he could join the three-game trip at subsequent stops in Los Angeles or Sacramento, he has yet to do any increased physical activity.

The Bulls are 1-4 without Dunn. "We've missed Kris because of how he did evolve into the closer of this team," coach **Fred Hoiberg** said.

Despite slow starts, Hoiberg said he would stick with **Jerian Grant** as the starter at point guard. Wednesday's lineup will feature one change as **Lauri Markkanen** also stayed in Chicago, excused for a personal issue.

"I don't think it's time to panic," Hoiberg said. "The first two (games Dunn was out), we were really good, and it started with Jerian. He was really good that first 40 minutes of the New Orleans game. The pressure bothered us at the end. Part of that had to do with the increased workload. He played almost 48 minutes that night in the double-overtime game."

"When Jerian's not on the floor, I had been trying to use **Zach (LaVine)** at point guard. But it's hard to try to teach him two positions when he's just coming back into the fold. So I'm using **Denzel (Valentine)** now in that

BULLS AT TRAIL BLAZERS
TV/radio: 9 p.m. Wednesday, NBCSCH, WLS-AM 890.

Storylines: The Bulls have won two straight in Portland, which often has been a house of horrors for the franchise. The Bulls are 3-0 in games without Lauri Markkanen, who stayed in Chicago for a personal issue.

lineup. Then when **David (Nwaba)** rebounds it, he's instructed to push the ball down the floor. So that second point guard behind Jerian is really by committee right now."

Ryan Arcidiacono also could see minutes.

Blake show: On Saturday, the Bulls face the new-look Clippers, who traded **Blake Griffin** to the Pistons this week. That brings the five-time All-Star forward into the Bulls' division.

"He's obviously a great player, an All-Star-caliber guy who is very versatile and can play multiple positions," Hoiberg said. "He's shooting the heck out of the ball this year. He's really added that 3-point element to his game."

Valentine, who despite growing up in Michigan didn't grow up a Pistons fan, was surprised by the move.

"(The Clippers) just paid him a lot of money. It's kind of confusing why they traded him," Valentine said. "Teams have different outlooks about how they want to further their organization. That's why I'm not a GM. It'll be a whole new (Clippers) team. I'm anxious to see how they look."

Mirotic trade to Pelicans snags on 2nd-year option

Bulls, from Page 1

Sources confirmed the Bulls and Pelicans had pushed a Mirotic trade to the 1-yard line, only to have Mirotic's second-year option become a sticking point. The Bulls would receive Omer Asik, a first-round pick and another player as salary filler.

Indeed, the creative structure to Mirotic's deal is both blessing and curse. The collective bargaining agreement allows Mirotic the right to reject a trade if the second-year team option isn't exercised.

With the Pelicans eager to augment a roster that lost DeMarcus Cousins to a season-ending Achilles tendon injury and make the playoffs, the teams negotiated aware that the option wouldn't be exercised, sources said. If the Pelicans sign Cousins to a max deal this summer, they have luxury-tax concerns.

Mirotic has never backed off his claim to want to be elsewhere — and start — after Bobby Portis' punch Oct. 17 broke two facial bones and cost Mirotic 23 games. The deal had attractiveness to it. Last season, Mirotic called Rajon Rondo, now with the Pelicans, his favorite teammate along with Pau Gasol. And he'd start for a team challenging for the playoffs.

But sources said Mirotic, for now, ultimately soured on waiving his guaranteed \$12.5 million next season, not to mention his Bird rights. Those allow a team to go over the salary cap to sign him to a deal with higher annual raises than signing via a salary-cap exception.

Whether Mirotic's stance changes before the Feb. 8 trade deadline remains to be seen. The

Bulls also could pick up his option — which negates Mirotic's ability to reject a trade — and then find a trading partner.

The Bulls and Jazz also remain in talks, sources said, and Mirotic is intrigued by the idea of playing for coach Quin Snyder.

Mirotic experienced an emotional day. It began with him testing his strained left leg on the practice floor. Then he got pulled into an office by coach Fred Hoiberg and ultimately left the facility while a practice he wasn't scheduled to participate in took place.

Sources said the decision weighed on Mirotic heavily. He ultimately boarded the Bulls charter flight to Portland, Ore., on Tuesday afternoon.

Before that, Hoiberg was purposely vague regarding Mirotic's playing status. He answered "we'll see" and later that he'd "anticipate that he would" when asked before practice if Mirotic would travel.

"He's feeling better," Hoiberg said before practice. "We'll see how he progresses throughout the day. He's got a little bit of an issue that's going on with his lower leg. But nothing ... long term."

Hoiberg did address what he tells players at this time of the year.

"The No. 1 thing right now is continue to go out and worry about the things that you can control," Hoiberg said. "That's playing hard and giving great effort and preparing yourself the right way."

Asik, a former Bull, has a deal that is guaranteed for \$11.2 million next season but carries only a \$3 million guarantee for 2019-20.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



STEPHEN HAAS/AP

Illinois guard Trent Frazier drives around Rutgers' Souf Mensah during Tuesday night's game in Champaign.

ROUNDUP

Easy night for Illini

Nichols, Frazier spearhead 31-point win over Scarlet Knights

Associated Press

Kipper Nichols scored 19 points and Trent Frazier had 17 points to lift Illinois to a 91-60 victory over Rutgers on Tuesday night in Champaign.

In just the second start of his career, Nichols also recorded team highs of six rebounds and three steals.

Frazier had the hot hand early, ripping off a personal 9-0 run in the first half to put the Illini (12-11, 2-8 Big Ten) in the driver's seat. He scored 15 points in the opening period on five 3-pointers.

Geo Baker scored 19 points for Rutgers (12-12, 2-9).

Ohio State 71, Indiana 56: Jae'Sean Tate scored 16 points and the No. 17 Buckeyes took control early in cruising to a win over the Hoosiers in Columbus, Ohio.

Kaleb Wesson added 14 points and Keita Bates-Diop had 13

points and 13 rebounds as Ohio State (19-5, 10-1 Big Ten) bounced back from last week's buzzer-beater loss to Penn State that dropped it three places in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Devonte Green scored 20 for the Hoosiers (12-11, 5-6), who have lost four of five.

Iowa 94, Minnesota 80: Jordan Bohannon led six Hawkeyes in double figures with 20 points as host Iowa (12-12, 3-8 Big Ten) rolled past the Golden Gophers (14-10, 3-8).

Tyler Cook added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawkeyes. Minnesota was led by Jordan Murphy, who totaled 21 points and 17 rebounds.

State: Milik Yarbrough and Keyshawn Evans scored 15 points apiece as visiting Illinois State (12-11, 6-5 Missouri Valley) earned a 76-60 victory over Missouri State (15-9, 5-6). Yarbrough also had a game-high six assists. ... Josh Kozinski broke Central Michigan's program record for career 3-pointers and scored 24 points to lead the host Chippewas

(14-8, 3-6 Mid-American) past Northern Illinois 81-67. Eugene German had 21 points and seven rebounds for the Huskies (10-12, 3-6). ... Aaron Cook scored 18 points, including five in a game-ending 11-0 run, and visiting Southern Illinois (15-9, 7-5 MVC) rallied for a 78-67 victory over Drake (12-12, 6-5).

Top 25: Freshman Trae Young scored 31 of his 44 points in the second half to help No. 12 Oklahoma (16-5, 6-3 Big 12) hold off visiting Baylor 98-96. Manu Lecomte scored 29 points for the Bears (12-10, 2-7). ... Quade Green's layup with five seconds remaining gave No. 21 Kentucky (17-5, 6-3 SEC) an 83-81 overtime win over Vanderbilt (8-14, 2-7). ... Marquise Reed had 20 points as No. 20 Clemson (18-4, 7-3 ACC) ended a 10-game losing streak to visiting North Carolina with an 82-78 victory over the 19th-ranked Tar Heels. North Carolina (16-7, 5-5) played almost the entire game without senior forward Theo Pinson, who strained his left shoulder when he crashed to the court going for a rebound.

GYMNASTICS

LARRY NASSAR FALLOUT

Nassar will face additional victims

Karolyi Ranch under investigation; MSU to name interim president

By Ed White and David Eggert
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Larry Nassar, the sports doctor accused of sexually assaulting more than 150 women and girls, will be confronted again this week by scores of victims as he faces another prison sentence for molesting gymnasts, this time at an elite Michigan club run by an Olympic coach.

Judge Janice Cunningham has set aside three days for roughly 60 people who want to confront Nassar or have their statements read in court. The event could unfold much the same way as the hearing last week in another county that ended with Nassar getting sentenced to 40 to 175 years in prison by Judge Rosemarie Aquilina.

The practice of allowing accusers to speak even if they are not tied directly to a case has raised questions about fairness. But attorneys say the victim statements probably pose little risk on appeal, especially because Nassar pleaded guilty, agreed to allow the statements and is expected to get another long prison sentence as part of his deal with prosecutors.

The case on Cunningham's docket Wednesday in Eaton County centers on Nassar's assaults at Twisters, a Lansing-area gymnastics club that was run by 2012 Olympic coach John Geddert. Nassar admits penetrating three girls with his hands when he was supposed to be treating them for injuries.

So far, 57 victims want to speak in court or submit statements.

The Nassar scandal continued to trigger other developments around the country Tuesday.

■ Texas Gov. Greg Abbott ordered a criminal investigation after victims said Nassar as-

MORE NASSAR FALLOUT
Congress passes legislation to address sexual assault in amateur athletics.
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saulted them at the Karolyi Ranch, a famous Texas facility that was the training ground for U.S. women's gymnastics. The ranch is owned by former national team coordinators Bela and Martha Karolyi.

USA Gymnastics cut ties with the ranch earlier this month, a few days after Olympic champion Simone Biles said she dreaded the thought of having to return there to train.

■ In Michigan, former Gov. John Engler was expected to become interim president at Michigan State, where Nassar was employed, according to a school official involved in the plan.

The official told the Associated Press that trustees would vote Wednesday to hire Engler. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision had not been publicly announced. The post is vacant after Lou Anna Simon resigned last week.

■ Former Michigan State basketball player Travis Walton issued a statement denying the sexual assault allegations levied against him in an ESPN report.

The Outside the Lines report last week revealed a pattern of questionable handling of sexual assault claims at the school that extended beyond the Nassar case.

"I stand by these facts and will defend myself to the extent that the law allows," Walton, 30, said in a letter provided to the Detroit Free Press.

Walton, who played for the Spartans from 2005 to '09 and was an undergraduate student assistant to coach Tom Izzo, was placed on leave from his coaching position with the Clippers' Gatorade League affiliate after ESPN published its story Friday.

Detroit Free Press contributed.



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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

Taking a first run at history

Chicago area's Adigun pioneer for Nigeria's 1st-ever bobsled team

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK
Associated Press

Seun Adigun told herself her athletic career was done after she ran her last race at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. But for some reason, she couldn't bring herself to tell the world.

Three years later, she realized: Adigun wasn't retiring — she was readying for a new sport. And her years competing as a 100-meter hurdler were great preparation what would come next.

"It was the speed and the power and the strength that I needed to be able to be a successful bobsled athlete," she said.

Adigun, 31, soon convinced fellow former runners Ngozi Onwumere and Akuoma Omeoga to join the team as brakemen. But they wouldn't just be newcomers to the sport.

The trio will represent Nigeria as the country fields its first-ever bobsled team at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang. The team is also a first, men's or women's, for the entire continent of Africa.

Yes, they get the comparisons to "Cool Runnings" — the 1993 film based on the true story of the Jamaica's first bobsled team, which was male, that competed in the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary — and say it's a legacy they embrace and a following they hope to emulate.

But the peppy pioneers, all American-born and whose parents emigrated from Nigeria, said they also look forward to representing a positive story about their motherland.

"Nigerians are so excited to see the country being represented," said Adigun, a Chicago native and Homewood-Flossmoor graduate who is also a three-time national track champion for Nigeria. "I realized exactly what was a void from the country of Nigeria, from the continent of Africa, and for women in general being represented."



Akuoma Omeoga, from left, Seun Adigun and Ngozi Onwumere will represent Nigeria's and Africa's first Olympic bobsled team in in Pyeongchang.

Onwumere, 26, agreed: "To be the first to do anything is, I think, it's just something that you can't really explain."

Their story will likely take on added meaning next month, after President Donald Trump's recent vulgar remarks about African countries.

Their journey to South Korea has also been a fast one. Three years ago, the team was little more than an idea, a "crazy but amazing journey," said Adigun, the driver in role and personality who also helped recruit Onwumere, who hails from Dallas, at their alma mater, the University of Houston.

Once her teammates were on board, Olympic rules required them to operate under a national governing body. None existed.

The Bobsled and Skeleton Federation of Nigeria was formed. A GoFundMe campaign was created in 2016, and the team raised more than \$75,000 in 14 months to pay for necessities like helmets, uniforms, travel and their first sled — a wooden vessel affectionately named "The Maeflower." They began practicing in Houston, without snow.

The team's popularity soon attracted Visa and Under Armour as sponsors. To qualify for the

Winter Games, the women had to complete five races. They met their goal in November.

Along the way, their energy and enthusiasm has attracted attention in the U.S. and Nigeria. In December, they appeared on "The Ellen Show," and last week, tennis icon Serena Williams retweeted their Beats by Dre Olympics ad.

The team said they're excited to walk into the stadium in Pyeongchang next month and have been working hard to be competitive as rookies among a pool of talented and experienced bobsledders. Their main goal is to be an example for their country

ON THE CLOCK
9 Days until the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

and for women in the sport. A medal is almost too much to think of, said Omeoga, 25, who ran track at the University of Minnesota.

"That actually has never even crossed my mind," she said. "I'm just taking things one day at a time: Don't get too ahead of yourself, don't get too behind yourself, don't sell yourself short."

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ACROSS

- 1 Up in ___; angry
- 5 Spring month
- 10 Makes a choice
- 14 Jump
- 15 Refrain opener
- 16 Blood ___; thrombus
- 17 Coffin carrier
- 19 Hired vehicle
- 20 Piece of asparagus
- 21 Geeks
- 23 Colorless liquor
- 24 ___ up; absorb
- 26 Sweet coating
- 28 Technique
- 31 Singer Franklin
- 34 Turn a deaf ___ to; ignore
- 35 Farm horse
- 37 Part of the foot
- 40 Tow along
- 42 Sit on a perch
- 43 Stack
- 44 ___ on; incite
- 45 Parents and grandparents
- 47 Haul into court
- 48 Center
- 50 Tooth coating
- 52 ___ up for; defend verbally
- 54 Bar order
- 55 ___ up with; tolerate

DOWN

- 56 Prose writing
- 60 On edge
- 64 Leave out
- 66 Asian nation
- 68 Leak out
- 69 ___ crow flies; in a straight line
- 70 Like pricey ground beef
- 71 Mr. Flintstone
- 72 Baffling question
- 73 Writing table

Solutions

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- 30 Put through a horrible ordeal
- 31 Dwelling; very tall building
- 33 Main course
- 36 ___ weevil; cotton plant destroyer
- 38 Helpful hint
- 39 Part of the foot
- 41 Broad smile
- 46 Devious person
- 49 Ike's initials
- 51 Golfer Palmer
- 52 Parody
- 53 Glioma or melanoma
- 54 ___ way; incidentally
- 57 Clothing fastener
- 58 Unexceptional
- 59 ___ and crafts
- 61 Birch or beech
- 62 Bering & Black
- 63 Pull hard on
- 65 Actor Knight
- 67 That girl

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
 @POR 9 NBCSCH AM-890				@LAC 2:30 NBCSCH AM-890		@SAC 9 WGN-9 AM-890	
 @VAN 9 WGN-9 AM-720			@CAL 9 NBCSCH AM-720				CAL 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720

WEDNESDAY TV/RADIO

NBA	7 p.m.	9 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	8 p.m.	10 p.m.	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	11 a.m.	GOLF	9:30 p.m.	NHL	7 p.m.	PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER	1:55 p.m.	NFL	7 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	NHL	7 p.m.
Knicks at Celtics	Knicks at Celtics	Bulls at Trail Blazers	Mavericks at Suns	Penn State at Michigan State	Tulane at East Carolina	Louisville at Virginia	West Virginia at Iowa State	Providence at Seton Hall	Houston at Cincinnati	Loyola at Bradley	Maryland at Purdue	Memphis at South Florida	Missouri at Alabama	Texas at Texas Tech	Butler at Marquette	Connecticut at Central Florida	Fresno State at Nevada	Fordham at St. Louis	European PGA, Maybank Championship				Flyers at Capitals	Manchester United at Tottenham						

LATEST LINE

NBA	WEDNESDAY
7% Bulls	at Portland
6% Memphis	at Indiana
6% LA Lakers	at Orlando
6% Philadelphia	at Philadelphia
6% Miami	at Cleveland
2% Atlanta	at Charlotte
2% New York	at Boston
off Dallas	at Phoenix

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY
6% at East Carolina
13% Penn St.
10% LSU
10% Houston
10% Saint Louis
11% Louisville
7% at Geo. Mason
2% Duquesne
8% at Ballie
16% Pittsburgh
7% at Iowa St.
7% Providence
1% at Georgia Tech
4% at Wake Forest
3% N. Iowa
1% Indiana
1% Miss. St.
3% at South Florida
14% Maryland
1% at Virginia Tech
7% Texas
5% UConn
5% Missouri
3% New Mexico
4% at Colorado St.
3% UC Riverside
11% UC Irvine
8% Fresno St.
19% San Jose St.

NHL

WEDNESDAY
-175 NY Islanders
+160 at Washington
off Philadelphia
-110 San Jose
+100

NFL: SUPER BOWL LII

SUNDAY
4% Philadelphia

SUPER BOWL LII

WILL A PLAYER LEAVE THE GAME AND NOT RETURN DUE TO CONCUSSION SYMPTOMS?
No +150 Yes +120

COIN TOS

HEADS (-103)	TAILS (-103)
Tom Brady's first pass will be?	
More Tom Brady passing yards?	
First half 5-4 Second half/OT 2-1	

TOM BRADY PASSING YARDS

Over 296.5	20-23	Under 296.5	20-23
Total Tom Brady Touchdown Passes	Over 2	20-33	Under 2
27-20			

NICK FOLE'S FIRST PASS WILL BE?

Completions 2-5	Incomplete/INT/3-20
Nick Foles passing yards?	
Over 250.5	20-23
Under 250.5	20-23

TOTAL NICK FOLE'S TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Over 1	1-11	11-10
Will Nick Foles have a higher QB rating than Tom Brady?		
No 1-2 Yes 3-2		

NBA G LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
CENTRAL W L PCT GB
Fort Wayne 19 13 .594 —
Wisconsin 16 16 .500 2½
Wichita 15 18 .450 4½
WINDY CITY 13 17 .433 4
Canton 12 20 .375 7

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Agua Caliente 110, Maine 104
Lakeland 118, Delaware 93
Fort Wayne 117, Canton 113

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Windy City at Salt Lake City, 8
Westchester at Raptors, 10 a.m.
Row Grand Valley at Memphis, 7
Iowa at Oklahoma City, 7
Northwestern at South Bay, 9

AHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE
CENTRAL W L OLSOL PT GF GA
Manitoba 29 10 3 2 63 161 105
Iowa 21 13 7 3 52 141 138
WOLVES 22 15 6 2 52 136 127
Rokford 24 17 2 3 53 145 139
G. Rapids 22 18 1 4 49 143 137
Milwaukee 21 18 4 0 46 120 134
Cleveland 13 22 3 3 37 137

2PTS FOR A WIN, 1POINT FOR AN OT/SHOOTOUT LOSS.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

No games scheduled
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Grand Rapids at Cleveland, 6

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CLUB W T L GF GA PTS
Man City 21 2 1 70 18 65
Man United 16 5 3 49 16 53
Chelsea 15 5 4 45 16 50
Liverpool 14 3 5 79 59 47
Tottenham 13 6 5 47 22 45
Arsenal 12 6 7 46 34 42
Leicester 9 7 8 36 32 34
Burnley 9 7 10 19 21 34
Everton 8 7 10 39 48 31
West Ham 6 9 10 31 43 27
Watford 5 7 12 33 44 26
Crystal Palace 6 8 11 23 38 26
Bournemouth 6 7 11 25 35 25
Huddersfield 6 6 13 19 24 24
Newcastle 6 5 13 22 34 23
Brighton 5 8 11 17 33 23
Swansea 6 5 14 18 36 23
Stoke 5 5 13 25 50 23
Southampton 4 10 10 24 35 22
West Brom 3 11 10 19 31 20

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Swansea 3, Arsenal 1
West Ham 1, Crystal Palace 1
Liverpool 3, Huddersfield 1

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Southampton vs. Brighton, 1:45
Everton vs. Leicester, 1:45
Newcastle vs. Burnley, 1:45
Chelsea vs. Bournemouth, 1:45
Man City vs. West Brom, 2
Tottenham vs. Man United, 2
Stoke vs. Watford, 2

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Burnley vs. Man City, 6:30 a.m.
West Brom vs. Southampton, 9 a.m.
14. (12) Texas A&M
Leicester vs. Swansea, 9 a.m.
Brighton vs. West Ham, 9 a.m.
Man United vs. Huddersfield, 9 a.m.
Arsenal vs. Everton, 11:30 a.m.

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE
CENTRAL W L OTS PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV
Winnipeg 30 13 8 68 167 137 18-3-1 12-10-7 5-2
Nashville 29 12 7 65 146 125 16-5-3 13-7-4 10-4-2
St. Louis 31 18 3 65 151 131 17-10-0 14-8-3 7-4-1
Dallas 28 19 4 60 155 137 17-8-1 11-11-3 7-10-0
Minnesota 27 18 5 59 147 142 17-4-4 10-14-1 8-8-0
Colorado 24 18 4 58 160 143 18-7-1 9-11-3 7-6-1
BLACKHAWKS 27 19 7 55 148 137 12-10-3 12-9-4 6-7-2

PACIFIC
W L OTS PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV
Vegas 33 12 4 70 168 130 19-3-2 14-9-2 12-1-1
San Jose 26 16 7 59 145 138 14-7-3 12-9-4 12-2-3
Los Angeles 27 18 5 59 142 121 12-9-3 15-9-2 6-9-3
Anaheim 25 17 9 59 144 142 14-9-3 11-8-6 8-5-5
Calgary 25 17 8 58 139 139 12-12-3 13-5-5 8-6-3
Edmonton 22 24 3 47 135 157 11-13-1 11-11-2 7-5-0
Vancouver 20 24 2 46 137 172 9-13-3 11-11-1 5-9-1
Arizona 12 29 9 33 118 172 6-15-3 6-14-6 1-7-5

EASTERN CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC W L OTS PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV
Tampa Bay 34 13 3 71 176 128 17-5-1 17-8-2 9-3-1
Boston 29 11 8 66 157 119 16-6-4 13-5-4 10-1-2
Toronto 28 15 5 61 162 146 13-8-2 15-10-3 6-4-1
Florida 20 22 6 46 136 159 11-8-3 9-14-3 6-4-1
Detroit 19 21 8 46 126 146 10-10-7 9-11-1 6-9-2
Montreal 20 24 6 46 130 159 12-10-5 8-14-1 9-6-2
Ottawa 15 24 9 39 125 168 9-11-5 6-13-4 5-8-3
Buffalo 14 27 9 37 115 166 6-13-3 8-14-6 3-5-2

METROPOLITAN
W L OTS PTS GF GA HOME AWAY DIV
Washington 29 15 5 63 150 138 18-7-1 11-8-4 8-4-3
Pittsburgh 28 21 3 59 156 155 18-7-1 10-14-2 10-4-0
New Jersey 25 18 8 58 147 147 13-8-3 12-8-5 5-6-1
Columbus 27 19 4 58 133 140 16-8-1 11-11-3 8-5-2
Philadelphia 24 17 8 56 141 141 13-9-4 11-8-4 5-2-4
N.Y. Rangers 25 20 5 55 153 151 17-9-3 12-12-2 7-5-3
N.Y. Islanders 25 21 5 55 143 184 13-8-2 12-13-2 7-7-1
Carolina 23 19 8 54 139 155 11-7-4 12-12-4 6-5-3

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

BLACKHAWKS 2 NASHVILLE 1
CAROLINA 2, OTTAWA 1
ATLANTIC 3, TAMPA BAY 1
PITTSBURGH 5, SAN JOSE 2
MINN. 3, COLUMBUS 2 (SO)
ST. LOUIS 3, MONTREAL 1
WINNIPEG 3, TAMPA BAY 1
LOS ANGELES 3, DALLAS 0
VEGAS 4, CALGARY 2
VANCOUVER 4, COLORADO 3 (OT)

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30
San Jose at Detroit, 7
Philadelphia at Washington, 7

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

BLACKHAWKS at Vancouver, 9
St. Louis at Boston, 6
Florida at Buffalo, 6
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 6
Montreal at Carolina, 6
Anaheim at Ottawa, 6
Vegas at Winnipeg, 6
Los Angeles at Nashville, 7:30
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 8
Colorado at Edmonton, 8
Dallas at Arizona, 8

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Washington at Pittsburgh, 6
Detroit at Carolina, 6
San Jose at Columbus, 6
Vegas at Minnesota, 7

Home team in CAPS

Feb. 26: Trade deadline.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
Boston 36 15 .706 — 5-5 W-1 18-8 18-7 22-10
Toronto 34 15 .694 1 6-4 W-2 19-4 15-11 20-6
Philadelphia 24 23 10 .511 10 6-4 L-2 12-10 12-13 12-11
New York 23 28 .451 13 4-6 W-2 16-9 7-19 11-16
Brooklyn 18 33 .353 18 3-7 L-4 10-15 8-18 11-19

SOUTHEAST
W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
Miami 29 21 .580 — 6-4 W-2 13-10 16-11 20-11
Washington 28 22 .560 1 5-5 W-2 16-9 12-13 15-12
Charlotte 20 29 .408 8½ 5-5 L-2 14-14 6-15 10-17
Atlanta 15 35 .300 14 6-5 W-1 11-15 4-20 6-24
Orlando 14 35 .286 14½ 2-8 L-3 8-13 6-22 8-21

CENTRAL
W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
Cleveland 29 20 .592 — 3-7 L-1 18-6 11-14 22-11
Milwaukee 27 22 .551 2 6-4 W-4 17-9 10-13 14-16
Indiana 28 23 .549 2 7-3 W-2 17-10 11-13 19-13
Detroit 23 26 .469 2½ W-1 14-10 9-16 14-18
BULLS 18 32 .360 11½ 4-6 L-4 11-14 7-18 16-15

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SOUTHWEST W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
Houston 36 13 .735 — 8-2 W-2 20-6 16-7 21-8
San Antonio 34 19 .642 4 6-4 W-2 22-4 12-15 19-9
New Orleans 27 23 .540 9½ 7-3 L-2 14-11 13-12 13-17
Memphis 18 31 .367 18 6-4 W-1 13-15 5-16 15-15
Dallas 16 35 .314 21 3-7 L-4 10-18 6-17 8-23

NORTHWEST
W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
Minnesota 32 22 .593 — 4-6 L-2 20-6 12-16 24-9
Oklahoma City 30 21 .588 ½ 8-2 L-1 19-7 11-14 15-13
Portland 28 22 .560 1 6-4 W-3 14-10 14-12 16-14
Denver 26 25 .510 4½ 5-5 L-2 19-7 7-18 16-17
Utah 22 28 .440 8 6-4 W-3 15-9 7-19 12-14

PACIFIC
W L PCT GB L10 STK HOME AWAY CONF
Golden State 40 11 .784 — 7-3 L-1 19-6 21-5 21-8
L.A. Clippers 25 25 .500 14½ 6-4 L-1 14-12 11-13 19-16
L.A. Lakers 19 30 .388 20 7-3 L-1 12-14 7-16 8-21
Phoenix 17 34 .333 23 2-8 L-5 7-17 9-17 11-19
Sacramento 16 34 .320 23½ 3-7 W-1 8-14 9-20 9-20

WESTERN CONFERENCE
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
WASHINGTON 102, OKLAHOMA CITY 96
NEW YORK 111, BROOKLYN 95
TORONTO 109, MINNESOTA 104
ATLANTA 125, CLEVELAND 114
HOUSTON 114, ORLANDO 107
SACRAMENTO 116, NEW ORLEANS 103
SAN ANTONIO 105, DENVER 104
TAMPA BAY 129, PORTLAND 127
PORTLAND 104, L.A. CLIPPERS 96

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Bulls at Portland, 9
Memphis at Indiana, 6
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 6
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 6:30
Miami at Cleveland, 6:30
New York at Boston, 7
Dallas at Phoenix, 9:30

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Memphis at Detroit, 6
Toronto at Washington,

BEARS

A chance to work more magic

Smith improved under Nagy; QB believes Trubisky will do same

By **BRAD BIGGS**
Chicago Tribune

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith made the rounds on Super Bowl radio row Tuesday at the Mall of America, with most questions centering on his future because the Chiefs drafted Patrick Mahomes in the first round last year.

It didn't take long for that future to come into focus with reports Tuesday night that the Chiefs have reached an agreement to trade Smith to the Redskins.

Smith believes new Bears coach Matt Nagy — the Chiefs offensive coordinator the last two seasons and quarterbacks coach for three years before that — will work wonders with Mitch Trubisky, another 2017 first-round pick. When the Bears hired Nagy earlier this month, he raved about his relationship with Smith, and the feeling is clearly mutual for the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback, who between stops to talk about what lies ahead for him reflected on a coach who helped him improve as a player.

"He and I spent five years together and we were about as close as it gets from a coach-and-player relationship," Smith said. "To see him grow as a quarterbacks coach, then go to coordinator and now I am pumped for him as he becomes a head coach."

"I think he is going to do awesome. He has the *it* deal. He is so comfortable around the guys, so comfortable in front of the room."

"Leading guys, he is so real, honest and very gifted from an X's and O's standpoint."

"So sad to see him go from a personal perspective, but (I'm) pumped for him and his opportunities with Chicago and Trubisky. I think he is going to do a lot of fun stuff with (Trubisky)."

Nagy didn't name a lot of people at his introductory news conference, but he singled out Smith, calling him "my guy."



PETER G. AIKEN/GETTY

New Bears coach Matt Nagy will bring out the best in Mitch Trubisky according to QB Alex Smith, who worked closely with Nagy for five years.

"He was special to me," Nagy said. "We built a great relationship. He helped me grow as a coach, as a person, as a leader, and I just want to thank him for that."

Smith's career — seven years with the 49ers and the last five with the Chiefs — looks very different statistically.

He was 38-36-1 in 75 starts in San Francisco and 50-26 in 76 starts in Kansas City.

Smith completed 59.3 percent of his passes for the 49ers with 81 touchdowns, 63 interceptions and 6.6 yards per attempt.

For the Chiefs, he completed 65.1 percent with 102 touchdowns, 33 interceptions and 7.2 yards per pass.

Nagy served as Smith's position coach for the first three seasons before coach Andy Reid promoted Nagy to offensive coordinator in 2016. No success happens instantly, but Smith predicts things will click quickly for the Bears.

"I just think he is going to utilize Trubisky's strengths from day one," Smith said. "He is going

Reports: Chiefs trade Smith to Skins

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Quarterback Alex Smith has a new home, as multiple reports Tuesday night said the Chiefs have reached agreement to trade their veteran starter of the last five seasons to the Redskins.

According to multiple reports, the Chiefs will receive a 2018 third-round draft pick and cornerback Kendall Fuller, the younger brother of Bears cornerback Kyle Fuller.

Any trade involving Smith

can't be completed until the first day of the new league year, which begins at 3 p.m. on March 14. But the reports say the deal is in place and will proceed.

NFL Network reported the Redskins are giving Smith a four-year extension worth \$94 million, including \$71 million guaranteed.

Smith, 33, is coming off a stellar season in which he set career highs in passing yards (4,042), touchdowns (26) and passer rating (104.7).

However, Smith was entering the final year of his contract with the Chiefs, and he has a cap number of \$20.6 million for 2018. By trading him, the team stands to save \$17 million.

The deal also clears the way for 2017 first-round pick Patrick Mahomes to become the Chiefs' new starting quarterback. Mahomes' regular-season NFL debut, a 27-24 win over the Broncos on Dec. 31, was a success.

"He's got what it takes man," Denver's Aqib Talib said.

to find out what those are and take advantage of them. I think (Nagy) is going to put him in positions to have success early to get in a rhythm.

"It's hard sometimes, and I've been there."

"I watched (the Bears) a couple times this year and felt almost all

of (Trubisky's) pass attempts came on third down, and that's a hard way to play. He didn't have the breather completions and throws to get himself into a rhythm, and I think Matt will do a great job just building it around him, tailoring it to his strengths, putting pieces around him that

will help him."

If Nagy can bond with Trubisky similarly to how he did with Smith, the Bears could be on their way to becoming explosive on offense.

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SUPER BOWL



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Actor Sylvester Stallone waves to fans attending the Eagles-Panthers game Dec. 4, 2006, in Philadelphia.

Family dynamic could turn rocky

Stallone backs Eagles, but his brother-in-law is a great pal of Brady's

BY SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

MINNEAPOLIS — Gonna fly now?

No, thank you. Not Sylvester Stallone.

Even though his beloved Eagles are playing the Patriots in Super Bowl LII, and "Rocky" embodies the spirit and grit of that city and team, Stallone plans to watch Sunday's game at his home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Back in 2003, when the Eagles were lifting the curtain on Lincoln Financial Field, they intermingled scenes from that classic movie with team highlights. The familiar "Rocky" theme song swelled to a crescendo, and the spotlights swung over to Stallone, pumping his fists from his high perch at the stadium and wearing the No. 22 Eagles jersey of his boyhood sports hero, running back Timmy Brown.

The surprised crowd went crazy. Then they watched the Eagles get shut out 17-0 by the Buccaneers.

"Oh, don't bring that up," the actor said by phone this week. "That's why I'm not going. They lost. They got pounded, and (Bucs coach) Jon Gruden wouldn't let the world forget it. So they were in the locker room going, 'Rocky's nothing. Rocky got knocked out. Eye of the potato.' I felt so bad.

"I thought, you know, they've done so well this year that if I



JIM ROGASH/GETTY

Neal ElAttrache, left, chats with Tom Brady before the Patriots played the Rams on Dec. 4, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass.

happened to be invited and sat in the owner's box and they lose, you know every head's going to swivel in my direction and they'll say, 'Who invited him?' I'm serious. I'll be burned in effigy in every neighborhood in Philadelphia. So I said, you know what, I'll sit this dance out."

One person who won't be sitting out the game is Stallone's brother-in-law, world-famous sports surgeon Neal ElAttrache, among quarterback Tom Brady's closest friends. The two met early in Brady's career and became extremely close in 2008 when ElAttrache rebuilt the shredded knee of the Patriots superstar. It was ElAttrache who used a creative application of tape to protect Brady's injured hand in this year's AFC championship game.

ElAttrache and Stallone have known each other since the early 1990s and married a pair of sisters,

Tricia and Jennifer Flavin. ElAttrache would marry Tricia, Stallone would marry Jennifer. But ElAttrache is not sympathetic to his brother-in-law when it comes to Sunday's matchup.

"Look, I get it," ElAttrache said. "He's identified with that city so much. I understand it, and I understand why it's important to the city. But from my perspective, the Eagles can do it another year — not while my Rocky candidate is still playing. I have a Rocky in this fight too."

Although Stallone was born in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan, he attended high school in Philadelphia and his relationship with that city runs deep.

"What Rocky has represented to the city is really extraordinary, but also kind of understandable," he said. "Philadelphia has always been an underdog city. It started out at the top of the food chain. At one point, it was the capital of the United States. Then that went out the window. Then they were the No. 1 seaport in the United States. Then that went out the window. Then the jokes started.

"The Philadelphia fighters were known for a certain type of style. That's why I use that style. They just go in there headfirst, and they're incredibly resilient."

As for the team in the other corner?

"I think Tom Brady is the greatest of all time," he said. "The Pats are incredible. But I'm an underdog guy, what can I say? Enough!"

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His time in Chicago served Jeffery well

Path to Super Bowl aided by West Loop physical therapist

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Behind every NFL player is a supporting cast that includes trainers, coaches, advisers, family and friends. The Super Bowl, then, isn't just a culmination for players. People behind the scenes also are fully invested.

As former Bears wide receiver Alshon Jeffery prepares to help the Eagles offense Sunday against the Patriots in Super Bowl LII, he continues to benefit from a connection that formed in Chicago during his five seasons here.

West Loop physical therapist David Reavy has traveled to Philadelphia each week this season to help Jeffery stay healthy, perform well and get the big contract Jeffery so unabashedly coveted.

Jeffery and Reavy have three therapy sessions remaining this season: Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Minneapolis. Their hope is that Jeffery, 27, will finish his successful season with his best game yet.

"He understands what works for him," Reavy said.

After signing a one-year, \$14 million deal with the Eagles in March, Jeffery has played in all 18 games this season, the first in which he has played every game since 2014. After he strained a muscle in his shoulder during training camp, Jeffery

texted Reavy asking for his help in getting through the injury and

helping him earn the long-term contract he didn't receive on the open market.

Reavy started working with Jeffery during 2013, adding him to a list of Bears clients that included running back Matt Forte and tackle Jermon Bushrod. That season, Jeffery's second in the NFL, he had career highs with 89 catches and 1,421 receiving yards and caught seven touchdowns.

By Reavy's account, they worked together in ensuing seasons but not as consistently. That included Jeffery's 1,133-yard season in 2014, his injury-plagued 2015 and his suspension-marred 2016.

After his solid season, the Eagles signed Jeffery to a four-year extension in December worth \$52 million, including \$27 million guaranteed.

Reavy viewed it as a payoff for the investments Jeffery made in himself, which also included hiring a personal chef and trainer.

Those returns have continued on the field, which Reavy witnessed from the stands in Philadelphia during the NFC championship against the Vikings.

"Alshon has been healthy and hasn't been taking any plays off," he said. "You see him actually out on the field blocking. Even though it wasn't the Bears, it was still fun to see a player I worked on catch two touchdowns in the championship game."

They'll work together again this weekend. All while anticipating an encore.

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Alshon Jeffery and some of his Eagles teammates have their phones at the ready for pictures during Super Bowl LII's opening night.

Jeffery seeing dreams come true with Eagles

Biggs, from Page 1

"This is something I dreamed about as a kid," Jeffery said after sitting down. "Just being here, it's a great experience. Look at all of this. It's amazing."

The grin on Jeffery's face was as wide as his massive catch radius. He was up for the moment and talked about his preseason prediction that Carson Wentz would be the league MVP. Had Wentz not suffered a torn ACL in Week 14, he'd have been one of the leading vote-getters. Jeffery discussed his confidence in veteran backup quarterback Nick Foles, which is supported by Foles' improved play through two playoff games.

Jeffery was gracious while acknowledging questions about his time with the Bears. He went out of his way to praise Brian Urlacher, Julius Peppers, Brandon Marshall, Earl Bennett and Johnny Knox, players who helped show Jeffery how to be a pro when he arrived as a second-round pick in 2012.

"I'm in Philly now. It's a new start," Jeffery said. "Chicago? It is what it is. It didn't work out. Some things don't work out as you planned. I could say that they felt it was time to move on and I felt the same."

The problem for the Bears is they've yet to produce an adequate replacement for Jeffery. Durability had been an issue for him, and that is the only way the Eagles wound up signing him in free agency. Jeffery couldn't get the multiyear contract he was seeking when he reached the open market last March. Guaranteed dollars weren't there for him after he missed 11 games over the previous two seasons, four because of a suspension for violating the league's PED policy.

Sure, the Eagles were interested in Jeffery, but they didn't consider themselves a serious contender for his services as they were pretty snug in terms of the salary cap.

Eagles wide receivers coach Mike Groh remembers when general manager Howie Roseman called on the afternoon free agency opened.

"Howie calls and says, 'Hey, I think we have a chance at this,'" said Groh, who coached Jeffery in Chicago from 2013-15. "I said, 'Are you (kidding) me?'"

The Vikings also were in the mix, but the Eagles won out quickly. Maybe it's a good thing for the Bears they don't have to face Jeffery twice a season. Imagine him with Stefon Diggs and Adam Thielen.

Jeffery's one-year, \$14 million contract with the Eagles paid off. Six days after the Eagles defeated the Bears 31-3 on Nov. 26, Jeffery agreed to a four-year deal to stay in Philadelphia for \$52 million, including \$26.75 million guaranteed.

Jeffery's numbers — 57 receptions for 789 yards and nine touchdowns — don't jump out, but he put them up in a diverse offense. Jeffery's presence has allowed the Eagles to move former first-round pick Nelson Agholor to the slot, where he's thrived, and attention paid to Jeffery has created more one-on-one opportunities for talented tight end Zach Ertz and speedy receiver Torrey Smith. It's also helped create space for a well-rounded running game.

"I pushed for him in meetings because knowing the player, there is a premium on that," Groh said. "(I) thought he would be a good fit in the building and that (coach Doug Pederson) would like him. We've got enough pieces where one guy doesn't have to do it all. Those guys are cool. They bought into it. They're unselfish. They just want to win."

A child reporter, Ryan Stoltz from Scholastic News Kids Press Corps, walked up and asked Jeffery what it would mean to bring the Lombardi Trophy home to Philadelphia?

"It would be great," Jeffery said. "That would be awesome."

Jeffery then asked the boy his name and they posed for a photograph.

The subject turned back to the Bears.

"I play for the Eagles," Jeffery said.

He will for the foreseeable future, and he's never seemed happier.

SUPER BOWL NOTES

Concussed Gronkowski expects to play

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Patriots tight end **Rob Gronkowski** said Tuesday he expects to play in the Super Bowl against the Eagles.

Gronkowski has been in the NFL concussion protocol after taking a hit from the Jaguars' **Barry Church** in the AFC championship game.

Pederson's edge: The Super Bowl will be the first time **Doug Pederson** will try to outscheme **Bill Belichick** as a coach.

But Pederson has experience defeating the Patriots' coaching legend as a player.

In 2000, Pederson was a

32-year-old quarterback for the Browns. Belichick was in his first season as the Patriots coach, five years after his firing by the Browns.

Pederson completed 20 of 37 passes for 138 yards and a touchdown in a 19-11 victory.

Pederson said Tuesday the victory was "definitely one of the milestones" of his 10-year career.

Hand check: Patriots quarterback **Tom Brady** had an encouraging report on his injured passing hand.

"It's getting better," Brady said Tuesday. "It's not quite where I want to be, so I'm trying to protect it the best way I can."

Sproles on Cohen: Eagles running back **Darren Sproles** has been on injured reserve since Week 3. That time on IR gave Sproles, 34, a chance to watch a little more football, and he saw **Tarik Cohen**.

"Quick, fast," Sproles said. "They have to put (Cohen) in space a little bit more, though. With the new coach (**Matt Nagy**), I think they might use him a little bit different, move him around. They should watch New Orleans film. They've got to put him in spots like they did with **Alvin Kamara**."

Los Angeles Times and Chicago Tribune's Brad Biggs contributed.

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SUPER BOWL LII EAGLES

Eagles DE Long goes 2-for-2

After winning last year's Super Bowl with Pats, 'lucky dude' returns with new team

PAUL DOMOWITZ
Philly.com

After eight seasons in football hell, Chris Long is just four quarters from hoisting the Lombardi Trophy for the second year in a row. But he insists he is no more responsible for his good fortune now than he was for those 2-14 and 1-15 and 6-10 and 7-9 seasons with the St. Louis Rams.

"Me being on two Super Bowl teams in a row is just that I've been on two Super Bowl teams in a row," the Eagles defensive end said. "It has nothing to do with me. I'm just a lucky dude that made some good decisions in free agency."

Not quite. A year ago, maybe you could make a case that Long was mostly along for the ride when he won a Super Bowl with the Patriots, who just happen to be the Eagles' opponent Sunday in Super Bowl LII.

But not this season. This season he has been an important part of the Eagles' defensive success as an edge rusher in Jim Schwartz's wide-nine, 4-3 scheme. He tied for third on the team with five sacks and was second with 38 pressures. He also had a team-high four forced fumbles.

In the win over the Vikings in the NFC championship, it was his throw-altering pressure on Case Keenum that forced the underthrown pass that was picked off by cornerback Patrick Robinson and returned for a game-tying, momentum-shifting touchdown.

And it was Long who alertly recovered Keenum's second-quarter fumble deep in Eagles territory after Derek Barnett's strip sack.

"Everybody wants to do their job well," Long said. "I got a thrill out of being there in New England last year. And I was certainly a part of it."

"I had to do some things that weren't natural to me.



MITCHELL LEFF/GETTY

Chris Long, getting excited near the end of the Eagles' win over the Raiders, is at the Super Bowl for the second consecutive year — with different teams.

But I was happy to do them because it was a blessing to be there. It was a great team.

"This year, my role's different. I've actually taken less snaps than I did there. But the snaps I'm taking here, I'm doing what I do best. And I can be more proud of my individual contributions as far as the quality of football I'm playing."

A better fit

Long is a natural 4-3 end who was used a lot inside in the Patriots' multiple fronts. He played 65 percent of the defensive snaps last year. But his playing time dropped off significantly in the postseason.

"I'm just lucky to have played for him for a year,"

Long said of Patriots coach Bill Belichick. "When you play for a guy who's that awesome a coach, you look at football different. I learned a lot from him.

"Even when I called him before I hit free agency, I said, 'Hey, I don't want to waste your time. I don't know if I have a spot on the team or not. But at 32 years old, if I'm going to play at a high level, a level I can be proud of, I need to play more in-position.' He understood that from the beginning."

Belichick speaks glowingly of Long.

"He did a great job for us," Belichick said. "There was no better teammate or guy that tried to embrace the program than Chris. But in the end, he probably was

a better fit there for his skills and for this point in his career than maybe we had for him. He probably made a good decision."

While the Eagles deserve credit for signing Long to a one-year deal, it was Long who called them about joining the Eagles.

"Where I was last year, I had a bunch of people that were, like, 'You're crazy for leaving the Patriots.' And, 'You suck. You're old. You're washed up,'" Long said. "I'm like, I need to get on a team."

Love at first sight

The team he wanted to get on was the Eagles. He looked at Schwartz's scheme and thought it was an ideal fit for him. He also

was impressed with the core of young talent they had. He knew it wasn't going to be Rams redux.

It also didn't hurt that his wife, Megan, is a South Jersey native.

He called Connor Barwin, who was released by the Eagles just before the start of the free agency signing period, and asked him about the organization. Barwin gave the Eagles and the city rave reviews. He told Long he'd absolutely be a great fit there.

"I said, 'Well, I've got to get hold of somebody there and let them know I'm not dead and that I want to keep playing and I have a lot left in the tank,'" Long said. "Of course, you tell somebody that. But then you have to go out and prove it."

There's that.

He called executive vice president Howie Roseman and told him he wanted to play for the Eagles.

"He could easily have said, 'Nah, dude. You're too old,' or 'We looked at your tape last year and weren't impressed,'" Long said. But he was like, 'Yeah, awesome. It would be great.' From there, we just made it work.

"Connor was right. The coolest thing he loved about this place — and he was really civic-minded — was the city of Philly. As great as everything is in here, the thing I love the most about Philly is Philly."

Throw in a second straight Super Bowl trip, and Long is right. He's a lucky dude.

SUPER BOWL LII

Even in wins, Pats' margins usually thin

5-2 in Super Bowls with Brady, but each one could have gone bad

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

The Patriots are 5-2 in Super Bowls with Tom Brady.

They were this close to being 7-0.

Or 0-7. So when folks wonder why the spread against the Eagles is between five and six points, they should consider that the total difference in scoring in those seven games is 12 points: Patriots 169, opponents 157.

"If you look at a Patriots Super Bowl, a lot of people feel that the Patriots are going to be dominant and they should just wipe the floor with whoever they play," says Jay Kornegay of the Westgate Las Vegas sports book.

"The reality is all their Super Bowl wins have been in very close games. Last year's six-point victory was their largest margin of victory in all their Super Bowls.

"We expect the Eagles to be competitive, and we expect them to get some support from the general public. This is the only event we make a line that depends on public opinion. There's so much more money from the public on this

game than you would get from the so-called sharks."

The Patriots have not exactly been a pool of sharks in those Super Bowls. Consider that they have not scored a point in the opening quarter of any of those seven games.

And while Brady certainly has deserved his four Super Bowl MVP trophies, particularly in the last two wins, aside from the most successful quarterback in the modern NFL era, there hasn't been much to separate the Patriots from the vanquished opposition.

Consider:

Patriots 20, Rams 17: Super Bowl 36, Feb. 3, 2002

The Patriots' defense was masterful against the "Greatest Show on Turf," playing an ultra-physical style that eventually led to some rules changes on how defenders could interact with receivers. Still, the Patriots blew a 17-3 lead and the Rams tied it with 1:30 left.

That's when Brady first showed he was, well, Brady. Rams coach Mike Martz, who ignored star running back Marshall Faulk far too often on a day begging for a rushing game, thought the



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Mike Vrabel hauls in a 2-yard pass from Tom Brady over the Eagles' Quintin Mikell for the Patriots' first touchdown in their loss to the Eagles in Super Bowl 39 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Pats would play for overtime. Instead, Brady, then 24, led his team to Adam Vinatieri's winning field goal.

Patriots 32, Panthers 29: Super Bowl 38, Feb. 1, 2004

Again, the Patriots lost a late lead in a strange game, with all the scoring coming in the second and fourth quarters. The Panthers' John Kasay, one of the league's most reliable kickers, sent the kickoff following the tying TD out of bounds with 1:08 remaining. From their 40, the Patriots easily moved into

position for another winning field goal by Vinatieri.

Patriots 24, Eagles 21: Super Bowl 39, Feb. 6, 2005

The Patriots repeated, helped greatly by the Eagles' ineffectiveness in a hurry-up offense — and Eagles QB Donovan McNabb vomiting in the huddle at one point. But the Eagles did have the ball and a chance to win with less than a minute left before Rodney Harrison's interception.

Giants 17, Patriots 14: Super Bowl 42, Feb. 3, 2008

This is the biggest head-

scratcher, because the Patriots were undefeated, unstoppable on offense and chasing history. Yet Tom Coughlin outcoached Bill Belichick, and a Patriots squad that averaged nearly 37 points was befuddled by the Giants' pressure defense.

Giants 21, Patriots 17: Super Bowl 46, Feb. 5, 2012

Coughlin and Eli Manning got the better of Belichick and Brady again, with a similar formula and some huge plays. But, just as in the previous Super Bowl, the Patriots led late in the fourth quarter.

Patriots 28, Seahawks 24: Super Bowl 49, Feb. 1, 2015

This one will always be remembered for the Seahawks' incomprehensible decision to throw from the Patriots' 1-yard line in the final minute rather than hand off to Marshawn Lynch — who, incidentally, is nicknamed "Beast Mode."

The Patriots were within a few feet and a few ticks of the clock of losing a third straight Super Bowl appearance. But, it also should be highlighted, Brady was sensational in bringing his team back from a 24-14 fourth-quarter deficit. At the time, that was the biggest second-half rally in Super Bowl history.

Until ...

Patriots 34, Falcons 28, OT: Super Bowl 51, Feb. 5, 2017

Are you still shaking your head over this one? So is the rest of the nation outside of New England — and maybe some folks there as well.

This is when Brady leaped beyond the Joe Montanas and Otto Grammas to establish himself as the measuring stick at his position. Keeping his team hungry and focused while down 28-3 in the third quarter cemented his unequalled leadership abilities.

Remember, though, that the tiring Falcons had an eight-point lead and were within easy field goal range as the clock ticked down. They came away with nothing after some ill-advised play calling, instead playing right into Brady's hands.

The lessons here are clear, for fans (and bettors) of all kinds:

The Patriots have been beatable in their last seven Super Bowl appearances. And they lost only twice.

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



RICK BOWMER/AP

Lou Williams is averaging career highs in scoring (23.2 ppg), assists (5.1), 3-point shooting (40 percent) and free-throw accuracy (90 percent) in his first season with the Clippers.

Williams making big impact

On, off the court, veteran guard provides critical lift for struggling Clippers

By **BRODERICK TURNER**
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Lou Williams was proud to be the voice for the Clippers on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the player who acknowledged the slain civil rights activist in front of a Staples Center crowd before a game against Houston.

His teammates beamed as the reticent Williams spoke, all of them happy that basketball fans got to hear a proud man deliver a message of unity. The same message that the 6-foot-1 guard has often conveyed to the Clippers during their troublesome season.

Williams has epitomized what the ultimate caring teammate is about and has taken pride in his significant role in keeping the injury-plagued Clippers from falling into the abyss. The Clippers had fallen to 8-15 following a nine-game losing streak but are looking to get back to .500 if they can snap a three-game losing streak when they play at Memphis on Friday.

Williams was raised both in Memphis, where King was assassinated, and in the Atlanta area, where King was born, giving him a unique perspective on the subject of the iconic figure and fulfillment that he got to voice his thoughts.

“Obviously it means a lot, especially with the times now,” said Williams, who played at South Gwinnett High in Snellville, Ga. “People always say history repeats itself. You kind of have an opportunity to live through some of the language and hate that your parents and your grandparents lived through. It’s not as severe, obviously, but you get a taste of it.”

“So, this year, out of a lot of years in my career, it was important to just briefly say something to the crowd.”

In his first season with the Clippers, Williams has left an indelible impression upon them because he has never wavered in his faith with the team.

He has been a mentor to rookies Jawun Evans, Sindarius Thornwell and Tyrone Wallace. He has been a sounding board for veterans too.

Perhaps most important, Williams steered the Clippers after they reached the depths during that nine-game losing streak and when body after body succumbed to injuries.

His strength immediately caught the attention of Clippers coach Doc Rivers, who unabashedly said Williams “has been a godsend for us.”

“It’s been a surprise because I didn’t know Lou,” Rivers said. “It’s another example of how we do in this league. We don’t know guys. We see guys skip around. We see the type of scorer they are. So you form your own opinion of a lot of guys, but then you coach them or you play with them as teammates and they are completely different.”

“And Lou has been that for me. He’s been wonderful off the floor. And what I like most about Lou is he was the best when we were the worst. I’m not talking about his scoring. I’m talking about his words and his actions. I thought he was the absolute best when we were at our absolute worst. And that says a lot about a teammate.”

Whether coming off the bench with the self-proclaimed “Goon Squad” or starting, Williams has been an unyielding force for the Clippers with his defining play.

He scored a career-high 50 points against the Warriors this month. He has posted 30 or more points in 14 games this season, tied for the fifth-highest total this season with the Bucks’ Giannis Antetokounmpo.

“Lou Will is killing,” said Rockets guard Chris Paul, who was traded last summer to Houston for Williams and others. “When I watch the Clippers play, it’s Lou Will and

sort of knowing what he’s going to do, but you can’t stop it. Lou just plays the right way. He plays with a great pace and I think their team feeds off that.”

The Clippers know that if Williams wasn’t producing career highs in points (23.2), assists (5.1), 3-point shooting (40 percent) and free-throw accuracy (90 percent), they would be in a world of hurt in this turbulent season.

“I knew his game a little bit, but I didn’t know how good of a passer he was,” said Blake Griffin, who was traded to the Pistons on Monday. “Not that I didn’t think he could pass. I knew he was a scorer and a bucket-getter. But he’s a playmaker and he’s a better defender than I thought he was.”

None of what Williams has done is a surprise to Jazz coach Quin Snyder.

The two worked together in Philadelphia and Atlanta when Snyder was an assistant coach with both teams and Williams was carving up opponents for the 76ers and Hawks.

“In this league, you either do something great or you do a lot of things well. He does a lot of things really well that help a team win. That’s why Doc is playing him the way he is,” Snyder said. “When I look up and see the numbers it’s, ‘Oh!’ But it’s not surprising to me at all.”

“He’s just got a natural knack to score. I used to kid him all the time that he’s a better passer than people realize. He’s such a good scorer that that makes sense. But he’s a really willing passer and a great teammate.”

His past success as one of the NBA’s supreme sixth men has caused Williams consternation that unnerves him even now.

Williams lamented how he has been traded to NBA championship-contending teams as a hired gun after he’s put forth an

effort for another team.

The Lakers were not going to the playoffs last season so they traded Williams to the Rockets. He was traded by the Hawks to the Raptors in the summer of 2014.

Williams, who was not selected for the All-Star game, said he’s aware teams are contacting the Clippers about trading for his services.

“I’ve been in this thing for 13 years. In the past few years, my good play has been rewarded with a trade,” he said. “For once, I would like it to be rewarded with confidence in knowing that I’m somebody that can be a positive person on your basketball team. I don’t want to play this well to make somebody else a championship contender. I want to play this well to build a championship contender where I am.”

“I keep getting used as a pawn in these trades, as rental pieces to try to make some other team that has short-term goals of championship runs. And that’s OK. But at the end of the day, I pour my heart and soul into the team that I’m on. I’m a loyal person. That’s just how I am. So until somebody says different, I’m all about the Clippers.”

Williams, in the last year of his deal that pays him \$7 million, can sign a maximum extension with the Clippers of four years for \$42 million.

“I don’t know how far the talks have gotten,” Williams said. “I’ve just been focused on the basketball part. But I know both sides have had positive talks.”

Nevertheless, Williams is at peace with what the NBA has done for him and his family. He still appreciates the game and how much joy it brings him.

“I’m still not used to being in the NBA,” he said. “Before games, I walk up and down the sideline and I just give myself a moment to just to soak it all in, just look around the crowd and try to stay in the moment. I’ve never gotten used to it. So it’s something that I can share with these guys. Just always enjoy the moment and be fans of the game.”



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Riccardo Muti took over as CSO music director in 2010.

Muti and CSO extend contract

Maestro's new deal runs through 2022



JOHN VON RHEIN
Heard & Scene

Tuesday's announcement from Symphony Center that Riccardo Muti has signed a new contract with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association that will extend his tenure as CSO music director through the 2021-22 season ends months of speculation over who would replace him.

Make that anxious speculation. The current podium field, after all, isn't exactly littered with stellar candidates worthy of inheriting a historically important mantle. And the thought of the administration's settling for second-best out of expediency, or vamping indefinitely until Maestro Right should miraculously appear, wasn't edifying.

So management and the board have bought themselves some more time in which to ensure a smooth and wise succession while the rest of us focus on the good things Muti plans to bring to the orchestra and to the cultural life of the city over the coming four seasons.

Quite a few good things, if the 2018-19 season, which was concurrently announced Tuesday, is any indication.

The CSO's 128th season, Muti's ninth as music director, will operate on several thematic tracks. Overall, the balance of old to new repertoire, returning artists and newcomers, is more equitable than in some recent seasons.

A portion of the subscription series programming led by the maestro and guest conductors will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I.

Among works conducted by Muti honoring the victims of war and weaving a thread of peace and reflection through the season will be the Requiem settings of Verdi and Mozart, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13 ("Babi Yar") and William Schuman's Symphony No. 9 ("The Ardeatine Caves"), a response to a massacre of Italian civilians by Nazi soldiers during the Second World War.

The Schuman, new to Muti's repertoire, has special meaning for the maestro, as an Italian and a musician of strong humanitarian conscience. "It is our way of saying we will not forget this atrocity," the Naples-born conductor, 76, said during an interview at Orchestra Hall. He considers the work a humanitarian rather than a political statement.

The world premiere of French composer Bruno Mantovani's "Threnos," a CSO commission conducted by Marin Alsop, will be the focal point of various other armistice centennial-related programs, events and archival

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LIZ LAUREN PHOTOS

Jim Ortleib, from left, Rob Riley, William Dick and Steve Pickering in "Blind Date," directed by Robert Falls at the Goodman.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Blind Date' ★★★

Reagan era redux

Exploration of president's meeting with Gorbachev intrigues

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

In the summer of 1984, President Ronald Reagan made a little joke. "My fellow Americans, I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever," he said during the sound check for his weekly radio address. "We begin bombing in five minutes."

After the gag leaked, the rattled Soviets huffed and puffed, calling Reagan's humor an "unprecedented and hostile attack by the U.S. president." But not much more than a year later, Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, were making nice in the gardens of a Geneva chateau, talking about their mutual responsibility for world peace. Nancy Reagan had weighed in on the timing: it would be better, she had told her husband on the advice of her astrologer, not to meet when the planet Mercury was in retrograde.

All of those 1980s narrative nuggets — lest you forget — are at least briefly referenced in Rogelio Martinez's "Blind Date," a world premiere Goodman Theatre drama that re-creates what occurred at Aga Khan's Maison de Saussure in November, casting George Shultz, then the U.S. secretary of state, and Eduard Shevardnadze, then Soviet minister of foreign affairs, as the gruff-but-decent heroes of this rapprochement. Indeed, Martinez writes with some affection for all sides: "Blind Date," which is directed by Robert Falls, may well be the only play I ever have seen that treats Reagan (whom



Mary Beth Fisher, left, and Deanna Dunagan also star in the Rogelio Martinez play.

liberal playwrights long have savaged) sympathetically, depicting the Gipper as an avuncular but canny campaigner for peace, charming the pants off Gorbachev and his formidable wife, Raisa.

History suggests that's a reasonable view of these events. But the limitation of this new play, at this juncture anyway, is that it does not range far enough out of the gardens and meeting rooms of Geneva in search of poetic context.

Nor does "Blind Date," which intrigues rather than grips, inject much dramatic

tension into the proceedings, which are challenging dramatically, in that they were the beginning of a slow thaw, a meeting that led to other meetings, rather than some climactic breakthrough that resulted, say, in Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat shaking hands in front of flashbulbs. The play needs a deeper insight into its characters.

More important, if we are all going to sit watching these historical figures

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Baryshnikov at Harris? Not what you may think



LAUREN WARNECKE
Dance Card

The work of famed Russian poet Joseph Brodsky is on tap this weekend at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, in a piece of avant-garde theater devised by director Alvis Hermanis. It's titled "Brodsky/Baryshnikov." Hermanis, the artistic director of the New Riga Theater, premiered this collection of Brodsky's poems in 2015 in Riga, Latvia, a peek into the complicated mind of a genius as recited by another: dance superstar

Mikhail Baryshnikov.

The Leningrad-born poet Brodsky was expelled by the Soviet Union after a tempestuous relationship with the government found him serving 18 months of a five-year sentence for "social parasitism" at a hard labor camp in the subarctic. Though his sentence was commuted, the Soviet government eventually supplied Brodsky with a one-way ticket to the United States, expelling him from his homeland in 1972. The writer found enormous success in the West, earning distinguished awards including a MacArthur "genius" grant (1981), the 1986 National Book Critics Circle Award and the Nobel Prize in literature in 1987. He was named

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JANIS DEINATS PHOTO

In his one-man show "Brodsky/Baryshnikov," Mikhail Baryshnikov reads his old friend Joseph Brodsky's poetry at the Harris Theater.

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Tom Hanks will play children's TV icon Mister Rogers in "You Are My Friend," with a 2019 release expected.

Tom Hanks' new role: Mister Rogers

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood for Tom Hanks, who'll star as Mister Rogers in the upcoming biopic "You Are My Friend."

TriStar Pictures announced Monday it has acquired worldwide rights to the film, to be directed by "The Diary of a Teenage Girl" filmmaker Marielle Heller.

The film will focus on the friendship between the host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and journalist Tom Junod. Junod reluctantly agreed to profile Fred Rogers, only to find "his perspective on life transformed."

Production will begin in September, with a 2019 release expected.

The role will surely add to the "America's dad" image of Hanks, who gave a very Rogers-like opening monologue while hosting "Saturday Night Live" before the 2016 presidential election, swapping his jacket for a sweater and giving America a pep talk.

Rogers died in 2003 at age 74.

— Associated Press



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Ellen's birthday gift: Ellen DeGeneres is getting a special guest for her birthday: Michelle Obama, above. The former first lady will appear on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" on Thursday to celebrate the host's 60th birthday, according to Deadline. The "Ellen" appearance will be Obama's first TV interview since leaving the White House.

Baio accused of misconduct: Nicole Eggert claims her former "Charles in Charge" co-star Scott Baio sexually abused her for years starting when she was 14. Speaking on "Megyn Kelly Today" on Tuesday, Eggert said Baio first molested her when she was 14 and that they had sexual intercourse when she was 17. Baio is more than 11 years older than Eggert. The age of consent in California is 18. Baio in a previous Facebook Live video says he is being falsely accused and says he and Eggert had a consensual relationship after she was over the age of 18. Eggert says she is exploring all legal options. A representative for Baio didn't immediately respond to The Associated Press.

Live from Pyeongchang: Superfan Leslie Jones is returning to the Olympics. The "Saturday Night Live" comedian is joining NBC's coverage of the Pyeongchang Olympics as a contributor, reprising her role from the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. The network said Tuesday that Jones will attend Olympic events, meet athletes and spread her enthusiasm for the games on television and online. The Games run Feb. 9-25.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Pushy stranger spurs DNA dilemma

Dear Amy: I have an 11-year-old son who is adopted. A total stranger approached and suggested to us that getting DNA testing would be a wonderful gift. He went on and on. (My son does not look like me, so this man correctly assumed he was adopted.) I found this outrageous.

Amy, we know who his birth parents are. My son's birth father had 10 children with different mothers and his birth mother had several with different fathers. All of the children that his birth parents had together are in foster care. The birth parents are currently in prison.

The only thing the DNA testing could tell us is if my child's parent of Cuban descent is of native Cuban descent or Spanish — or some combination of those (or other European ancestry). We could also learn of other relatives. We don't want them contacting us or our son.

Our son is way too young to deal with the reality surrounding his birth family, and we have always told him that his parents loved him very much, but because of illness are unable to care for him (they are drug addicts, but we haven't told him this). We were advised by the social worker that some members of his birth family are not safe and we should not allow contact.

What he needs to know is that we are his family, and will stand by him no matter what.

Now my son keeps bringing up DNA testing. I don't know what to do. I don't think he wants to meet family, but I do think he wants to know about his heritage. What should I tell

him? What should I do when strangers contact me saying that they are related to my son?
— *Anguished Mother*

Dear Mother: You are the parent and you are in charge of this process, but I think you should consider letting your son get DNA testing, perhaps for his 12th birthday. I have many adopted family members and I can speak from experience that the curiosity about ethnicity is strong. Even very young children can express this as part of their curiosity about their adoption. This is a crucial part of your son's identity, and his story.

This testing would be done through you, with your contact information and you should share any ethnic information that is revealed, and then help your son to answer any questions about his DNA heritage.

Given how marginal his biological family seems to be, they are not likely to be in the DNA database and wouldn't contact you, but you'll have to handle any contact on a case-by-case basis. Whatever DNA testing reveals about his ethnicity, you should help your son to explore his roots.

Dear Amy: I am bothered by a father-daughter interaction I observed at a recent extended family dinner. The father and his 13-year-old daughter sat apart from the rest of the relatives, who had gathered in the living room.

The daughter was often on the father's lap and they focused only on each other for most of the evening. The mother has little

standing in the family; the father makes the decisions and often belittles the mother.

While I don't believe there is any sexual abuse going on, I do find the father/daughter dynamic inappropriate. I would like your perspective on this.
— *Concerned*

Dear Concerned: My perspective is that you are right to be concerned. Whenever one partner dominates and demeans another and forms an exclusive relationship with one child, this creates an unhealthy family dynamic, and the extended family should be concerned.

You (and other family members) should make every effort to spend time with this younger family member, away from her parents, to empower her with the knowledge that she isn't alone, and that she always has other adults she can count on. You should also offer any and all support to the child's mother.

At this family event, the father and daughter should have been prompted to join the rest of the family.

Dear Amy: "Torn" should stay away from her affair partner and work on her marriage, or get a divorce. It's like me with high heels; I know they're bad for me and make me feel uncomfortable, but if I try on a pair at the store ... I'm buying them.
— *Now Flat-footed Gal in Oklahoma*

Dear Flat-footed: Great analogy. Thank you.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'We're Gonna Be Okay' ★★

Upending the idea of families during Cuban missile crisis

By CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Will Davis, the artistic director of the American Theater Company, does not shy away from a challenge.

Take, for example, what he attempts with the Chicago premiere of Basil Kreimendahl's "We're Gonna Be Okay," a black comedy from the 2017 Humana Festival that's about two ordinary families, living side by side in tract homes in 1962, wondering if they need to build a bomb shelter to protect themselves from imminent nuclear attack. At the Actors Theatre of Louisville, the play was produced as,

in essence, a piece of simplified realism. You saw representations of two houses and you watched and listened to actors whose genders conformed to the characters. This is amplified dialogue, for sure, but then these are characters under extreme pressure. As were many Americans in 1962.

The American Theater Company production, by contrast, is staged in an amped-up, Day-Glo, early-1960s gestalt, nothing you would have found in that era but a fully realized concept designed to evoke the essence of this time, when cracks were beginning to show in the domi-



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

The cast of Basil Kreimendahl's "We're Gonna Be Okay" by the American Theater Company.

nant conformism. The two middle-aged men in the play — the guys yakking away around the grill in the backyard — are played by women, Kelli Simpkins and Penelope Walker, which, of course, foregrounds the

play's exploration of dominant masculinity. And Davis and the remainder of his committed cast (Adithi Chandrashekar, Sarai Rodriguez, Avi Roque and BrittneyLove Smith) together subvert a whole lot of other expectations about race and gender. Which always is useful.

Even though the play is set in two backyards, Davis even has added an interior to the home, a living room setup that you see only when walking into and out of the theater, all adding to a collage dedicated to getting you thinking about the legacy of that era as parents

passed on their views to their children.

Does it all work? Only to some extent. The best part of this production comes at the beginning, in the scenes with Simpkins and Walker, two fine performers who both deconstruct the masculine assumptions of the era and live inside it enough for you to believe. That works very well for a while, and it pops up again later in a fine scene with Roque and Rodriguez, but, overall, the piece keeps tipping too far in the direction of parody.

There is a lot to go after in backyard white America

When: Through March 4
Where: American Theater Company, 1909 W. Byron St.

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$38 at 773-409-4125 and www.atcweb.org

of 1962, but it's also an easy target, and you can feel the audience shift from believing in the characters to laughing at prejudices that were, in fact, grounded in actual fear of what the Cuban missile crisis might mean.

Once you don't really have a center to deconstruct, the show veers in so many directions that the political intent is, in fact, dissipated. The audiences start to feel smugly superior instead of being prompted into examining their own prejudices and problematic assumptions.

This is the downside of postmodern productions of plays that have their postmodern radicalism already baked into the script, and it is made worse when they are slightly overplayed.

But. Better a rich, radical idea that doesn't fully work than some rote reproduction. Onward at ATC.

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Celebrating Ella and Mister Kelly's

Event marks glorious '58 album, documentary about fabled nightclub



HOWARD REICH
My Kind of Jazz

In August of 1958, singer Ella Fitzgerald recorded one of the most brilliant and least remembered albums of her career, before a live audience in Chicago.

The place was Mister Kelly's, on North Rush Street, a showroom that presented emerging stars such as Barbra Streisand, Woody Allen and George Carlin, and musical visionaries such as Oscar Peterson, Billie Holiday and, of course, the greatest female singer in the history of jazz, then and now: Fitzgerald.

"Ella Fitzgerald: Live at Mister Kelly's" documented the vocalist's technical wizardry and creative genius as no studio album could, its artistic achievements perhaps due, in part, to the unique ambience of the long-gone nightclub where it was recorded.

To celebrate the landmark album, and to promote a documentary-in-progress on the legend of Mister Kelly's, several of Chicago's top singers converged at City Winery on Monday evening. Though they sang the repertoire on Fitzgerald's album song for song, they wisely did not attempt to re-create her vocal feats or interpretive insights. Really, no roomful of singers could come close.

But backed by an adroit jazz trio and encouraged by an enthusiastic and sold-out house, the vocalists poetically conjured the memory of Fitzgerald's work and paid fitting homage to Mister Kelly's, a venue where magic happened often between 1953 and 1975.

Notwithstanding its title — "Mister Kelly's: Wasn't It a Time?" — the forthcoming doc also will explore the legacies of Chicago's London House and Happy Medium, milestone rooms also owned by brothers Oscar and George Marienthal. In these now-vanished places, the Marienthals proved time and again their eye and ear for young talent, their reverence for singular musicians and their insistence on reaffirming Chicago's position as a nexus for cutting-edge jazz and comedy.

Mister Kelly's, especially, emerged as "one of America's great entertainment proving



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Singer Frieda Lee opens a celebration of Ella Fitzgerald and a forthcoming documentary on bygone Chicago clubs Monday night at City Winery.

grounds," David Marienthal — son of George and nephew of Oscar — told the crowd, and he did not exaggerate. For the past three years, David Marienthal has been spearheading the documentary project, which is being directed by Phillip Koch and made in partnership with WTTW-Ch. 11.

The evening opened with a short trailer for the doc, which the film's producers had presented to WTTW executive Dan Soles early in their journey.

Soles told the audience he was moved by what he saw, and for good reason. To realize that Sarah Vaughan, Mel Tormé, Dick Gregory, Ramsey Lewis, Lainie Kazan, Shecky Greene, Bob Newhart, Dick Cavett and scores more had played Mister Kelly's was to understand anew the significance of the place and what happened there.

Singer Frieda Lee carried the considerable artistic burden of launching the night's music, and the evening's producer and director, Daryl Nitz, could not have chosen a more fitting opener. For Lee long has been a bearer of jazz vocal tradition in Chicago, having come here in 1963, just a few years after Fitzgerald cut her "Mister Kelly's" masterpiece.

The earthy, bluesy spirit Lee brought to "Your Red Wagon," the dusky vocal colors she expressed

in "Nice Work If You Can Get It" and the lovely arabesque she delivered as a coda to "I'm Glad There Is You" bore direct relation to Fitzgerald's art, without merely mimicking it.

Ellen Winter referenced Fitzgerald's acuity at scat singing — the art of improvising wordless passages as a trumpet or a saxophone might — in "Perdido," Winter's bell-like clarity of tone distinct from Fitzgerald's but appealing in its own right. And Lynne Jordan brought forth the lustier facets of Fitzgerald's art in "The Lady Is a Tramp," lavishing plenty of voice and attitude on a tune built for exactly that. In "Summertime," from George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," Jordan drew upon Fitzgerald's pater from the album, delivering it with a nonchalance that almost made you believe she had invented it herself.

The revelation of the evening, though, came from Sophie Grimm, whose account of "In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning" not only did justice to a lament immortalized by Frank Sinatra but cast new light on it. The luxuriance of Grimm's instrument and the slow-and-dreamy manner of her performance gave the night its most hushed moments, Grimm tapping the brooding undertone of a sublime

jazz nocturne.

Later in the evening, LaShera Moore unfurled a big-and-brassy instrument in "Love Me or Leave Me," oversold "Joe Williams' Blues" and showed welcome tenderness in a medley from "Porgy and Bess." Liz Mandeville produced ample voice in "How High the Moon"; Alina Taber finessed the vocal vicissitudes of "Star Dust"; and the entire cast sent the audience home with "My Funny Valentine" and "Mack the Knife" (the latter not on Fitzgerald's album but, of course, widely identified with her).

All of which hinted at the glories of Fitzgerald's "Live at Mister Kelly's." The recording stands out because, in many ways, it's the counterpoint to the "Songbook" albums that Fitzgerald made for producer Norman Granz and for which she's most famous today. In those recordings, each devoted to the work of a particular songwriter, Fitzgerald offered ultrasophisticated, state-of-the-art renditions of music by the Gershwins, Duke Ellington, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and other definers of American song. In each instance, Fitzgerald was accompanied by plush orchestrations that cast her instrument as a highly polished gem in a crushed-velvet jewel box.

"Live at Mister Kelly's" was the

inverse, the singer backed by just a small jazz unit; thus musical leadership and most of the creative demands were placed directly upon on her. She rose to the occasion. Moreover, in a jazz club setting, she was free to cut loose, improvise on the spot, respond to the audience, make up words and sounds and novel vocal effects for which she alone was the author.

The result was an album in which Fitzgerald sounded wilder, freer and more able to draw upon her astonishing technical resources and seemingly bottomless well of ideas than even the indelible "Songbook" albums allowed. Here was Fitzgerald unencumbered by orchestral accompaniment and meticulously conceived arrangements. Instead we experience Fitzgerald's art without distractions, untethered by other people's decisions and clearly inspired by an adoring audience, sitting just a few feet away.

That's what the atmosphere of Mister Kelly's made possible. If the forthcoming documentary can convey how and why that happened, it will illuminate a critical time and place not only in Chicago nightlife but in American cultural history.

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Armistice centennial a focus

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displays at Symphony Center and offsite locations.

Another program track will celebrate the power of narrative in music. There will be concert performances of two operas — Verdi's "Aida," under Muti's direction, starring Russian soprano Krassimira Stoyanova in the title role; and Bela Bartok's "Bluebeard's Castle," with singers Michelle DeYoung and John Relyea. The CSO also will collaborate for the first time with the Joffrey Ballet, in works set to Stravinsky's music.

Muti will direct his customary 10 weeks of subscription concerts, in fall, winter and spring residencies. He will lead the CSO and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago in a side-by-side community concert Sept. 20 at Millennium Park, marking the centennial of the CSO's pre-professional youth training ensemble.

In late January and early February, Muti will take the Chicago Symphony on their second joint tour of Asia, an itinerary that includes concerts in Taipei, Taiwan; Shanghai and Beijing, China; and Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. A domestic tour will take them to West Palm Beach and Naples, Fla., in late February and early March.

The other big news of the coming season is the return of former music director Daniel Barenboim and former principal conductor Bernard Haitink.

Barenboim, who hasn't led the orchestra since stepping down from the post he held from 1991 to 2006, will lead Smetana's symphonic cycle "Ma Vlast" ("My Country") in November. Also that month, he will direct a program of Tchaikovsky and Richard Strauss with his West-Eastern Divan Orchestra of young Arab and Israeli musicians.

The central work of the Haitink subscription week in October will be Bruckner's Sym-

phony No. 6.

Other returning conductors include Esa-Pekka Salonen, David Afkham, Mikko Franck, Jakub Hrusa, Pablo Heras-Casado, Emmanuel Krivine, Andres Orozco-Estrada, Matthias Pintscher, Michael Tilson Thomas, Nikolaj Znaider, Bramwell Tovey and Osmo Vanska.

Conductors new to the roster are Fabien Gabel, music director of the Quebec Symphony Orchestra; Edward Gardner, chief conductor of the Bergen (Norway) Philharmonic; Giancarlo Guerrero, music director of the Nashville Symphony; Thomas Sondergard, music director designate of the Royal Scottish National Orchestra; and Simone Young, former artistic director of the Hamburg State Opera in Germany.

Solo artists will include David Fray, Daniil Trifonov, Paul Lewis, Emanuel Ax and Mitsuko Uchida, piano; concertmaster Robert Chen, Vadim Gluzman, Lisa Batiashvili and Hilary Hahn, violin; Gautier Capucon, cello; Jennifer Gunn, piccolo; and Joyce DiDonato, mezzo-soprano. The CSO's Charles Vernon will premiere a CSO-commissioned Bass Trombone Concerto by Chicago composer James Stephenson.

The CSO at the Movies series will include screenings of "North by Northwest" and "An American in Paris," with live orchestral accompaniment.

Once again the Symphony Center Presents piano series will offer mostly familiar artists, including Evgeny Kissin, Maurizio Pollini, Murray Perahia, Leif Ove Andnes, Rudolf Buchbinder and the duo of Pierre-Laurent Aimard and Tamara Stefanovich. The series also will present the Orchestra Hall debuts of pianists Beatrice Rana and Behzod Abduraimov.

The chamber music series will feature ensembles made up of violinists Pinchas Zukerman,

Anne-Sophie Mutter, Midori and Itzhak Perlman, and pianists Jean-Yves Thibaudet and Evgeny Kissin.

The Czech Philharmonic will return, after a 15-year absence, under its recently appointed music director, Semyon Bychkov. Also appearing on the orchestras series will be the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, led by chief conductor Daniele Gatti, and the San Francisco Symphony under its outgoing chief, Michael Tilson Thomas.

Knowing he has the respect and admiration of the CSO musicians helped Muti make up his mind about continuing at the CSO a couple more seasons beyond his previous contract, he said.

"My relationship with the orchestra, on both the musical and human levels, has been very good. It is without a doubt one of the greatest orchestras in the world."

As much as he misses the time away from his family and his native soil that fulfilling his commitments to Chicago require, he said, conducting the CSO "has been for me a blessing from heaven" from the outset of his tenure in 2010-11, and a fitting way to round the circle of his career on the podium.

Muti has held important music directorships in Italy, London, Philadelphia and Chicago for the past 50 years.

He said CSO board chair Helen Zell proposed the extension at a meeting at his home in Ravenna, Italy, two years ago, but that no formal contract was discussed at that time.

When asked about unfinished business on his plate, Muti said he believes the administration should undertake a major acoustical renovation of Orchestra Hall. And he insisted his efforts to make more of the Chicago public more aware of "the absolute jewel" they have in the Chicago Symphony will continue to the end of his tenure.



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Riccardo Muti says he still has unfinished business in Chicago.

"There is still a lot left to be done," he said. "It's a question of policy, of strategy, of entering the arteries and veins of the city. I have played in a city park, churches, prisons, but the (impact of the) orchestra still is not felt as it should be throughout Chicago. I want Orchestra Hall to be thought of as a kind of spiritual temple, for all the people."

He pointed to the enormous esteem in which the Chicago Symphony is held around the world. "I am told that our Orchestra Hall performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (which was streamed live in 2014) has been seen by more than 10 million people (via YouTube)," he said. "This is a record, yes?"

Making the CSO a more prominent presence in the commercial video and audio recording market is another priority with the maestro.

"If I had the power, these things would be done," he said, conceding that making recordings requires going after hefty sponsorship. "When I say power, that can be misunderstood. Things go well when the institution believes in the audacity of the music director. The Romans had a phrase for that: *Audacis fortuna juvat*. Destiny helps people who have courage."

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2018-19 season highlights

Sept. 21-25: Muti will open the subscription season with Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13, which includes poems by Yevgeny Yevtushenko about the World War II massacre at Babi Yar, and other Soviet Russian subjects.

Oct. 11-14: Conductor Andres Orozco-Estrada returns to lead Mahler's Symphony No. 3, with adult and children's choruses.

Oct. 18-20: Marin Alsop leads the world premiere of French composer Bruno Mantovani's "Threnos," a CSO commission, with Daniil Trifonov playing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3.

Oct. 25-30: Former CSO principal conductor Bernard Haitink returns to preside over Beethoven and Bruckner.

Nov. 1-3: Former music director Daniel Barenboim ends a 12-year absence from the roster to direct Smetana's symphonic cycle "Ma Vlast" ("My Country"). On Nov. 5 he will lead his West-Eastern Divan Orchestra of young Arab and Israeli musicians in works by Richard Strauss and Tchaikovsky.

Nov. 8-10: Muti directs performances of Verdi's Requiem, with soloists and the Chicago Symphony Chorus.

Dec. 20-23: The CSO and Chorus celebrate Christmas with Handel's "Messiah," led by British conductor, harpsichordist and organist Matthew Halls.

Jan. 10-12: Baritone Thomas Hampson joins conductor Bramwell Tovey for a program of mostly American music.

Feb. 21-23: Muti conducts Mozart's Requiem, paired with William Schuman's Symphony No. 9 ("The Ardeatine Caves").

April 4-6: Czech conductor Jakub Hrusa, who led the CSO in Smetana's "Ma Vlast" for his CSO debut last season, directs symphonies of Borodin and Shostakovich.

May 30-June 1: The Joffrey Ballet makes its CSO debut, with Matthias Pintscher conducting.

June 21-25: Muti closes the season with concert performances of Verdi's "Aida."

Girl behind book drive turns author

Seeing a need for diversity on pages, she started #1000BlackGirlBooks program



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Marley Dias, 13, was enjoying pancakes with her mom at a diner near their New Jersey home when her mom posed a question.

"If you could change one thing, what would it be?"

It's the sort of moment that might have passed without incident — barely a blip. Instead, it triggered a series of events that forever changed Marley's world (and ours) for the better — turning Marley into a budding social activist and now a published author.

But back to the pancakes for a moment. At the time, Marley had just finished reading Jacqueline Woodson's "Brown Girl Dreaming," a birthday gift from her aunt that Marley credits with introducing her to a whole new world.

"A world where modern black girls were the main characters — not invisible, not just the sidekick," Marley writes in her new book, "Marley Dias Gets It Done (And So Can You!)." "A world where black girls were free to be complicated, honest, human; to have adventures and emotions unique just to them. A world where black girls' stories mattered."

She told her mom, in response to that what-would-you-change question, that she wanted more kids to read books with black girls as the main

characters.

"That definitely was not the world I was experiencing in real life in then-fifth grade," Marley writes. "In my class — in all fifth-grade classes — we were required to read 'classics,' books like 'Shiloh,' which is about a white boy and the dog he rescues. And 'Old Yeller,' which is about a white boy and the dog that rescues him. And 'Where the Red Fern Grows,' which is about a white boy and the two dogs he trains."

So she launched #1000BlackGirlBooks, a social media campaign to collect and distribute 1,000 books with black girl protagonists that she would then donate to libraries around the country.

I wrote about her campaign last spring, and she had collected 9,500 books by then. She made it onto Forbes 30 Under 30 list in December. She also picked up a Smithsonian Magazine's American Ingenuity Award that month.

Her book, which is delightful, hit shelves Tuesday. On Thursday, she comes to Chicago for two events. First, a luncheon and book chat at the Union League Club, where I'll interview her. Second, an evening discussion at Evanston Township High School, sponsored by Family Action Network, where she'll be interviewed by Taryn Robinson, an Evanston eighth-grader.

"I'm really excited, and I've had fun preparing," Taryn told me. "I have three papers full of questions, so I might have to cross some off."

Taryn's dad, Keith Rob-



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Marley Dias, 13, will talk in Chicago on Thursday about diversifying kids' reading lists.

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inson, is an associate principal for educational services at ETHS. When organizers were looking for a young person to chat with Marley onstage Thursday, Taryn raised her hand.

"I'm going to ask her what advice she would give to kids who want to do something to change the world and to parents who have kids that want to do something to change the

world," Taryn said. "She said any idea that you put your mind to, you can make happen, so I'm definitely going to listen to that."

In "Marley Dias Gets It Done," Marley describes



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Taryn Robinson will interview Dias in Evanston.

herself as a TBN: total book nerd. Taryn, too, loves to read. "All American Boys," by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely, and "I Am Malala," by Malala Yousafzai, are two of her recent favorites.

"I really enjoy books more when I can connect to the characters and what they're doing," Taryn said.

When I interviewed Marley, she told me she wants to create "mirrors and windows" for kids all over the world.

"When I say mirrors," she said, "I mean I want these stories to be reflected for the black girls who are reading them, so they can see themselves and identify themselves and learn about their history. When I say windows, I mean open up to people who are different, to understand and to see and grow from those things we don't understand."

Marley Dias will appear at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson Blvd. Tickets are \$45 and include lunch. Call The Book Stall at 847-446-8880 or go to thebookstall.com to reserve a ticket. She will also appear at 6 p.m. Thursday at Evanston Township High School auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. The ETHS event is free and open to the public. Find more information at familyactionnetwork.net.

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Poetry is famed dancer's focus

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a U.S. poet laureate in 1991. Shortly after moving to America, Brodsky happened upon another Soviet expatriate at a party in New York in the '70s — a young dancer called Misha — and the two men were close friends until Brodsky's death in 1996 at age 55.

Born in Riga to Russian parents, Mikhail Baryshnikov defected to Canada during a 1974 tour with the Kirov (now Mariinsky) Ballet. Baryshnikov moved to the United States the following year and would become a principal dancer with New York City Ballet and American Ballet Theatre, for which he was artistic director from 1980 to 1989. Baryshnikov found further fame as a crossover artist, featured in films and on television, and later developed an interest in modern dance. He founded the White Oak Dance Project with contemporary choreographer Mark Morris in 1990, touring with the company until 2002, and opened the Baryshnikov Arts Center in Manhattan in 2004.

Baryshnikov is about as close as it gets to dance royalty, though in recent years his life on stage is increasingly focused on theater. He was previously seen in Chicago starring in "Man in a Case," an adaptation of two Chekhov stories by Big Dance Theater performed at the Museum of Contemporary Art in 2014. But when Hermanis first approached him about a theatrical production of his friend's poems, Baryshnikov was hesitant, in part because Brodsky wasn't much for theater.

"He never liked theater,



JANIS DEINATS PHOTO

Mikhail Baryshnikov says of his one-man show, "Brodsky/Baryshnikov," that it's "not a play with a dance, by any means."

or dance, as a matter of fact," Baryshnikov said in a phone interview with the Tribune, laughing as he recalled that Brodsky would attend dance because "occasionally great music is played. If it was Bach, or Mozart, or Haydn, or Purcell, then he said, 'I'll go because it's nice, good music.'"

Despite his distaste, Brodsky wrote a couple of plays: "Marbles" in 1989 and "Democracy!" in 1990. The irony of performing a theatrical reading of Brodsky's poems is not lost on Baryshnikov. "Well, that's the dichotomy of it," he said. "I didn't listen to him, but I couldn't pass up this opportunity. I think he would have been intrigued."

Inevitably, there will be those who flock to the Harris to see Baryshnikov the dancer, and movement is indeed incorporated into the performance, providing a bridge between poems. Baryshnikov borrows some ideas from butoh, Kabuki and even flamenco, but be clear: This is not a dance show. "It's not choreography, per se," he said.

"Some things are set and some things are fluid improvisation. It's not a play with a dance, by any means. If somebody really thinks I'll be dancing in it, they'll be disappointed and better return their tickets to the box office. ... I hope it's entertainment of another kind."

With a set suggesting the old world of St. Petersburg and simple trappings including a bench, an old suitcase and a bottle of Jameson, Baryshnikov's improvisations are occasionally overlaid by recordings of Brodsky's voice, but he's never reciting and moving at the same time. He'll sit or lie on the bench, reading some of the poems from books and recalling others from memory, all spoken in Russian with English subtitles projected seamlessly onto the set. The idea is to create a spiritual environment, almost like a seance, and invite us into the inner workings of Brodsky's mind.

From time to time, Brodsky would ask his friend to read some passages aloud, for the utility

of hearing a new work or a short poem in someone else's voice. "It happened a few times in 20 years, not more than that," said Baryshnikov, "but (Brodsky) was amused by the way I read. A lot of poets think that only they can recite poetry to the audience, and it should be read in solitude with a glass of Irish whiskey in hand, and preferably a good cigarette, you know?"

So, while it could technically be called a one-man play based on the poetry of Joseph Brodsky, "Brodsky/Baryshnikov" is more aptly described as an intimate conversation between two friends, one now gone.

Also of note

Doug Varone and Dancers celebrates its 30th season this year, visiting the cozy Dance Center for the first time in more than 16 years. Varone makes a rare appearance to perform a retrospective of his career in two solos set to Chopin nocturnes. The first, "Nocturne in D Flat Major, Opus 27 #2," was created in 1987, while

"Nocturne in E minor, Op. 72" premiered last summer at Jacob's Pillow. Feb. 8-10 at the Dance Center of Columbia College, 1306 S. Michigan Ave.; \$30 at 312-369-8330 and www.colum.edu/dancecenter presents.

The Joffrey Ballet's winter contemporary program, "Modern Masters," showcases works by 20th-century icons and 21st-century up-and-comers. Joffrey celebrates the 100th anniversary of Jerome Robbins' birth with the Chicago premiere of "Glass Pieces" and performs George Balanchine's "Four Temperaments" for the first time in the company's history. The program also revisits "Body of Your Dreams" by San Francisco Ballet's rising choreographic star Myles Thatcher. Feb. 7-18 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway; \$34-\$159 at 312-386-8905 and www.joffrey.org.

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A+E NOTES

Patti LuPone will perform at Steppenwolf

Broadway legend Patti LuPone will be the next diva to perform at Steppenwolf Theatre as part of the LookOut series, the company announced Tuesday.

LuPone, a two-time Tony winner, will perform two concerts at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. March 5 with host and pianist Seth Rudetsky. The unscripted evening, following the form set by Audra McDonald and Chita Rivera, will include Broadway stories and showstoppers. LuPone was last seen on Chicago stages in the 2016 pre-Broadway tryout of "War Paint" at the Goodman Theatre.

Tickets (\$79-\$150) go on sale to the public at 11 a.m. Feb. 6 at 312-335-1650 and www.steppenwolf.org. A presale for current Steppenwolf members and subscribers begins at 11 a.m. Friday.

— Morgan Greene

'The Chi' gets a second season on Showtime

Nearing the halfway point of its first season, Showtime announced Tuesday that it is renewing its Chicago-shot drama "The Chi" for a second season.

Created by Lena Waithe, the series is set on the city's South Side and follows a large group of characters whose lives become intertwined after a pair of teens are shot and killed within a 24-hour span. Ratings for the show have gone up consistently over the first four episodes, though it has yet to crack 1 million viewers.

Season 2 will include a notable change behind the scenes, with writer Ayanna Floyd Davis moving up to showrunner.

— Nina Metz

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Camila Mendes

"Riverdale" (7 p.m., CW): While she prepares for her confirmation, Veronica (Camila Mendes) starts to worry that Archie (KJ Apa) may be learning too much about her family's secret business dealings in his new capacity as Hiram's (Mark Consuelos) intern in the new episode "Chapter Twenty-Five: The Wicked and the Divine." Jughead and his dad lead the charge after an ugly incident in Pickens Park exacerbates tensions among the Serpents.

"The Blacklist" (7 p.m., NBC): Not for the first time, Liz (Megan Boone) starts to question what Red's (James Spader) true motives are as they work together in the pursuit of Tom's killer in the new episode "The Cook." Elsewhere, the Task Force tries to fight fire with fire as they use one arsonist to help them catch another. Diego Klattenhoff and Harry Lennix also star.

"The X-Files" (7 p.m., FOX): James Wong, whose association with "The X-Files" goes all the way back to the very first season, wrote and directed "Ghouli," a new episode in which two teenage girls attack each other, each believing the other is a monster. As they investigate the incident, Mulder and Scully (David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson) begin to suspect the case might lead back to their long-lost son, William. William B. Davis and Miles Robbins guest star; Mitch Pileggi also stars.

"Total Divas" (8 p.m., E!): Nikki and Brie Bella log their 100th episode in tonight's new episode, a milestone the pair reportedly never expected to hit. There was more than a little skepticism when the show, now well into its seventh season, first premiered, mainly over whether there was a large enough audience for a series about the private lives of WWE Superstars.

"SEAL Team" (8:01 p.m., CBS): As difficult as it is for military members to leave their families, it can be tougher when the departure date is moved up to ... immediately. Jason (David Boreanaz) and his comrades face that reality in the new episode "Getaway Day," following an attack on those they were meant to replace. Just as hard for Jason is having to reach a decision with Alana (Michaela McManus).

"Happy!" (9 p.m., Syfy): It may be "the most wonderful time of the year," but you'd never know it from Sax and Happy (Christopher Meloni, voice of Patton Oswalt). With Christmas fast approaching, this odd couple find themselves locked in a climactic struggle to free little Hailey (Bryce Lorenzo) from Very Bad Santa's (Joseph D. Reitman) lair.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Tom Papa; Mt. Joy performs.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Tom Selleck; singer Rita Ora; Liam Payne and Rita Ora perform.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Rose McGowan; Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.); comic Jacob Williams; Curtis Harding sits in with Jon Batiste and Stay Human.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Jamie Dornan; actress Danaï Gurira; Russell Dickerson performs.*

* Subject to change

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	NBC 5	The Blacklist: "The Cook." (N) ©		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Info Wars." (N)		Chicago P.D.: "Chasing Monsters." (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	American Housewife	Match Game (N) ©		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	Cop (R,'88) ♦♦ James Woods, Lesley Ann Warren. ©				Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Animals With Cameras. A Nature Miniseries (Series Premiere) (N)		NOVA: "The Impossible Flight." (N) ©		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	The Last Stand (R,'13) ♦♦	Arnold Schwarzenegger, Forest Whitaker.			
	FOX 32	The X-Files: "Ghouli." (N) ©		9-1-1: "Point of Origin." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	Ion 38	Law & Order: "Shrunk."		Law & Order: "Blaze." ©		Law & Order: "Identity."		Law ♦
	TeleM 44	José José, el príncipe (N)		Sangre de mi tierra (N)		Señora Acero 4: La C (N)		Chicago (N)
	CW 50	Riverdale (N) ©		Dynasty (N) ©		Dateline ©		Dateline ♦
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	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Coach's Cor.	Monument
Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Caer en tentación (N)		Noticias (N)	
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	BBCA	Planet Earth: Frozen		Planet Earth: Blue Planet II ©				Planet Earth: Frozen
	BET	♦ (4:30) Django Unchained (R,'12) ♦♦♦ Jamie Foxx.		State Union (N)				Takers ♦♦♦
	BIGTEN	♦ Basketball	College Basketball: Maryland at Purdue. (N) (Live) ©			The BIG		The BIG
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ		Housewives/NJ (N)		Relative Success (N)		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Billion Dollar Buyer (N)		Shark ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Corporate	Corporate	Daily (N) ♦
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	DISN	K.C. (N)	Andi Mack	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd ©	Jessie ©	K.C. Under.
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	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Missouri at Alabama. (N) (Live)					SportCtr (N)
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	LIFE	Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta: "Road Trippin' Part 2." (N) ©				Bring It! ♦
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MTV	Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish: The TV Show (N)		Catfish ♦	
NBCSCH	Bears Classics (N)		IDEAL Na	Bulls (N)			NBA Basketball (N) ♦	
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OVATION	♦ (6) Contact (PG,'97) ♦♦♦	Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey.			What to Expect When ♦			
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SYFY	♦ (5:30) The Goonies ♦♦♦		The Magicians (N) ©		Happy! (Season Finale) (N) ©		Battle LA ♦	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N) ♦	
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Eugene Levy: Second City taught me to keep it smart

BY REBECCA RUBIN
Variety

Eugene Levy played the clueless dad in all eight "American Pie" movies and has been a staple of Christopher Guest films including "A Mighty Wind," "Best in Show" and "Waiting for Guffman." Still, he credits his acting education to the small screen, where he was a charter member of the original cast of Canadian sketch-comedy show "Second City Television," aka "SCTV," working alongside John Candy, Martin Short, Harold Ramis, Andrea Martin, Catherine O'Hara and Rick Moranis. He returned to TV in 2015 to create the Pop comedy "Schitt's Creek" with his son, Dan. The sitcom, about a rich family that goes broke, is set to launch its fourth season, and Levy

calls it the project he's most proud of. His first gig in the business was in film alongside Martin in Ivan Reitman's dark comedy "Cannibal Girls," which led to his first mention in Variety on Aug. 11, 1971.

The following is an edited transcript.

Q: What do you remember about "Cannibal Girls"?

A: "Cannibal Girls" was the first time I had done anything professionally in an acting capacity. I was just out of school. I had no idea what we were doing, but the experience was so fun. The idea that they're putting us up in a motel for 11 days? Wow, that was big time. I really didn't put it together that one day what we're doing is actually going to be on a screen.

Q: Who are some of your comedic influences?

A: Jack Benny was the most fascinating person in comedy to me because he always seemed to be letting everyone else around him get the laughs and he had the longest takes in the world, which ended up getting bigger and bigger laughs than the people around him.

Q: What are some takeaways from working on "SCTV"?

A: The ground rules we learned in Second City were the kind you carry with you throughout your career. Rules like, always work at the top of your intelligence level, which sounds like it would be a no-brainer, but it's something you always had to think about. Am I writing this as smart as I can write it? Never think



CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Eugene Levy, here at the "Finding Dory" premiere in 2016, stars in "Schitt's Creek," a comedy on the Pop network.

you're smarter than your audience. There was no better education in the world when it came to that kind of comedy.

Q: What was it like when cast mates like Gilda Radner, who worked with you in the Second City theater company, went on to success in TV?

A: It was very encouraging because we were all very close. I was really happy for Gilda and Danny (Aykroyd) when they moved on. I was still doing Second City when they were getting hired for "SNL." That's how "SCTV" happened, because Bernie Sahlins, who owned Second City at the time, thought, "We're going to

lose all our Second City people to this 'Saturday Night Live' show. We should have a show ourselves that our graduates could naturally go into." That's when we sat down and came up with the idea for "Second City Television" — a television network where we could parody television and create characters who worked at the network.

Q: Is there advice you wish you had gotten back then?

A: Make sure you know what you're doing before you step in front of a camera or an audience. Give it a little more thought. Case in point, "Cannibal Girls": Thinking that what you were doing was really good at the time, and shortly after, you realize, "Wait a minute, this isn't really what I would call fantastic improvising." I just think if I had taken it a bit more seriously instead of thinking this is just fun, I might have done some better work.

Behind-the-scenes look at political negotiations and intrigue

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dance around each other, a case needs to be made for us that we're watching a crucial turning point in global history. To put that more bluntly, Martinez has yet to grab hold of his own story and make it matter. This is what some of the great recent Broadway plays about 20th-century political history — "All the Way," "Oslo" — have managed to do. To achieve something comparable, Martinez, a genuine new talent, will have to be more willing to leave the transcripts and the news accounts and the historians behind. And imagine.

Deanna Dunagan certainly grabs hold of Nancy Reagan, a role I've long thought she was born to play. This is a dazzlingly rich interpretation, utterly believable, never resorting to stereotype and laser-focused on the former first

lady's steely center. Mary Beth Fisher takes a slightly more comic approach to Raisa Gorbachev, but that's a droll contrast. Jim Ortlieb, who plays Shultz, and Steve Pickering, Shevardnadze, bond before our eyes. Both of those figures had a genial sense of humor, the record shows, and that richly spills out here, quietly making the point that political figures who achieve diplomatic breakthroughs tend, as Barbra Streisand famously sang, to be people who need people. Ortlieb brings a real warmth to Shultz, the figure Martinez clearly sees as the hero of these proceedings. Shultz, of course, is still very much alive.

It's mighty tough to play Reagan — one of the most impersonated men in history — and, you know, Rob Riley stands up to the best of them. The only issue that needed more attention from Falls is how to work in



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Jim Ortlieb, left, and Rob Riley in "Blind Date."

all the famous Reagan interjections and pauses — "well," "I don't know," the toss of the head — while maintaining the pace of the action. William Dick acquired the famous red birthmark to play Gorbachev, and he looks like his man. But it's an under-

written part, at this juncture, and you never fully feel like you know what the man was thinking.

Riccardo Hernandez has created a massive cylindrical set design — imagine a giant gray soda can turning and opening — that appears designed to inject gravitas

When: Through Feb. 25

Where: The Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.

Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes

Tickets: \$20-\$75 at 312-443-3800 and www.goodmantheatre.org

into the proceedings as the various parties wander around the many rooms of the mansion, even out in the garden, followed by nervous handlers. The epic quality of the design boosts the import of the play, which is a good thing. But what it does not do is point you inside the heads of the actors.

Even the Reagan biographer Edmund Morris (Thomas J. Cox) has been inserted into the play, much as Morris later would insert himself as a character in the history of one of the

more self-contradictory presidents in United States history. Despite all the work that still needs doing, "Blind Date," confidently directed by Falls in a production with a great deal of political elegance, captures the Reagan enigma far better than other works I've seen, mostly because the playwright gives him a fair shot at having done remarkably good things for world peace.

In its best moments, and know that this show is well worth seeing, "Blind Date" draws from Reagan's past as an actor, making the case that his talent for empathy and obfuscation, his geniality and determination, his unwavering awareness of the power of subtlety meant that the Soviets, finally, let down their guard.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31 NORMAL HIGH: 32° NORMAL LOW: 17° RECORD HIGH: 65° (1989) RECORD LOW: -12° (1985)

Highs to climb into 40s Wednesday, then drop

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 45 **LOW** 25

■ A weak Pacific-source cold front will move through the area from the west Wednesday, followed later Wednesday night/early Thursday with a strong Arctic-source cold front.

■ Mostly cloudy, windy and mild with high temperatures in the middle 40s. A chance of a few light showers.

■ Southwest winds gusting over 30 miles per hour will gradually shift westerly later in the afternoon and diminish somewhat.

■ Cloudy with a chance of flurries and colder overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Along with mostly cloudy skies and a few brief showers, temperatures Wednesday afternoon are expected to top out in the mid-40s over much of the Chicago area.

However, big changes are due here starting Thursday morning, with an extended cold spell in the cards. Temperatures will average much below-normal across a good portion of the central and eastern U.S. for the next couple of weeks. Here in Chicago, we may have to wait until after Valentine's Day before experiencing 40-degrees again.

Within the next 24 to 36 hours, the center of the broadening/intensifying polar vortex will establish itself over central and eastern Canada — subsequently pushing the polar jet stream south of the Ohio River Valley. This will put the Chicago area in a persistent cold northwest flow.

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

HIGH 25 **LOW** 5

Partly cloudy, windy, much colder; a few flurries—snow showers in NW Indiana. NW winds gusting over 25 mph will drive Arctic-source air into our area. Highs occur early; readings falling into the teens in the afternoon.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

HIGH 19 **LOW** 18

Polar high pressure moves across the Midwest bringing sunny but cold weather. Nearly steady temperatures at night with increasing clouds and a chance of light snow. West to southwest winds.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

HIGH 32 **LOW** 11

An accumulating snow likely — cloudy with gusty southwest winds pushing temperatures into the lower 30s. Then winds shift northeast and turning colder later in the day. Colder with snow showers likely overnight.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

HIGH 17 **LOW** 4

Snow showers likely along and inland of the Lake Michigan shoreline. Blustery and cold with daytime highs in the teens. Single-digit overnight lows with sub-zero wind chills. NNE winds diminish, become NW late.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

HIGH 19 **LOW** 14

Polar high pressure brings abundant sun, but temps stay well below normal. Readings peak in the upper teens/low 20s. W/SW winds around 10 mph. Increasing clouds overnight; chance of snow toward morning.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

HIGH 26 **LOW** 9

Cloudy with snow likely. Not quite as cold with highs in the middle 20s. Partly cloudy at night. Southwest winds shift northeast.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
It's seems like ages since we've had a substantial snowfall. When was the last time we had a day with at least 4 inches of snow? What has been our largest calendar day snowfall?
— Michael Taylor

Dear Michael,
To the joy of some and the dismay of others, the city has certainly been experiencing a period of subpar snowfall. We had Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski check the record books, and the last day Chicago officially logged 4 or more inches of snow was more than a year ago on Dec. 11, 2016, when 5.1 inches fell. Since then, the largest daily snowfall was 3.4 inches last year on March 14. So far this season, the heaviest daily snowfall was just 2.3 inches on Jan. 15. The city's heaviest one-day snowfall dates to Jan. 2, 1999, when 18.6 inches fell, the bulk of a three-day New Year's snowstorm that brought 21.6 inches of snow on Jan. 1-3.

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Chicago, IL 60618
asktomwhy@wgnv.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Frigid arctic air on the way after a mild January close

A MILD CLOSE TO JANUARY!
Wednesday's temperatures

HOW FAR FROM NORMAL?

Chicago: +16°
+6°
+12°
+16°
+6°

FEBRUARY—CHICAGO'S 5th-FASTEST WARMING MONTH

Normal high/low temps
Normal high/low temps

32° 35° 40°
17° 20° 24°

1 15 28 FEBRUARY

Top 5 fastest warming months
High temps warm over month

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#1 #2 #3 #4 #5
MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE FEB.

DAYS LENGTHEN DURING FEBRUARY
67 mins

THE APPROACHING SNOW
Projected disturbance track

Eastward progression of snow

6 A.M. FRI. 6 P.M. FRI. 6 A.M. SAT. 6 P.M. SAT. 6 A.M. SUN. 6 P.M. SUN.

THE NEXT COLD BLAST—FRIGID ARCTIC AIR ON THE MOVE AGAIN!
Predicted movement of arctic air

FRIDAY JET STREAM WED. EVENING THURS. A.M. THURS. P.M. FRIDAY A.M.

Friday morning's wind chills

-30° Chicago
-20°
-10°
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SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
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Carbondale	pc	48	31	sh	34	9
Champaign	pc	48	31	sh	34	9
Decatur	cl	51	32	sh	23	1
Moline	sh	44	19	pc	23	7
Peoria	cl	46	29	pc	31	8
Quincy	cl	49	29	pc	32	12
Rockford	cl	43	17	pc	22	3
Springfield	cl	52	32	sh	36	12
Sterling	sh	43	19	pc	23	5
Indiana	pc	50	36	sh	41	13
Bloomington	pc	53	41	sh	44	17
Evansville	pc	45	32	sh	36	15
Fort Wayne	pc	48	35	sh	38	11
Indianapolis	cl	46	30	sh	35	8
Lafayette	pc	44	28	sh	31	12
South Bend	pc	44	28	sh	31	12
Wisconsin	ss	39	7	pc	12	-2
Green Bay	pc	45	22	sh	16	-2
Kenosha	pc	47	4	pc	9	1
La Crosse	pc	40	9	su	12	0
Madison	pc	37	4	pc	21	3
Milwaukee	cl	52	32	sh	36	12
Wausau	ss	31	-2	pc	4	-9
Michigan	sh	41	31	cl	35	10
Detroit	sh	41	31	cl	35	10
Grand Rapids	sh	41	29	sh	31	11
Marquette	ss	32	5	sh	7	-1
St. Ste. Marie	sn	32	12	ss	15	-2
Traverse City	sn	38	22	ss	25	10
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Ames	cl	42	10	su	17	5
Cedar Rapids	cl	42	10	su	17	5
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HEALTH & FAMILY



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Donnie Cardenas, right, waits in an emergency room hallway with roommate Torrey Jewett, left, as he recovers from the flu Jan. 10 at the Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, Calif. The San Diego County resident said he was battling a cough before a spike in his temperature sent him to the emergency room. Experts say the flu has hit California hard this season.

5 facts for fighting the flu

This season's virus strains can cause severe symptoms, but vaccinations and hand-washing can help

BY BARBARA FEDER OSTROV
Kaiser Health

The nation is having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad flu season.

As of mid-January, flu was widespread in 46 states, according to reports to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nationally, as of mid-December, at least 106 people had died of the infectious disease.

In addition, states across the country are reporting higher-than-average flu-related hospitalizations and emergency room visits. Hospitalization rates are highest among people older than 50 and children younger than 5.

In California, among the hardest-hit states, the virus struck surprisingly early this season. The state's warmer weather typically means people are less confined indoors in the winter, so flu season usually strikes later.

Health experts aren't sure why this season is different.

"We're seeing the worst of it right now," said Dr. Randy Bergen, a pediatrician who is leading the anti-flu effort for Kaiser Permanente Northern California. "We're really in historic territory, and I just don't know when it's going to stop."

Here are five things you should know about this flu season:

1. It's shaping up to be one of the worst in recent years.
The influenza A subtype H3N2

that appears to be most prevalent this year is particularly nasty, with more severe symptoms including fever and body aches. Australia — whose experience U.S. public health officials follow closely in making their flu forecasts, in part because Australia's winter is our summer — reported a record-high number of confirmed flu cases in 2017. Another influenza B virus subtype also is circulating, "and that's no fun, either," Bergen said.

Flu season in the United States typically starts in October and ends in May, peaking between December and February.

2. This season's flu vaccine is likely to be less effective than previous versions.

U.S. flu experts say they won't fully know how effective this season's vaccine is until the season is over. Australia's experience suggests effectiveness was only about 10 percent. In the United States, it is 40 to 60 percent effective in an average season. Vaccines are less protective if strains are different than predicted or unexpected mutations occur.

3. You should get the flu shot anyway.

Even if it is not a good match to the virus now circulating, the vaccine helps ease the severity and duration of symptoms if you come down with the flu.

Children are considered highly vulnerable to the disease. Studies



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Ana Martinez, a medical assistant in Seattle, gives a flu shot on Jan. 11. This season's flu vaccine is likely to be less effective than usual.

show that for children, a shot can significantly reduce the risk of dying. (The CDC reported that 101 children died of flu-related illness in the 2016-17 season.)

High-dose vaccines are recommended for older people, who also are exceptionally vulnerable to illness, hospitalization and death related to the flu, according to the CDC.

"Some protection is better than no protection," Bergen said, "but it's certainly disappointing to have a vaccine that's just not as effective as we'd like it to be." Shots may still be available

from your doctor or local health clinic, as well as at some drugstores. Check www.vaccinefinder.org for a location near you.

4. Basic precautions may spare you and your family from days in bed.

As much as possible, avoid people who are sick. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.

Masks aren't particularly effective in keeping you from catching the flu, although they may help

keep sick people who wear them from spreading their germs.

If you are sick, cover your cough and stay home from work if you can, Bergen said. Remaining hydrated, eating nutritious foods and exercising can also help strengthen your immune system.

Because elderly people are so vulnerable to the flu, some nursing homes and assisted-living facilities may limit visitors and resident activities, depending on the level of illness.

5. Don't mistake flu symptoms for those of a common cold.

The hallmarks of flu are fever and body aches with cough and congestion, Bergen said.

If you feel as if you're having trouble breathing, or if your fever can't be controlled with medication such as Tylenol, check with your doctor. It's even more important for patients to see a doctor if they have a chronic medical condition such as diabetes or heart disease, or if they are young or elderly.

Kaiser Permanente doctors are now being advised to prescribe antiviral drugs such as Tamiflu — given as a pill or, for children, an oral suspension — even without a lab test for influenza, Bergen said. A Los Angeles Times report, however, said Tamiflu supplies are running low. And Bergen cautioned that these medications are only partly effective, reducing illness length by a day or two.

Downside of parenting with guilt in 'Lady Bird'



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

In "Lady Bird," Laurie Metcalf plays the sort of parent who makes you cringe in acute recognition.

She wears every one of her emotions — beleaguered, resentful, terrified, love-struck — on her sleeve, and she's determined to make sure her teenage daughter, Lady Bird, bears witness to

them all.

It's a little tragic and a little comic and very relatable. Whether you (or I) parent that way or not, you (and I) most certainly know someone who does.

Marion (Metcalf) expends an inordinate amount of energy reminding Lady Bird how much

she has sacrificed for her, how truly hard she works for her, how everything — *everything* — she does is in service to her and her expensive private-school education.

"Do you have any idea how much it cost to raise you?" Marion asks Lady Bird during one argument. "How much you're

throwing away every day?"

"Give me a number," Lady Bird replies.

Marion's confused.

"You give me a number for how much it cost to raise me," Lady Bird fumes, "and I'm going to get older and make a lot of money

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Doctors divided over morning sickness drug

New report says popular medication may not work

By DENNIS THOMPSON
HealthDay

The most commonly prescribed medicine for morning sickness may not work, a new report contends.

The drug, Diclegis, failed to meet minimum effectiveness goals in the clinical trial relied upon by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its approval in 2013, Canadian researchers reported.

"There was a very small difference between the women who got a placebo and the women who got this medicine," said Dr. Nav Persaud, a researcher and family physician at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Given that, the FDA should reconsider its approval of Diclegis, Persaud said.

"I think medications should only be approved and prescribed if they're proved to be effective," Persaud said. "The very basic question that needs to be answered is if it's effective. If the medication is not effective, it doesn't matter if it's safe or not."

But one of the nation's leading medical associations, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, responded to the new paper with the equivalent of a yawn.

Just this month, ACOG updated its practice guidelines for treating nausea and vomiting during pregnancy, maintaining that Diclegis "is safe and effective and should be considered first-line pharmacotherapy," said Dr. Mark Turrentine, chair of

ACOG's Practice Bulletin Obstetrics Committee.

"If the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the authors of the original studies, or the drug manufacturer correct or retract any of the evidence used to develop ACOG's guidance, we will reassess and consider the conclusions at that time," Turrentine said in a statement.

Diclegis is the combination of an antihistamine, doxylamine succinate, with a form of vitamin B6 called pyridoxine hydrochloride.

This combination drug had been available in the United States starting in the 1950s, but was voluntarily pulled from the market in the 1980s over concerns that it was linked with birth defects.

Lawsuits related to those claims were eventually dismissed, and efforts began in the 2000s to get the drug back onto the U.S. market, Persaud said. The drug has always been available in Canada and is currently sold there as Diclectin.

Persaud and his colleagues reviewed the 9,000-page clinical study report submitted by the drug's manufacturer, Duchesnay Inc., based in Blainville, Quebec. Results of the short two-week trial, which involved 187 women at six U.S. medical centers, were published in 2010.

The clinical trial had set a goal of improving symptoms by 3 points on a 13-point scale, but the researchers found that Diclegis had only resulted in a 0.73-point improvement.

While the results were statistically significant, they



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Not much difference was seen between a placebo and the morning sickness drug Diclegis in the clinical trial that led to its Food and Drug Administration approval in 2013, according to a new report.

were not large enough to be noticeable by women taking the medication, the Canadian researchers argue. Most women given a placebo had few or no symptoms by the end of the two-week trial.

There's no evidence that Diclegis produces birth defects on the scale of a drug like thalidomide, Persaud said, but some concerns do remain about its safety.

"No medication is ever going to be perfectly safe," Persaud said. "If this medication was proven to be effective, you could look at those small potential risks and say overall if it's going to make women feel better it's probably worth it, but if the medication is not prov-

en to be effective, then it's not clear what would balance off those risks."

Duchesnay responded to the new paper with a statement noting that the safety and effectiveness of Diclegis has been proved in at least 20 different studies and evidence reviews, and that ACOG, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, and the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics all recommend the drug as first-line therapy for morning sickness.

"It has been thoroughly studied for both safety and efficacy, but equally as important, it has been successfully used for decades by pregnant women to manage (morning sick-

ness)," the company said.

Given how well the drug has worked in practice, the new paper is "much to do about nothing," said Dr. Fahimeh Sasan, an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive science at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, in New York City.

No one would argue that it was a very small study and that the improvement in symptoms didn't reach the benchmark initially set, Sasan said.

But in everyday life, the drug has proved very effective, said Sasan, who works at a "very bustling, busy" obstetrics practice on the Upper East Side of Manhattan that performs 750 to

800 deliveries a year.

"Anecdotally, from our practice, we do see a significant benefit," Sasan said. "It actually has been quite effective, and our patients are very pleased while they take it."

In addition, nothing in this study raises any red flags regarding the overall safety of Diclegis, Sasan said.

"It's safe, and within our practice, we are finding that women only have to take it once a day," Sasan said, adding that other nausea/vomiting drugs require multiple daily doses and come with more significant side effects.

The study was published online in January in the journal PLOS ONE.

'Lady Bird' lesson: Parenting with guilt

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and write you a check for what I owe you, so that I never have to speak to you again."

Marion replies, "Well I highly doubt that you'll be able to get a job good enough to do that."

Ouch.

I spent most of the (Oscar-nominated, critically acclaimed) movie preoccupied with how tragically easy it might be to slip into a similar parenting habit: expecting — *demanding* — gratitude from your children for the work it takes to raise them.

I called Michelle Icard, author of "Middle School Makeover: Improving the Way You and Your Child Experience the Middle School Years" (Routledge) to get her thoughts.

Is there any value in nudging (shoving?) your kids toward recognition of

your efforts? Is it ever helpful to point out what you've invested in them, in hopes of making them, I don't know, less entitled?

Or is it all awful?

"What I think matters most is your intent," Icard said. "If your intent is to get your kids to give that gratitude back to the world and to their own relationships in some way, then you're doing it right. If your intent is to get your kids to give it back to you, then you're doing it wrong."

Your intent, after all, is likely to inform your delivery.

"Are you trying to raise a good human who brings good things to the world and to his or her partner and kids and who pays it forward?" Icard said. "Or are you trying to get pay-back for yourself?"

Icard, who leads workshops around the nation for middle schoolers and their

parents, said the temptation to guilt your child into gratitude tends to creep in when kids reach the tween and teen years.

"When you feel them pulling away and preparing to leave you, you can get really panicked," she said. "It's tempting to go, 'I've tried every trick in the book. Let me try to guilt you into wanting to be near me.'"

It's not a wildly successful approach.

For starters, kids need to pull away from their parents and forge identities and lives of their own.

"If the parent is emotionally bribing the kid to feel obligated to them, they're disrupting that normal, healthy, developmental process," Icard said. "Don't most of us come to understand our parent's sacrifices in a more natural way, often as we age ourselves and become parents?"

Second, it sets up a lousy expectation for your child's other relationships.

"If you're showing them you love them by making them feel guilty for all you do for them, it sets a bad precedent," Icard said. "It makes it difficult for them to develop a healthy sense of self and healthy relationships with other people because they only know codependency."

If you want your child to understand some of what has gone into raising them, Icard suggests launching that conversation in a moment that's not already emotionally charged, and making sure guilt is not a goal.

"You could, in a neutral moment, say, 'I want you to know a little bit more about me. Here are some hard choices I've had to make, and I'd make them again a million times over,'" she said. "It needs to be coated



MERIE WALLACE/A24

Saoirse Ronan, left, and Laurie Metcalf star in "Lady Bird."

with unconditional love and presented in a way that humanizes you without saddling your child with guilt."

Icard suggests relying on a simple gut-check for this and most parenting questions. "Pump the brakes and say to yourself, 'What's my goal here?'" she said. "Am I trying to teach them something to take into the

world and be a better person? Or am I trying to get something out of this for me?"

The former is noble. The latter is ... not.

"You're supposed to do things for your kids," she said. "That's part of the deal."

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The first shave: So begin the rites of male maturity



CHRIS ERSKINE
The Middle Ages

Our youngest son shaved last week for the first time, with a real razor, though I told him the scratchy side of a kitchen sponge probably would've done the trick.

He didn't have whiskers, he had wisps. The facial fuzz was soft and foggy, like the flowers they put in bridal bouquets. Sparrows are probably building nests with it right now.

The natural assumption would be that he is growing more mature, but I cautioned my wife not to jump to conclusions.

Men are seldom fully formed, and he is still not a

man on so many levels. He is a long way from dandruff, the sure sign that a man has matured. Or lying awake nights worrying about his aging parents, or the 401(k), which is the surest indication that childhood is over.

The little guy still exhibits many boyish tendencies. For instance, he still kisses dogs fully on the mouth, as if it's midnight and they are all in college together.

When I warn him that such kisses might not be healthy, he points to dog slobber's nutritive qualities and swears that there are antigens, enzymes, yeast, vitamins, iron, copper, probiotics, wheat germ, ginger root and witch hazel in the kiss of a beloved animal. That's not to mention the psychic benefits of feeling really loved.

"I mean, who can put a price on that, Dad?" he asks.

For the record, I don't get those same benefits from a dog's eager slurp. What I usually get is goo-slime and the feeling of needing to shower.

I mean, the world is full of failed good intentions. A dog's kiss usually represents pure devotion, and I know it usually comes from the heart. The 300-pound beagle not so much, because he is always trying to slurp remnants of lunch from my lips. Hungry no matter what, the beagle would sever my throat for a small chunk of supermarket cheese.

But the husky? Her kisses are genuine and stick — like a layer of wet polyurethane — to the skin for several years to come.

But it's not like me to worry. If the boy wants to French kiss the dogs, let him French kiss the dogs. Of all the things a 15-year-old can kiss ...

Instead, I'll just go back to fretting over money, which I always do this time of year. It's like football in that it is always a little on my mind.

The other day I was waiting for the ATM receipt to print, which for me is like waiting for a slot machine to turn up cherries. As it gargled out our balance, I ran through the usual thoughts: Am I solvent? Can we make it to the next paycheck? If we declare bankruptcy will they take away our kids? Please? Stuff like that.

Turns out we had 600 bucks. Yeah, baby. Jackpot!

Now, I realize that I should always know how much money I have in the account, but with automatic withdrawals and rotating subscriptions and the YMCA always going up in price, I confess to not having a firm grip on it all. It feels as if some distant

offshore business always has its hand in my pocket.

Looking back, I'm sure I budgeted better when I sat down each week with a checkbook, envelopes and a book of stamps.

But that was a comfort zone I gave up for the convenience and goo-slime of a digital life.

So now I look for new comfort zones, and there are so few. When things get really challenging I summon "the apostles," which is what I've taken to calling my idiot friends.

Sounds so much better — redolent of Sunday Mass — to say, "I have an important meeting with the apostles tonight" than to say, "The guys and I are going out to slug down some gin."

For some reason, that sets off all sorts of alarms at home.

I can't tell you exactly what the apostles talk about. But trust me, it's all

very tame. We catch up on the families, for example, and the other night I confessed to having some weird dreams lately of Nicole Kidman and sailing ships, but only after I eat really rich desserts before bed.

I also bolt awake at least once a night wondering where I left my Honda.

The apostles and I always have a few hearty yucks together.

We are not yet fully formed, but we are working at it.

Many of us fret over money and jobs in the middle of the night — not so much for us, but for the ones who rely on us for every simple thing, including the cheese, the shaving cream and their most-prized possession of all: access to the internet.

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Older and active? Get ready

How to gauge recovery time between workouts

BY CAROLEE BELKIN WALKER

The Washington Post

At a certain point, when you get to a certain age — say, 60, which I'll be this month — it's not just about your willingness to exercise.

It's about your readiness for exercise.

Aging athletes know we need more time to recover from our workouts, but how can we tell if we have recovered enough? Or whether we are not pushing hard enough for our exercise to matter?

"Whether you're a competitive athlete or a recreational one, either finding an intuitive understanding of your readiness to exercise or using some external measures can improve your overall fitness and help you avoid injury," according to sports medicine specialist and physical therapist Kevin McGuinness.

The good news is there is some promising research on exercise readiness, according to Carwyn Sharp, chief science officer at the National Strength and Conditioning Association in Colorado Springs. What experts have learned so far can help us enhance our intuitive sense of readiness by throwing some objective measures into the mix.

One way is to monitor your resting heart rate, which can help you understand how well you are recovering from your previous exercise session. If you keep a log of your resting heart rate, you will get a sense of what is normal for you. If it is higher than usual, McGuinness said, that is often a sign your nervous system may be overstressed.

Over time with aerobic training we should expect our resting heart rate to decrease, which is a sign of improved cardiovascular fitness, Sharp said. So if your resting heart rate is going up over time, that can



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Older people need more time to recover from workouts, but it's not always easy to know when to push hard or scale back an exercise regimen.

be a sign your body is experiencing too much chronic stress and needs more rest.

You can take your resting heart rate by lightly pressing your index and third fingers on the inside of your wrist below your thumb next to your tendon and counting the beats for 60 seconds. There are also plenty of automated options, including using an exercise tracker, which can monitor your heart rate as you sleep, or your smartphone, which may be equipped with flashlight-

type technology to measure your heart rate from your fingertip.

Testing your grip strength is another way to measure your readiness for exercise, McGuinness said. While significant grip strength research focuses on frailty and cardiovascular risk, there is a growing body of work connecting grip strength to sports recovery and performance.

Even if you're a runner and think grip strength has nothing to do with running, McGuinness says you can benefit from testing your

grip strength with a dynamometer, or grip trainer, commercially available in most sporting goods stores. You can start by getting a baseline of how many pounds of force you can squeeze easily on a good day. Using that reading, stronger days may indicate you are ready for a harder workout, and weaker days may be a sign you need more recovery, he said.

Using sleep trackers to plot the amount of quality sleep you are getting, based on the time you go to bed and the time you wake up

and your movement during the night, can also help you determine how well you are recovering from your training, McGuinness said.

You also want to track how you feel, how tired you are. Sharp suggested logging your level of fatigue on a scale of 1 to 10 and noting any patterns.

"A little fatigue is good," Sharp said, "because training should be causing some low-level fatigue." Your body will get stronger and better only if you stress it beyond your normal daily

levels, he said. It's when the fatigue becomes unmanageable or severe, say a 5 or a 6 for three or four days in a row, that you should take a closer look at your exercise schedule, which should include recovery days allowing your fatigue level to return to 0 or 1. If it doesn't and you continue to exercise at the same level, you risk becoming run down and susceptible to illnesses and minor injuries, Sharp said.

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No, cycling won't sabotage a man's sex life, study says

BY MAUREEN SALAMON

HealthDay

Men who are avid cyclists don't need to worry that hours spent on the bike will translate into problems in the bedroom or bathroom, new research claims.

Reportedly the largest study of its kind involving bikers, swimmers and runners, the findings buck prior reports that cycling could harm sexual or urinary function due to prolonged pressure on the buttocks and the perineum (the area between the scrotum and the anus).

The results provide reassurance that cycling doesn't harm the perineum any more than swimming and jogging do, said study author Dr. Benjamin Breyer, a urologic surgeon at the University of California at San Francisco. "Those athletes (swimmers and runners) also have erectile dysfunction," he explained. "The truth of the matter is, many men develop erectile dysfunction, but I think if you ride safely, the health benefits of cycling are tremendous. The benefits to overall health far outweigh other concerns."

Cycling has received much attention for its potential effects on sexual and urinary health.

"I think a lot of effort goes into cycling from some men to protect their perineum by wearing padded shorts and using different seat types," Breyer said.

The new research on men surveyed 2,774 cyclists, 539 swimmers and 789 runners. All completed several research-validated questionnaires about sexual health, prostate symptoms, urinary tract infections, genital numbness and saddle sores, among other factors.

Cyclists also were asked about their bike type, sad-



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Researchers found that male cyclists who stood out of the saddle more than 20 percent of the time significantly cut their odds of experiencing genital numbness.

dle (seat) type and angle, frequency of wearing padded shorts, percentage of time spent standing out of the saddle, handlebar type and type of surface on which they usually ride.

The cyclists were split into a high-intensity group (cycling more than two years, more than three times weekly and averaging more than 25 miles per day) and a low-intensity group. Notably, high-intensity cyclists logged better erectile function scores than low-intensity cyclists.

Also notably, cyclists experienced more than twice the incidence of scarring or narrowing in the urethra — known as urethral strictures — compared with swimmers or runners. But cyclists' sexual and urinary health was comparable overall to the other athletes.

Among cyclists, those standing more than 20 percent of the time while cycling significantly cut their odds of experiencing any genital numbness. Additionally, having handlebar height lower than seat height increased the odds of genital numbness and saddle sores.

Urethral strictures "are such an uncommon event that I wouldn't keep people from riding," Breyer said. "I would try to avoid riding habits that result in

really significant numbness in the perineum for really long periods." Instead, he suggested men adopt more of these practices: getting out of the saddle, wearing protective shorts, using a seat that has a cutout, and getting an appropriate bike fitting.

Other urologists praised the study's design, including comparison of cyclists with other athletes.

"In my experience with bicyclists, this really reflects what I see," said Dr. Brian Miles, a urologist at Houston Methodist Hospital in Texas. "Erectile dysfunction, of course, happens to men as they age for various reasons, but with cyclists, their rate seems to be no different in my experience."

Dr. Aaron Katz is chairman of urology at NYU Winthrop Hospital in Mineola, N.Y. He said the findings were a little surprising. "We've had this notion that prolonged cycling can have an effect on sexual function," he said. "But those studies were older and didn't use a (similar) cross-sectional analysis."

"I was really happy to see this study. I think it will allow men who are cycling to continue and not be so worried about it."

The study is published in The Journal of Urology.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

How truly beneficial are gummy supplements?

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON

King Features Syndicate

Q: I always take my vitamins if they are gummies. I really like the sweetness. I am less apt to take supplements as capsules.

I might be persuaded to change if gummies aren't as good for me. The four gummies I take are calcium, vitamin D-3, CoQ10 and a multivitamin. What do you think of gummy supplements?

A: One of the few organizations that test vitamins and other dietary supplements is ConsumerLab.com. After testing gummy multivitamins, it reported that "some gummy supplements — particularly gummy multivitamins — do not contain their listed amounts of vitamins or minerals, or contain impurities."

It noted that 80 percent of the gummy products tested failed because they contained too much or too little of certain listed ingredients. You can find the full report at ConsumerLab.com. There is a subscription fee to access the full report.

Q: For years I suffered with hypothyroidism. My doctors prescribed T4 drugs like Synthroid, Levothyroid and generic levothyroxine, but I was still depressed. Also, I lost a lot of hair, including almost all my body hair.

T4 was not working well for me, so I asked for Armour Thyroid. After I started on that, the improvement was almost instantaneous. Unfortunately, endocrinologists don't like it. One even told me it was an antiquated treatment. I think it is a shame that



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so few doctors seem to appreciate the value of treating with both T3 and T4. I feel much better when I am on Armour Thyroid.

A: Hypothyroidism, caused by an underactive thyroid gland, is quite common. If your thyroid gland were functioning normally, it would produce both T4 (levothyroxine) and T3 (triiodothyronine). These are thyroid hormones that affect how every part of the body works. The numbers indicate how many atoms of iodine each contains.

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Armour Thyroid is desiccated thyroid gland from pigs. It does provide T3 as well as T4. The endocrinologists are right that it is old-fashioned. That doesn't mean it isn't helpful for patients like you.

Q: I frequently read your warnings that there may be interactions

among medicines. Two doctors prescribe medications for me: my primary care doctor and my cardiologist. Although I ask, I don't think either of them is very concerned about possible interactions. What can you tell me about metformin and glipizide for diabetes, along with Eliquis, amiodarone, ramipril, simvastatin and tamsulosin?

A: You are wise to be concerned. Many of your medications could interact with each other. The heart drug amiodarone could increase levels of simvastatin in your system. That could magnify the risk of muscle damage. Amiodarone also can increase levels of your prostate drug tamsulosin, which could lead to adverse reactions.

Ask your cardiologist about the potential for amiodarone to interact with the anticoagulant Eliquis (apixaban). Your pharmacist also should review all your medications for possible interactions.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

From meal plan to heal plan

Future health professionals learn to treat patients with food

BY ALLIE SHAH
Minneapolis Star Tribune

Eight students from the University of Minnesota training to be doctors, nurses and counselors raced around the classroom, donning aprons instead of lab coats.

Their assignment: Prepare a delicious, healthful meal to treat patients' specific health problems.

"Smells like a steak," Theodore Wang said, as he sprinkled a pinch of salt over shiitake mushrooms simmering in olive oil.

It was his last class in the six-week course, Food Matters for Health Professionals, which pairs the art of cooking with the science of using food as medicine.

Taught by a doctor and a chef, the novel course, offered through the university's Center for Spirituality and Healing, reflects a growing awareness of the link between food and health.

Instructors Dr. Kate Shafto and Jenny Breen developed the class to teach aspiring health professionals how to care for both their patients and themselves through nutritious meals and mindful eating habits.

For too long, Shafto and Breen say, information about how to cook and eat healthful foods has been the missing ingredient in health care education. They're in the vanguard of a culinary medicine revolution. Nationwide, at least 10 medical schools teach culinary medicine, including Chicago's Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, according to the medical journal Population Health Management.

"There is a growing movement across the United States to incorporate cooking and food into health care," said Shafto, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota's medical school. "Food is one of the most important things, because it's something we engage in every day of our lives."

The chef and the doctor joined forces after discovering they shared a passion for food and its power to heal.



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Dr. Kate Shafto, left, helps students make a healthy salad from leftover greens during class at the Food Matters for Health Professionals class held at Good Acre in Falcon Heights, Minn.

Breen, who has a master's degree in public health, had connections to the Good Acre, an agricultural hub in Falcon Heights, Minn., that provides space and support to local farmers. The class takes place in the Good Acre's teaching kitchen and uses fresh produce grown by the local farmers.

Breen, who also teaches a class for undergraduate students called Cooking on a Student's Budget, and Shafto saw a pressing need to design a practical course for aspiring health professionals.

"For a long time, we were focused on treatment instead of prevention," Breen said. As a society, "we're not incorporating this idea that eating and lifestyle are preventive medicine."

Obesity, diabetes and hypertension are just a few of the serious health problems caused in part by poor diets.

The shift from an agricultural-based society to an industrialized one has affected the food system and brought "innumerable health consequences," Shafto said.

"Our diets have been stripped of rich vitamins, fiber and minerals," she said, adding that industrialization also has made us more sedentary and has exposed us to more pollution and stress.

The Food Matters for Health Professionals course covers topics such as diet and inflammation and the importance of eating healthy fats.

And because burnout and stress are common among health care providers, the course also includes information about self-care. Students learn how to eat mindfully, taking deep breaths before eating, sitting down to dine with others and slowing down enough to taste their food.

Throughout the course, the students kept a journal and recorded their eating habits.

"They were amazed at how much they weren't paying attention," Breen said. They also reflected on how much their eating habits might be affecting their personal health and their ability to care for others.

For their final assignment, the students formed teams and received case studies of fictitious patients struggling with different ailments. Each team needed to make a main dish and a side dish designed to help their patient.

"Before this course, I wouldn't say I was much of a cook at all," said McKenna Campbell-Potter, 23, a medical student. "I am becoming more confident."

Her patient was "Maria," a woman struggling with her weight. Maria worries about heart disease and has

tried several diets in the past without success.

Campbell-Potter and her teammates surfed the internet for dishes from the Mediterranean diet. They settled on making pan-seared salmon with tzatziki sauce and mashed cauliflower with garlic and herbs.

The salmon, high in omega-3 fatty acids, uses healthy fats to add flavor and make the patient feel full, she explained. And the mashed cauliflower is a healthful alternative to mashed potatoes.

"Our medical education really lacks nutrition education," Campbell-Potter said. At a nearby station in the kitchen, Wang was busy slicing carrots into matchsticks.

His team chose to make bibimbap, a Korean dish that looks like a rice bowl, with kimchi (containing fermented vegetables), carrots, shiitake mushrooms,

spinach, hot sauce and a fried egg on top. For a side dish, they prepared a salad with Greek yogurt dressing.

Wang, who is studying counseling psychology, said he hoped the yogurt and kimchi would help his team's patient, "Julia," a 37-year-old woman with anxiety and depression who also wants to lose weight. The case study also noted that she loves to eat at Chipotle.

He and his teammates chose their recipe because they learned that fermented foods can improve gut health, which can also help with anxiety and depression.

"There are a lot of neurotransmitters in your gut," Wang explained.

He and his teammates also reasoned that if their patient likes Chipotle, then she would probably enjoy the pungent, spicy flavor profile of bibimbap.

Iodine deficiency might decrease fertility

HealthDay

Nearly half of U.S. women have at least a mild deficiency of the nutrient iodine, and new research suggests it could impair their fertility.

Iodine — a mineral that helps regulate metabolism — is found in seafood, iodized salt, dairy products and some fruits and vegetables.

But in a new study of 467 American women who were trying to get pregnant, those with moderate-to-

severe iodine deficiency were 46 percent less likely to get pregnant during each menstrual cycle than those with sufficient iodine levels.

Even women with mildly deficient iodine levels had a slightly harder time getting pregnant, according to researchers led by Dr. James Mills of the U.S. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

"Women who are thinking of becoming pregnant may need more iodine,"

said Mills, who conducted the study along with colleagues at the New York Department of Health. The findings were published online in January in the journal Human Reproduction.

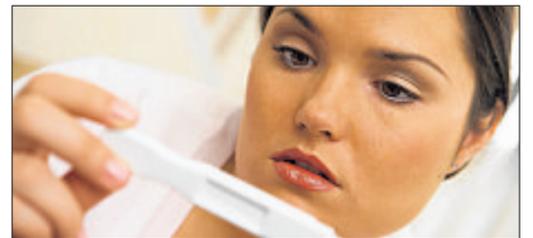
One fertility expert said the iodine study puts the spotlight on the interplay between nutrition and conception.

"We advise our patients to take prenatal vitamins, which include iodine, at least three months prior to conception," said Dr.

Tomer Singer, who directs reproductive endocrinology and infertility care at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

The new research showed that iodine deficiency is common among U.S. women. In the study, about 56 percent of the women had sufficient levels of iodine, nearly 22 percent were mildly deficient, about 21 percent were moderately deficient and 1.7 percent were severely deficient.

Mills said, "Iodine re-



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Iodine deficiency is common among women. New research suggests it might decrease their ability to get pregnant.

quirements increase during pregnancy, and the fetus depends on this mineral to make thyroid hormone and to ensure normal brain development."

Singer said prenatal vitamins should have 150 micrograms of iodine and should be taken before and during pregnancy, as well as during lactation.

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A platter of crudite can win the day if you skip the supermarket offerings and make your own colorful assortment. Serve the veggies with a vegan ranch-style dressing.

BY BILL DALEY
Chicago Tribune

Super Bowl parties don't have to get bogged down with lots of fat, calories or sugar. Kick your game-day menu up a couple of points with healthier alternatives to some popular recipes. Go into it, too, with a game plan on how to eat smart, whether you're the host or a guest, because you know you're going to eat and eat and eat.

"It's the unofficial American holiday, and it's celebrated by eating," says Paul Kita, food and nutrition editor at Men's Health. "There's a difference between indulging and overindulging."

Kita, author of Men's Health cookbook "A Man, A Pan, A Plan" (Rodale, \$15.99), admits he's guilty of going to a party and overeating. Then there's the Super Bowl, which he notes offers both a long game time and such traditional goodies as Buffalo chicken wings and brownies.

But take heart. You can work around it.

FORWARD PROGRESS

For a Super Bowl party, consider healthier alternatives to popular recipes

"Part of what the Super Bowl is about is variety," said Jack Bishop, chief creative officer for America's Test Kitchen. "People want to see options."

Those options can include healthy, smart items. Here are some tips from Kita and Bishop to put your Super Bowl party into play.

Hit the veggies first. "Whenever you go to a party with a buffet, there's a supermarket crudites platter out," said Kita,

noting you need to "appreciate it" as likely the only vegetables you'll get all night. Go there first; the fiber may help prevent overeating later.

While guests can't do much with the usual supermarket veggie tray but eat it, Kita said hosts can make their own tray stocked with "surprising and delicious" foods, including sugar snap peas, jicama, multicolored carrots from the farmers market, even kale chips fresh from the oven.

Smarten up your dips strategy. Kita dismisses what he calls the usual "crummy ranch dressing" (try our vegan version) in favor of more healthful dunks, like hummus, guacamole, tzatziki or baba ghanoush.

Bishop zeros in on dips, as well, suggesting ways to boost both flavor and nutrition from the new America's Test Kitchen book "Nutritious Delicious" (America's Test Kitchen, \$29.99). Add pureed sweet potato to hummus, or garnish

guacamole with pomegranate seeds and roasted pepitas. Don't forget your dippers — look to whole-grain chips or raw vegetables, he said.

Sub healthier ingredients in favorite dishes. Bishop points to barbecue and notes you can substitute leaner pulled turkey for pulled pork. You'll get the same flavors and textures, he said. And don't stop there. Pair with a healthy slaw made with red cabbage and carrots and tossed with a vinegar-based dressing.

Watch the beer. And not just for the usual reason. Some craft beers are more caloric than others, and you may find yourself downing 300 to 400 calories per pop. How to tell which is the lighter brew? "Look at the alcohol by volume," Kita said. "Higher the alcohol, the more calories."

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So 2 dietitians walk into a fast-food place for a nutritious lunch ...

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

At the start of the new year, you probably promised yourself that you were going to eat healthy and exercise more. Your Pinterest board was filled with Buddha bowl recipes, and that pair of gym shoes was getting more action than it used to. But as January ends, you find yourself taking fewer Mason jar salads to work, and you can't remember the last time you went to the gym.

It's those times that you have to lean on healthy habits you've developed when your willpower was stronger. In a sea of seem-

ingly unhealthy fast-food options, there are still ways to approach a menu and fill up on nutritious items. To help with that, we asked two dietitians to give us some tips and tricks for choosing healthy options and then made them prove the tips would work by taking them to popular fast-food and fast-casual restaurants.

We accompanied Bethany Doerfler, a registered dietitian at the Digestive Health Center at Northwestern Medicine, and Lori Welstead, a registered dietitian and nutritionist at the University of Chicago Medicine, to some of Chicago's favorite lunch spots to show us how to hack the

menu for the healthiest options and give us tips on how to stay on track.

Their suggestions are geared toward people who want to maintain their weight or lose weight. For women, this means a 1,200- to 1,600-calorie daily diet, and for men, 1,600 to 2,000 calories a day. To accomplish those numbers, Doerfler recommends sticking to 400 calories for breakfast and lunch and 500 calories for dinner, which leaves some room for "two thoughtful snacks."

Don't despair. There's still hope for your New Year's resolutions.

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Bethany Doerfler, a registered dietitian at the Digestive Health Center at Northwestern Medicine, looks at a menu at Noodles & Company.

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Black garlic's papery exterior looks sickly brown, but its interior is rich in umami and funk, without the sharp hotness of standard-issue garlic.

TRY THIS!

How to use black garlic

By **JOSEPH HERNANDEZ**
 Chicago Tribune

Time to stock your pantry with black garlic, and stat.

Once an ingredient found only in Asian kitchens or the larders of intrepid chefs who love its funky, savory flavors, black garlic looks like the zombie-fied version of normal grocery-store varieties. But look, and smell, closer. The papery exterior looks sickly brown, but it protects an interior as black as tar (and nearly as sticky). It is rich in umami and funk, without the sharp hotness of standard-issue garlic.

But what is it? When run-of-the-mill garlic is fermented and aged over the course of weeks, it slowly transforms into black garlic, which tastes like a magical, complex combo of figs, balsamic vinegar, dried mushrooms and confit garlic. Unlike pungent fresh garlic, it's mellow yet deeply intriguing. It's not that hard to make black garlic at home, in fact — some YouTube videos show that all you need is a rice cooker with a “keep warm” setting and several weeks — but you can also find it in local shops, like Spice House in Old Town, Whole Foods and Eataly, as well as online. Seek it out, and you'll want to use it on everything.

Recently, I used a whole

head of black garlic in a homemade pad Thai. Emerging from its skin, the soft, silky garlic became a paste almost instantly, making it easy to incorporate with the fish sauce for the dish. Ultimately, the garlic's contribution was a natural sweetness and earthiness that complemented the funk of sharp fish sauce, softening the bright edges of the dish into something complex and memorable. For pan-cetta-wrapped pork loin, I sauteed some spinach in a simple paste of black garlic and oil before rolling the meat over the veg, which added a deep, dark flavor to the pork not achievable with rosemary, thyme or other aromatic herbs.

What else can you use it for? Anywhere you'd use regular garlic — try blending black garlic and butter for a compound butter perfect for a tub of popcorn, or turn it into a schmear with some cream cheese for a chef-y addition to your brunch spread.

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DRINK THIS!

Satsuma kombucha on draft

By **LOUISA CHU**
 Chicago Tribune

Kombucha, at its best, tastes like sparkling sunshine; at its worst, like vinegar punishment.

The fermented, fizzy, sweetened black or green tea starts with an awful-sounding culture of bacteria and yeast and often ends with wild health claims. While the science is still out, it can be delicious.

That's thanks to brewers like Alexis Korman and Austin Sherman, who launched Big Easy Bucha in 2014. Based in New Orleans, where they met and married, they were previously a contributing editor for a wine magazine and a bar consultant, respectively. Their skills translated to lovely farmed and foraged kombucha made with local and organic ingredients, when possible.

“We use an in-house forager, Danny Milojevic, to source 100 percent of our satsumas from small farms in Louisiana. Fun fact: He's originally from Chicago,” Korman said.

Recently, four of Big Easy Bucha's eight flavors were available bottled (\$5 each) at Stumptown Coffee Roasters in Fulton Market: the Jazz Juice Tea, flavored with pineapple and elderflower; Geaux Green with Southern greens and cucumber; Cajun Kick with ginger and citrus; and Streetcar Sipper with satsuma, the orange citrus fruit. The last is also on draft (\$4 small, \$5 large).

“Our Streetcar Sipper kombucha delivers juicy citrus tones reminiscent of mandarin oranges, alongside white floral notes,”



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Big Easy Bucha kombucha from New Orleans is available in Chicago only at Stumptown Coffee at the Ace Hotel.

Korman said. “The overall effect is light, bright, tangy and ever-so slightly sweet.”

“People call us the gateway kombucha, and we take that as a compliment.”

A portion of Big Easy Bucha's proceeds also benefits NOLA charities, including St. Jude Community Center to serve meals and Grow Dat Youth Farm for diverse sustainable farming.

What about a kombucha mixed drink recommendation for Chicago's current cold weather?

“One idea is a drink we call the Yes Ma'am-osa,” Korman said.

“It's our Streetcar Sipper kombucha, sparkling wine and a bit of cayenne pepper with a crystallized ginger garnish. It's easy to make and adds a little sweet heat perfect for snowy days.”

In Chicago, Big Easy Bucha is only available at Stumptown, but the company is exploring other outlets, Korman said.

Big Easy Bucha, www.bigeasybucha.com; Streetcar Sipper kombucha, sparkling wine and a bit of cayenne pepper with a crystallized ginger garnish, \$5 each; Stumptown Coffee Roasters, 311 N. Morgan St., www.stumptowncoffee.com/locations/chicago

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Marques de Casa Concha, Cousino-Macul Antiguas Reservas and MontGras Antu cabernet savignons all punch in at \$25 or less per bottle.

Catching up on Chilean cabernets



MICHAEL AUSTIN
The Pour Man

This is the wine that started it all for Chile: cabernet sauvignon. Roughly 30 years ago, it was this wine style that emerged from Chile, a South American country that obviously was well-known on its own but that lacked a reputation for being a wine-producing nation. Chilean cabernet sauvignon started showing up on American shelves, and people took notice. This was mostly due to the wines' agreeable price tags, which were sometimes hard to believe given the quality of the wine, and perhaps a little to do with our innate love of discovery, of finding something new and interesting and good — especially when it is a variation on something we are already sure that we love.

That attractively priced cab-

ernet sauvignon was not the lone wine ambassador from the long and slender Pacific Coast country; budget chardonnay was also helping to write the emerging Chilean wine narrative too. Eventually another wine style emerged — carmenere — and it became the country's adopted signature grape and wine style. But through it all, and to this day, cabernet sauvignon has been the country's most-planted grape variety and thus its most important varietal wine. The grape also contributes to many of the country's easy-drinking red blends, some of them containing carmenere. Since the 1990s, when Chile's official government DO (Denominación de Origen) system was established, a wine labeled as a single varietal must contain at least 75 percent of the named grape variety. Designations of region and vintage year are held to the same standard.

Since those fledgling years in the '80s and '90s, Chile has become one of the world's top wine-producing nations — recently ranked as high as fifth

in world production — and cabernet sauvignon has played a big role in that development. While Chilean wine quality has improved since the early export days and prices have gone up, the general style of the country's cabernet sauvignon remains fresh and supple. Generally you can expect juicy dark fruits, maybe a kiss of vanilla or chocolate, moderate tannins and an overall texture that leans toward the softer, silkier side. These are cabs that are easy and fun to drink, and thus easy to like. That is not to say that they are wimpy in any way. They are good partners for all of the usual cabernet sauvignon fare: grilled and roasted meats, stews, burgers and other hearty dishes.

Even if the wine is slightly more expensive at the entry level than it used to be, and significantly more expensive at the top level, the country's cabernet sauvignon offerings are still worth seeking out and exploring. Most of it comes from the Maipo Valley, which is near the capital city of Santiago. The region is part of the appropriately named Central Valley,

the would-be torso of the long and lean country that is wedged in between the Pacific Ocean to the west and the majestic Andes mountain range to the east. Most of Chile's wine regions land between 32 and 38 degrees south, and the country spans little more than 200 miles at its widest point (compared with almost 2,700 miles north to south).

Outside interest in the Chilean wine industry — from technology and equipment to finance and expertise — has resulted in the regular production of high-end fine wine, and much of it relies on cabernet sauvignon. Those wines were not a part of this tasting (five of the nine wines listed below cost \$20 or less, and the most expensive is \$35) because, in fairness, those high-end wines occupy a category all their own. But interest in creating those wines at that level — from France, Spain and California — has surely helped improve cabernet sauvignon across the board in Chile, from the budget bottles to the top icon collectibles.

Recommended

Below are notes from a recent tasting of Chilean cabernet sauvignon. The bottles are listed in ascending order according to price. Except where otherwise noted, the wines are from the Maipo Valley.

2015 Vina Hacienda Araucano Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon. From the Colchagua Valley, this 100 percent varietal offered lip-smacking acidity plus bright red and blue fruits, herbs and green pepper that had a roasted, caramelized quality. **\$13**

2013 Vina Cousino-Macul Antiguas Reservas Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged in French oak barrels for 12 months and an additional six months in the bottle, this wine offered cherry, earth, smoke, tea and spice. **\$16**

2014 Vina Penalolen Cabernet Sauvignon. With bright notes of blackberry, cherry, cedar, vanilla, mocha and spice, this wine was luscious and decadent, with a long finish and 13.5 percent alcohol. **\$17**

2014 Vina Santa Carolina Reserva de Familia Cabernet Sauvignon. Aged more than a year in oak barrels, this lively wine offered blackberry, cranberry, green pepper, cola, chocolate, vanilla and herbs. **\$20**

2013 MontGras Antu Cabernet Sauvignon. Plum, smoke, raspberry, cola, spice, orange rind, cedar and bright acidity characterized this powerful wine, which clocks in at 14.5 percent alcohol. **\$20**

2014 Lapostolle Cuvee Alexandre Cabernet Sauvignon. From old vines in the Colchagua Valley, this 90 percent cabernet sauvignon offered bright fresh fruit, including plum and blackberry, plus a hint of herbs and smoke. **\$24**

2015 Vina Concha y Toro Marques de Casa Concha Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine had an abundance of plum, blackberry and cherry with supporting notes of green pepper, vanilla, cedar, smoke and spice. **\$25**

2001 Aresti Family Collection Limited Edition 13 Years Aged Cabernet Sauvignon. A unique bottling, this soft and bright Curico Valley wine was full of black fruits, herbs, floral notes, vanilla and cola. **\$32**

2013 Vina Valdivieso Caballo Loco Grand Cru Maipo. An 80/20 blend of cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc, this rich, layered wine offered notes of dark fruits, cherry, pine, coffee, vanilla, black pepper and a lingering spicy finish. **\$35**

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Whether served with beans or peppers, sausage sandwiches can spice up a wintertime menu.

Sausage sandwiches on Super Bowl party roster

Sausage sandwich with white beans

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 25 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

- 1/4 cup each: olive oil, fresh lemon juice
- Grated zest of half a lemon
- 1 small clove garlic, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- Salt, pepper
- 4 fresh Italian sausage links, about 6 ounces each
- 1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans or navy beans, drained, rinsed
- 4 small ciabatta rolls or crusty burger buns
- 1 cup loosely packed baby spinach leaves or baby arugula
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives or green onions
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1 For the dressing, mix oil, lemon juice and zest, garlic, basil, thyme and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a small jar with a tight-fitting lid. Shake well.

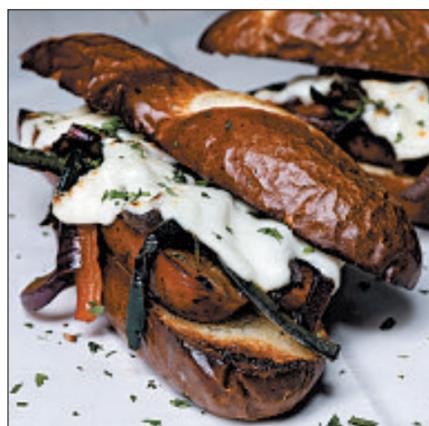
2 Put sausages into a medium skillet along with 1/4 inch of water. Cover the pan and cook over medium-low heat, turning sausages frequently, 10 minutes. Tip the water out of the pan, keeping the sausages in the pan. Cook, uncovered on low, turning often, until golden on all sides, about 5 minutes.

3 Put beans into a small microwave-safe bowl, and cover with plastic wrap or a lid. Microwave on high (100 percent power) until hot, 1 to 2 minutes. Mash coarsely with a fork. Add half of the dressing, and mash again.

4 Heat broiler. Split rolls crosswise in half. Place on a baking sheet cut side down. Broil to crisp, about 1 minute. Turn rolls cut side up, and brush with some of the remaining dressing. Broil, watching carefully, until the rolls are nicely golden and toasted, about 1 minute.

5 Spread a quarter of the bean mixture over the bottom of each roll. Split the sausages lengthwise almost in half. Set one sausage on top of each bun bottom. Top each with quarter of the spinach. Drizzle any remaining vinaigrette over the sausages. Sprinkle with the herbs. Place the top bun on the sandwiches and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 639 calories, 39 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 49 mg cholesterol, 44 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 28 g protein, 1,148 mg sodium, 6 g fiber



Chicken chorizo, pepper fundido hoagies

Prep: 20 minutes **Cooks:** 15 minutes

Makes: 4 sandwiches

Fill the sandwiches with two sausages for hearty appetites.

- 2 large poblano peppers (about 12 ounces total)
- 1 large (12 ounces) red onion, halved
- 1 roasted red bell pepper (if bottled, rinsed well)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon each: dried leaf thyme, salt
- 1 or 2 packages (9 ounces each) fully cooked chicken chorizo sausages
- 4 French rolls or sausage buns
- 3 to 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 4 ounces Monterey Jack, Chihuahua or brick cheese, thinly sliced
- Chopped fresh cilantro

1 Cut the poblanos in half lengthwise. Remove the core and seeds. Cut peppers crosswise in half again, then cut into 1/4-inch-wide strips. Cut the onion halves into 1/4-inch-wide wedges or slices. Cut the roasted red pepper into 1/4-inch-wide strips about the same length as the poblano.

2 Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add oil, poblano strips and onion slices. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until vegetables soften and onion turns golden, about 7 minutes. Stir in red bell pepper and garlic. Cook 1 to 2 minutes more. Season with thyme and salt. Set aside. (Mixture can be refrigerated up to several days. Use at room temperature.)

3 Split the sausages lengthwise nearly in half. Nestle the sausages into the pan with the pepper mixture, and heat through over medium, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

4 Heat broiler. Split the rolls lengthwise about three-quarters of the way through. Place the rolls cut side down on a baking sheet; broil to toast lightly, about 1 minute. Do not walk away, or they may burn.

5 Spread the mayonnaise on the cut side of each roll; broil to toast that side, about 1 minute. Top each roll with 1 or 2 sausages. Pile about a quarter of the peppers over the sausage(s) in each roll. Top with a quarter of the cheese. Broil, 6 inches from heat source, until cheese is melted and golden, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve right away.

Nutrition information per sandwich: 616 calories, 36 g fat, 12 g saturated fat, 97 mg cholesterol, 50 g carbohydrates, 11 g sugar, 21 g protein, 1,122 mg sodium, 8 g fiber

Bowl parties, and you'll win the day.

The pepper mixture from the first recipe keeps well in the refrigerator for several days.

Since most days I am only cooking for two of us, I make a full recipe of the pep-

pers and then make the sandwiches for two separate dinners. (You can also use the pepper mixture in omelets and salads, and over grilled chicken or burgers.)

A fresh lemon and garlic vinaigrette seasons canned white beans before you

smear them on a toasted roll brushed with the same dressing. Golden, crisped sausage fill the buns beautifully. Or, spoon the beans on a warm plate, and top with the crisped sausages and a pile of baby arugula.



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Sausages are synonymous with good times. Think about it. We grill them on hot summer days, top bratwurst with onions and mustard at music fests and indulge in frankfurters at ballgames. Delicious and fun. So why not enjoy them in the middle of winter?

In addition to great flavor, there are a couple of bonuses: Sausage cooks quickly. It's also economical at the meat counter. These days, the choices move beyond Italian and pork sausages.

Many large supermarkets sell varieties made from chicken, turkey, lamb — both raw and fully cooked. Flavorings range from red chile spice to sweet apple and onion.

I look for sausages free of additives, preservatives and excess sugar. I favor fully cooked chicken sausages for speed and their reduced calorie count. I stock pre-cooked andouille and kielbasa in the freezer for inspired weekday cooking. I opt for fresh spicy Italian, savory lamb merguez and rich paprika-laden Hungarian links for company.

Cooking fresh sausages indoors requires moisture to prevent dryness. I like to simmer them in water, broth or beer to cook them through. Then, tip off the liquid to allow the sausages to brown in the pan. This browning develops flavor and crisps the casing — the same attributes we like from our summer grilling efforts.

In the cold-weather months, I shake up sausage sandwiches by adding a blanket of cheese or a layer of seasoned beans. Served on best-quality breads, toasted briefly under the broiler, these are sandwiches that transition from weeknight meals to party fare — bring them out for Super

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

A cake that's easy to love

BY DIANE ROSSEN
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Valentine's Day can feel like a forced day to be happy and in love. For me, it's a time to remember those I love. Sometimes I celebrate with just my husband, and other times I invite friends into the fold to have a delicious meal and stimulating conversation. No one can help but relax and enjoy themselves when this chocolate cake is served.

I have made many a chocolate cake, each that has its own special attributes. Ones that have multiple layers with different buttercreams, ones with ground nuts instead of flour, ones covered with chocolate ganache. And then there is this one.

The rich, chocolaty cake batter is embedded with chunks of caramel that soften and melt slightly as the cake bakes. A light



BETTY ROSBOTTOM PHOTO

Cut the cake to reveal velvety bits of caramel that melted slightly as the dessert baked in the oven.

sprinkle of sea salt adds an even richer taste sensation.

Kudos and thanks go to cookbook author and blogger Betty Rosbottom, who concocted this heavenly combination, which I found on her website (www.bettyrosbottom.com). She happily agreed to let me share it. Rosbottom developed the

recipe after tasting something like it in Paris and then setting out to re-create it. I've adapted it and hope you love it as much as I do. Make sure you look for good-quality dark chocolate. If you can find handmade caramels, the cake will be that much better. And remember: This cake is great for any happy occasion.

Dark chocolate and caramel cake

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 22 to 28 minutes

Makes: 8 servings

- 7 ounces unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 pound bittersweet chocolate chips or bars, cut into small pieces
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup fine sugar
- 3/4 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 8 caramels, cut in half
- Powdered sugar

1 Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour an 8-inch springform pan. Line the bottom with a round of parchment paper.

2 Combine the butter and chocolate in a glass bowl; microwave the chocolate and butter to melt them, 30 seconds. Check and blend together; microwave in 30-second intervals, stirring between, until melted, about 1 minute, 30 seconds total. Allow to cool.

3 Beat the eggs and sugar with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until the mixture lightens in color and thickens slightly, about 3 minutes. Reduce speed to medium; mix in the chocolate-butter mixture. Then add the flour and salt; carefully blend together. Pour batter into the prepared springform pan. Even out the top.

4 Push the caramel pieces into the batter carefully, spacing them evenly. Smooth the top. Bake until a wooden skewer comes out clean from the center, 22 to 28 minutes. Cool on a rack, at least 20 minutes. Run a knife around the inside edge to avoid sticking. Once cool, release the sides.

5 Remove the springform and pan bottom from the cake; discard the parchment paper. Transfer cake to a serving platter; decorate with powdered sugar. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

Nutrition information per serving: 502 calories, 34 g fat, 20 g saturated fat, 147 mg cholesterol, 41 g carbohydrates, 29 g sugar, 7 g protein, 238 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

FROM THE COVER

Vegan ranch-style dressing

Prep: 20 minutes **Makes:** 2 cups

This recipe from "Vegan Burgers and Burritos" (Page Street Publishing, \$21.99) by Sophia DeSantis calls for a high-speed blender like a Vitamix. If you don't have one, DeSantis suggests grinding all the ingredients in a coffee grinder to a fine powder, or soaking the cashews for at least 2 to 3 hours or overnight. (Boil the cashews for 30 minutes if you forget the soaking, she writes.)

- 1 cup unsweetened plain cashew or almond milk
- ¼ cup plus 2 teaspoons white vinegar
- 5 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 ½ cups raw cashews
- 1 ¼ teaspoons sea salt
- 2 teaspoons dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon each: garlic powder, minced onion
- ½ teaspoon each: onion powder, dried dill
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon mustard powder

1 Place the nut milk, vinegar and lemon juice in a bowl; allow to sit while you assemble the rest of the ingredients.

2 Add the milk mixture, cashews and salt into a high-speed blender; puree until smooth.

3 Add the parsley, garlic powder, onion, onion powder, dill, black pepper and mustard powder to the blender; pulse until well mixed. Refrigerate the sauce to thicken. Serve as a dip for fresh raw vegetables.

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 32 calories, 2 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 2 g carbohydrates, 0 g sugar, 1 g protein, 113 mg sodium, 0 g fiber



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE; MARK GRAHAM/FOOD STYLING

Pumpkin turkey chili

Prep: 50 minutes **Cook:** 2 hours, 5 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

A recipe from America's Test Kitchen's new cookbook "Nutritious Delicious." Use 93 percent lean ground turkey instead of 99 percent fat-free ground turkey breast to prevent toughness, the book notes. Serve with low-fat Greek yogurt, lime wedges, chopped avocado, cilantro and toasted pumpkin seeds.

- 1 pound 93 percent lean ground turkey
- 2 cups plus 1 tablespoon water
- Salt
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 4 dried ancho chiles, stemmed, seeded, torn into 1-inch pieces.
- 1 ½ tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 ½ teaspoons each: ground coriander, dried oregano, paprika
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 can (28 ounces) whole peeled tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons cold-pressed extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 onions, chopped fine
- 2 red bell peppers, stemmed, seeded, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup canned unsweetened pumpkin puree
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) black beans, rinsed

1 Toss turkey, 1 tablespoon water, ¼ teaspoon salt and baking soda in a bowl until thoroughly combined. Set aside to rest, 20 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, toast anchos in a dry Dutch oven over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until fragrant, 4 to 6 minutes. (Reduce heat if anchos begin to smoke.) Transfer to a food processor and let cool, about 5 minutes.

3 Add cumin, coriander, oregano, paprika and pepper to food processor with anchos; process until finely ground, about 2 minutes; transfer mixture to a bowl. Process tomatoes and their juice in now-empty food processor until smooth, about 30 seconds.

4 Heat oil in now-empty Dutch oven over medium heat until shimmering. Add onions, bell peppers and ½ teaspoon salt; cook until softened, 8 to 10 minutes. Increase heat to medium-high, add turkey and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no pink remains, 4 to 6 minutes. Stir in spice mixture and garlic; cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in pureed tomatoes, pumpkin and remaining 2 cups water; bring to simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, 1 hour.

5 Stir in beans, cover and cook until slightly thickened, about 45 minutes. (If chili begins to stick to bottom of pot or looks too thick, stir in extra water as needed.) Season with salt to taste. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 282 calories, 9 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 25 mg cholesterol, 35 g carbohydrates, 7 g sugar, 21 g protein, 445 mg sodium, 13 g fiber

Shift focus to nutrient-dense foods

BY BILL DALEY
Chicago Tribune

Smart eating in 2018 may be less about doing without and more about doing with — wisely. By that, I mean choosing foods that are nutrient-dense and provide the maximum good-for-you bang for every calorie you consume.

"Nutrient-rich or nutrient-dense foods are high in beneficial nutrients and relatively low in calories," explained Michelle Dudash, author of the 2012 book "Clean Eating for Busy Families" and a registered dietitian based in Carmel, Ind. She's talking foods rich in "vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals or phytonutrients, proteins, heart-healthy fat and fiber."

Dudash said people need calories and nutrients, but they need to achieve a balance. She compared cotton candy to a piece of fruit. Each may have exactly 100 calories, but the cotton candy is a refined simple carbohydrate offering nothing else for the calories. That fruit, however, gives you fiber and vitamins you need.

Calories themselves aren't the answer. Dudash said a person could stick to a 1,500-calorie-a-day diet by eating protein bars, snack packs and diet sodas. But she said what would be missing is the necessary nutrition for disease prevention, healthy skin and hair, and more.

"Make calories count," Dudash added. "There is only so much room in your stomach."

Paul Kita, Men's Health food and nutrition editor, also said the focus in smart eating is shifting.

"If we were having this discussion 10 years ago, you would be asking about cutting calories," said Kita, author of "A Man, A Pan, A Plan" (Rodale, \$15.99). "We've reached a juncture where it's not just calories but what you're getting for those calories. ... You have to be somewhat creative in getting nutrients."

Healthy eating needn't be restrictive or all about denial, as Jack Bishop, chief creative officer of America's Test Kitchen, points out. That's the premise of America's Test Kitchen's new book, "Nutritious Delicious" (America's Test Kitchen, \$29.99). The subtitle says it all: "Turbocharge your favorite recipes with 50 everyday superfoods." This list of "nutritional powerhouses" built with nutrient density as a key factor, starts with blueberries and cranberries and ends with plain yogurt and dark chocolate. (Enjoy in "limited amounts," the authors suggest.)

What can you do to get more nutrient-dense foods? Here are some ideas.

Cook at home more. You control what you eat, Kita said, and that can mean fewer calories and more

nutrient-dense foods. It's cheaper too.

"If you cook only two times a week, double that. Or, if you're single, cook once or twice a week," he said. "You'll see an improvement to your waistline and feel better too."

Eat the rainbow. "Try to fill your cart with fruits and vegetables from across the color spectrum," said Kita. "Mother Nature is so good at signaling what's good for us."

Dudash says the "darker and greener, the better" when it comes to greens. But amid the push to colorful veggies, she says not to forget a good-for-you white food — cauliflower.

Increase your servings of fruits and vegetables. "Get more produce, period," said Dudash. Buying the produce you like in-season and within your budget is always a good choice, she said, noting frozen vegetables can work, too, as long as there's not a lot of sauce or cheese.

"Canned vegetables are better than no vegetables," she added. Just try to buy reduced-salt or no-salt varieties. Canned tomatoes, in particular, are a great choice.

Dudash, however, would rather that you avoid canned fruit, in favor of fresh, frozen or dried. (Just make sure the dried fruit doesn't have added sugar.)

Focus on breakfast.

Try working one or two servings of fruit and vegetables into breakfast, Kita said. Even half of a tomato, broiled, will work and is "a great way to use crappy, out-of-season produce," he added.

"Throw that next to scrambled eggs and hash browns, and there you go. One serving, and it's easy," he said, noting scrambled eggs can be a great conduit for dark leafy greens, such as Swiss chard, dandelion greens, red Russian kale.

Broaden your protein choices. Americans eat a lot of chicken and beef, Kita said. Both have redeeming factors, but to just eat chicken or beef is to miss out on all types of seafood. "There's a bounty of proteins now available in the American grocery story that was not there before. Take advantage of that," he said.

Read labels. The first few ingredients on the label will be present in greater amounts by weight, said Dudash.

But don't think that fewer ingredients is necessarily better.

"Is bingeing on potato chips good because the bag says there are three ingredients?" Kita asks. "Three- or four-ingredient junk food is still junk."

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2 dietitians walk into a lunch spot

Dietitian, from Page 1

Study ahead

It's easy to go into a restaurant, look at the menu and pick something on the spot, but Doerfler recommends studying ahead. See if you can check out the menu online, or pick one up when you're there — some restaurants even have a calorie calculator to help you make better choices.

"Go in with a game plan," Doerfler said. "Don't show up and ask what looks good because everything looks good. You're less likely to make an impulsive decision."

Examine the calories, fat, sodium and sugars if there is a menu available with that information, Welstead said.

Once you get into the habit of checking nutrition information, it will be easier to modify your meal to make it lower in calories and healthier, Doerfler said.

Find the in-between

It's all about finding a combination of foods that are not only healthy but will also satisfy whatever you're craving, whether it's something spicy, savory or sweet. You don't want to fall into the trap of eating something nutritious but unsatisfying and then later grabbing a candy bar, Welstead said.

At Panda Express, Welstead chose the kung pao chicken bowl with steamed vegetables, garnished with peanuts and chile peppers, to bring the total calorie count to just under 400. She chose the kung pao chicken because it's a savory and spicy option that is packed with protein.

"When it comes to making these healthy choices, and I think with regard to making a healthy lifestyle, it's all about balance," Welstead said. "If you know you want to eat something that is higher in calories, higher in fat, higher in sugar, enjoy it, have that meal, and the next time you have something to eat, make better decisions."

Go for protein

Choosing options high in protein helps keep you satiated, Welstead said. And while skipping the rice, bread or noodles is preferred — because carbohydrates cause your blood sugar to spike and then drop down — getting a half or partial portion is better than getting the entire serving. Also, skip the lunchmeat.

"Unfortunately when you get things like lunchmeat, there's not going to be as much bang for your buck when it comes to protein, and it's going to have more salt," Welstead said.

When you eat something with as many carbohydrates as a sandwich, your blood sugar will go up and then inevitably crash only a few hours later. If you're going to have a sandwich at a place like Potbelly's, choose the skinny bread or the flat instead of the normal bread, Welstead said.

At Potbelly Sandwich Shop, Welstead opted for half a tuna salad, to cut down on red meat and avoid lunchmeat, on whole grain bread, which has fiber to help you stay full and satisfied.

"A pretzel bun or baguette might sound good, but they have no whole grains and so many more carbohydrates because of the dense nature of it," Welstead said.

Because Corner Bakery Cafe offers the option of getting half a sandwich and a salad, Welstead ordered the Asian wonton salad with the wontons on the side.

Go easy on dressing and crunchy bits

Crunchy toppings, like croutons and wontons, can add empty calories to a meal, so opt to have them on the side and have only one or two pieces to appease that hankering, Welstead said.

Dressings can add a lot of calories and sugar to your meal, so the best option is to get it on the side



Penne rosa and tomato bisque at Noodles & Company.



Kung pao chicken bowl with steamed vegetables at Panda Express.



Half tuna sandwich, half Asian wonton salad at Corner Bakery.

and use only a little bit, Welstead said. Avoid nonfat dressings because they typically have more sugar than normal ones, and opt for avocado, which has healthy fats to help you stay full longer.

Welstead chose the Powerhouse salad at Potbelly's, made with grilled chicken breast, avocado, hummus, hard-boiled egg, cucumber and grape tomatoes on a bed of spinach. She ordered the Potbelly's vinaigrette on the side.

"When you get salads with avocado, you won't have to use as much dressing because it gives that creamy consistency when you start to toss your salad."

If you're craving more punch, hot sauces, rather than creamy or garlic oils, are a way to amp up flavor and avoid adding calories, Doerfler said. Another way is to choose chimichurri or salsas, which helps bump up your vegetable intake while making your meal more interesting.

Start low and work the sides

Building a bowl with salad as your base already gives you a good start toward clocking in fewer than 500 calories for a meal, Doerfler said. This way, you can layer in other healthy things without worrying about overdoing it.

When entrees are too high in calories, check out the sides or a la carte options to build a satisfying meal. At Portillo's, Doerfler ordered an a la carte meatball, minestrone soup and a grilled chicken sandwich without mayo or cheese.

Sides like soups and salads can help keep calories down while

giving you a variety of options that are filling. Studies have shown that starting a meal with a broth-based soup can help people cut back on calories by 30 percent, Doerfler said.

At Noodles & Company, Doerfler ordered a tomato basil bisque with her small penne rosa.

"Save some of the good carbs that you're craving for times like this when you can do a small or half order. That way you're getting portion control right out of the gates," Doerfler said.

Drink water, eat colorfully

Instead of reaching for a fountain drink or sweet iced teas, drink water. Other drinks can add unwanted sugar and don't help keep you full. Instead of picking a sweet drink, save those calories for a healthy afternoon snack, Doerfler advised.

"Try to skip all the sodas and milkshakes that can add easily 1,000 calories when you otherwise weren't planning on it."

A regular soda can be the caloric equivalent of four or five pieces of bread, Welstead said, so cutting those out saves you hours of exercising to burn off those extra sugars.

A quick rule that Doerfler and Welstead give their clients is to eat something green, something red or purple, and something yellow or orange every day to ensure they get the antioxidants they need.

"Get all the colors of the rainbow," Welstead said.

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Powerhouse salad with Potbelly's vinaigrette at Potbelly's.



Salad bowl with chicken, tahini and cucumber salad at Naf Naf Grill.

Case studies

Here are the restaurants and businesses that Welstead and Doerfler visited, what they ordered and their explanations for their picks.

Panda Express

Order: Kung pao chicken with steamed vegetables

Reasoning: The chicken is for protein, and the vegetables are for nutrition and as a substitute for rice or noodles.

Chipotle Mexican Grill

Order: Salad bowl with black beans, fajita vegetables, sofrito and pico de gallo, with the dressing on the side. Skip the sour cream and cheese, and if you're trying to be conscientious of carbs, skip the rice and corn salsa.

Reasoning: Plant-based, protein packed and loaded with nutrients.

Potbelly's

Order: Powerhouse Salad with Potbelly's vinaigrette on the side

Reasoning: The whole chicken breast provides more protein than lunchmeat, avocado helps make the salad creamier and is a healthy fat, and vinaigrette on the side allows you to use less of it.

7-Eleven

Order: Yogurt and hard-cooked eggs.

Reasoning: It's hard to choose something that is healthy at 7-Eleven, so choose something with protein. Plain nuts are also a good choice. Avoid yogurt-covered nuts because they are just covered in sugar and aren't made with real yogurt.

Corner Bakery

Order: Half a tuna sandwich with half an Asian wonton salad

Reasoning: Sometimes you want a little bit of each, so choose something with whole wheat for fiber. The tuna is better than lunchmeat. Getting the wontons on the side means you can still have a couple but not eat all of them. Choose carrots over chips as a side.

Naf Naf Grill

Order: Salad bowl with chicken, tahini and cucumber salad, with hot sauces on the side.

Reasoning: Choose something low-calorie as a base, then add vegetable options. Use hot sauces for more flavor. Avoid the falafel, which is deep-fried and can have as many calories as steak. That pita bread that comes with the meal? Share it with friends.

Whole Foods

Order: From the salad bar, a kale salad base topped with shrimp, chicken or hard-cooked eggs. Or a packaged salad.

Reasoning: The kale provides a good amount of fiber, and the shrimp provides protein. Add nuts, chia seeds or sunflower seeds for crunch, rather than croutons or wontons.

Noodles & Company

Order: Small penne rosa with a side of tomato bisque.

Reasoning: Sometimes you don't want a salad, and this pasta is actually one of the lower-calorie options on the menu. Tomato bisque gives you antioxidants.

Portillo's

Order: Grilled chicken sandwich with no mayo and no cheese, small side salad and minestrone soup.

Reasoning: Skipping the mayo and cheese helps shave off calories and saturated fat. The soup and salad help fill you up.

HOW TO PAIR WINE

Pesto in winter: Wines can cut, match rich taste

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN
Chicago Tribune

This rich pasta dish calls for bright and lively wines that will either complement the richness, cut through it or, in an ideal pairing, both. Any of these three wines — a Champagne, a gruner veltliner from Austria or a sauvignon blanc from California — will do the job nicely.

THE FOOD

Winter pesto: With the food processor running, drop 3 cloves garlic down the chute, one by one, buzzing garlic to bits. Add 2 cups (loosely packed) parsley leaves and tender stems, 1/3 cup grated Parmesan, 3/4 teaspoon coarse salt and 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice. Pulse a few times. With motor running, drizzle in 1/3 cup olive oil to form a thick sauce. Tumble in 1 cup toasted walnuts. Pulse a few times, leaving pesto chunky. Toss pesto in a serving bowl with 1 pound cooked spaghetti. **Makes:** 6 first course servings



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THE WINE By sommelier Rachael Lowe of Spiaggia, as told to Michael Austin:

Delamotte Brut, Le Mesnil-sur-Oger, Champagne, France: Aromas of green apple, golden pear, almond skin and a hint of chamomile will work beautifully with the richness of the walnuts. The dish's olive oil and herbal component will be balanced by the sparkler's fine bubbles and bright acidity.

2016 Nigl Kremser Freiheit Gruner Veltliner, Kremstal, Austria: This wine offers aromas of lime blossom, lemon, sage, white pepper and dried thyme, all balanced by high acidity. The wine's herbal notes will complement the parsley, while the acidity will cut through the garlic, oil and walnut richness.

2016 Ziata Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley: This bright and aromatic white's intense aromas of lemongrass, under-ripe pineapple, lemon pith, orange rind and lime zest will add a citrus element to the dish, while also balancing the rich cheese and olive oil.



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The AM burger at Nighthawk AM is topped with egg, sharp cheddar, arugula, caramelized onion and bacon fat mayo.



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The chicken, pork and beef banh mi sandwich at Ca Phe Da also can be ordered with an optional egg on top.



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Fannie's Cafe serves homemade corned beef hash and a wide variety of scones, muffins and other baked goods.

3 morning spots may be regular haunts



INA PINKNEY
Breakfast With Ina

If this month's finds are an indication of what's to come, we are all in for great breakfast eating in 2018.

I had the honor of meeting some loyal readers at holiday parties, grocery stores, restaurants and at the airport last month, and I'm always moved when they tell me they've tried one of my suggestions and are now regulars. That is exactly my hope and goal when I introduce you to a place I think you'll enjoy.

Now more than ever, with restaurant groups dominating the dining scene, and admittedly turning out good food, the small independents need your support.

So, let's go!

Ca Phe Da

First stop is Thai and Danielle Dang's superb version of a Vietnamese coffee shop. Ca Phe Da (pronounced ca-fe da) is accessible from their HaiSous Vietnamese Kitchen when that restaurant is serving dinner and brunch, but also has its own entrance, two doors west on 18th Street, as it opens at 7 a.m. for all-day service.

The coffee selection, featuring beans imported from Thai Dang's family's 30-year-old roasting facility in Vietnam, includes regular brew, slushies, coffee with vanilla custard (my creamy favorite) and iced. Any of them will do with the coconut custard bun, the lychee Danish or the brightly colored teal brioche pandan with coconut jam.

The banh mi sandwiches, like all of chef Thai's food, is tasty and balanced, with one bite leading to the next. I had the version with chicken, pork and beef. I skipped the egg option on top but not



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The creamy coffee with vanilla custard at Ca Phe Da features beans imported from a family facility in Vietnam.

the yogurt.

This spot, with stainless steel tables, small round stools and counter seating, is worth the trip, but I knew it would be.

Of note: Delivery; fast casual; metered street parking; valet when HaiSous is open; limited dinner options available after 5 p.m.

Find it: 1800 1/2 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303, www.haisous.com.

Open: 7 a.m. to midnight daily.

Nighthawk AM

This place had me at "hello." I had heard about Nighthawk: Breakfast Bar in Los Angeles but had never had a chance to eat there. This is a sister concept, which means basically a similar menu and great food to match.

There is one two-top,

which I snagged, and seating at the window.

Tell me biscuits are made from scratch, and the cheddar chive variety is the first thing I order. Offer the AM burger with beef patty, egg, sharp cheddar, arugula, caramelized onion and bacon fat mayo on a potato bun, and I'm moving in.

My pal Gary Adcock had the Original Gangster, with a house-made maple-sage sausage, cheddar, scrambled eggs and that delicious bacon fat mayo on a potato bun. I invite him because he shares.

We ordered — but could only nibble — the AM fries with hollandaise, bacon and Swiss cheese.

The welcome and the food should make this a must for 2018.

Of note: fast casual, grab and go, delivery, metered street parking.

Find it: 2273 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-697-8899, www.nighthawkam.com.

Open: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday; 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Fannie's Cafe, Bakery and Boutique

Three connected storefronts make up Fannie's, with the entrance delivering you into the bakery, where you order. Scones, cookies, muffins and more greet you at the counter. Shelves on the wall are filled with breads, cakes and cookies. Get your bearings because you don't want to miss anything.

Who better to join me than Malika Ameen, author of "Sweet Sugar, Sultry Spice: Exotic Flavors to Wake Up Your Baking."

Besides having a superb palate, she's wonderful company.

We had the veggie pancakes, which I loved — mashed potatoes, zucchini, carrots and onions, fried and served with sour cream and applesauce.

The corned beef hash was definitely homemade and served crispy, as ordered.

The selection of breakfast sandwiches was unusual. One was smoked Polish sausage with scrambled eggs and dill mustard on rye bread. I also liked the fresh spinach and tomato with fried eggs and melted havarti cheese on sourdough.

When we walked toward the main room, we stopped at the middle storefront, which was filled with crafts. Crocheted potholders, hand-printed notecards, toys and much more. This made

perfect sense because the mission is to encourage us to make things with our hands and share them with others. Real food and kindness are high on the list at Fannie's, and I can't think of a better mission with which to begin this year.

Of note: street parking; fast casual (table service if they're not too busy); Sunday buffet all day; catering; bakery platters; satellite in Eisenhower Library (4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights).

Find it: 5040 W. Montrose Ave., 708-320-2294, www.fanniescafe.com.

Open: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

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<p>Dutch Farms Hardboiled Eggs 6 Pk. 2/\$4</p>		<p>Dutch Farms Cream Cheese •Regular •1/3 Less Fat 8 Oz. Box 3/\$4</p>		<p>Dutch Farms Sour Cream 16 Oz. 3/\$5</p>	
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<p>Bella Nico Beef 26 Oz. \$5.99</p>		<p>Dutch Farms •Cheese Melt 2 Lb. Loaf •Cheese Tray Variety Pack 1 Lb. Pkg. \$3.99</p>	
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<p>Tyson Chicken •Nuggets •Patties •Tenders 10 - 13.25 Oz. \$2.99</p>		<p>Banquet Chicken •Patties •Strips •Tenders 24 - 26.5 Oz. \$3.99</p>		<p>Banquet Chicken Wyzg 25.2 - 48 Oz. \$5.99</p>	
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<p>Simek's Meatballs •Gluten Free •Turkey •Original •Italian Beef 17 - 22 Oz. \$5.99</p>		<p>Simek's Lasagna •Vegetable •Meat & Sauce •Italian Sausage 2 Lb. \$6.99</p>	
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<p>Red Baron Pizza 12 Inch 4/\$11</p>		<p>Red Baron Multi Packs 8.80 - 12 Oz. 4/\$10</p>		<p>Totino's Pizza Rolls 44.5 Oz. \$5.99</p>	
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SALE DATES:

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31st THRU
TUESDAY, FEB. 6th, 2018

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STORE HOURS:
Mon.-Sat. 7 am to 9 pm
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Walt's Own Fresh Baked
•Bratwurst Buns
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged

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Plain, Powdered Sugared,
Granulated Sugared or
Cinnamon Sugared
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"Mighty Minis"
Tri-Color Sweet Peppers
1 Lb. Bag

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•Tender Crisp "Andy Boy"
Romaine Hearts
3 Pk.

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•Fresh
Broccoli Crowns
•Fresh Fancy
Brussel Sprouts

99¢

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•Walt's Signature Premium
Polish Style Ham
•Land O'Lakes
American Cheese
Selected Varieties

\$4.98

Your Choice!

Lb.
\$2.49 1/2 Lb.



Walt's Premium USDA Choice
"Natural Beef"
Boneless Beef Rib Eye Steak
Any Size Package

\$8.99

Lb.



•Walt's "All Natural"
Fresh Chicken
Boneless Chicken Breasts
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More

•Indiana Kitchen
"All Natural" Pork Lean & Meaty
Pork Shoulder Steaks
Value Pack

\$1.79

Your Choice!



•Walt's Premium
"All Natural" Pork
Baby Back Pork Ribs
Twin Pack - Sold in the Bag

•Walt's "All Natural"
80% Extra Lean Fresh
Ground Chuck
Value Pack

\$2.79

Your Choice!



Dutch Farms
Chicken Kiev
5 Oz.

99¢



Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Sunkist
•Canada Dry

99¢

2 Ltr.



Birdseye
Polybag Regular
Vegetables
•Regular •Rice •Steamfresh
Selected Varieties
10 - 16 Oz.

99¢



Dutch Farms Regular
American Cheese Singles
12 Oz.

99¢

Limit 2 Total, Add'l. \$1.99

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FOOD
CENTERS**

When You Buy 2
Lite • Miller Lite
• Miller Genuine Draft
• Miller 64
• Coors • Coors Light
• Budweiser • Bud Light
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans

\$6.99

Must Buy 2. Single Item Price \$7.99 Ea.
(Available in Homewood, Tinley Park,
Crete, Frankfort & Beecher Only.)



Maxwell House
Coffee
24.5 - 30.65 Oz.

\$5.99



Nabisco
•Snack Crackers
3.75 - 10 Oz.
•Ritz Crackers
7.5 - 13.7 Oz.

\$1.88



Ice Mountain Spring
Water
24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.

\$2.99



Dutch Farms
Cheese
•Regular or Fancy Shreddeds
6 - 8 Oz.
•Bars 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices 6 Oz.
Selected Varieties

4/\$5



•Lay's
Potato Chips
9.75 - 10.25 Oz.
•Doritos
Tortilla Chips
10 - 11.5 Oz.

Buy One, Get One
FREE

When You Buy 4 Regular, Diet
•Pepsi •Crush
•Mtn. Dew
•Schweppes
•7Up •Dr. Pepper
•A&W •RC
•Sunkist
•Canada Dry
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans or 8 Pk. 12 Oz. NR Btls.

4/\$10

Must Buy 4. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.
Limit 2 Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

PRODUCE

Fresh Express
Shreds
8 Oz. Bag

99¢



Extra Large
"Sunkist" Sweet
Minneolas
99¢ Lb.

Sweet
N
Juicy



Fresh Fancy
Brussel Sprouts
99¢ Lb.



Fresh "Crisp" Red
Radishes
1 Lb. Bag
99¢



Fresh All Green
Asparagus
\$2.99 Lb.



Sweet
Seedless Watermelon
• 1/2's • 1/4's
79¢ Lb.

Premium
Cuts



Fresh
Broccoli Crowns
99¢ Lb.

No
Waste



Sno-White Large
Cauliflower
\$1.49 Ea.



"Extra Sweet"
Golden
Pineapple
2/\$5
Cored Pineapple \$2.99 Ea.



Jumbo
Size

Tender Crisp "Andy Boy"
Romaine Hearts
3 Pack

\$1.49



Red Ripe Sweet
Roma Tomatoes
79¢ Lb.



Extra Large
"Hass"
Avocados
99¢ Ea.



Fresh "Bunched"
Green Onions
2/\$1



Fresh Pascal
Celery
Large Stalk
99¢



"Mighty Minis"
Tri-Color Sweet Peppers
1 Lb. Bag
\$1.99



Driscoll's Red Ripe Sweet
Raspberries
6 Oz. Pkg.
\$2.99



Sweet Jumbo
Blueberries
\$2.99

Full
Pints



Driscoll's Red Ripe Sweet
Strawberries
1 Lb. Pkg.
\$2.99



Red Ripe Sweet
Seedless Whole Watermelon
\$4.99 Ea.



Sweet Red Ripe
Grape Tomatoes
Pint
2/\$3



Super Select
Premium
Cucumbers
2/\$1



Sweet Red Ripe
Cherry Tomatoes
Pint
2/\$3



COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Honey Cracked Wheat Bread
1 Lb. Loaf
\$2.49



Walt's Own Homestyle
Apple Pie
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Fruit Topped
Crumb Coffee Cake
\$3.79



Walt's Own Fresh Baked
Bratwurst Buns
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.99



Walt's Own
Magnificent Muffin Sale
4 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$3.49

All
Varieties



Walt's Own
Buttercream Iced
Big Game Cake
8 Inch
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Chocolate Iced Brownies
1/4 Foil Pan
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Fruit Filled Jelly Roll
\$4.99



Walt's Own
Cake Donuts
• Plain • Powdered Sugared
• Granulated Sugared
• Cinnamon Sugared
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged
\$1.99

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Town



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Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Beef Bottom Round Roast
 Sold As Roast Only
\$3.99 Lb.
 Tenderized Beef Cube Steaks Value Pack \$4.29 Lb.

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken
Boneless Chicken Breasts
 3 Lb. Pkgs. or More
\$1.79 Lb.
 No Hormones Added

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural"
Split Whole Frying Chicken
\$1.59 Lb.
 Pick of the Chick \$1.89 Lb.
 Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids

Dutch Farms
Chicken Kiev
 Assorted Varieties 5 Oz.
 Imperial Gardens
Egg-Rolls
 Chicken, Pork or Vegetable Assorted Varieties 5 Oz.
99¢
 Your Choice!

Tom Tom
Tamales
 3.5 Oz.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Country Ribs
 Value Pack
\$1.99 Lb.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Boneless Pork Chops
 Value Pack
\$2.29 Lb.

Johnsonville
Brats
Italian Sausage
 Assorted Varieties 19 Oz.
\$3.99

Walt's Premium USDA Choice "Natural Beef"
Boneless Beef Rib Eye Steak
 Any Size Package
\$8.99 Lb.

Bob Evans
Pork Sausage Roll
 Assorted Varieties 16 Oz.
2/\$5
 Pork Sausage • Links • Patties Assorted Varieties 12 Oz. 2/\$5

Troyer's Hardwood Smoked
Sliced Bacon
 Assorted Varieties 16 Oz.
\$3.99

Bob Evans
Mashed Potatoes
 Assorted Varieties 12 - 24 Oz.
2/\$5

Hillshire Farm
Lit'l Wieners
Lit'l Smokies
 Assorted Varieties 12 - 14 Oz.
2/\$5

Johnsonville
Smoked Sausage
 Assorted Varieties 12 - 14 Oz.
\$2.99

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Jumbo Franks
 Selected Varieties 16 Oz.
4/\$5

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Beef
Whole Beef Tenderloin
 Sold Whole in the Bag
 Cut into Steaks or Roast FREE
\$9.99 Lb.
 Our Customer's Favorite

Oscar Mayer
Wieners
 (Excludes Beef)
 Selected Varieties 14 - 16 Oz.
2/\$3
 Oscar Mayer • Beef Franks • Smoked Sausage 13 - 16 Oz. \$2.99

Vienna Beef
Beef Franks
 Selected Varieties 12 Oz.
\$4.79

Vienna Beef
Mini Bagel Dogs
 12 Oz.
\$4.99

Walt's "All Natural" 80% Extra Lean Fresh
Ground Chuck
 Value Pack
\$2.79 Lb.
 Ground fresh in store many times daily.
 Fresh Ground Chuck Patties Value Pack \$3.29 Lb.

Oscar Mayer
Bologna
Cotto Salami
 Selected Varieties (Excludes Beef) 16 Oz.
2/\$3

Oscar Mayer
Delifresh Lunchmeats
 Assorted Varieties 6 - 9 Oz.
2/\$5

Cooked Perfect
Meatballs
 Assorted Varieties 20 - 32 Oz.
\$4.99

Dutch Farms
Bagged Breaded Chicken
 • Nuggets • Tenders
 • Strips • Rings • Patties
 3 Lb. Bag
\$5.99

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Corn Dogs
 2.67 Lb.
\$3.99

Buona
Italian Beef & Gravy
 4 Lb. Tub
\$17.99

Buy One, Get One FREE

Grilling Event

at our South Holland Store
 Feb. 1, 10am - 3pm

at our Homewood Store
 Feb. 2, 10am - 3pm

Glenmark Boxed IQF Boneless Chicken Breasts 3 Lb. Box Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$9.99 Ea.	Glenmark Burgers • Cookout • Steakater's 2 Lb. Box Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$9.99 Ea.	Jemm Chicago Style Beef Patties 3 Lb. Box Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$7.99 Ea.	Moo & Oink Turkey Links • Hot • Mild 2 Lb. Box Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$8.99 Ea.
Moo & Oink Beef Links • Hot • Mild 2 Lb. Box Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$8.99 Ea.	Moo & Oink Pork Links • Hot • Mild 2 Lb. Box Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$6.99 Ea.	Moo & Oink Links • Beef Italian Sausage • Pork Sausage • Turkey Sausage 20 Oz. Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$5.99 Ea.	Scala Original Italian Sausage • Hot • Mild 20 Oz. Buy One, Get One FREE Single Item Price \$5.99 Ea.

Walt's Premium "All Natural" Pork
Baby Back Pork Ribs
 Twin Pack Sold in the Bag
\$2.79 Lb.
 Pork Spare Ribs \$1.99 Lb.
 Fresh Never Frozen

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork
 Lean & Meaty
Pork Shoulder Blade Steaks
 Value Pack
\$1.79 Lb.
 Pork Shoulder Roast \$1.59 Lb.

Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Walt's Signature Premium
Polish Style Ham
\$4.98 Lb.
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.
 Gluten Free

Land O' Lakes
American Cheese
 Selected Varieties
\$4.98 Lb.
 \$2.49 1/2 Lb.

Grandpa's Premium
Prepack Potato Salad 16 Oz. **\$3.29**

Walt's Deli Hut
White Cheddar Mac & Cheese ... **\$4.29** Lb.

Sabra
Hummus ... 10 Oz. **2/\$5**

Yancey's Fancy New York
Artisan Cheese ... 7.6 Oz. **\$4.99**

King's
Hawaiian Rolls ... 12 Ct. **2/\$6**

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Sara Lee
Turkey Breast
Chicken Breast
 Assorted Varieties
\$6.98 Lb.
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Eckrich
Hard Salami
 Selected Varieties
\$5.98 Lb.
 \$2.99 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Vienna Beef
Corned Beef
Beef Pastrami
\$10.98 Lb.
 \$5.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium
Italian Beef
\$9.98 Lb.
 \$4.99 1/2 Lb.

BUY OF THE WEEK!

Turano Baking Company
Rolls
 • French 6 Ct.
 • Bambino 8 Ct.
\$2.99

Sabra
Salsa
Guacamole
 Selected Varieties
 8 - 16 Oz.
2/\$5

Dietz & Watson
All Turkey Breast Varieties
\$7.98 Lb.
 \$3.99 1/2 Lb.
 Gluten Free

Dietz & Watson
Honey Glazed Smoked Ham
\$6.98 Lb.
 \$3.49 1/2 Lb.
 Gluten Free

Walt's Deli Hut
 Country Fried or Seasoned Grilled
Mixed Chicken
 • 48 Pieces
 12 Breasts, 12 Wings, 12 Thighs, 12 Drumsticks
\$39

Lyson
 • 96 Pieces
 24 Breasts, 24 Wings, 24 Thighs, 24 Drumsticks
\$75
 Please Order 2 Days In Advance

Van's
Egg Rolls
 Assorted Varieties
 4 Ct. 13.75 Oz.
\$3.99

Van's Party Tray
Asian Style Crispy Stix
 27.5 Oz.
\$11.99



DAIRY



Dutch Farms
•Bagels
 14 Oz.
•English Muffins
 6 Pk.
99¢

Dutch Farms Cream Cheese Soft Whipped 8 Oz. Tub **3/\$5**

Pillsbury Rolls
 •Crescent
 •Cinnamon
 8 - 13.9 Oz.
2/\$4

Imperial Spread
 1 Lb. Qtrs.
89¢

Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits
 16.3 Oz.
\$1.99

Eggland's Best Grade "A" Large Eggs
 Dozen
2/\$5

Yoplait Yogurt
 •Greek 100
 •Custard •Mix-Ins
 Selected Varieties
 4 - 5.3 Oz.
88¢

Dean's DairyPure Half & Half
 14 Oz.
3/\$5
 Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk 1/2 Gallon **\$2.29**

Coffeemate Flavored Creamer
 Quart
2/\$7

Nesquik Milk
 14 Oz.
3/\$4

Dannon Greek Yogurt
 •Light & Fit
 •Oikos
 4 Pk.
2/\$7

Daisy Brand
•Cottage Cheese
•Sour Cream
 14 - 16 Oz.
3/\$5

Dean's Dips
 16 Oz.
2/\$3

Dean's Cottage Cheese
 24 Oz.
\$2.49

Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream
 8 Oz.
99¢

Dutch Farms Premium Dips
 11.5 - 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese
 •Soft •Whipped
 7.5 - 8 Oz.
2/\$6

Shedd's Country Crock Soft Spread
 45 Oz.
\$2.99

Smart Balance Soft Spread
 Selected Varieties
 13 - 15 Oz.
\$2.49

Dutch Farms Horseradish
 8 Oz.
\$1.49

Kraft Cheese
 •Shreddeds
 •Chunks •Crumbles
 Selected Varieties
 5 - 8 Oz.
2/\$4

Kraft Regular American Cheese Singles
 12 Oz.
2/\$5

Kraft Natural Cheese Slices
 Selected Varieties
 7 - 8 Oz.
2/\$5

Kraft Cheese
 •String 9 - 12 Oz.
 •Cracker Barrel 7 - 8 Oz.
 Selected Varieties
\$2.99

Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese
 •Original
 •1/3 Less Fat
 8 Oz. Box
3/\$5

Dutch Farms Cheese Spread
 8 Oz.
\$2.39

Dutch Farms Cheese
 •Crumbles 3.5 - 4 Oz.
 •Cups 5 Oz.
2/\$4

Dutch Farms Cheese
 •String
 •Snack
 10 Oz.
2/\$6

Dutch Farms Cracker Cheese Cuts
 10 Oz.
2/\$6

Florida's Natural Premium Orange Juice
 59 Oz.
\$2.99

Dean's TruMoo 1% Chocolate Milk
 Gallon
\$3.99

Jello •Pudding •Gelatin
 4 Pk.
\$1.99

Dutch Farms Gelatin Rings
 19.5 - 24 Oz.
3/\$5

Dean's Orchard Pure Orange Juice
 Gallon
\$3.99



FROZEN



Dean's Premium Ice Cream
 48 Oz.
2/\$6

DeWafelbakkers Pancakes
 18 - 60 Ct.
2/\$5

Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns
 24 - 32 Oz.
\$2.99
 Best Choice Frozen Orange Juice 12 Oz. Can **\$1.69**

Dutch Farms Breakfast Sandwiches
 4 Pk.
\$3.99

Pepperidge Farm Regular 3-Layer Cake
 19 - 19.6 Oz.
\$2.99

Best Choice Waffles
 12.3 Oz.
4/\$5

Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream
 56 Oz.
2/\$6

Prairie Farms Sherbet
 Quart
2/\$3

Nestle Drumsticks
 4 Pk.
\$3.99

Klondike Ice Cream Bars
 6 Pk.
\$3.99

Lean Cuisine Boxed Entrees
 Selected Varieties
5/\$10

Best Choice
 •Cheese Stuffed Breaksticks 5 Ct.
 •Five Cheese Garlic Bread 11.75 Oz.
 •Five Cheese Texas Toast 8 Ct.
2/\$4

Louisa Pasta
 16 - 22 Oz.
\$2.99

Reames Egg Noodles
 12 Oz.
\$2.39

Grown In Idaho Potatoes
 28 Oz.
2/\$5

Jack's Pizza
 •Original
 •Half & Half
 12 Inch
4/\$10

Ore Ida Bagel Bites
 7 Oz.
\$2.49

Kraft Velveeta Cheesy Bites
 6 Oz.
\$1.99

Patio Burritos
 5 Oz.
5/\$3

Banquet Chicken
 •Nuggets
 •Patties •Tenders
 12 - 15 Oz.
\$2.49

Jack's Pizza
 •Original
 •Half & Half
 12 Inch
1¢

Buy This → Miller Lite • MGD Lite • Miller 64 24 Pk. 12 Oz. Btl. or Cans

← Get This **\$14.99**

Marie Callender's Dinners • Pot Pies
 Selected Varieties
 12.3 - 18 Oz.
\$2.99

OnCor Entrees • Traditionals • Selects
 Selected Varieties
 24 - 28 Oz.
2/\$6

Banquet Meat Pot Pie
 7 Oz.
10/\$10

Banquet Basic Dinner
 Selected Varieties
 6.5 - 7 Oz.
5/\$5

DiGiorno Pizza
 12 Inch
2/\$9

Pizza
 •Screamin' Sicilian 12 Inch
 •Urban Pie 16.20 - 20.45 Oz.
\$4.99

Palermo's King Cheese Pizza
 12 Inch
\$4.99

Doreen's Gourmet Pizza
 12 Inch
2/\$9

KICK OFF YOUR FOOTBALL PARTY WITH THESE SUPER SAVINGS!

GROCERY

Kraft Salad Dressing
16 Oz.
3/\$5

Kraft Mayo
30 Oz.
2/\$5

Kraft Miracle Whip
30 Oz.
\$2.99

Hellmann's Mayonnaise
30 Oz.
\$2.99

Nabisco Oreo Cookies
•Regular
•Thins
7.5 - 16 Oz.
2/\$5

Swanson Broth Stock
32 Oz.
2/\$5

Knorr Rice Side Dishes
3.8 - 5.7 Oz.
10/\$10

Pam Spray
5 - 6 Oz.
\$2.99

Wesson Oil
•Vegetable
•Canola
48 Oz.
2/\$5

Pringles Potato Chips
4.9 - 5.68 Oz.
4/\$5

Bush's Beans
•Chili
•Baked
15.5 - 16 Oz.
99¢

Hormel Chili
with Beans
15 Oz. **3/\$5**
No Beans
15 Oz. **2/\$4**

McCormick Chili Seasoning Mix
1 - 1.25 Oz.
69¢

Hunt's Tomatoes Manwich Sauce
14.5 - 15.5 Oz.
5/\$5

Barbecue Sauce
•Kraft
•KC Masterpiece
•Head Country
17 - 20 Oz.
99¢

Old El Paso Shells Refried Beans Enchilada Sauce
8 - 10 Ct.
16 Oz.
10 Oz.
4/\$5

Old El Paso Taco Dinner Kit
8 - 12 Ct.
2/\$4

La Preferida Diced Green Chiles
4 Oz.
69¢

La Preferida Taco Seasoning Mix
1.25 Oz.
2/\$1

Coffee
•Maxwell House
24.5 - 30.65 Oz.
•McCafe or Gevalia
12 Oz. Bags or 12 Ct. K-Cups
\$5.99

Kraft Mac & Cheese Cups
•Regular
•Deluxe
•Easy Mac
1.9 - 2.39 Oz.
4/\$5

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
8.5 Oz.
2/\$1

Lindsay Ripe Black Olives
5.75 - 6 Oz.
2/\$3

Always Save Pickles
16 - 32 Oz.
\$1.69

Ice Mountain Spring Water
•24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
•12 Pk. 700 ML Btls.
\$2.99

Heinz Ketchup
38 Oz.
\$2.79

French's Yellow Mustard
20 Oz.
\$1.79

A-1 Steak Sauce
10 Oz.
\$3.49

Sweet Baby Ray's Barbecue Sauce
28 Oz.
2/\$4

Hefty Foam Plates
20 - 60 Ct.
3/\$5

Hefty Cups
•EZ Grip
•Deluxe Clear
28 - 40 Ct.
\$2.29

Reynolds Wrap Foil
•Regular 75 Ft.
•Heavy Duty 50 Ft.
•Non-Stick 35 Ft.
\$3.79

Kingsford Charcoal
15.4 Lb.
\$7.77

Fiora Paper Towels Bath Tissue
6 Pk. Regular Rolls
12 Pk. Double Rolls
\$3.99

Puffs Facial Tissue
88 - 180 Ct.
3/\$5

Liquid Laundry Detergent
•Era 150 Oz.
•Tide Simply Clean 138 Oz.
\$6.99

Dawn Dishwashing Liquid Cascade Dishwashing Action Pacs
56 Oz.
Regular 32 Ct., Complete 23 Ct. or Platinum 18 Ct.
\$5.99

Purina Dog Chow
32 Lb.
\$19.99

Tide Laundry Detergent
•Liquid 46 - 50 Oz.
•Pods 15 - 20 Ct.
\$5.99

GROCERY GOLD VALUES

Regular, Diet
 •Pepsi •Mtn. Dew
 •Crush •Schweppes
 •7Up •Dr. Pepper
 •A&W •RC •Sunkist
 •Canada Dry
 2 Ltr.
99¢

Regular, Diet
 •Coke
 •Coke Zero Sugar
 •Sprite
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
4/\$13

Lipton
 Tea
 128 Oz.
2/\$5

Gatorade
 8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls.
2/\$10
 Buy Any 2 Gatorade 8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls. Get 5 Propel 24 Oz. Btls. FREE!

Capri Sun
 Drinks
 10 Pk.
2/\$5

Bai
 Antioxidant Drinks
 18 Oz.
 •Bodyarmor
 Sports Drink
 28 Oz.
2/\$3

•Cape Cod
 Potato Chips
 8 Oz.
 •Snyder's
 Pretzels
 16 Oz.
2/\$5

Diet
 Coke
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
2/\$5

Dunkin' Donuts
 Iced Coffee
 Drink
 13.7 Oz.
3/\$5

Core Power
 Protein
 Shake
 11.5 Oz.
2/\$5

•Fiji
 Imported Water
 6 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.
 •Snapple Tea
 6 Pk. 16 Oz. Btls.
\$4.99

Ice Mountain Spring
 Water
 •12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls.
 •6 Pk. 700 ML Sport Cap. Btls.
 •12 Pk. 8 Oz. Btls.
3/\$5

Donkey
 Tortilla
 Chips
 14 Oz.
2/\$5

Skinny Pop
 Popcorn
 4.4 Oz.
2/\$5

•Act II
 Popcorn
 3 Pk.
 •David
 Sunflower
 Seeds
 3.5 - 5.25 Oz.
5/\$5

•Chex Mix
 •Bugles
 •Garden of Eatin'
 12 - 15 Oz.
2/\$5

Planters
 Peanuts
 •Dry Roasted
 •Cocktail
 16 Oz.
2/\$5

New York
 Texas Toast
 Croutons
 5 Oz.
5/\$5

General Mills
 Cereals
 •Honey Nut Cheerios 12.25 Oz.
 •Multigrain Cheerios 9 Oz.
 •Lucky Charms 11.5 - 12 Oz.
 •Cinnamon Toast Crunch 12.2 Oz.
 •Cocoa Puffs 11.8 Oz.
 •Trix 10.7 Oz.
\$1.99

Kellogg's
 Rice Krispies
 Treats
 14 - 16 Ct.
\$2.99

Little Debbie
 Valentine
 Snack Cakes
 7.56 - 10.5 Oz.
2/\$4

Aunt Millie's
 •Giant Bread
 White, Wheat, Italian or
 Whole Grain White
 24 Oz.
 •Deluxe Buns
 Hamburger or Hot Dog
 8 Ct.
2/\$3

Butternut
 •Bread
 White or 100% Whole Wheat 20 Oz.
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