



**BILLY GRAHAM 1918-2018**

## EVANGELIST TO MASSES

Schooled in Wheaton, Graham prayed with presidents, reached out to millions

**BY MANYA BRACHEAR PASHMAN**  
 Chicago Tribune

As Americans mourned the death of the Rev. Billy Graham on Wednesday, most remembered him as a pastor with the ability to lead thousands to Jesus, take presidents under his wing and console a nation after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

But it was in the suburbs of Chicago where he learned how to amplify his voice as a preacher.

It didn't take long for Graham and the

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congregation of Western Springs Baptist Church, his first pulpit after graduation from Wheaton College, to conclude he was better suited to preach in stadiums than sanctuaries.

"This is where he got a taste of glory, a taste of fame and the gratification that comes from speaking to huge crowds,"

said Grant Wacker, author of "America's Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping of a Nation," a biography of the national icon. "And he got the response he was looking for."

Indeed, Graham's first revivals and rallies in downtown Chicago's Orchestra Hall and Soldier Field — forerunners to his later international crusades — launched the evangelist into the spotlight for decades to come and steered legions of people to church. His pioneer-

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO 1962  
 After Wheaton College, Billy Graham soon began preaching to large crowds.

### "If we can't lean on (government) to do it, then we've got to be that change."

— Connor Hartweg, Oak Park and River Forest High School senior, on pushing for new gun control laws



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Kelsey Valingit, foreground, and other Schaumburg High School students participate in a walkout Wednesday to protest gun violence.

## Students walk out of schools in unity for gun law changes

Hundreds in suburbs take part; other events planned

**BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY** | Chicago Tribune

Hundreds of high school students across the Chicago area walked out of school Wednesday, joining a national movement of young people mobilizing in

a passionate response to the Feb. 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. High school students from Schaumburg, Oak

Park, St. Charles, Elk Grove, Buffalo Grove and Wheeling walked out of schools carrying signs and screaming chants in demand of stricter gun control to prevent mass shootings of students.

"The gun laws in this country are broken," said Oak Park and River Forest High School senior Connor Hartweg, one of hundreds

of students who exited the school's main entrance at noon and held a rally at the intersection of Scoville Avenue and Ontario Street. "We really need to update today's laws. Our government isn't doing that. If we can't lean on them to do it, then we've got to be that change."

In Schaumburg, student organizers expected a

small gathering but were overwhelmed by the hundreds of participants who carried signs that read "Kids over Guns," chanted "Save our Kids" and cheered when passing motorists honked their horns. School officials estimated the crowd at more than half of the school's 2,200

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## Trump urged to take action

Florida survivors, others plead for solutions at summit

**BY CHRISTI PARSONS**  
 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump hosted an emotional summit over guns and schools Wednesday at the White House, listening for more than an hour as student survivors and grieving parents parried ideas to prevent fire-arm deaths, their disputes hinting at the nation's divisions.

The president offered proposals of his own, from stronger background checks for gun buyers to possibly arming teachers and perhaps reviving "mental institutions."

Much of the debate touched on arming schools, far less on gun controls.

"I'm here because my daughter has no voice," said Andrew Pollack, the father of student Meadow Pollack, who was among the 17 people killed on Valentine's Day at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. "She was murdered last week and she was taken from us. Shot nine times on the third floor. We as a country failed our children. This shouldn't happen."

Sam Zeif, a student who survived the shooting, noted that he turned 18 the day after the massacre and added, "I don't understand why I can still go into a store

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## Homeless man, cats touched lives

After Antonio Garcia's death in West Town alley, neighbors try to save feral felines

**BY GREGORY PRATT**  
 Chicago Tribune

He lived in a makeshift shack outside posh West Town condos. His hut filled a small corner of the hidden alley where he slept.

On the street, they called him Wookiee for his foot-long beard. He shared the alley with a feral cat colony and stayed there for at least a decade, forming an unlikely symbiotic relationship with the people who live and work in the area.

Nearby residents would



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Leona Sepulveda holds a picture of the late Antonio Garcia, a homeless man she befriended in West Town.

bring him clothes and furniture. The local bar knew his favorite brew: Budweiser. Kitchen workers fed him the occasional meal. For his part, Antonio Garcia kept a low profile

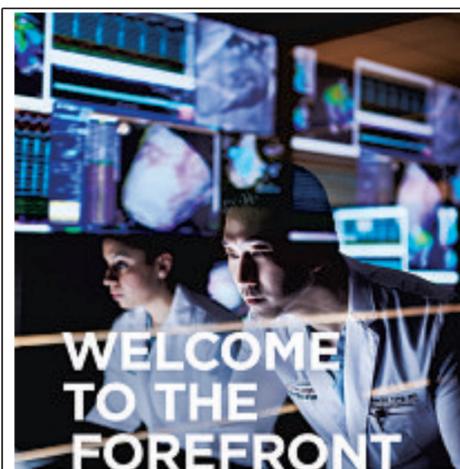
and his cats chased away the rats, which pleased the neighbors.

Following a stretch of brutally cold temperatures last month, Garcia was found frozen to death in his

alley home after a concerned business owner called police for a wellness check. His hut was covered with snow, and an alert initially described it as an igloo. The Cook County medical examiner's office cited heart and liver problems as contributing factors to Garcia's death.

The people who banded together to protect Garcia in life are keeping his memory alive. His friends placed a candle, a Bible, crosses and a flower in a beer bottle vase in the alley as a tiny memorial to Garcia. They've also installed homemade kitty condos adorned with a handwritten sign that reads: "Antonio's Friends."

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Rep. Bob Rita of Blue Island is a tier one Madigan Democrat, and he has baggage that doesn't look good for the boss.



## JOHN KASS

# Another Boss Madigan problem — Rep. Bob Rita

Democratic Boss Madigan has been frantically trying to put out fires over recent allegations that his top political soldiers have harassed women.

And now there's another fire for Madigan, from an old ember that's been smoldering for years in Blue Island, and now blazes again:

State Rep. Bob Rita. Rita, a top ally of Speaker Michael Madigan in the Illinois House, who's from a Blue Island family that has controlled Democratic politics there for decades, as if Blue Island were a family business, has trouble in his past.

Years ago, Rita was accused of beating a former girlfriend. He was acquitted in a criminal trial, but a judge at least temporarily granted a request by prosecutors to extend a protection order against Rita.

And at the time, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, the boss's daughter, said Rita should step down. He didn't.

You'd think the old allegations would compel women's groups, #Me-Too activists and others to demand an end to his political career. But so far? Crickets.

"Madigan has finally made a move to look into allegations against his people and how they treat women, but what about ... Bob Rita?" said Mary Carvlin, a teacher and Rita's opponent in the March 20 Democratic primary.

"Women are outraged," Carvlin told me in an interview at her Blue Island home. "We need better than this."

In the past few days, Boss Madigan has had to ax two of his top operatives, Kevin Quinn, of the 13th Ward, and Shaw Decremer, a lobbyist, over harassment allegations.

Madigan has his top lieutenants work the state House campaigns of Democrats he needs. Rita is a tier one Madigan Democrat.

And Decremer is a lobbyist who had a lobbying contract with Blue Island from the time the Rita family controlled the town. And I'm told by

sources that Decremer has worked the Rita campaign.

But Bob Rita doesn't run Blue Island any longer, the new Blue Island Mayor Domingo Vargas told me.

Vargas, a Democrat, said Rita's brother is no longer the city's public safety director. Decremer is no longer a Blue Island lobbyist, Vargas said.

Oh, and Vargas is backing Mary Carvlin.

"I endorse her," he said. "And if Rita was a Republican, they'd jumping all over him, even now. The activist groups would be making his life hell, protesting in front of his office on York Street."

Rita was tried in 2003 in Cook County criminal court on charges he beat his former girlfriend, Elizabeth Miller.

According to a 2003 Chicago Tribune story, "Rita was alleged to have forced his way into Miller's home and grabbed her by her hair, 'throwing her onto the floor, getting on top of her and threatening to rape her,' according to court documents."

A jury found him not guilty of misdemeanor domestic battery and criminal trespass to property. Even so, prosecutors sought an order of protection against him.

"I don't trust him," Miller said then. "I'd feel much better for my own safety and peace of mind" with the order of protection in place. ...

"I still feel like I won because I took a stand against (Rita). I know in my mind what really happened."

In court at the time, Rita suggested his political enemies took advantage of his troubles, and he lifted up a sign that read "Robert Rita Woman Beater," which he claimed was being circulated.

"There were a lot of people who were negative and a lot who were supportive, and some who said I shouldn't run," Rita said then. "But I never thought about not running."

I wanted to ask Rita about all this, what Vargas said, what Mary Carvlin said, and whether the axed Madigan operative Decremer was indeed run-

ning Rita's campaign.

So I called Rita's state office in Blue Island.

"You want to talk to Mr. Rita at his political office, not his government office," said a woman on the phone.

OK, what's the address of the political office?

"Let them tell you that," she said, rather cryptically.

It turned out they were right next door to each other on York Street in Blue Island — the Rita political and the Rita government offices — wedged in between a gyros stand and a hair salon/spa.

The people were very nice at the Rita political office. One guy said, "Hi John!"

Hi, I said. Is Bob Rita here?

A woman behind the desk said she thought Rita was in the back and walked off to get him. But then, after a few minutes, she returned and said, "No, he's not here."

Darn. So I left my name and number. Then I walked next door to the Rita government office.

"He's here," said a young woman.

But then she checked too, and I bet you won't believe it, but it turns out state Rep. Bob Rita wasn't there either.

"I was wrong," she said. "Sorry. He must have gone out."

Darn it again. Later his spokesman, Ryan Keith, called and we set up an interview with Rita for Wednesday morning, but weirdly, the interview never happened.

"I alerted (Rita) you needed to talk," the spokesman texted.

But Bob Rita never called.

You might call it one of those things, but I think it was a miracle.

A Boss Madigan miracle.

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# CHICAGO INC.

By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



## Bayless dishes out \$200K to theaters

At the end of last year, 20 Chicago theater companies received a seasonal surprise: quiet \$10,000 checks from the newly formed Bayless Family Foundation. The only significant condition? A willingness to discuss their future needs with the philanthropic arm of culinary impresario **Rick Bayless** and his family.

"We got this windfall of money," the typically frank Bayless said in a recent interview, presumably referencing the 2016 sale of his boutique Frontera Foods brand to the ConAgra Foods conglomerate, reportedly for \$108.9 million in cash. "We're a theater-loving family and we know that so many of the actors and other theater artists in Chicago live a tough financial existence, and so many of the companies have so little money with which to work. We

think this is the most vital theater community in the United States."

The new Chicago-based foundation will be run by **Kevin Sullivan**, Bayless' son-in-law.

Bayless said he had not yet decided how much the foundation will give to Chicago theater but that the grants will be substantial, many in number and multiyear in duration.

"We first want to hear about the greatest needs," he said. "Then we will make our decisions. Our goal is to do what we can to help theater companies grow, to make them bigger players in their communities."

This is a new initiative, although Bayless enterprises have in the past given more than \$2 million in support of small Midwestern family



SEAN WILLIAMS PHOTO 2014

Chiara Mangiameli performs in "Cascabel" with chef and theater fan Rick Bayless, who says he'll keep the grants coming.

farms, among other projects.

Bayless himself has been on the Chicago stage, most recently in 2014 as the star of a Lookingglass Theatre dinner-theater production called "Cascabel."

"We don't need see to our name in lights," he said of his new foundation. "We just want the theater in Chicago to thrive."

— Chris Jones

## Gary mayor tells CNN's Axelrod she hates CNN

Gary Mayor **Karen Freeman-Wilson** has at least one thing in common with President **Donald Trump**: She can't stand CNN.

"If we stop watching it, it stops being news," Freeman-Wilson told an audience at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics about cable news's focus on constant conflict.

"I told my husband, 'Why are you watching that? It's the same thing every day!'"

Cue an awkward moment for event host **David Axelrod**, who told Freeman-Wilson, "You know, I work for CNN."

"Well my husband watches CNN and I'm telling you, I leave the room," Freeman-Wilson shot back.

Speaking after the event, she told Chicago Inc.: "I watch way too much television for someone who thinks of themselves as intelligent. I really like 'Chicago Fire,' 'Chicago P.D.,' 'Chicago Med.'"

Freeman-Wilson was appearing alongside Boston Mayor **Marty Walsh**, Denver Mayor **Michael Hancock** and New Orleans Mayor **Mitch Landrieu**, all of whom argued, as is customary at such gatherings, that no politician gets more immediate feedback than a mayor.

Hancock joked that his campaign was based on the notion that "if the people of Denver believed in my positions, I would be mayor, and if they didn't, I would go off and make bazillions of dollars."

Landrieu — whispered about as a dark horse candidate for the 2020 Democratic nomination for president — said he was not interested in running.

But Inc.'s favorite moment of the night came when Walsh, who speaks with what the student introducing him accurately described as a wicked Boston accent, summoned the spirit of **Mayor Quimby** to complain about the devastation caused by a recent "nor'easter."

— Kim Janssen



Freeman-Wilson

## Why does NU fan scream? 'How could you not?'

You've probably never seen her. But if you've watched a Northwestern basketball game on TV or trekked to Allstate Arena, you've heard her.

She shrieks when the opposing team shoots free throws. And when it has the ball. And when the Wildcats score. And during timeouts. And perhaps in your dreams.

She is a human siren. The scream is so high-pitched, you wonder how the backboards haven't shattered.

Her name is **Emily Harriott**. She is president of Northwestern Wildside, the athletic program's official student section. She's a junior

double-majoring in neuroscience and communication sciences and disorders.

And she is arguably — no, indisputably — Northwestern's No. 1 student fan, having attended 75 athletic contests since September, by her estimate.

Asked why she screams, Harriott turned the question around.

"The Cats are such a fun basketball team to watch," she replied. "How could you not scream your head off?"

She knows of the criticism on Twitter but said those around her are supportive. And besides, screaming saves



STEPHEN CARRERA/NORTHWESTERN ATHLETICS

Northwestern student and Wildcats fan Emily Harriott estimates she has attended 75 athletic contests since September.

her the trouble of a phone call.

"They can hear me at the NCAA tournament, at the Kohl Center in Wisconsin, at Welsh-Ryan and they can hear me here," she said at Monday's game at Allstate Arena. "That's how my parents check

to make sure I'm still alive."

NU coach **Chris Collins** says he's so focused on the games that he's unaware of Harriott's in-game shrieks. He's the only one.

— Teddy Greenstein

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## March on, Parkland students



An open letter to the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

**REX W. HUPPKE**

Because we live in an age of ghoul and online garbage, there are already people — humans, I suppose, though that's being generous — dragging you all through the mud because you survived a tragedy and came out the other end upright, inspired and determined to fight to make things better.

You've seen it, I know, though I wish there was a way to shield you from the hideous way insecure modern-day adults choose to act. You've survived a school shooting, you saw friends gunned down. Still, I wish I could protect what's left of your innocence.

But the hateful comments and the conspiracy theories and the cooked-up allegations are out there already — because hate has gotten permission to travel faster than it once did — and a trickle will soon be a downpour. You saw the worst of humanity on Feb. 14, and now you're seeing the dregs of society circling like vultures, thinking they can lift themselves up by knocking you down, no matter how soulless that might seem.

I know you can handle this, of course. You are standing strong just days after an event that would bring most of us to our knees. You are eloquent, organized and compassionate. You are fearless and fed up.

But you are going to be disappointed. Probably more times than you can presently imagine.

I saw it in the faces of those of you who traveled to Tallahassee, Fla., on Tuesday and watched as lawmakers in the Florida House voted down a motion to debate a ban on military-style weapons like the one your former classmate used to kill 17 people at your school. I saw the disappointment, wholly justified.

Then I saw the online monsters cheer the decision of those politicians, as if you all are somehow the enemy. As if you young people deserve to be taunted for wanting safer lives for yourselves and everyone else.

I have never been shot at, nor have I lost friends to gun violence. I view you all as stronger than I am, but I also know disappointment and unending harassment can wear the strongest of us down.

So, for what it's worth, I offer you these thoughts:

When the haters crash down on you, even more than they already are, hold your heads high and march on. Stare them down as you pass. They'll blink, because they're cowards at heart. A glare is all they deserve. And you won't be the only ones responding that way. The millions behind you will make sure the few in your way know to step aside.

If anyone tells you you're doing it wrong, assume you're doing it right. Your critics have nothing to show when it comes to making you safer. Break the rules. Walk out. Shout. Use your platform. Take chances.

If you worry about your present activism affecting your future, I'll tell you this: Any company or university that would view what you're doing negatively isn't a company or university worthy of you.

Know that you're loved, by your families and the community you're helping and by people across the country who are watching — amazed — at your resilience and the strength of your voices. As an adult, I feel the best thing I can do is stand back and let you do your thing. But know that adults like me, grownups everywhere, have your backs. Every step.

Don't lose faith. Here in Chicago we've been dealing with our own shooting tragedy, the murder of a remarkable and beloved Chicago police officer, Cmdr. Paul Bauer, who was gunned down in the line of duty.

In a moving letter to the city of Chicago, thanking people for their support in the wake of her husband's murder, Erin Bauer wrote something that struck me as vitally important. For us here. For you there. For people, young and old, everywhere who are processing these tragedies and praying for answers.

She wrote this: "The good people in this world far outnumber the bad."

She's right. Don't forget that. The good people in this world far outnumber the bad.

Cling to that as you march forward and endure the slack slings and flaccid arrows of those hateful enough to come at you.

March on.  
Godspeed.

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## Naperville man convicted of violent sex trafficking

Author of a 'pimp manifesto' may end 2 decades of alleged crimes with life in U.S. prison

**BY JASON MEISNER**  
Chicago Tribune

A federal jury found a Naperville man guilty Wednesday of sweeping sex trafficking charges alleging he used death threats, beatings and other abuse to force nine women into sexual servitude dating to 2009.

The jury deliberated for about 12 hours over parts of two days before convicting Benjamin Biancofiore of 14 counts of sex trafficking, conspiracy, and a single count of obstruction of justice. The trial ended more than a week ago, but deliberations were delayed several times due to sick jurors and other issues.

Biancofiore, 33, faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced May 30.

As the verdict was read in U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber's courtroom, Biancofiore, dressed in a dark suit, sat expressionless with his heavily tattooed hands clasped in front of him.

The two-week trial focused largely on the testimony of several of Biancofiore's victims, including one woman, Victoria, who told jurors Biancofiore posted sex ads offering her services on Craigslist, drove her to appointments seven days a week and kept every cent she earned. He plied her with heroin and controlled every aspect of

her life, threatening to kill her and her family if she tried to leave, Victoria said.

And if she got out of line, Biancofiore would beat her, she testified.

One time he punched her so hard in the face she flew into a wall and wet her pants, Victoria said. Then he made her clean it up and go back to work, she said. On another night, Biancofiore knocked her to the floor, stomped on her and beat her with a towel rack that fell off the wall.

Biancofiore's attorney, Andrea Gambino, portrayed the accusers as untrustworthy drug addicts, some of whom had criminal records or were already prostituting themselves before they met Biancofiore.

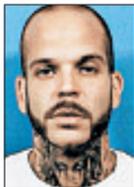
Biancofiore took the witness stand to acknowledge he prostituted women for years through online classified sites such as Craigslist and Backpage.

The women who worked for him were headstrong, and he had a temper — a volatile mix that

sometimes turned violent, Biancofiore testified. But he described the women as "business partners," not victims — and said he never forced them to do anything they didn't want to do.

His demeanor changed when Assistant U.S. Attorney Erika Csicsila asked Biancofiore what typically happened when the prostitutes failed to obey his rules.

"Depends on the situation," Biancofiore said with a shrug. Asked if the infractions caused him to beat women up, Biancofiore paused for a moment before saying, "Not always, no. That's not correct."



Biancofiore



William Amor reacts to the verdict Wednesday by Circuit Judge Liam Brennan, who acquitted him of arson and murder charges.

## Retried man found not guilty in fatal 1995 Naperville fire

State's timeline, theory of case in mother-in-law's death called 'fatally compromised' by judge

**BY CLIFFORD WARD**  
Chicago Tribune

A former Naperville resident who spent two decades imprisoned for arson and murder in the death of his mother-in-law was acquitted of those crimes Wednesday by a DuPage County judge who called the case "fatally compromised."

As Judge Liam Brennan read his ruling in the retrial of William Amor, the defendant — aware he was about to be found not guilty — let his head drop and took off his glasses a moment later to wipe away tears. Lauren Kaeseberg, one of Amor's attorneys from the Innocence Project, who was seated next to Amor, quietly placed her hand on his back.

"I've always been hopeful. I've always thought essentially that the system would do the right thing," Amor, 62, said afterward. "It's unfortunate it took 22 years."

Amor thanked Brennan, who vacated Amor's 1997 murder conviction last year in the wake of advances in fire science that undercut his 1995 confession. Amor had been out on bond since May.

After closing arguments earlier this month, Brennan set Wednesday for his ruling to give himself time to review evidence, which included testimony from

three arson experts.

A prosecution expert had testified that he believed the Sept. 10, 1995, fire that killed Marianne Miceli, 40, was set using an open flame on a living room cloth chair. But the judge said that opinion presented a highly unlikely timeline of how the fire spread.

There was trial testimony that Amor and his wife, Tina Miceli, had left the condo where they lived with Marianne Miceli, about 20 minutes before Marianne Miceli called 911 to report the blaze. About a minute into the call, she was overcome by smoke.

Defense experts testified that an open flame fire would have created the smoky conditions in five minutes or less. The judge said he doubted that Marianne Miceli saw a fire and waited 15 minutes to call 911.

Brennan also said he was not convinced by a letter Amor had written to his wife in 1995, saying he had ideas for "capital gains" that would allow the couple to move out of the condo, and that he would discuss them with Tina Miceli. At trial, prosecutors called it evidence of Amor's intent to murder Marianne Miceli for insurance, but the judge said didn't believe Amor planned to talk with his wife about killing her mother.

"The state's timeline and its theory of the case are fatally compromised," the judge said.

Amor confessed in October 1995 to setting the fire, a confession that his attorneys argued was coerced by police.

"Not always? So sometimes?" Csicsila shot back.

Biancofiore was also confronted with statements he made in a 124-page manifesto on pimping that authorities found in his apartment after his 2016 arrest.

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

The Tribune detailed in 2016 how Biancofiore was given a stunning second chance two decades ago after a Wheaton teenager he'd robbed and beaten, David Kinkley, committed suicide.

Even in the face of the horrific tragedy, Kinkley's parents pushed for leniency. Biancofiore, then 18, was given just six months in jail — a saga of compassion and forgiveness that was featured on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Despite his good fortune, Biancofiore amassed a series of arrests in the years after Kinkley's death, culminating with an 18-month stint in prison for a 2013 gun conviction.

When his parole ended on that case in September 2015, Biancofiore wrote on Facebook of his elation and invited friends to a blowout party to celebrate.

"I came a long way, from cages to carats," he wrote. "September 24th Im celebrating my first time free from jail, court, probation, parole, or any other ties to the system since 1997"

He was arrested by the FBI on the sex trafficking charges six months later.

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# Prosecutor describes Cichy case imploding

'Compromised witness, co-defendants' made trial impossible, DuPage official says

By **ROBERT MCCOPPIN**  
Chicago Tribune

Responding to questions about why he abruptly dropped charges against a former police officer accused in a drug-dealing scheme, the DuPage County state's attorney revealed Tuesday that prosecutors learned of "criminal activity" by the key informant in the case.

That discovery on the eve of trial of ex-Schaumburg cop John Cichy "seriously compromised the credibility" of the witness, State's Attorney Robert Berlin wrote in a statement released late Tuesday. He noted that any information that could work in a defendant's advantage is required to be shared in a timely manner.

On top of that, Berlin wrote, there were serious problems with the testimony of the two other officers who were arrested with Cichy in the scheme and pleaded guilty, Matthew Hudak and Terrance O'Brien.

As part of O'Brien's plea deal, he agreed to testify against Cichy, but Berlin said O'Brien refused to tell prosecutors what he was going to say.

Hudak was not required as a condition of his deal to testify against Cichy and "refused to cooperate" in the Cichy case, Berlin wrote.

"It was my opinion," Berlin wrote, "based on more than 30 years of prosecuting cases, that with such a seriously compromised ... witness and co-defendants who refused to speak with the prosecutors about their testimony, the State's case against John Cichy could not go forward."

Berlin's bombshell decision, first revealed by the Tribune just before the case was due to go to trial last week, sent shock waves through the law enforcement community. Hudak and O'Brien's attorneys demanded to know if the evidence affected their clients, who are now serving long prison sentences, and suggested they may seek to get their convictions overturned.

Legal observers expressed surprise at the sudden demise of the case, noting the presence of other evidence that included surveillance footage and secretly taped conversations about the scheme to steal from street dealers and resell their drugs.

In the wake of the arrests five years ago, Schaumburg replaced its police chief and reorganized the department to provide more oversight.

After spending five years building their case against Cichy, Berlin said prosecutors just learned that the key informant was the subject of an unrelated criminal investigation while the Cichy trial was pending. Berlin said a former member of his office, whom he did not name, was aware of the ongoing investigation against the informant, but the information was not shared with the trial team.

Berlin wrote that professional conduct rules barred him from providing more details. But he said his office has developed protocols to ensure that such information is properly shared by police and prosecutors, acknowledging a "breakdown in the flow of information both within my office and externally."

Berlin also promised to review policies and procedures regarding informants to prevent such an occurrence from happening again.

Cichy's attorney, Jay Fuller, had complained repeatedly to Judge Liam Brennan that prosecutors disclosed key evidence late in the process, and the trial had been delayed for such disclosures, as well as by a failed appeal by prosecutors on what evidence could be admitted.

Berlin again maintained that the dropped charges against Cichy should have "no bearing" on the cases

against Hudak and O'Brien, pointing out that both confessed and pleaded guilty.

Hudak's attorney, Thomas Glasgow, said prosecutors gave him a "voluminous" amount of new mate-

rial about the case Tuesday. He said he will review it before deciding whether to file any new legal actions in the case.

O'Brien's attorney, Paul DeLuca, also declined immediate comment.

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Charges against former Schaumburg police Officer John Cichy were dropped after prosecutors learned of "criminal activity" by the key informant. Cichy was accused of helping to steal and sell drugs.  
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# Moving veterans under review

Rauner weighs Quincy situation, Ives urges action

BY RICK PEARSON  
Chicago Tribune

Gov. Bruce Rauner said Wednesday his administration is re-evaluating whether to move residents out of the Quincy Veterans' Home following new cases of Legionnaires' disease as his primary challenger continues to push him on the issue.

"We're evaluating every possible opportunity to keep our veterans safe," Rauner told reporters at the Thompson Center. He said the idea previously has been rejected out of fears that a move could create

more health hazards to elderly residents.

"Our veterans are very vulnerable. They're very susceptible to injury, to illness, they're very fragile," he said. "Moving them increases significant risk for other infections and other physical ailments. So, whatever we do, we need to be very thoughtful and careful about it."

Rauner said he would announce the administration's next steps about the home "in the near future" but did not provide details.

Since a 2015 outbreak at the facility, 13 residents have died and dozens more have become ill. More cases have occurred, even after the state spent \$6 million to upgrade water treatment at the facility.

The recurrence of Legionnaires' has become a political issue for Rauner, who has faced criticism about his oversight of the problem at the home from governor candidates. There also has been a growing chorus of politicians calling for residents to be moved out.

In January, Rauner lived at the facility for a week as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a report saying complete eradication of the *Legionella* bacteria "may not be possible."

Earlier Wednesday, Republican primary challenger state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton called on Rauner to move veterans out of the Quincy home and blasted him for telling the Crain's

Chicago Business editorial board that his administration handled the outbreak "exceptionally well."

"What the hell is wrong with this governor?" Ives said at a downtown news conference. "Veterans and their families are getting sick and dying, governor. Get them out of there, now. Put them in five-star accommodations until or unless the problem is solved."

Asked how the state would pay for moving the veterans, Ives said, "If we had any relationship with President Trump, we'd go to the president himself and say we need emergency funds in the state of Illinois."

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# Madigan is flashpoint in Dem debate

Biss, Pritzker clash over who's a bigger ally of the speaker

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Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Democratic governor candidates J.B. Pritzker and Daniel Biss clashed Wednesday night over who was more closely allied with House Speaker Michael Madigan as each sought to tarnish the other at a Downstate candidate forum.

Biss, a state senator from Evanston, contended Pritzker needed Madigan's "permission" to speak critically about the longtime Southwest Side power broker in the wake of questions about Madigan's handling of harassment complaints against his top political operatives and calls for him to step down as state Democratic chairman.

Pritzker countered that Biss owed his political career to Madigan and the campaign money the speaker provided Biss to win a legislative seat.

Kenilworth developer Chris Kennedy did not participate after his campaign said the candidate injured his back while exercising Wednesday morning and was under doctor's orders not to travel.

The debate was held at the University of Illinois at Springfield and hosted by the State-Journal Register and WMAV radio.

For more than a week, Madigan has found his leadership questioned over his handling of misconduct allegations involving his political operation. In recent days, Madigan has shed two former loyal top political operatives over complaints stemming from 2016 campaigns.

This week's case involved lobbyist Shaw Decremer, with Democratic state Rep. Deb Conroy of Villa Park saying his conduct involved "an abuse of power" and suggesting that "bullies" needed to be called out. Last week's case involved a sexual harassment complaint made by former Madigan campaign worker Alaina Hampton about her supervisor Kevin Quinn, a key Madigan operative until he was cut loose.

Some Democratic lawmakers are asking for a fully independent investigation of Madigan's handling of the allegations. Hampton, who has filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has alleged Madigan's operation delayed its internal investigation to prevent her from filing legal charges in the state.

Biss indicated he agreed. "It took J.B. Pritzker a week to get permission from Mike Madigan to even name him in talking about this sexual harassment cover-up," Biss said.

"I've called for Mike

Madigan to step down as chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois. I'm a Democratic elected official. He's lost my faith and the ability to lead this party — and I think there's been real questions called about his leadership of the House as well," the senator said.

Madigan has been around "too long," is "too powerful" and "has been a problem in the state of Illinois" and the state Democratic Party "for quite some time," Biss added.

Pritzker did not answer a panelist's question of whether Madigan should give up his party chairmanship, his speaker role or both.

"He hasn't gotten permission yet from Madigan to answer that question," Biss said.

Pritzker lashed out at Biss and labeled "utterly ridiculous" the lawmaker's claims of independence from Madigan. "This is a state representative who got elected with Mike Madigan's help, who accepted tens of thousands of dollars from him, who ran Mike Madigan's super PAC and who's accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from Springfield insiders, bankers and lobbyists," Pritzker said.

Pritzker said he agreed with calls for an independent investigation of Madigan's handling of the harassment complaints. "We need to make sure there is an independent, fully independent investigation — something that is totally independent of Speaker Madigan's operation and Speaker Madigan himself."

State campaign finance records show Biss has received more than \$261,000 from political funds that Madigan controls, with more than \$220,000 going toward his first election to the House in 2010. Biss moved over to the Senate in 2013.

Biss also led a \$10 million federal super political action committee effort in 2016 aimed at trying to link Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner to Donald Trump in an effort to aid state legislative candidates. Pritzker and Madigan were donors to that effort.

Biss sought to stake out his case as the progressive in the contest. "Here's the truth. There's a Pritzker-Madigan wing of the Democratic Party and there's the progressive wing of the Democratic Party that I'm a part of. And I'll work with anybody," Biss said.

But Pritzker contended that an "independent investigation" of Madigan's handling of the complaints "is now going to proceed" and that "everybody up and down the line who is responsible should be held accountable."

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski and Democratic primary challenger Marie Newman traded barbs at their debate Wednesday.

# Lipinski, Newman debate as nation eyes 3rd District race

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski and challenger Marie Newman on Wednesday night traded barbs over social issues and the best way to get things done in Washington in the only debate of a congressional race that's drawn a national spotlight as a stand-in for the Democratic Party's future.

First-time candidate Newman repeatedly criticized the seven-term Lipinski for social positions that she said are too conservative for the 3rd District, which takes in a swath of the Southwest Side bungalow belt and dips deep into the south and southwest suburbs.

"He sponsored (the Religious Freedom Act) because he's anti-LGBTQ, and I'm just going to play that exactly as it is, because he is," Newman said.

Lipinski, a former university professor who succeeded his long-serving father in the congressional seat, cast himself as the pragmatist who takes com-

mon-sense positions for constituents who want him to get things done.

"A lot of things that Ms. Newman talks about, she plays that somehow it's going to magically happen," he said. "What we need to do is sit down and work out some compromise."

The forum at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills was packed as a crowd that the League of Women Voters pegged at 568 people cheered, booed and shouted back at the candidates as they answered questions submitted via email ahead of time and on slips of paper at the event.

The format discouraged direct back-and-forth between the two, with a moderator giving each a chance to respond to the same question before moving on to the next one. Nonetheless, there were several moments of testiness.

After getting a question about marijuana legalization, Lipinski said he was "looking forward to getting to questions relating to

people's everyday life here and the bread-and-butter issues that most people in the 3rd District are concerned about."

The contest is getting wider-than-usual attention in part because Newman's attack on Lipinski's positions against abortion rights and his votes against the Affordable Care Act and the DREAM Act to protect young undocumented immigrants come at a time of broader polarization within the party. Progressives, emboldened by Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders' strong showing in the 2016 Democratic presidential race, are seeking to push the party to the left.

Service Employees International Union Local 1 has thrown its support to Newman, who has pledged to work for a \$15 minimum wage. She's also drawn headlines for endorsements from New York U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and feminist icon Gloria Steinem. U.S. Reps. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston and Luis Gutierrez of Chicago took the unusual step

of backing a challenger to one of their local Democratic colleagues.

The Illinois AFL-CIO is backing Lipinski, as is the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31, the United Steelworkers and various labor organizations representing transportation workers, a reflection of his status as the longest-serving Illinoisan on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The district is solidly blue, and the winner of the Democratic primary election has long been seen as the overwhelming front-runner to win the seat.

This year that might be even more true than usual. The only candidate on the GOP primary ballot is Holocaust denier Arthur J. Jones of Lyons, who the Illinois Republican Party chairman has disavowed. Jones attended the Lipinski-Newman forum on Wednesday, standing near the back wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat.

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# McCarthy remarks on McDonald case evolve

Former top cop now says City Hall stalled on shooting

BY HAL DARDICK  
Chicago Tribune

Potential challenger Garry McCarthy is sharpening his criticism of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, accusing City Hall of a "cover-up" in the Laquan McDonald police shooting case and a subsequent "witch hunt" against Chicago's cops.

McCarthy stopped short of accusing Emanuel himself, but the former top cop's latest remarks also don't square with previous comments he's made about the McDonald case, which happened when McCarthy was police superintendent.

Emanuel fired McCarthy in December 2015, a week after the administration complied with a judge's order to release a police

dashcam video showing white police Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting black teen McDonald. Van Dyke was charged with murder the same day as the video's release more than a year after the shooting occurred, leading to weeks of street protests, accusations of a cover-up and calls for Emanuel's resignation.

During a Tuesday night interview on WTTW's "Chicago Tonight," when asked if he believed he was the victim of a witch hunt, McCarthy said, "Maybe. ... The simple fact is, I was allowed by law to take one action in the Van Dyke case, and that was to put him on paid desk duty. The entirety of that cover-up occurred at City Hall."

McCarthy went on to mention the city's resistance to releasing the McDonald video, which it did only under court order after fighting it on the

grounds that its release should wait until after the completion of an ongoing criminal investigation.

"I believe the video was not released, and the circumstances of that video not being released, was purposely done for political reasons," McCarthy said — an oblique reference to Emanuel critics who contend he put it off until after the 2015 mayoral election.

But in April 2015 — seven months before a judge ordered Emanuel to release the McDonald video — then-Superintendent McCarthy said he backed releasing dashcam footage of the shooting, but only after ongoing investigations had concluded. That's similar to the arguments Emanuel's City Hall attorneys made.

"We're not going to release or do anything that's going to compromise that investigation," McCarthy said of the McDonald

shooting video in April 2015.

McCarthy also previously has said Emanuel was not involved in the handling of the video. "The mayor was not in control of what was happening with that video," said McCarthy during a September 2016 City Club of Chicago speech.

At that event, McCarthy went on to say that it was the city's former top attorney, Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton, who made decisions about the video's release. "If I was asked, and I was not, I would have recommended not releasing the Laquan McDonald video for no other reason than we don't release evidence in a criminal investigation," McCarthy said then.

Emanuel campaign spokesman Pete Giangreco said the inconsistency in McCarthy's comments showed a difference between "Garry McCarthy the

former police commander" and "Garry McCarthy the politician."

During Tuesday's interview, McCarthy also stood by comments he made at a recent fundraiser regarding middle-class African-Americans leaving Chicago.

"You know which blacks we're losing? We're losing the middle-class taxpayers who can afford to get out from the South and the West Side," McCarthy said at the Northwest Side event. "Who is being left behind? It's the trigger pullers. So, what type of toxic soup is being created on the South and the West Side?"

Those comments brought condemnation from some African-American aldermen, including some Emanuel allies. McCarthy, who has said he'll decide in the coming weeks whether to launch a campaign against Emanuel in the February 2019 election,

tried to clarify those remarks during the TV interview.

"I didn't say there weren't good people on the South and West Side, but what's happening is ... I'm going to talk about issues, and then I'm going to get a personal attack," McCarthy said. "And it may not come directly from the opposition, but it will come from people who are serving that master, if you will."

Ald. Jason Ervin, the African-American alderman of the 28th Ward, issued a news release Wednesday condemning McCarthy's remarks as "racist."

"The comments made about African-American communities are disgusting, and have no place in the city of Chicago," said Ervin, an Emanuel ally. "Serving my master? What a disgusting, degrading thing to say."

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# Homeless man's death leaves feral cat colony

Cats, from Page 1

Leona Sepulveda, who visited Garcia regularly, made the box shelters with her brother, Robert, and mother, Maria, out of wood, straw and pink yoga mats.

"We're here to take care of what mattered most to him in life," Sepulveda said. "It's the kitties."

## 'He wasn't hurting anybody'

Little is known about Garcia, 64, beyond his decade in the alley. Neighbors said he emigrated from Mexico. He was friendly, liked to sing and was protective and loving toward his cats, particularly a white and gray spotted cat named Lorena, those who knew him said.

**"He always seemed like a kindhearted person whose No. 1 concern in life is his cats."**

— Leona Sepulveda, a friend of Antonio Garcia's

Garcia's home was located between several businesses in a small alley that resembles a courtyard. His friends asked that the exact location not be published, to protect the cats.

One photo shows blue armchairs next to what appear to be lush house plants in the alley. Garcia would decorate, placing a snow-

man and a Valentine's Day bear atop his furniture. At the time of his death, Garcia had a lawn chair with an American flag pillow in the alley.

His shack was crudely made from mattresses and wood, and he hung a plastic skull on a tree overhead. His friend Janet O'Brien, who works in the area, said it was meant to ward off spirits.

Last autumn, one friend wondered whether Garcia was falling ill, as the leaves piled up and his furniture wasn't kept as neat as usual. Another noticed he had been losing weight. In Garcia's autopsy, the medical examiner noted he weighed 110 pounds.

One businessman who has worked in an adjacent building since the mid-1980s said Garcia was



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Leona Sepulveda and her brother, Robert Sepulveda, have created "condos" for the cats living in an alley near their home — cats once cared for by the late Antonio Garcia.

able to stay in his spot by keeping a low profile. Some employees who walked past him on the street didn't even realize he lived behind their shop, said the man, who asked not to be identified.

The man's business allowed Garcia access to external electrical outlets and laid down one rule: no fires. Otherwise, the man said, there was no problem.

"He wasn't hurting anybody," he said.

O'Brien said Garcia never wanted to burden anyone. His priority was the cats.

When O'Brien brought food, Garcia told her, "My babies are waiting for you. They're hungry," she recalled.

"He never said he was hungry, ever," she added.

## Unlikely friendship

Sepulveda said she met Garcia about a year and a half ago when she was out for a walk with her infant daughter and followed one of his cats into the alley. There, she was surprised to come across Garcia, who introduced himself.

On the surface, Sepulveda and Garcia make for an unlikely friendship. Sepulveda, a former contestant on the TV show "The Bachelor," previously worked at an animal welfare agency. She bonded with Garcia over their shared love of animals.

Even though her family expressed concern about her befriending a homeless man in an alley, Sepulveda said she kept returning. She would give her husband's old clothes to Garcia and sometimes brought rotisserie chicken, beer and cat food, she said.

"I never got any bad vibes or intentions coming from him," Sepulveda said. "In conversation, he always seemed like a kindhearted person whose No. 1 concern in life is his cats."

Once, Sepulveda recalled, Garcia had a gift to give. It was a stuffed lemur for her daughter. Garcia was quick to reassure her the stuffed animal was clean. Today, the gift is still with her daughter's other toys.

Sepulveda said she would worry if she went too long without seeing Garcia in the alley. But she reassured herself that he would be back.

"He wouldn't leave his cats," she said.



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Feral cats hang out in September 2016 in the alley where Antonio Garcia froze to death last month.



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Police found Antonio Garcia's frozen body last month in a makeshift shelter in an alley in the West Town area.

## Antonio's friends

Cynthia Doepke said she was walking home one night when she looked over and saw "four little cats" staring back.

An experienced animal rescue worker, Doepke said she had questions about the felines. Whom did they belong to? Were they let out by owners, or wild like squirrels?

When someone told her more than 30 cats lived in the alley, her jaw dropped, Doepke said.

None of the cats were fixed. Most street kittens don't survive, but every now and then, they grow up and have little cats of their own, creating an endless cycle.

"It can easily, as this was very clear, get out of control," Doepke said.

Doepke linked up with a humane society to help trap, neuter and return the animals and raised money online to help the animals.

Garcia didn't want to lose the cats' company and initially resisted efforts to spay the animals, but he relented when he realized the cats would be returned, said Liz Houtz, who at the time worked for an animal wel-

fare agency.

One particular visit to retrieve animals sticks with Houtz. They had captured a mama cat after she birthed a litter. The workers returned for the babies, who would die if left out without their mother.

Garcia was asleep with five kittens snuggled up beside him. He hesitated before handing the kittens over one by one.

"It was hard, but he put their happiness first," Doepke recalled.

Now that Garcia is gone, she's again raising money on youcaring.com to help care for the cats. Sepulveda plans to install two more shelters.

The sign remains, declaring that the feral cat colony is maintained by "Antonio's Friends" with a phone number for anyone with questions or concerns.

Meanwhile, the cats Garcia loved still pop in and out of the condos. His memory remains where the felines play.

"He was loved," Doepke said. "We mourned him. He is remembered."

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# Democrats move toward licensing gun stores

Opponents contend federal standards are sufficient, businesses would suffer

By **MONIQUE GARCIA**  
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — Gun control advocates are renewing their push to require Illinois firearm stores to get state licenses, saying federal regulations do not go far enough to ensure sales are handled properly.

Legislation to license dealers cleared the state Senate last year, but stalled in the House amid fierce opposition from gun rights groups. They contend that licensing would drive up the price of purchasing a firearm by as much as \$300. Democrats in the Senate are hoping to calm those fears,

advancing companion legislation on Wednesday to limit the cost of licensing fees to \$1,000 for a five-year period.

Lawmakers are revisiting the measure in the wake of last week's shooting in Parkland, Fla., in which 17 people were killed and others wounded by an attacker with an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. Some lawmakers are calling for an outright ban on those weapons to try to curb mass shootings, an effort that has repeatedly failed in Illinois. But supporters of the licensing bill say the more widespread crisis is handgun violence that's perme-

ated communities on the city's South and West sides.

"We react, as we should, when there is a horrific mass shooting, but every day in my district and across the Chicagoland area, young people are dying from gun violence. I would like to do something to try to stop that," said sponsoring state Sen. Don Harmon, D-Oak Park.

Harmon said the effort represented a "more sensible, holistic" approach rather than going after narrower issues raised in the direct aftermath of a tragedy. For instance, lawmakers tried and failed to pass a measure to ban bump stocks following the mass shooting in Las Vegas last year, in which the gunman used the devices to accel-

erate the rate of fire on several semi-automatic rifles.

"I don't know if anyone in this legislature had heard about bump stocks until Las Vegas, and I don't think bump stocks were the root of that problem," Harmon said. "I would certainly vote to prohibit them, but it's a superficial response to a very particular episode and we all too often fight the last war instead of trying to solve the real, underlying problem."

Opponents argue that gun sellers are licensed by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which requires background checks. Todd Vandermyde, a former lobbyist for the NRA who now represents a group of gun dealers called the Federal

Firearms Licensees of Illinois, said the state measure could prove expensive for mom and pop shops.

"We already have a federal licensing standard and we think it works reasonably well," he said.

Under the state proposal, anyone who sells, leases or transfers firearms would have to be licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Dealers and their employees would have to undergo training to make sure they know how to properly conduct background checks, store guns, prevent thefts and thwart straw purchases, in which someone buys a gun on behalf of someone who is barred from doing so.

All retailers applying for

a license must pass inspection and receive written approval from their local sheriff, and all employees will be required to have a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card and pass the same background checks as those looking to purchase a gun.

Shops would also be required to have a working surveillance system in place by Jan. 1, 2021. Stores where firearms make up less than 20 percent of sales would be exempt from the new rules.

The measure passed on a 11-5 party line vote, with Republicans voting against it. It now heads to the full Senate for consideration, which could come as early as next week.

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## Students urge action on guns with walkouts

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enrollment.

One of the organizers, 17-year-old senior Mina Mazeikis, said that for years, students have practiced hiding in their classrooms in case of a shooting, but that "kids always ask, is this really going to help? How is this going to keep us safe?"

The local walkouts came one week after the shooting at the Parkland, Fla., high school, in which 17 people were killed by an attacker who used an AR-15 semi-automatic-style rifle. Chicago-area students demonstrated as survivors of the Florida shooting traveled to the state capital, Tallahassee, by bus to confront legislators about the need for new gun controls. Since the shooting, survivors have been highly critical of politicians' response to the tragedy.

On Wednesday, President Donald Trump met with students and parents affected by school shootings for a "listening session" at the White House on how to make America's schools safer from gun violence. Trump solicited suggestions from the group and pledged action on background checks. "We don't want others to go through the kind of pain you've been through," he said.

The student-led movement against gun violence shows no signs of abating, with several more walkouts and marches planned for the next two months across the country.

A branch of the Women's March called Youth EMPOWER is calling for students, teachers and school administrators to take part in a #NationalSchoolWalkout at 10 a.m. March 14 in every time zone for 17 minutes — one minute for every person killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School — to call for congressional action to stop gun violence, according to the group's website.

A separate national high school walkout is planned for April 20 — the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting in Colorado.

And on March 24, students, parents and gun control advocates plan to take to the streets of Washington, D.C., in what organizers are calling the March for Our Lives. Sister marches are planned for cities across the country, including Chicago.

Students in Chicago and its suburbs say they also plan to demand change through other efforts. Students at Maine East High School in Park Ridge are wearing red in the days after the shooting and writing letters of support and encouragement to the students of Stoneman Douglas. Schools from Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart in Chicago to York Community High School in Elmhurst are engaging in letter-writing campaigns to politicians to lobby for stricter gun control laws.

"The students now are kind of taking over and making the change," said

Melanie Falco, a 17-year-old senior at York, where students from the Empower club met Tuesday to brainstorm ways of doing their part to ensure that the Parkland tragedy does not become just another example on a list of school shootings.

And at Maine West High School in Des Plaines, AP government teacher Dan Fouts has turned his classroom into a simulation of the Senate Judiciary Committee considering a gun control bill. The activity, prompted by the many students coming in early and staying after class to learn more about gun laws, was designed to help students explore why it is so hard for our society to agree on gun issues, Fouts said.

"As a teacher, I feel more like I'm orchestrating their energies rather than trying to motivate them to care in the first place," Fouts said.

Meanwhile, area educators said they are trying to strike a delicate balance: offering support and encouragement for high schoolers' civic motivation to make a difference, while also reining in impulsive movements in the interest of safety.

In high school districts where the walkouts took place, faculty and staff have had to act fast to get a handle on what students were planning and then put safeguards in place for the demonstrations. Schools did not plan to discipline students for peaceful walkouts, officials said.

While school districts stopped short of planning or promoting the walkouts, many advised faculty and staff to allow high school students to walk out peacefully. One elementary school district, North Shore School District 112, sent a letter home to parents Wednesday explaining that its kindergarten through eighth-grade students would be given an excused absence if parents wished for their students to participate in the walkout March 14.

Other districts had to react quickly to Wednesday's walkouts.

"It really came up kind of quickly that students were going to participate in this," said Carol Smith, spokesperson for St. Charles District 303, where 25 students at St. Charles North and



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Schaumburg High School student Sydney Holmberg holds a poster memorializing slain Marjory Stoneman Douglas student Cara Loughran during a walkout Wednesday.

nearly 200 students at St. Charles East walked out Wednesday. "We wanted to encourage them and make it available to them, but we didn't want to interrupt the education of the day."

Outside Oak Park and River Forest High School, security staff, school administrators and Oak Park police officers were on scene to monitor the rally and helped guide the students during the march. Several parents waited outside the school to show support for the students.

"They're taking the lead, and we're just here to have their backs," said Steve Krasinsky, who has children in middle school.

Students at Brooks and Julian middle schools in Oak Park also were allowed to participate in the walkouts, according to a letter from Brooks Principal April Capuder. About 500 middle school students participated in the peaceful demonstration, the district said.

Drew McGuire, assistant principal of activities at York, attended the after-school brainstorming meeting at his school Tuesday in which students agreed to plan a get-out-the-vote drive for students who can vote and also to make plans to join the national walkouts. He reminded students to educate themselves on the issues and to communicate with administrators about their intentions.

"You guys are the generation that is going to make some sort of change if change is going to happen," McGuire said. "We want to support you in that, but we also want to make sure you're safe."

At Naperville Central, senior Ben Russell has been tapping social media to get the word out about a Walkout For Gun Control at the

Naperville District 203 high school scheduled for April 20. "I don't know if one school walkout can change things," Russell said. But if leaders see students across the country working together, the message will be clear. Russell, 17, said he came up with the idea of

hosting a walkout at Naperville Central after seeing what was being planned elsewhere.

Julie Webber, a professor of politics at Illinois State University and author of "Beyond Columbine: School Violence and the Virtual," said today's stu-

dents are part of a generation known for its willingness to take control of issues affecting their futures.

In the absence of visible action from political leaders, "the students have stood up and said, 'We'll be the leaders then,'" said Webber, who studies mass shootings in civil society.

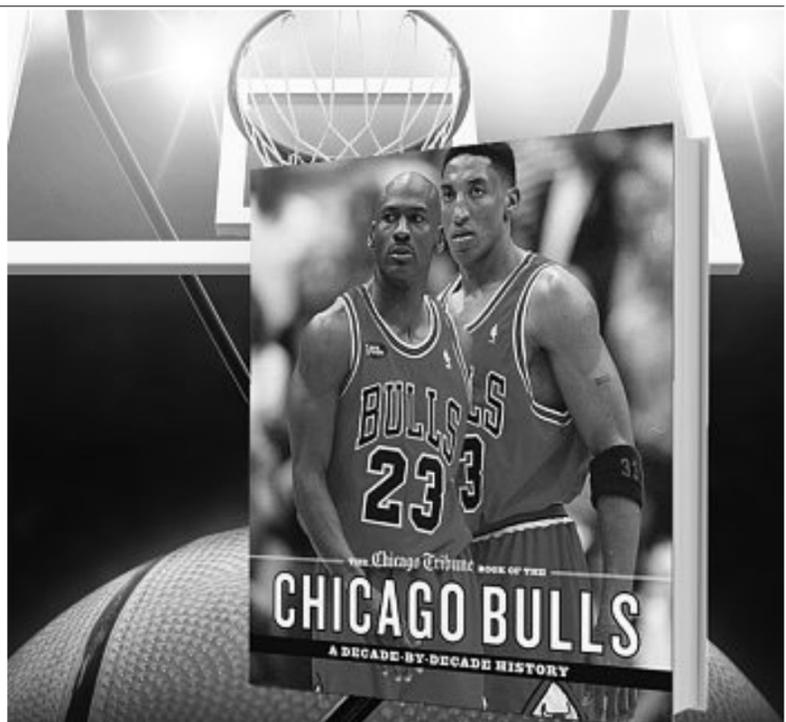
"This generation, I see, as very rational, altruistic, self-effacing. They just want problems solved. For them, it's a matter of survival," Webber said. "I'm inspired by them. We should all be inspired by them."

Kailyn Loureiro, an 18-year-old student at Schaumburg High School, said adults should no longer be surprised to see political action from people her age.

"They don't expect high schoolers to stand up to something like this," she said. "But if anyone is going to be the change, it's going to be us. In the next few years, we're going to be the adults."

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## NATION & WORLD

# Rebel hospitals awash in blood

Syrian airstrikes overwhelm doctors outside Damascus

BY PHILIP ISSA  
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Associated Press

BEIRUT — Doctors in Syria's rebel-controlled suburbs of Damascus said Wednesday that they were unable to keep up with the staggering number of casualties, amid a ferocious bombing campaign by government forces that has targeted hospitals, apartment blocks and other civilian sites, killing and wounding hundreds of people in recent days.

The bombardment has forced many among the nearly 400,000 residents to sleep in basements and makeshift shelters, and has overwhelmed rescue workers who have spent days digging out survivors from the wreckage of buildings.

Dr. Waleed Awata described a chaotic scene at the small hospital where he works as an anesthesiologist in the town of Zamalka, one of a cluster of settlements that make up the Damascus suburbs known as eastern Ghouta. The facility, with 17 beds, received 82 patients Tuesday night alone, he said.

"We had to give them IVs and treat them on the floor," Awata, 44, said.

The hospital was struck Tuesday by barrel bombs — crude, explosives-filled oil drums dropped from helicopters — as well as sporadic artillery fire, Awata said.

Like many hospitals in the area, patients had been moved into the basement to shield them from airstrikes.



Wounded Syrian kids receive treatment at a makeshift hospital in Kafr Batna amid a siege of the eastern Ghouta region.

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No one was hurt, but the hospital's generator, water tanks and several ambulances were damaged.

Another doctor said he, too, was at the hospital where he works in the town of Saqba when it came under attack Tuesday, killing some of the patients and forcing others to be moved to nearby homes because the airstrikes made it too dangerous to take them to other hospitals.

"By God, I am exhausted in every sense of the word," said the physician, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared for the safety of relatives in

government-controlled areas of Damascus.

The international medical organization Doctors Without Borders said 13 hospitals and clinics that it supports have been damaged or destroyed over the past three days.

The International Committee of the Red Cross called for immediate access to tend to the wounded, saying medical personnel in the rebel-held areas were unable to cope amid shortages of medicines and supplies.

Syrian government forces supported by Russian aircraft have shown no

signs of letting up their aerial and artillery assault on eastern Ghouta since they stepped up strikes late Sunday as part of a new, determined push to recapture the territory that has been controlled by rebels since 2012.

The U.N. human rights office said Wednesday that at least 346 people had been killed in eastern Ghouta since the Syrian government and its allies escalated their offensive on the region Feb. 4.

At least 92 of those deaths occurred in just one 13-hour period Monday, it said, adding that the toll was

far from comprehensive, documented in the midst of chaos and destruction. Another 878 people have been wounded, mostly in airstrikes hitting residential areas.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which closely monitors the fighting through activists on the ground, said at least 300 people have been killed since Sunday night. The dead included 10 people killed in a new wave of strikes Wednesday on the town of Kafr Batna.

The opposition's Syrian Civil Defense search-and-rescue group, also known as

the White Helmets, reported similar numbers, saying government forces targeted the town with airstrikes, artillery fire and barrel bombs.

Photos and video posted by the Syrian Civil Defense and local activist groups showed scenes resembling the aftermath of an earthquake in Kafr Batna.

In one video, workers were seen carrying away a man, his hair and clothes covered in dust and debris, blood running down his face. Sirens wailed in the background and people screamed in panic.

The U.N.'s regional humanitarian coordinator for Syria, Panos Moutziz, said he was "alarmed" by the number of casualties.

"Ghouta is a 10-mile drive from the hospitals in Damascus, and it's heartbreaking to think of children, women, and elderly who are in need, unable to be evacuated, and in a situation of fear," he said by phone from Amman, Jordan.

Rebels in eastern Ghouta retaliated by sending mortar shells crashing Wednesday into Damascus, seat of President Bashar Assad's power.

The Russian military is again supporting Assad's forces as it did in the all-out assault on the rebel-held half of Syria's largest city, Aleppo, in late 2016.

On Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, rejected allegations from the U.S. and others that the Russian military shares responsibility, along with Assad's forces, for civilian casualties in eastern Ghouta, calling such claims "unfounded."

## Netanyahu confidant might testify for state

Israeli media report deal with former minister

BY IAN DEITCH  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Now that one of Benjamin Netanyahu's closest confidants has turned state's witness, according to Israeli media reports Wednesday, it may mark a turning point for the beleaguered prime minister facing a slew of corruption allegations that could topple him from power.

The testimony by Shlomo Filber, a long-time Netanyahu aide, is the latest in a dizzying series of developments and scandals that have engulfed the prime minister, his family and his inner circle.

Police would not confirm whether Filber would testify against Netanyahu, but all the major Israeli media outlets said a deal to do so had been reached.

Aluf Benn, editor-in-chief of the Haaretz daily, wrote Wednesday that "these are the final days of Benjamin Netanyahu's rule" and that "Netanyahu's leadership has been dealt a harsh blow, apparently a mortal one."

Filber, the former director of the Communications Ministry under Netanyahu, is under arrest on suspicion of promoting regulation worth hundreds of millions of dollars to Israel's Bezeq telecom company. In return, Bezeq's popular news site, Walla, allegedly provided favorable coverage of Netanyahu and his family.

The reports came shortly after another bombshell allegation that a different Netanyahu confidant attempted to bribe a judge in exchange for dropping a corruption case against Netanyahu's wife. Nir Hefetz, a longtime media adviser to Netanyahu



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Israeli media say a former minister has turned state's witness against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

and his family, remains in custody.

The minister, who held the communications portfolio until last year, has not yet been named a suspect, though he may soon be questioned. Netanyahu has denied all the charges, calling them part of a media-orchestrated witch hunt that has swept up the police and prosecution as well, and has vowed to carry on.

Still, the string of accusations appears to be taking its toll.

Senior Cabinet ministers from Netanyahu's ruling Likud party, who until just recently have marched out dutifully to defend him, have largely gone silent. Netanyahu himself appeared ashen in a video released late Tuesday calling the claims "total madness."

Netanyahu projected business as usual on Wednesday evening.

At a gathering of Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, he spoke about Israel's diplomatic and technological successes as well as regional developments and the threat of "Iran's aggression." He made no mention of his domestic woes in the speech to major American Jewish organizations.

Former Prime Minister Ehud Barak, a bitter rival of Netanyahu, told Channel 10 TV "there is no way back" for the premier. "This chapter in the political history of Israel is about

to end," he said.

Barak said he knows Netanyahu and believes he "understands that this is the end of the story" but will try and postpone the inevitable in different ways.

Other leading Israeli columnists on Wednesday suggested that if Filber told all he knew, Netanyahu was probably more worried about avoiding prison than staying in office.

"When so many dark clouds accumulate in the sky, the chances of rain increase," wrote Nahum Barnea in Yediot Ahronot. "His appearance lent the fight he is waging the dimensions of a Shakespearean tragedy. This isn't the end. It isn't even the beginning of the end. But it cannot have a different end."

Filber is one of the closest people to Netanyahu, a loyal aide dating back to when Netanyahu first took office in 1996. Netanyahu's former chief of staff Ari Harow has also signed a state witness settlement in which he agreed to testify against his former mentor. The collapse of Netanyahu's inner circle has spawned rampant speculation that he may step down in return for a deal that offers him amnesty.

Avi Gabbay, head of Labor Party, said he was preparing for elections.

"The Netanyahu era is over," he said.

## Democrats seek \$300M for FBI to fight meddling

BY ED O'KEEFE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Top Democrats are calling on Congress to give the FBI \$300 million to fight potential foreign interference in this year's midterm elections, a request that comes just days after the Justice Department indicted Russians for meddling in the 2016 presidential contest.

The letter from House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and top Democrats on the House and Senate appropriations committees calls on Republicans to provide the funding as part of "a robust and urgent response" to the Russian government's attempts to interfere in American elections.

"Congress must respond immediately to attacks on our democracy by a foreign adversary," the Democrats wrote. "We urge you to join us in vigorously combating efforts to sow discord in our country and support our state and local officials with the critical resources they need to protect our election systems."

Democrats say they are seeking \$300 million more for resources and labor to counter foreign influence operations in the United States, "especially Russian operatives operating on our social media platforms." They also call for an unspecified but "substantial" increase in funding for the Department of Homeland Security and the Election Assistance Commission's work with state and local governments to bolster the security of election infrastructure, including voter databases and voting machines.

A massive spending bill is set to be passed by March 23, when current government spending expires. A temporary spending bill passed last month set the



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Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Chuck Schumer say "Congress must respond immediately to attacks on our democracy."

spending levels that House and Senate appropriators are now working to fulfill. The omnibus spending bill is set to be the only significant must-pass bill to clear Congress early this year.

The figure sought by Democrats was requested in consultation with FBI leadership, according to senior aides familiar with their talks who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the deliberations. One of the senior aides called the issue "a sense of urgency" that has been especially neglected by House Republicans, who have yet to hold hearings on potential election interference.

The Justice Department announced a sweeping indictment of a notorious Russian group of internet trolls last week, charging 13 individuals and three companies with a long-running scheme to criminally interfere with the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Russia's Internet Research Agency was named in the indictment as the hub of an ambitious effort to trick Americans online into following and promoting Russian-fed propaganda that pushed 2016 voters toward then-Republican candidate Donald Trump and away from Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump has mostly stewed on Twitter about

the indictments and seized on statements by top Justice Department officials to claim that the indictments did not prove any "collusion" between his campaign and Russian figures. But he has said or done nothing to denounce the Russian interference.

On Wednesday, Trump again attacked his predecessor, suggesting former President Barack Obama should have done more to prevent Russian election meddling.

Posting on Twitter, Trump wrote: "Question: If all of the Russian meddling took place during the Obama Administration, right up to January 20th, why aren't they the subject of the investigation? Why didn't Obama do something about the meddling?"

Trump also took a swipe at his attorney general, initially misspelling his name. He said: "Why aren't Dem crimes under investigation? Ask Jeff Session!"

Trump later sent out an updated version of the tweet with the correct spelling of Sessions' name.

Overall, House Democrats want the federal government to approve more than \$1 billion to help states improve ballot security, part of a set of measures they say are necessary to mitigate foreign interference in future election cycles.

# Survivors urge action on guns

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and buy a weapon of war?"

The accused 19-year-old shooter, a former student, had legally bought his AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and ammunition.

Zeif, referring to past school massacres, asked, "How have we not stopped this? After Columbine? After Sandy Hook? I'm sitting with a mother that lost her son" — he reached to touch Nicole Hockley, whose 6-year-old son Dylan was killed in the Sandy Hook kindergarten, in Newtown, Conn., in 2012 — "and it's still happening."

He closed by saying, "We need to do something, and that's why we're here."

In the rawness of their grief, a dozen survivors of the shooting at Stoneman Douglas wept and searched for answers.

Years after their children were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School and Columbine High School, several parents served as reluctant experts in the policy options available to the president — and the disappointments of getting consensus on gun policy.

Attendees took turns making points, often at odds with one another over whether to arm teachers or lock up the mentally ill, or on whether it is time to set an age minimum for gun purchases or ban assault weapons.

Hockley, a veteran of gun debates, took issue with the idea of arming schools. One of Pollack's three sons, however, demanded, "We need more firearms on campus."

And Trump disparaged the widespread practice of designating schools as "gun-free zones," saying it suggests to shooters, "Let's go in and let's attack."

The president said that if a coach at Stoneman Douglas had had a firearm in his locker, he would have fired at the shooter and "that

would've been the end of it."

Trump repeatedly referred to the Florida shooter and other mass killers as deranged and he complained, as did a couple parents, about the limits to dealing with people manifesting mental illness.

"Today if you catch somebody you don't know what to do with them," Trump said. "He hasn't committed the crime, but he may very well. And there's no mental institution, there's no place to bring them."

Hockley, along with Darrell Scott, whose daughter Rachel died at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999, seemed to caution the president about speaking in broad, punitive terms about those with mental illness, instead of about supporting programs and treatment that promote wellness.

Hockley at one point appealed to Trump as a parent: "I implore you. Consider your own children. You don't want to be me. No parent does."

Pollack, his voice conveying both anger and sorrow, urged the president to fix security at schools and fight over gun laws later.

But the mayor of Parkland, Christine Hunschofsky, pressed for banning assault weapons. The senior class president at Stoneman Douglas, Julia Cordover, encouraged Trump to follow through on his promise to ban so-called bump stocks that turn legal firearms into virtual machine guns. And Cary Gruber, who attended with his son, a sophomore survivor, urged a higher minimum age for purchasing guns.

"If he's not old enough to go and buy beer," Gruber said, "he should not be able to buy a gun at 18 years old. Please, Mr. Trump."

Trump sat mute through most of the sometimes tearful discussion, listening as the participants tried to



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Andrew Pollack, flanked by his sons, urges President Trump to fix school security Wednesday. Pollack's daughter Meadow was one of 17 people gunned down Feb. 14 in Parkland, Fla.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Trump holds notes during a listening session with students, parents and teachers at the White House.

make sense of the senseless. The televised session seemed to broadcast the president's education on the gun policy even as it bared the societal differences that have stymied solution.

"In addition to what we're going to do about background checks, we're going to go very strong into age, age of purchase, and we're also going to go very strong into the mental health aspects of what's going on," Trump said as he wrapped up the meeting.

Some of those proposals would require a significant about-face for the administration, which has proposed cuts in mental health pro-

grams, for example. Trump's suggestion of a new age restriction for gun purchases would depart from previous pledges to gun rights supporters to oppose new federal restrictions on gun sales.

Republicans in Congress and Trump rolled back an Obama-era regulation that required the Social Security Administration to send records of people receiving benefits for mental illness for inclusion in the background check system.

Meanwhile, in Florida, thousands of students and protesters rallied Wednesday at the state Capitol in Tallahassee to demand that lawmakers curb the sale of

traditional response to other shootings. Though a contested state in presidential elections, Florida has a history as a laboratory of gun-rights legislation pushed by the National Rifle Association.

The state spearheaded efforts to establish concealed-carry permits and a "stand-your-ground" law, which protects citizens who use deadly force if they feel they are in imminent danger. Many state leaders, including GOP Gov. Rick Scott, boast high NRA approval ratings.

On Wednesday night, students, teachers and parents challenged Sen. Marco Rubio about gun control during a CNN town hall in Sunrise, Fla.

One of those confronting Rubio was Frank Guttenberg, whose 14-year-old daughter, Jaime, was killed Feb. 14.

Guttenberg told Rubio, R-Fla., that his comments about the shooting "and those of your president this week have been pathetically weak."

Rubio said that if he believed an assault weapons ban "would have prevented this from happening, I would have supported it."

Guttenberg replied: "That is a weapon of war."

Elsewhere, Democrats voiced outrage over comments that Rep. Claudia Tenney, R-N.Y., made claiming that "so many of these people that commit the mass murders end up being Democrats."

Evan Lukaske, a spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said the comments are "unhinged, shameful and disgusting."

Tenney made the remarks on "Binghamton Now," a talk radio show, as she discussed the Parkland shooting.

Tenney released a statement later: "I will continue to stand up for law-abiding citizens who are smeared by anti-gun liberal elitists."

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# NTSB report finds truck on tracks after warning

Camera on train shows gates down in deadly collision

BY DENISE LAVOIE AND HEIDI BROWN  
Associated Press

CROZET, Va. — Witnesses told investigators that a garbage truck struck by a train carrying Republican congressmen through rural Virginia entered the railroad crossing after the safety gates had come down, the National Transportation Safety Board said in a preliminary report released Wednesday.

The report on the Jan. 31 crash said the probable cause of the accident has not been determined. But it offered some new details about the crash, which killed a trash collector and injured several other people.

The chartered Amtrak train was carrying dozens of GOP lawmakers to an annual retreat in West Virginia.

The NTSB report said data taken from a track image camera on the train showed that as the crossing came into view, the gates were down and the garbage truck was on the crossing.

Preliminary information from the train's onboard recorder indicates that the train was traveling about 61



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The Jan. 31 collision between the train and truck killed trash collector Christopher Foley, 28, who was ejected.

mph when the engineer applied emergency braking.

The train struck the left rear of the truck, causing the truck to rotate counterclockwise and then collide with a railroad signal bungalow next to the tracks.

The two trash collectors were ejected from the truck. One of them, Christopher Foley, 28, was killed, while the other remains hospitalized. The truck's driver received minor injuries.

Three Amtrak crew members and three train

passengers received minor injuries, including Rep. Jason Lewis, R-Minn., who was taken to a hospital to be checked for a concussion.

Three people who live near the railroad crossing said the safety gates, which are designed to come down to warn drivers of approaching trains, were known to frequently malfunction.

The NTSB report said investigators "continue to examine issues related to the highway-railroad grade

crossing."

A spokesman for the NTSB said that as of Wednesday, investigators had not yet interviewed the truck driver.

The Albemarle County Police Department had received reports about the safety gates malfunctioning dating back to 2010. Six people called police between 2010 and 2016 to report problems with the crossing gates, including complaints that they were staying down for an ex-

tended period of time, and that one gate was up while the other was down, according to a response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

CSX Corp. owns the stretch of track where the crash occurred but leases it to Buckingham Branch Railroad, which is responsible for maintaining it.

Boyd McCauley, founder of the trash company, Time Disposal, identified the truck driver as Dana Naylor Jr. He said Naylor, 30, is a

longtime employee who was familiar with the railroad crossing, which is located at an intersection at the top of a hill where visibility is limited.

"Dana had been running that same route for seven years. He crossed that track once a week," McCauley said.

Online court records show that Naylor has a history of motor vehicle infractions dating back to 2008, including driving an uninspected vehicle, failing to display license plates, having an improper exhaust system and failing to wear a seat belt. The infractions appear to be related to maintenance and inspection of his vehicles, not moving violations.

He was also convicted of possession of marijuana in 2011 and resisting arrest in 2009.

McCauley did not immediately return calls Wednesday seeking comment on Naylor's driving record or the NTSB's preliminary report.

In an earlier interview, McCauley said Naylor is devastated by the loss of Foley, who died despite life-saving efforts by several congressmen on the train who are also doctors.

"Survivor's remorse," McCauley said.

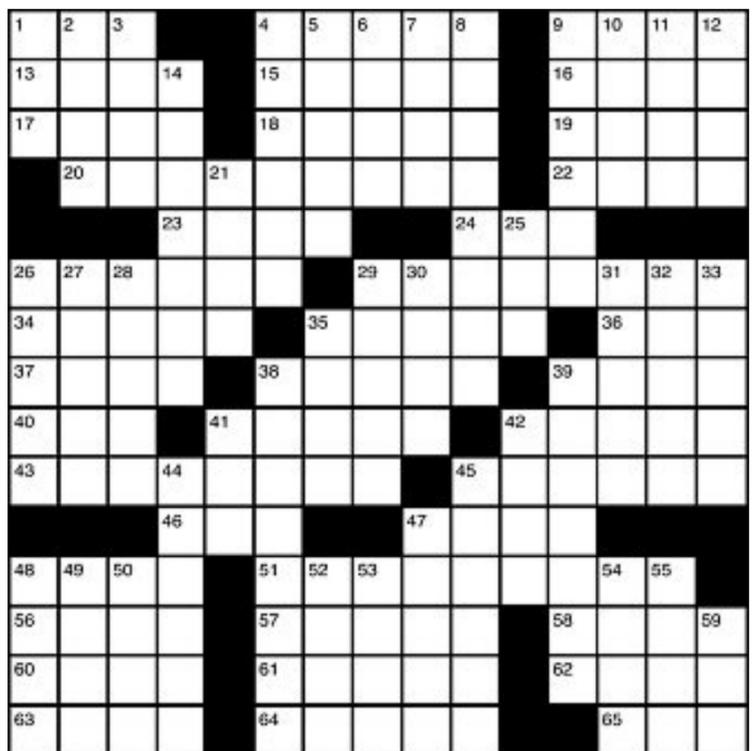
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### Crossword



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- ACROSS**
- 1 French friend
  - 4 Colorful gems
  - 9 Insulting remark
  - 13 Goodman and Cariou
  - 15 Nonconformist
  - 16 Sharpen
  - 17 Craving; yen
  - 18 Major airline
  - 19 Metal bar
  - 20 Unblushing
  - 22 One of the 7 deadly sins
  - 23 Hole averages
  - 24 "\_\_\_ do you do?"
  - 26 Elevator alternative
  - 29 Immature
  - 34 Elephant's nose
  - 35 Hair color
  - 36 Singing pair
  - 37 Ladder step
  - 38 "Nothing \_\_\_!"; firm refusal
  - 39 Sun's ray
  - 40 Performance
  - 41 Mr. Sinatra
  - 42 Sailor's time off
  - 43 Most troublesome
  - 45 Combination of short songs
  - 46 "\_\_\_ a Small World"
  - 47 Repair
  - 48 Takes a bride
- DOWN**
- 1 Ring king
  - 2 New York team
  - 3 Part of a foot
  - 4 Commands
  - 5 Gets ready to eat a banana
  - 6 Up to the task
  - 7 "Why don't we!"
  - 8 Making rough wide cuts
  - 9 Clever
  - 10 Mortgage, e.g.
  - 11 LSU or TCU
  - 12 \_\_\_ on; have confidence in
  - 14 Molding
  - 21 Gospel writer
  - 25 Over-the-hill
  - 26 Shoulder \_\_\_; purse feature

### Solutions



- 27 Cease-fire
- 28 Mom's sisters
- 29 Actor Eastwood
- 30 Sound the horn
- 31 Just right
- 32 Debonair
- 33 Comfortable
- 35 Feathery scarves
- 38 Chests of drawers
- 39 Sheets and blankets
- 41 \_\_\_ to be tied; furious
- 42 Current season
- 44 Mouth, slangily
- 45 Parking \_\_\_; coin devices
- 47 Bishop's hat
- 48 Armed conflicts
- 49 Way out
- 50 Sandwich shop
- 52 Burial site
- 53 Molten rock
- 54 \_\_\_ as a pin
- 55 "Buffalo \_\_\_," won't you..."
- 59 Drink like a dog

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## BILLY GRAHAM 1918-2018

*"He has come to be, with the pope,  
one of the two best-known figures in the Christian world."*

— Martin Marty, a Lutheran pastor and divinity scholar

# Evangelist with staggering reach

He counseled presidents and converted millions to Christianity with a message that cemented evangelism in the mainstream



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BY WILLIAM LOBDELL  
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Los Angeles Times

Billy Graham, the Southern Baptist minister who converted millions worldwide to Christianity with his simple faith and folksy charm and counseled nearly every U.S. president since Harry Truman, died Wednesday. He was 99.

"America's Pastor," as he was dubbed, had suffered from cancer, pneumonia and other ailments and died at his home in Montreat, N.C.

Tributes to Graham poured in from major leaders, with President Donald Trump tweeting: "The GREAT Billy Graham is dead. There was nobody like him! He will be missed by Christians and all religions. A very special man."

Former President Barack Obama said Graham "gave hope and guidance to generations of Americans."

As the most dominant American pastor of the second half of the 20th century, Graham lifted evangelism into the religious mainstream and used the power of his personality to unite the often fractious worldwide evangelical community.

"No one was more important in legitimizing evangelism," said William Martin, one of Graham's biographers. "It's now on equal footing to mainline Protestantism and Catholicism in the U.S."

Graham's reach was staggering. He preached to nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories, according to figures compiled by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and was heard and seen by hundreds of millions more through television and radio, newspaper columns and the Internet. Graham wrote more than two dozen books, including a 1997 best-selling autobiography, "Just as I Am."

Before the Cold War ended, he talked his way behind the Iron Curtain to preach to millions throughout the communist world.

"From an almost hardscrabble early life in North Carolina, the precincts of small Bible colleges and Los Angeles tent revivals, he has come to be, with the pope, one of the two best-known figures in the Christian world," said Martin Marty, a Lutheran pastor and divinity scholar.

More than 70 million copies of his sermons have been distributed worldwide. At the height of his career, he received an average of 10,000 letters a day and 8,500 written requests for speaking engagements a year. Most important to Graham, his staff estimated that during his public appearances, about 3 million people responded to his call to "accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior."

The foundation for evangelist Billy Graham's career, and in many ways his life, was laid during the few years he spent in the Chicago area in his 20s.

Graham was already a committed Christian, a graduate of Florida Bible Institute and an ordained Southern Baptist pastor when he enrolled at Wheaton College in 1940.

While a student at Wheaton College he continued to preach at churches including the United Gospel Tabernacle in Wheaton, Ill. He also met Ruth Bell, a fellow student who grew up in China as the daughter of a Southern Presbyterian missionary.

In 1943, he and Bell graduated from Wheaton and were married. Graham then took the only pastorate of his career, at Western Springs Baptist Church.

A registered Democrat who often seemed more comfortable in the moderate Republican camp, Graham knew 12 presidents and, in his prime, was a fixture at the White House. He spent the last weekend of the Lyndon Johnson presidency there and was the first overnight guest of Richard Nixon after he was sworn into office.

Graham attended or participated in eight presidential inaugurations, but he was also present at the White House during darker days of controversy and scandal. He stayed close to Johnson when the president's popularity plummeted during the Vietnam War and during Watergate publicly supported his longtime friend Nixon far longer than many thought prudent. During the Monica Lewinsky scandal, he quickly and publicly forgave President Bill Clinton and privately counseled Clinton's wife, Hillary, to forgive him as well.

Also close to Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Graham was one of the few people allowed to visit the former president in California after Reagan's descent into Alzheimer's disease. He also developed a close relationship with the Bush family, participating in the family's annual summer retreats in Kennebunkport, Maine, starting when George H.W. Bush was vice president. It was there during meetings with Graham that George W. Bush, the president's eldest son, started to turn his life toward Christianity.

"Billy Graham was a consequential leader. He had a powerful, captivating presence and a keen mind. He was full of kindness and grace. His love for Christ and



HULTON ARCHIVE

The Rev. Billy Graham preaches during a tent revival in the mid-1950s. Graham became famous beginning in the late 1940s thanks to his energetic and folksy style of preaching to thousands of people during revivals in cities across the United States. He was ordained in 1939.



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Former President Bill Clinton joins Graham in New York City in 2005. Graham ministered to several presidents during his career.



DIANA WALKER/LIAISON

Then-President Ronald Reagan stands with Graham during a ceremony honoring immigrants in May 1987 at Ellis Island, N.Y.

his gentle soul helped open hearts to the Word, including mine," former President George W. Bush said. "Laura and I are thankful for the life of Billy Graham, and we send our heartfelt condolences to the Graham family."

Graham's relationships with those in the Oval Office often helped him spread his message around the world in places like South Africa, where he held integrated rallies, in the Soviet Union and in isolated North Korea.

The man, his audiences and his methods evolved since the early days of evangelical crusades, when tents, sawdust and financial "love offerings" were the trademarks.

In those early years, Graham wore suits of bright colors, with loud, wide ties and argyle socks to show that Christianity wasn't dreary. His preaching style was described by biographer Martin as "assault. ... He stalked and sometimes almost ran from one end of the platform to the other. ... He never faltered, never groped for a word, never showed the slightest doubt that what he said was absolutely true."

In later years, Graham toned down his wardrobe and refined his preaching. But the message remained much the same: that because people are innately sinful, they have been separated from God. Yet because Christ died for mankind's sins, they can be forgiven and united with God if they repent and receive Christ as their savior.

After Nixon's election in 1968, Graham grew closer to his longtime friend, and that closeness would bring him considerable embarrassment in 2002, when tapes of a White House meeting from 1972 were released.

On the tapes, Graham was heard agreeing with Nixon that the American media

were dominated by left-wing Jews. And then Graham, in his familiar North Carolina twang, went further:

"Not all the Jews but a lot of the Jews are great friends of mine; they swarm around me and are friendly to me because they know that I'm friendly with Israel. But they don't know how I really feel about what they are doing to this country."

The remarks shocked Graham supporters and Jewish leaders because the preacher was seen as a staunch ally of the Jewish people. In addition to his unflagging support of Israel, Graham protested the treatment of Soviet Jews and chastised his fellow Southern Baptists for singling out Jews for conversion.

When the tapes surfaced, Graham issued a short apology, saying he didn't remember making the comments. When the controversy continued, Graham issued another statement: "I don't ever recall having those feelings about any group, especially the Jews, and I certainly do not have them now. My remarks did not reflect my love for the Jewish people. I humbly ask the Jewish community to reflect on my actions on behalf of Jews over the years that contradict my words in the Oval Office that day."

Ordained in 1939, Graham was never seriously threatened by the ethical and moral troubles that plagued many high-profile evangelists. He set up a system of checks and balances, including an independent board of directors for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, to establish his salary and housing allowance, which was believed to have been well under \$150,000. He also never spent time alone — even for lunch or a ride to the airport — with a woman other than his wife.

Frugality and humility were byproducts

of Graham's childhood, spent on his family's dairy farm near Charlotte, N.C. One of four children born to Morrow Coffey and William Franklin Graham, Billy Frank, as he was known to his family, was born Nov. 7, 1918, and grew up milking Holsteins and working in the fields.

As mass evangelism gained new respect, Graham's name became a household word in the U.S. and abroad. In 1954, his 12-week London crusade brought him international attention. In the decades that followed, record throngs in the world's principal cities responded to the Graham team's well-organized and widely publicized meetings: 2.3 million in New York, 2.6 million in Glasgow, Scotland, and 3.2 million in South Korea, including 1 million at a single meeting in Seoul.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, now based in Charlotte, grew into a powerful worldwide conglomerate that included a radio program, a film production unit, a newspaper column, magazines and television programs.

Graham's wife, Ruth, died in 2007. He is survived by his son William Franklin Graham III; another son, Nelson Edman "Ned" Graham; three daughters, Virginia "Gigi" Graham Foreman, Anne Graham Lotz and Ruth Bell; 19 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jean Ford.

Graham will be buried alongside his wife at the Billy Graham Museum and Library. There was no immediate word on funeral arrangements.

Lobdell and Chandler are former Los Angeles Times staff writers. Former staff writer Larry Stammer and Associated Press contributed.

## BILLY GRAHAM 1918-2018

## Graham had an eye for media

Graham, from Page 1

ing use of mass media including radio, television, magazines and motion pictures only broadened his reach.

Graham died Wednesday at 99 at his home in Montreat, N.C. Wheaton College's president, the Rev. Philip Ryken, said commemorating Graham's significant contributions to Christian ministry for the many generations born after his heyday would remain a long-term commitment of the flagship evangelical institution.

"I think Billy Graham will be regarded as one of the greatest Christian leaders of the 20th century," Ryken said, "and that legacy will last a very long time."

Graham, a native of North Carolina, was already an ordained Southern Baptist pastor and graduate of Florida Bible Institute (now Trinity College of Florida) when he sought a liberal arts education and bachelor's degree at west suburban Wheaton College in 1940.

After hearing the 21-year-old Graham preach in Florida, two members of the Wheaton College board, including the brother of its incoming president, hired Graham as their caddy on a golf course and offered to pay his first year of tuition if he attended the college.

He studied anthropology, which some say expanded his horizons beyond the biblical theology training he already had received.

"It did make him aware in new ways of how societies work, how cultural values are shaped, things he could draw upon, especially as he traveled the world," said Edith Blumhofer, a professor of history at Wheaton College.

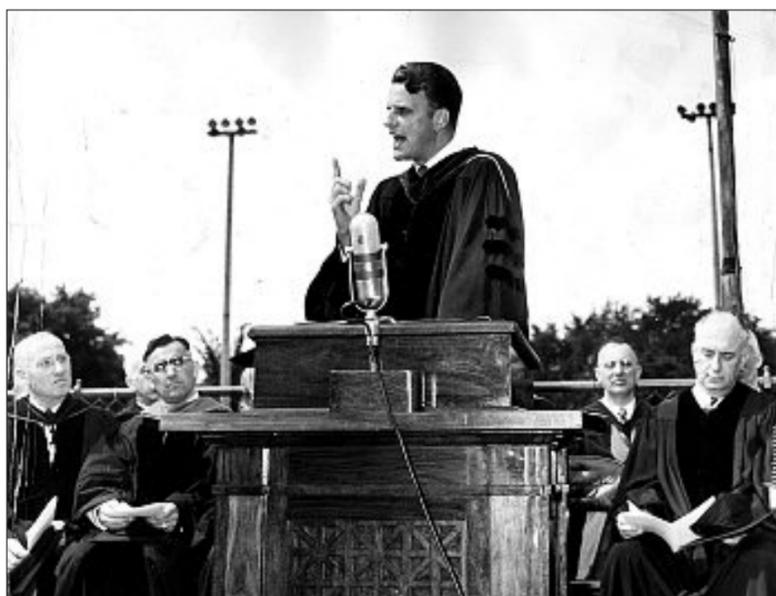
But even more important than the college curriculum were the people he met and walked alongside for decades to come, she said, including his future wife, Ruth Bell, a fellow student and daughter of Presbyterian missionaries.

It wasn't until 1941 that Graham, then a 23-year-old college sophomore, took his place before a congregation. The Wheaton College president at the time, V. Raymond Edman, recommended that Graham replace him in the pulpit of Wheaton's United Gospel Tabernacle. The campus ended up becoming the laboratory where Graham learned to galvanize students, regardless of Christian tradition or denomination, to work for a common cause. He applied the same ecumenical ethos to his later ministry.

"It was where he acquired managerial skills for inspiring and leading or-



A pulpit that IBM built for Billy Graham was shipped to crusades all over the world. It is now on display at Graham's alma mater, Wheaton College.



Graham speaks to Wheaton graduates in 1951, the year his ministry began making films.



Graham's rallies in venues like Soldier Field in Chicago launched him into the spotlight.

ganizations and expressing his ministry, not only by preaching but through other people," said Robert Shuster, who oversees the Billy Graham Center Ar-

chives housed at Wheaton.

In 1943, after Graham and Bell graduated from Wheaton and married, he took a job as pastor of Western Springs Baptist

Church. But both Graham and the congregation quickly figured out that the pastor didn't belong in a stationary pulpit.

"He was not preaching

**"I think Billy Graham will be regarded as one of the greatest Christian leaders of the 20th century."**

— The Rev. Philip Ryken, Wheaton College president

what a pastor would normally preach to a church audience," said one of Graham's former classmates, the late Glyn Evans, in an interview with Shuster for the archive several years ago. "Most pastors preach sermons that are uplifting and designed to enable the Christians to grow deeper in their Christian faith," Evans said. "But when Billy preached, it was as if he was preaching to a group of sinners that didn't know the way, that were looking for the way. And he was there to tell them the way."

It was during his time at Western Springs that Graham walked into Moody Radio's flagship station in Chicago to meet the gospel singer George Beverly Shea, who was involved with the show "Hymns From the Chapel." He invited Shea to help him launch a Sunday late-night radio show titled "Songs in the Night."

The show "lasted for 20 years and ended up being heard by people all over the country," said the Rev. Dean Monkemeier, senior pastor of Western Springs Baptist, now called The Village Church. "How God used Billy Graham was remarkable. We've lost someone of that generation, and I don't think we have anyone like that anymore."

Shea went on to serve as the soloist of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for more than 60 years.

In addition to radio, Gra-

ham became a master of media on multiple platforms. In 1951, he started making movies through World Wide Pictures, a motion picture division of his ministry. In 1956, he founded Christianity Today magazine, now based in Carol Stream, to provide an evangelical voice that didn't lambaste fundamentalism. And in 1957, he launched a nationwide television broadcast on ABC. He later used satellite broadcasts to deliver his messages around the world.

Graham served his alma mater as a trustee from 1963 to 1990. In 1980, the Billy Graham Center opened on Wheaton's campus. Ryken, a high school student then, recalls how Graham preached to a crowd on campus the day of the dedication.

"I was there that day, sitting on a picnic blanket and listening to Dr. Graham preach the Gospel he loved to proclaim — the good news of forgiveness for sin and the free gift of eternal life through the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ," Ryken said. "Like countless others who heard Billy Graham preach, I recommitted my life to Christ."

On Wednesday morning, Maila Kue, a graduate student from Detroit, watched a crew set up photos of Graham in the Wheaton College museum that bears his name. (A special exhibit on his life is set to open Friday.) Earlier that day, she had met someone who had accepted Jesus as his savior at one of Graham's crusades.

"That was surreal for me," said Kue, 26. "This is not just something in a book. This is someone whose life was changed by Billy Graham."

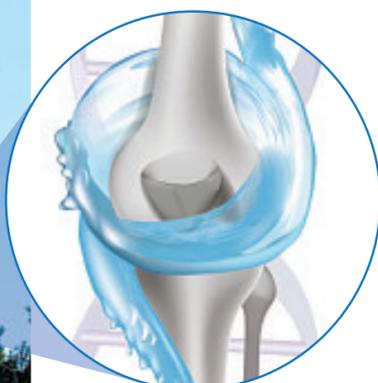
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### New charges indicated against Manafort in Russia probe

WASHINGTON — Court records indicate at least one new charge has been filed under seal in the case against President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman.

The filing indicates a sealed document was entered in Paul Manafort's case. No details such as who it's against or whether it's part of a plea deal are disclosed.

It comes after prosecutors revealed last week that they had uncovered

"additional criminal conduct" that includes "a series of bank frauds and bank fraud conspiracies" related to a mortgage on one of Manafort's properties.

Prosecutors say Manafort obtained the mortgage fraudulently by providing the bank with "doctored profit and loss statements" for his political consulting business that overstated the company's income by "millions of dollars."

### Montenegro: Man dead after tossing grenade at U.S. Embassy

PODGORICA, Montenegro — Montenegro said an attacker threw a grenade at the U.S. Embassy in the capital of the Balkan state then killed himself with another explosive device.

The area was sealed off by police, and the embassy warned Americans to avoid the area because of "an active security situation."

Montenegro said the man hurled the grenade

into the embassy compound around midnight Wednesday and then killed himself. No one else was hurt and there was no major damage.

Montenegro borders the Adriatic Sea in southeastern Europe and its capital is Podgorica. It joined NATO last year.

The U.S. established diplomatic ties with the Balkan state in 2006 after it split from much larger Serbia.

### Panel recommends new adult vaccine against hepatitis B

NEW YORK — A federal advisory panel on Wednesday recommended a new vaccine against hepatitis B.

The vaccine, called Heplisav-B, was licensed for use in the U.S. in November and is the first new hepatitis B vaccine in 25 years. Hepatitis B vaccines have been in childhood shots for decades. But vaccination also is recommended for adults at high risk of infection,

including people who inject drugs, health care workers and jail inmates.

The new vaccine made by Dynavax Technologies is for adults and uses an additive that boosts the body's immune response. It is given in two shots over a month. Experts hope that will improve vaccination rates, because other vaccines are given in a harder-to-complete regimen of three doses over six months.



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**Oversized load:** Kenya Wildlife Service rangers load a tranquilized elephant onto a truck Wednesday during a transfer of elephants to the northern part of Tsavo East National Park. The wildlife service says the park represents the country's largest protected area.

### 50 girls missing from Nigerian town after Boko Haram attack

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — About 50 young women remained missing Wednesday after Boko Haram extremists attacked a village in northern Nigeria that is home to a boarding school for girls, provoking fears that they may have met the same fate as those kidnapped from the town of Chibok nearly four years ago.

Abdullahi Bego, a spokesman for the governor in Yobe state, said authorities had no credible information that those missing from the village of Dapchi were taken by Boko Haram. Some witnesses,

however, recalled seeing young girls being taken by the armed militants who also abducted 276 girls from the school in Chibok in April 2014.

"I share the anguish of all the parents and guardians of the girls that remain unaccounted for," Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari tweeted Wednesday. "I would like to assure them that we are doing all in our power to ensure the safe return of all the girls."

Armed Boko Haram fighters invaded Dapchi on Monday evening, forcing residents, including students of Government Girls

Secondary school, to flee into the bushes.

Police and the state ministry of education had initially denied claims that students were abducted.

In a statement Wednesday, Bego said that more than 50 of the 926 students were still missing. Earlier reports indicated that about 90 were not in class Tuesday, suggesting that some had returned within the past 24 hours.

Aishatu Abdullahi, a student at the school, was among those who escaped on foot and spent the night hiding in an abandoned house.

### Pa. GOP leaders request hold on new election map

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Republican leaders of the Pennsylvania Legislature on Wednesday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block a new congressional district map that is widely considered likely to give Democrats a boost in their quest to capture control of the U.S. House.

House Speaker Mike Turzai and Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati said the state's highest court usurped legislative authority when it issued the new map on Monday, calling it an unprecedented decision.

The challenge adds uncertainty as candidates are

preparing to circulate nominating petitions to get their names on the May primary ballot.

A spokesman for Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf, responding to the filing, said Wolf was "focused on making sure the Department of State is fully complying with the court's order."

### Ford ousts top executive over inappropriate behavior

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. has ousted one of its top executives over allegations of inappropriate behavior.

North America President Raj Nair is leaving the company effective immediately, Ford said in a statement. His replacement has not yet been named.

Ford didn't say what behavior led to Nair's departure. Ford investigated after a recent anonymous complaint about Nair was made to the company's 24-hour hotline.

Nair expressed regret in a statement distributed by Ford.

"There have been instances where I have not exhibited leadership behaviors consistent with the principles that the company and I have always espoused," Nair said.

Nair had served as an executive vice president and head of North America since June 1, 2017.

**A Republican-led** committee wants records related to premium-class flights taken by Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt. House Oversight Chairman Trey Gowdy issued a letter to Pruitt seeking an accounting of all flights over the last year and whether the ticket was coach, business or first class.

**A double-decker bus** ran off the Panamerican Highway and tumbled about 650 feet down a cliff in southern Peru on Wednesday, and police said at least 44 people died. An official said the death toll had risen as officers counted more bodies and worked to rescue survivors. Some were flown to hospitals.

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## EDITORIALS

# For the Democrats, Chris Kennedy

Democratic primary voters on March 20 will choose from six candidates running for governor: a philanthropist, a state senator, an educator, a physician, a businessman and an anti-violence activist. Any candidate merits another title, “politician.” But some carry it better than others.

Today we endorse the Democrat who has stumbled in that role and, in so doing, demonstrated his authentic and independent character. **Chris Kennedy**, chairman of a family investment firm and son of the late Robert F. Kennedy and Ethel Skakel Kennedy, hit the campaign trail without a prepared script. He answers questions bluntly. He can be awkward. To satisfy angry voices within his party, he backtracked after acknowledging that Democrats’ sworn enemy, Gov. Bruce Rauner, should be applauded for speaking truth to power in taking on entrenched Democratic interests (hello there, House Speaker Michael Madigan). We did our own scolding of Kennedy for his over-the-top assertion that Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel wants to drive minorities out of the city through gentrification.

So if you’re choosing a nominee for governor based on conventional campaigning, style points and fealty to party poobahs, Kennedy isn’t your candidate.

**But if you want an anti-establishment governor** who’ll pursue a progressive agenda yet not bow to the Democratic machine, well, Kennedy has done both. He was first to call out Cook County Assessor and county Democratic Party Chairman Joseph Berrios for his clouted, discriminatory property assessment system, and Speaker Madigan for profiting from it. Kennedy rocked the cozy world of valuations and appeals by declaring that, if elected, he’ll seek a ban on elected officials serving as tax appeals lawyers. That’s a dart tossed at Madigan, whose law firm wins assessment reductions for many of Chicago’s most expensive properties.

But there’s much to be said for being first, for being alone, for taking the risk to criticize your party’s oligarchs. Kennedy did that. He’s still doing it. In other ways, he’s conventional — what a half-century ago was called a Kennedy Democrat. We’re the Tribune Editorial Board — frankly, on



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many issues we would disagree with a Gov. Kennedy. He favors a policy agenda that Illinois Democrats have touted but haven’t advanced when they could have: a graduated income tax, an elected school board in Chicago, an increase in the minimum wage.

**Kennedy’s campaign**, though, has been stuck in a very long shadow. Billionaire entrepreneur, investor and philanthropist J.B. Pritzker got an early start, spending at times \$1 million a week on TV ads. Yet

while Pritzker espouses much the same progressive agenda as Kennedy, Pritzker is just fine with the Madigan-Berrios axis; he occasionally offers the mildest of protestations and hurriedly changes the subject. Pritzker is their guy, so they’re his guys.

That Pritzker plays the supplicant in FBI recordings of his conniving conversations with a corrupt governor, Rod Blagojevich, in late 2008 tells the rest of us plenty. It’s not only the words spoken as Pritzker grovels for an appointment to statewide

office. It’s the mutual appreciation, the comfort factor: Pritzker and Blagojevich are two players happy to be arranging which Democrat to stuff into which major office. *No voters need participate. We’ve got this.*

Most troubling in these calls is Pritzker’s descriptions of black pols, from the “least offensive” to the “crass.” It’s common for politicians to talk in shorthand about voting cohorts. But it’s, well, offensive and crass to tacitly isolate African-Americans as a subset to be tossed a bone today so they can be exploited for their votes tomorrow.

Listen to those recordings and ask yourself: Would a Gov. Pritzker be as pliant a “yes man” to Democrats who control the General Assembly as he was pliant to Blagojevich? Yes.

**Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston** is the most liberal of the strongest contenders here. We’ve known him for a decade and, as his commercials explain, he’s a regular guy — provided your definition of regular includes contemplative, witty and smart. We’ve enthusiastically supported him in General Assembly races.

But we’re disappointed now by his pandering, his repudiation of his most impressive achievement: Biss sponsored a pension reform bill in 2013. It was a creative measure, addressing a massive crisis, that needed to pass so judges could assess its constitutionality. The Illinois Supreme Court eventually struck down the law, but Biss had done the right thing for Illinoisans by advancing it. Yet under pressure from organized labor, he now apologizes. Who stole his spine?

Also on the ballot: downstate Regional Schools Superintendent Bob Daiber, anti-violence activist Tio Hardiman and physician Robert Marshall. But only one candidate can advance a Democratic agenda while staying independent of the Democratic machine. That candidate — if not the best politician — is Chris Kennedy. He is endorsed.

As the March 20 Illinois primary approaches, you’ll find the candidates’ answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at [www.chicagotribune.com/candidates](http://www.chicagotribune.com/candidates).

## Illinois Democrats, force Madigan’s hand

It’s proper that House Speaker Michael Madigan acknowledges his failure to be a leader in the fight against sexual harassment and bullying in Illinois government and politics. It’s also stunning, given his clenched grip on power and his reluctance to take responsibility for the state of this state. We can’t remember the last time Madigan publicly displayed such humility.

“Everyone has a right to work without fear of harassment, abuse or retaliation. We haven’t done enough. I take responsibility,” he told his Democratic Party minions.

What comes next?

**Whenever a leader in crisis** pledges to “do better,” that promise comes with an implicit plea for support: *Please, trust me to fix this problem. Or have I squandered my credibility?*

Assessing Madigan’s vulnerability is difficult because he’s such a dominant figure. This is his 48th year in the General Assembly, his 34th year as speaker, his 20th year as chair of the Illinois Democratic Party. How many times has he even faced a serious challenge to his authority? A long line of governors from both major parties thought about taking him on, and a few made meager attempts. Then they caved. The current governor, Republican Bruce Rauner, is the first ever to mount a sustained resistance to Madigan.

Now we are witnessing a political uprising against Madigan by a force he cannot ignore and may not outmaneuver: Female Democratic politicians — at first disappointingly, almost deafeningly quiet — have begun telling Madigan his promises to change the culture in Illinois aren’t enough. State Rep. Kelly Cassidy of Chicago wants an independent investigation of Madigan’s organizations to “rip the Band-Aid off” mistreatment. So does state Sen. Melinda Bush of Grayslake. Other Democrats, some in the thick of the primary campaign, are chiming in. Candidate for governor Chris Kennedy wants Madigan to resign as party chairman. So does Marie Newman, running for Congress against Madigan ally Rep. Dan Lipinski.

Madigan invited this fragging. He has no credibility on this issue. When the #MeToo anti-harassment movement gripped Illinois in the fall, he pushed the General Assembly to pass legislation meant to curb predatory behavior in government. It was an act. At the same time he was promoting respect, safety and equality, he learned that one of his political aides, Kevin Quinn, allegedly had been harassing a campaign



SCOTT STANTIS

worker. Yet instead of firing Quinn, Madigan asked his lawyer to investigate and sat on the findings — until the Tribune was about to report on the matter. Then he fired Quinn.

Days later, Madigan cut ties with a second confidante, identified in news reports as lobbyist and high-ranking Madigan campaign staffer Shaw DeCremer. Madigan chose to describe the deposed aide as a “volunteer,” as if DeCremer were some anonymous figure distributing leaflets on the Southwest Side.

Madigan won’t give up control without a fight. He appeared to acquiesce Monday to calls for an independent investigation, but then said his own designated outside attorney

would “assist.” That’s not independent. And it fools no one.

Don’t look to Madigan to be an agent of change. His obsession is power politics. If only we’d also heard him say he must “do better” to balance the state budget, to solve the public pension crisis he helped create, to help employers and make Illinois a magnet for jobs.

No, Madigan is an effective advocate only for his own interests. We’ve called repeatedly for him and his Springfield partner, Chicago Democrat and Senate President John Cullerton, to step out of leadership. Like former Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, they should make way for fresh talent.

**It’s on other Illinois Democrats** — his caucus members, other officeholders but also voters — to force Madigan’s hand. At minimum here must be an independent investigation of his legislative offices and political operations to detail precisely how he handled allegations of harassment and bullying. Beyond that, Democrats have to decide whether, for the good and reputation of their party and the legislature, Madigan should shed some of his titles.

Short of that thorough investigation by an expert with zero ties to the Illinois political class, though, the results will be tainted and the message clear: *In Illinois, the powerful are free to protect their own.*

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WASHINGTON POST

## First-class flights are the least of Scott Pruitt's sins



STEVE CHAPMAN

Trying to point out the mistakes, transgressions and failures of the Trump administration is like trying to load frogs into a wheelbarrow. For every one you get, a dozen get away. The latest example comes courtesy of Scott Pruitt, head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Pruitt has gotten some attention for his efforts to roll back measures aimed at curbing carbon emissions and slowing climate change. There have been stories about his obsession with secrecy, which led to the installation of a \$25,000 soundproof booth in his office.

But nothing has gotten more criticism than his habit of flying first-class despite the burden on taxpayers. The reaction probably comes as a surprise to Pruitt, who may wonder why burning through \$1,641 for a flight from Washington to New York evokes universal horror when slow-roasting the planet doesn't.

Even his complacency about global warming, though, has gotten more attention than his subversion of the central mission of the EPA: protect-

ing human health and conserving the natural environment by attacking air and water pollution.

When Republican President Richard Nixon established the EPA in 1970, he recognized this concern as one transcending party and ideology. "We can no longer afford to consider air and water common property, free to be abused by anyone without regard to the consequences," he said. "Instead, we should begin now to treat them as scarce resources, which we are no more free to contaminate than we are free to throw garbage into our neighbor's yard."

Let's leave aside for the time being the matter of rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and the unwelcome effects they could have. Judged solely by what he has done with regard to old-fashioned pollution, putting Pruitt in charge of the EPA is the equivalent of letting Nick Saban call the plays for Auburn.

Under Pruitt, the agency's funding would be cut by \$2.5 billion, or 23 percent — a contrast from the roughly \$300 billion in new spending in other areas that Congress and the president recently approved. Given that the president is content to allow the budget deficit to rise to \$1 trillion, it's hard to argue that the federal government can't afford to adequately fund the EPA. Pruitt and Trump just don't want to.

Their goal is to weaken and constrain the agency. Pruitt has reduced the number of personnel to the lowest level since 1988 — with stated plans to cut it by another 2,500 in the next two years. Just as fewer cops would lead to fewer arrests, the staffing reductions diminish the agency's ability to prevent pollution and clean it up.

The budget plan would slash funding for enforcement by about 12 percent, notes Gretchen Goldman, research director for the Center for Science and Democracy at the Union of Concerned Scientists. "The agency's enforcement actions are at a 10-year low already, and this would just compound that number," she says.

This is good news only for bad actors. Companies are obligated to report when they discharge pollutants above allowed levels. But with fewer people to monitor such reports, says Nicole Cantello, head of Local 704 of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents EPA employees in the Great Lakes region, "there will be all these things we wouldn't even know about that we would have gone after five years ago."

Pruitt's agenda goes beyond merely making it hard for his people to do ordinary enforcement of the laws. He also wants to take away the

authority that lets them identify and ameliorate environmental harms.

Pruitt wants to repeal the Clean Power Plan — an Obama administration program that would improve air quality enough to save an estimated 3,000 lives each year. He wants to abandon the previous interpretation of the Clean Water Act, allowing more toxic waste in streams and wetlands. He is expected to try to roll back standards for ozone, a component of smog, which aggravates asthma and damages lungs.

Nothing else Pruitt is doing compares to the malignant effects of his permissiveness about pollution. Many Americans may not worry about climate change or preserving wild areas. But they should care about the consequences of dirtier air and water, as summarized by Christine Todd Whitman, head of the EPA under George W. Bush: "People will get sick and die." You could be one of them.

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President Donald Trump's continued praise of Russian leader Vladimir Putin despite Russian meddling in the 2016 election has contributed to suspicions of collusion.

# The whole Trump-Russia controversy explained

BY MARK JACOB  
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Don't feel bad if you're mystified by what's going on with the Trump-Russia investigations. There's a blizzard of misinformation out there. But if you read this, you'll have a grip.

## Q. What's being investigated?

A. Any connections between the Russian government and people connected with Donald Trump's presidential campaign that may have constituted a Russian attempt to interfere in the 2016 U.S. election.

## Q. Who's investigating?

A. There are separate inquiries in the Republican-controlled House and the Senate, but the primary investigation is being done independently by special counsel Robert Mueller, a former FBI director under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

## Q. Why are they investigating?

A. U.S. intelligence services such as the CIA and National Security Agency agree that the Russians meddled in the election by hacking into computers and spreading false reports on social media, a belief underscored by a grand jury indictment Friday of 13 Russians and three Russian companies. Many suspect that Russian hackers stole the Democrats' emails that the websites WikiLeaks and DCLeaks released during the campaign.

## Q. Is Donald Trump directly under investigation?

A. Trump was assured by James Comey, then-director of the FBI, that he was not under investigation, on March 30, 2017. It's unclear whether that's still true.

## Q. If Mueller thought Trump was guilty of a crime, could he charge him?

A. It's murky. Some legal scholars say Trump, as president, would be immune from certain charges. And even if Trump were charged with a federal crime, he could pardon himself. If the House impeached Trump, however, he could not pardon himself on those charges and would face a Senate trial that could remove him from office.

## Q. What's the status of the Mueller investigation?

A. It's in full gear. On Friday, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein announced the indictments against 13 Russians and several Russian organizations, including a "troll farm" called the Internet Research Agency, accusing them of meddling in the election in favor of Trump. Those indictments did not name anyone from the Trump campaign, and there is no allegation in the indictment that any American was a knowing participant. Previously, former Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos and former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn

pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI. Both are believed to be cooperating in the investigation. Also, former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and associate Rick Gates are accused of financial improprieties and conspiracy against the United States involving a Ukrainian political party linked to Russian leader Vladimir Putin. Their alleged Ukraine activities predated their involvement in the Trump campaign. In a new case announced Tuesday, a lawyer pleaded guilty to a charge of lying to investigators about Gates. Also, a California man has pleaded guilty to identity fraud charges for selling bank account numbers used to create false identities. Other Trump-related figures have been interrogated, and Mueller is reportedly negotiating to question Trump under oath.

## Q. Wasn't Mueller's focus supposed to be Russia and Trump? Why is he investigating Manafort's finances unrelated to the Trump campaign?

A. In addition to Russian interference, Mueller can probe any matters that "may arise directly from the investigation." Special inquiries like this can go well beyond the initial focus. The investigation that led to Bill Clinton's impeachment is a good example. That initially had nothing to do with Monica Lewinsky, instead focusing on a real estate deal known as Whitewater.

## Q. Why is Trump denouncing the leadership of the Justice Department and FBI?

A. Trump-appointed Attorney General Jeff Sessions told Congress in January 2017 that he "did not have communications with the Russians" — an assertion quickly proved false. Under pressure, Sessions recused himself from involvement in the FBI investigation of Russian meddling. In May, Trump fired FBI Director Comey, with the White House initially saying he was fired over his handling of the bureau's investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails. But within days, Trump admitted the real reason was Comey's Russia probe. Then Rosenstein appointed Mueller as special counsel, saying an independent probe was necessary. Trump has been furious at Sessions for recusing himself, believing he should have stayed involved and protected the president. Trump also is angry at Rosenstein for launching an independent investigation.

## Q. Trump has denied collusion. What is collusion?

A. It's defined as secret cooperation or conspiracy. But even if there was collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign, there's no specific law against that. The indicted Russians face charges of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. through election interference. If any Americans were knowingly involved in such a conspiracy — and none have been accused so far — they could face similar charges.

## Q. Why do some Trump critics suspect

## collusion?

A. Facebook says at least 150 million Americans saw social media posts covertly placed by Russia before the election; many were anti-Clinton. Twitter has acknowledged that fake accounts, known as "bots," touting pro-Trump material have been connected to a Russian hacker group. Critics of Trump want to know whether that disinformation was coordinated with Trump's campaign. Also, Trump has praised Putin despite the election meddling. And both Sessions and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, failed repeatedly to promptly disclose meetings with Russian officials. A particular focus of suspicion is a Russian lawyer's June 2016 meeting in Trump Tower with Donald Trump Jr., Manafort and Kushner. Emails show that the meeting was set up after Trump Jr. was offered damaging information about Hillary Clinton, but Trump Jr. originally said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss adoption policy. No dirt on Clinton was provided at the meeting, Trump Jr. says.

## Q. Why are Trump's detractors talking about obstruction of justice?

A. Critics of Trump believe the president's alleged request for Comey to go easy on Flynn and his later firing of Comey were part of a pattern of conduct designed to obstruct justice. In addition, some say the Trumps' explanation of the Trump Tower meeting constituted an attempted cover-up. Sources have told The New York Times that the president helped craft Trump Jr.'s initial misleading statement to the Times saying the meeting was about adoption policy. Mueller reportedly wants to ask the president about that. It should be noted that it's not against the law to lie to the news media. Unfortunately, people do that all the time.

## Q. What is the Steele Dossier?

A. During the 2016 presidential race, Fusion GPS, a company founded by former Wall Street Journal reporters, was hired by a conservative website to conduct research on Trump. The firm was later paid through a law firm indirectly by both the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee to continue the work on Trump. Fusion subcontracted with Christopher Steele, a former British intelligence officer. He compiled a dossier about Trump's ties with Russia, and he eventually shared his findings with the FBI. There is evidence to support a few aspects of the dossier, but much of it is unconfirmed.

## Q. What are Trump supporters' complaints about the dossier?

A. Trump has called the Russia probe a "witch hunt," and his supporters consider the dossier to be a Democratic-funded set of false allegations that was improperly used as an excuse for FBI scrutiny of the Trump campaign. The dossier was cited when the FBI successfully went to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

(FISA) court for a warrant to spy on Carter Page, a Trump adviser with ties to Russia. Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., the chair of the House intelligence committee, wrote a memo saying that the FISA court was not told about the partisan funding of the Steele Dossier, but the committee's ranking Democrat, Rep. Adam Schiff of California, says the FISA court was told about the "likely political motivation" behind the dossier.

## Q. Why does Hillary Clinton keep getting brought into this?

A. Trump supporters say pro-Clinton FBI officials gave her a pass when they investigated her mishandling of sensitive communications via her private email server. Clinton was admonished, but not criminally charged. Trump backers also say these pro-Clinton FBI officials unfairly targeted Trump. As evidence, they cite anti-Trump texts between a government lawyer and the senior FBI agent who led the Clinton emails investigation. The two anti-Trump texters, who were having a romantic affair, were kicked off the Trump-Russia investigation over the summer after Mueller learned of their texts. Those who believe FBI officials are biased in favor of Clinton also note that the FBI deputy director's wife got campaign funds from a Clinton-connected group.

## Q. Could Trump fire Mueller and end the investigation?

A. The New York Times reported that Trump wanted to fire Mueller in June 2017, but White House counsel Don McGahn threatened to quit and Trump backed off. The mechanism for any such firing is complicated. A federal regulation states that a person who appoints a special counsel can fire that person for "good cause." Theoretically, Trump could order Rosenstein to fire Mueller. If Rosenstein refused, Trump could fire the deputy attorney general and find someone else in the chain of command who would do it. Or, alternatively, he could rescind the federal regulation and fire Mueller himself. Any such action would set off a crisis unparalleled in American history, with some believing Trump would be putting himself above the rule of law.

## Q. Is that everything?

A. Hardly. There are many other subplots, including Trump ally Roger Stone's contact with a hacker, a mysterious Illinoisan seeking dirt on Clinton, CIA Director Mike Pompeo's meeting with Russian spies, secret negotiations to buy back stolen NSA files and Kushner's lack of a security clearance. Keep reading.

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## PERSPECTIVE

## Why Illinois needs to restore parole for juvenile lifers

BY MARSHAN T. ALLEN

In 1992, I was convicted on two counts of first-degree murder at age 15. I had stolen the car my two co-defendants drove the day they shot and killed two teenagers in a drug dispute. Because of that serious crime, I was considered as guilty for murder as my two co-defendants under Illinois law.

In Illinois, the only possible sentence for double homicide is life without parole. Before 2012, this applied to children, even in cases where a person is involved in the murder but did not “pull the trigger.”

I accept responsibility for my part in the horrible crime that resulted in the deaths of Elroy Gaston and Jerome DeBarry. Over the 26 years I spent in prison, I had to accept that I would pay the adult price for my actions. That acceptance helped me become a more constructive person and pursue educational opportunities.

Most important, my growth in prison was supported by other

men who had accepted responsibility for their actions, felt remorse and chose to walk the path of becoming better people.

In 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the *Miller v. Alabama* case that sentencing children to serve mandatory life without parole was unconstitutional. It was later confirmed that anyone currently serving that sentence — 80 of us in Illinois — were to be resentenced.

In the early days of my prison time, I felt unfortunate to have received the most severe sentence possible. But since *Miller*, I have come to believe that I was extremely lucky.

The *Miller* decision was painfully narrow. If instead of life if I had received a sentence of 40, 90 or even 120 years, I would still be behind bars. Unlike most other states, Illinois does not have parole-for-release or time off for good behavior for serious crimes.

Hundreds in Illinois who enter prison for offenses before age 18 still face the prospect of spending



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The author at age 31 at Western Illinois Correctional Center in 2007.

huge portions of their lives behind bars — more each month — with no chance to earn release. Most do not qualify for a new sentence under *Miller*, even if they have grown beyond the worst acts they committed as children and are ready to make amends for some of the pain they caused.

Shouldn't the truly rehabilitated also receive an opportunity to earn release? And how much better could kids coming into the adult prison system do if they had a real incentive to change?

This year, Illinois has the chance to provide parole opportunities to children entering adult prisons in the state. A bill under

consideration in the Illinois General Assembly reinstates limited parole opportunities for children facing sentences longer than 10 years.

This bill does not guarantee release and will ensure that victims, witnesses and others have a chance to voice concerns at each parole hearing. And juveniles who were convicted of the most serious crimes will need to serve at least 20 years before they can request a review.

I cannot take back my actions as a teenager. But today, I'm able to devote my life to helping others and living as a constructive citizen. I owe what I have to the second chance I was given to make something of my life: All I hope to do now is to give others that same opportunity.

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## The places Americans live are growing more diverse

BY NOAH SMITH

Americans love diversity — or so they like to claim. A 2016 Pew survey found that Americans are much more likely than Europeans to say that diversity makes their country a better place to live. Other polls say the same.

But words and actions are two different things. In the mid-20th century, U.S. cities were known for white flight — the tendency of white people to move out of neighborhoods when black people moved in. If white Americans pay lip service to the idea of living in a multiracial society but flee at the reality, then the coming demographic transition to a majority-minority nation won't be a smooth one.

Economic theory also gives reason to worry. In 1971, economist Thomas Schelling showed that even if people have only a slight preference toward living around others of their own race, it can lead to very segregated neighborhoods in the long term. He famously predicted a “tipping point” where white flight would reach a critical level that rapidly turned a diversifying neighborhood back into a segregated one. White abandonment of inner-city neighborhoods across the country seemed to bear out his gloomy prediction.

But the mid-20th century was a long time ago. Many things have changed in the country since then. There is a small but growing black middle class. With the rise of Asian- and Hispanic-Americans, who together now make up about a quarter of the U.S. population, diversity is no longer just about black and white. And despite polls showing that white millennials are almost as biased as their parents, racial attitudes may change over time. It's important to look at what economists call revealed preference — how people vote with their feet, not just with their words.



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Surprisingly, evidence seems to show that Americans are increasingly open to living in diverse neighborhoods. A 2016 paper by the National University of Singapore's Kwan Ok Lee finds that since 1990, white flight and white avoidance of black neighborhoods has decreased dramatically. In fact, white Americans in recent decades have tended to move toward diversity rather than away from it.

Urban economist Joe Cortright, blogging at City Observatory, summarizes Lee's results. Lee looks at U.S. census tracts, neighborhoods that on average have about 4,000 residents. In addition to the racial makeup of neighborhoods, she was able to track where individuals moved to and from.

Lee's first finding is that

American neighborhoods are becoming more diverse. Majority-white neighborhoods were about two-thirds of the total from 1970 to 1990, but during the next two decades that number was only 57 percent. The probability of single-race neighborhoods becoming mixed increased substantially. Meanwhile, a small but growing number of neighborhoods have substantial numbers of whites, blacks and Hispanics or Asians.

What's more, Schelling's much-feared “tipping point” seems to be weakening. From 1990 to 2010, only one-fifth of mixed black-white neighborhoods became segregated — only half the rate of re-segregation that prevailed in earlier decades. White flight is still happening in some places, but much less than before. Meanwhile, multiracial

neighborhoods tend to be the most stable — once a neighborhood becomes multiracial, Lee found, it had a 90 percent chance of remaining that way for at least 20 years.

Lee's final finding is the most striking. She found that once Americans move to a mixed-race neighborhood, they tend to either stay there or move to another mixed neighborhood. This is true for both white and black Americans. In other words, neighborhood diversity isn't just a result of changing demographics, but of Americans choosing to live near people of other races.

Lee's finding confirms the results of other studies. Despite much alarm over gentrification, it turns out that gentrified neighborhoods don't lose their poor and minority populations. Ac-

cording to a 2009 study by Columbia University urban planning professor Lance Freeman, gentrification actually tends to increase diversity in the long term.

What about at the state level? There, diversity is increasing as well. Demographer William H. Frey has chronicled how both whites and minorities have been moving to diverse states like Virginia, Nevada, North Carolina, Colorado, Georgia and Washington. Texas, a majority-minority state, is still a leading destination for white migration.

Residential diversity isn't the only kind of integration, of course. On other measures, the evidence is mixed — interracial marriage has climbed dramatically, but public schools have become more segregated by race. Meanwhile, the average numbers described in studies like Lee's and Freeman's mask considerable white flight in some areas.

And the most important caveat is the political one. Fear of increasing diversity at the national level was strongly correlated with support for President Donald Trump. Even if a majority of Americans are embracing the country's increasingly diverse demographics, a strong and vocal minority is resisting the change with every weapon at its disposal.

But overall, the trends are much more positive than the pessimists credit. The country will continue to struggle with the challenge of creating an inclusive multiracial society for decades to come. The American experiment — the question of whether a society can be both diverse and free — is ongoing. But signs point in the right direction.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## Teachers and guns

Being a teacher is hard. Being a public school teacher is hard. Being a special educator is hard. Bearing any of these titles lately is reaching a new level of challenging as I am also being told I should be a police officer, SWAT team member, human shield and forced to carry a weapon next to my dry-erase markers and positive behavior tickets.

I understand the power of guns, and for that reason, I despise them. I always have. I have no experience with guns as I was personally raised by a strongly anti-gun family. I recognize that my upbringing and personal beliefs may be wildly different from others, and I really do respect that. But, do not tell me I should have a gun in my classroom. I will not tolerate that argument.

My students should never, ever

have to even practice an armed intruder drill. And quite honestly, what a joke. How do you practice saving the lives of students with significant disabilities from an intruder with a gun?

I spent last Thursday afternoon's lunch break moving heavy items to unconventional spots around my classroom, knowing now that no matter where I am positioned I could attack an intruder. My three-hole punch, binding machine, laminator and stapler now have double meanings. I get tears in my eyes thinking about my precious students. I would do anything in my human power to protect them if I had to. Why is this our reality?

I have dreamed about the events from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., every night since they happened. I mourn with the students and teachers who eventually will need to go back to

school and learn and teach there. How?

Yes, we should be armed — with proactive solutions, with resources, with gun violence prevention measures added to law, with those in power on our side, protecting our kids more than our guns. Arm me with what actually works.

— Allison Szczecinski, Evanston

## A compromise

Full disclosure: I am a supporter of the Second Amendment. But as a father of three, I also believe, like everyone else, that enough is enough — school shootings have got to stop. Maybe more gun control is the answer. But at the same time, over 600,000 children are killed each year by abortion — far more than the number of school children killed in mass shootings.

Here's a thought for both the Republicans and the Democrats: How about trading gun control legislation in exchange for making all abortion illegal? With such a compromise, millions of children will be safe in the coming years.

— Mark Klimkowski, Mokena

## Historical accuracy

As a lifelong conservative, I am an originalist, holding the opinion that to properly interpret our founding document, we consider the historical context and, to the full extent possible, the words and syntax precisely with the mindset the authors held when they authored it. I do not believe that the Constitution is a living document that allows perpetual reinterpretation to suit the whims of the time. If it needs tweaking, our Founding Fathers thought of that too, leaving us the amendment process.

Ergo, per the Second Amendment, I firmly assert that every American is guaranteed the right to own a breach-loading, black-powder, flint-lock-firing armament of his or her choosing. No state, country, township or village government has the legal power to abridge that right. Only an amendment to our Constitution can remove my blunderbuss from my “cold, dead hands.”

Is anything more hypocritical than the GOP/National Rifle Association insisting that James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, et al., intended the Constitution to be on autopilot — seamlessly and continuously evolving? That is an extremist, radical, far-fringe, leftist position. Neither Hillary Clinton, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg nor President Barack Obama, even in their wildest college-day liberal fantasies, ever espoused political views so revolutionary. Yet the GOP/NRA stooges do so daily; insisting on their privilege to attribute to the Second Amendment whatever radical metamorphoses justify their current gun-lobbying bias.

One could, were one so inclined, make a case that GOP/NRA attempts to undermine the Second Amendment border on treason. But I will not do that. Obviously such unwavering Christian, family-devoted, community-loving men, like my congressman, Randy Hultgren, are true patriots.

— Curt Massie, Oswego

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Walmart isn't waving white flag to Amazon

Despite lackluster online sales, retailer plans to win



ROBERT REED

Taking on Amazon isn't so easy, even for one of the world's mightiest retailers.

This is not to say superstore kingpin Walmart won't eventually give the Seattle-based e-

commerce giant a serious run for the online money, but it isn't there yet. Far from it.

Walmart announced Tuesday that its fourth quarter e-commerce sales grew 23 percent, down from a 50 percent hike in the previous quarter. In contrast, Amazon's net sales were up 38 percent in the fourth quarter, compared with 34 percent the quarter before. That translates to \$60.5 billion in quarterly sales and more than 5 billion items shipped.

Walmart's stumble comes as a surprise, especially since it was expected to step up its game against Amazon during last year's crucial holiday buying season, giving shoppers greater online choice and selection.

Instead, the superstore chain's lackluster e-commerce sales were brought on, in part, by operational snafus including unanticipated inventory shortages of basic products like toilet paper and toothpaste.

That has some worried Walmart could become the online retailer that

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## Sinclair bid change: We'll sell WGN-TV

Broadcaster tries to satisfy FCC in Tribune Media deal

BY LORRAINE MIRABELLA  
The Baltimore Sun

Sinclair Broadcast Group plans to sell Chicago's WGN-TV and stations in New York and nine smaller markets to win federal approval of its proposed \$3.9 billion takeover of Tribune Media.

The Hunt Valley, Md.-based broadcaster outlined steps it will take to comply with national TV station ownership rules in a plan filed Wednesday with the Federal Communications Commission.

The Tribune acquisition would cement Sinclair's spot as the nation's biggest broadcaster, with control of 233 television stations that reach 72 percent of U.S. households. As originally proposed, the deal would give Sinclair 42 Tribune-owned stations and a presence in top markets, including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

The FCC said in a Sept. 14 letter that the merger as proposed in May would leave Sinclair exceeding a national TV ownership limit and asked what steps Sinclair planned to take to comply.

Selling stations in Chicago and New York would be one of those steps. However, Sinclair plans to enter into an "option and services agreement" with the buyers of those stations, which aren't identified in the filing, with details to be revealed "shortly" in another filing.

In November, the agency made changes to station ownership rules, including eliminating a requirement that at least eight independently owned television stations remain in a market after combining the ownership of two stations in the market. The agency also allowed ownership of two top-four ranked stations in the same market on a case-by-case basis.

Critics of the deal have accused the FCC of changing rules to benefit Sinclair.

Besides planning to sell stations in New York, Chicago and San Diego to comply with a national ownership cap, Sinclair plans to sell stations in eight markets where it overlaps with Tribune to comply with the FCC's duopoly rule, including places such as Seattle-Tacoma, St. Louis and Salt Lake City.

The broadcaster also is seeking permission to own two top-four rated stations in markets in Indiana, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Tribune Media was created in 2014 when the former Tribune Co. spun off the Chicago Tribune and other newspapers to form Tribune Publishing, now known as Tronc.

Chicago Tribune's Robert Channick contributed.



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Janice Bryant Howroyd is founder and chief executive of ACT 1 Group, which generates annual revenue of \$1 billion.

## CEO breaks through \$1 billion glass ceiling

Howroyd is first black woman to run a company that big

BY RONALD D. WHITE  
Los Angeles Times

Janice Bryant Howroyd, 65, is founder and chief executive of Act 1 Group, an employment agency that also provides consulting and business services, including background checks and screening.

She's the first African-American woman to operate a company that generates more than \$1 billion in annual revenue, according to Black Enterprise Magazine. Act 1, which includes other brands such as Agile 1, A-Check Global and AppleOne, has contracts with 17,000 clients in 19

countries.

"If you visit any of our offices," Howroyd said, "you'll see that we live by the mantra that 'The applicant is the center of our universe.' It's always been our belief that if you get that applicant in the right job, then they will be the best representation of who we are as a company."

**Early lessons:** Growing up in Tarboro, N.C., as one of 11 children, Howroyd had early lessons in team building. Each sibling was assigned an older one to act as a mentor.

"My sister Sandy was my appointed

guardian angel," Howroyd said, "so it was up to her to see that I'd gotten my homework done, my hair was done, and my thoughts and process were in line with what the family wanted. We were very organized."

**Big move:** After studying humanities and English at North Carolina A&T, Howroyd faced culture shock when she moved to Los Angeles in 1976 with just \$900. Her older sister again provided welcome advice to "settle myself into knowing who

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Under the tax credit agreement with the state, Sears was required to retain at least 4,250 employees at its Hoffman Estates headquarters, above, and Loop office.

## Sears threatened suit over tax credit dispute

Battle with state over \$14.8M for 2016 ended in settlement

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

Sears Holdings Corp. CEO Edward Lampert has said the struggling department store chain is "fighting like hell." That includes its dealings with the state of Illinois, public records show.

The company threatened legal action in a monthslong battle over \$14.8 million in state tax credits Sears believed it earned in 2016 before it fell short of the minimum employee count required to qualify for future incentives.

Sears and the state settled that dispute in December, with the state granting Sears the 2016 tax credits and the company agreeing not to seek incentives for its 2017 fiscal year. In total, the company qualified for \$51.3 million during the three years it was eligible to earn the tax breaks under an incentive deal inked in 2011 — after Sears threatened to move its Hoffman Estates headquarters out of state.

The deal, part of Illinois' Economic Development for a Growing Economy program, or EDGE, was valued at an estimated \$15 million a year for up to 10 years. It required Sears make in-state capital investments and retain at least 4,250 employees at its Hoffman Estates headquarters and Loop office.

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity told Sears in June that agreement was "suspended," citing media reports that Sears had acknowledged falling short of the employment benchmark.

In September, a lobbyist representing Sears — former Republican state Sen. Matt Murphy — sought a meeting with Deputy Gov. Leslie Munger, Gov. Bruce Rauner's general counsel, and the director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to press the issue, records obtained under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act show.

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## Food truck owner still battling city

Supreme Court may be next for lawsuit on regulations

BY GREG TROTTER  
Chicago Tribune

A cupcake food truck owner who believes Chicago's regulations — including a rule requiring mobile vendors stay at least 200 feet away from bricks-and-mortar restaurants — are unconstitutional is asking the Illinois Supreme Court to take up her lawsuit.

If the state Supreme Court obliges, it will be the next step in a lengthy legal battle that began after Chicago announced new food truck regulations in 2012. Laura Pekarik, owner of the Cupcakes for Courage food truck business, filed a petition to the state Supreme Court late last week after the appellate court ruled in the city's favor in December.

"What is just is just. ... As long as (my attorneys) keep fighting for me, I'll hold my position," Pekarik said Wednesday.

Though Pekarik's business is the sole plaintiff in the lawsuit, she has the support of many food truck operators in Chicago and across the U.S. City officials, meanwhile, say they've struck a balance that works for food trucks, restaurants and consumers. Under city regulations, mobile food vendors may not park within 200 feet of a restaurant's primary entrance. Chicago is the only one of the 10 largest cities in the U.S. to have a proximity requirement for food trucks, according to the National Food Truck Association.

The restriction makes it all but impossible for food trucks to serve the lunch crowd in the North Loop, said Robert Frommer, Pekarik's attorney. Chicago food trucks can legally park and operate on only 3 percent of the curbs in the North Loop business district, according to an analysis by the libertarian law firm Institute for Justice, based in Arlington, Va.

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# How Walmart plans to still beat Amazon

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can't shoot straight. The company's stock price plunged 10 percent to about \$94 per share after Walmart announced its e-commerce sales.

"We experienced some operational challenges that negatively impacted growth," said Doug McMillon, Walmart CEO and president, during the quarterly investor conference call.

Right now, Walmart is scrambling to regain its online mojo in hopes of achieving 40 percent e-commerce sales growth for this year.

Recurring customer gripes about Walmart.com include unhappiness about faulty or slow product delivery and confusion over its return policies, according to a spot check of online customer complaints posted on ConsumerAffairs.com, which tracks reviews of many retail sites.

What's more, the sheen is coming off the chain's much-heralded \$3 billion acquisition of online consumer products seller Jet.com. Purchased in 2016, that site accounted for the lion's share of the company's e-commerce sales boom last year but now is showing signs of leveling off.

Jet.com does well in major metropolitan areas ripe with millennials, like Chicago and New York, selling stylish and trendy products from Bonobos, Modcloth and Moosejaw, online sites Walmart acquired in recent years for a total of \$175 million. Now Walmart wants to reassert its e-commerce connection with Middle America, a customer base that's also a staple of its massive bricks-and-mortar Wal-Mart superstore empire.

The Arkansas-based

retailer is going to put more resources behind its name-sake Walmart.com site, McMillon told analysts. That push includes the springtime launch of a Lord & Taylor landing page on Walmart.com.

Even with the added attraction of a well-known apparel retailer, Walmart.com's emphasis will be on selling an expanding array of consumer products that compete more directly with Amazon's wares.

This year, much of the Amazon versus Walmart battle will also be waged in the food aisles.

McMillon stresses his company is expanding ways e-commerce customers can order groceries online along with speedy customer pickup at the stores. This strategy is designed to beat back a similar "click and collect" tactic that Amazon is putting into place at its Whole Foods unit, which has over 400 stores.

Walmart intends to add 1,000 stores to the estimated 1,100 it already has providing online grocery sales and distribution, according to the company.

With revenues of \$482 billion, Walmart has the financial firepower to be a formidable rival to Amazon, which tallied \$177 billion in 2017 revenues.

"We believe Wal-Mart is poised to be one of the few retailers that can compete in the e-commerce space and stay relevant over the next decade," wrote John Brick, a Morningstar equity analyst, in a report updated after Tuesday's earnings call.

True enough.

If it solves its online problems, Walmart could end up teaching Amazon a lesson.

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In a statement about an immediate departure, President and CEO Jim Hackett said Ford Motor Co. "is deeply committed to providing a safe and respectful culture."

# Ford ousts exec after complaint

Details about alleged misbehavior not released

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. has ousted one of its top executives over allegations of inappropriate behavior.

North America President Raj Nair is leaving the company effective immediately, Ford said in a statement. His replacement has not yet been named.

Ford didn't say what behavior led to Nair's departure. Ford investigated after a recent anonymous complaint about Nair was made to the company's 24-hour hotline.

"We made this decision after a thorough review and careful consideration," said Ford President and CEO Jim Hackett. "Ford is deeply committed to providing a safe and respectful culture and we expect our leaders to fully uphold these values."

Nair expressed regret in



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North America President Raj Nair issued a statement that expressed regret about "leadership behaviors."

a statement distributed by Ford. "There have been instances where I have not exhibited leadership behaviors consistent with the principles that the company and I have always espoused," he said.

Nair had served as an executive vice president and head of North America since June 1, 2017. Before that, he was Ford's

head of global product development and chief technical officer.

Nair joined Ford in 1987 as a mechanical engineer. He held numerous leadership positions in Europe, Asia and South America. Prior to being named head of global product development, Nair oversaw engineering for all Ford and Lincoln vehicles.

# \$1B glass ceiling broken

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I was, learning the power of that and understanding it."

Brother-in-law Tom provided a temporary job at Billboard and saw entrepreneurial talents in the way Howroyd interacted with clients. Even when she was ill at ease, she said, "I would revert to what I do well, which is strategize. I love to look at a problem, break it apart, find the better potential, knowing when to eliminate what doesn't need to be there."

**Word-of-mouth:** Howroyd, who didn't even own a fax machine, opened Act 1 in a small office in Beverly Hills in 1978. She started out by making full-time job placements for companies needing workers, then shifting to temporary placements. Pleased clients were her best advertisements.

"It still matters in business more what someone else says about you than what you say about yourself," Howroyd said. "You can have the best advertising, but unless someone else certifies what they are saying, you won't last long. Word-of-mouth has always been my best referral system."

**Standing out:** Early on, Howroyd employed a strategy that allowed her to compete against bigger companies, preparing her prospective hires by training them in what their employers were looking for.

"It always works best when you can tailor a hire to fit into a company's philosophy," Howroyd said. "They walk in better prepared and it's more likely to be a very good fit for your client."

**Standing up:** Whether it was dealing with racist students and teachers in her youth or businesspeople who uttered the most stunningly insensitive remarks, Howroyd said there were times when she was forced to bite her tongue and muddle through and other times when it was clear a stand had to be made, as frightening as that might clearly be.

"In order to be outstanding, sometimes, you're just going to have to stand out,"

Howroyd said. "My personal business protocol, my life mantra: Never compromise who you are personally to become what you wish to be professionally."

**Adding niches:** There's a reason it's called the Act 1 Group; the company kept adding new divisions to fill new employer needs, sometimes unexpectedly.

Once a client called on Howroyd and a small team to come and help with an emergency without even being able to explain it over the telephone. The company then wanted to buy the technology that Act 1 developed to solve the problem.

"My brother encouraged me," Howroyd said. "Don't sell the technology. Sell them the service. Make them keep you in it. That's why you see the evolution of our different brands."

**Security conscious:** Everyone, these days, is a little more concerned about avoiding problem employees, especially when it turns out they were poorly vetted.

"When companies began demanding that we screen and do background checks on the people we were sending them, we felt, wow, this is a service to the community," Howroyd said.

**Hostile climate:** "Many young women have grown up with the perspective of the denigration of women," Howroyd said, "by what they heard in music, in social activity. So they started to face this before they faced the reality of it in an employment relationship. While they can't accept that this is right, they can accept this as common and believe then that they have a need to figure out how to navigate that."

**Advice:** Howroyd suggests that young people sample potential careers and employers through internships. "Figure out not only if you like the work but also if you like the company," she said. "Explore all of your opportunities before you dedicate yourself to one, because you may surprise yourself."

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# Language Stars, which offered classes for kids, closes abruptly

By SAMANTHA BOMKAMP

Chicago Tribune

Language Stars, a company that offered foreign language immersion classes and camps for kids, has abruptly closed.

Founded in Chicago in 1998, the company expanded throughout the suburbs and into the Washington, D.C., metro area, reaching 17 locations. A plan to expand nationwide earlier this decade never took off.

The company posted a notice on its website and sent an email to customers that its last day of business was Feb. 17.

"Unfortunately, we cannot service our debts as they come due and have exhausted all sources of

funding," the company said in the email. "No classes, camps or private immersion will continue to run."

It is not clear whether the company plans to liquidate or file for bankruptcy protection, as no official filings have yet been posted to court dockets.

Multiple attempts to contact company officials were unsuccessful.

Parents have so far been unable to resolve their financial losses, too.

Chicago mom Marshall Reiffsteck said she paid almost \$1,000 for her 6-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter to attend a Language Stars half-day camp for two weeks in August, and has so far failed to reach anyone at

the company to settle the charges.

"There was no advance warning and the announcement came just over two weeks after the company pushed parents to sign up and pay in advance to receive a discount on summer camp programs," she said in an email.

Reiffsteck said her kids have taken Spanish classes at the Lincoln Park Language Stars center for the past three years.

Language Stars has offered to connect those families who want to continue their children's language education with willing teachers on an individual basis.

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# Suit was threatened over state tax credit

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"We continue to prefer an amicable resolution to this EDGE interpretation disagreement rather than a suit brought by Sears against the state to enforce the EDGE agreement," Murphy wrote in an email.

By Dec. 15, Sears and the state signed a settlement agreement that granted Sears the \$14.8 million in tax credits it sought for 2016 while ensuring Sears would not seek credits for 2017.

"We met all of our obligations under the terms of the agreement and are pleased the state agreed," Sears spokesman Howard Riefs wrote Wednesday in an email to the Tribune.

The state also gave Sears permission to use the tax credits through Sept. 30, 2019, even if its employee count remains below the minimum level. The original incentive deal said unused tax credits could be carried forward only while the company was in compliance with the terms of its agreement.

An earlier draft of the settlement gave Sears through Dec. 31, 2018, to use its credits, but Murphy said in an email that he and Sears were "blindsided" by the deadline, which wouldn't allow it to collect the full value of tax credits earned in 2016.

The state began questioning Sears' employment plans in March after the company submitted a request for 2016 tax credits shortly after announcing plans to lay off 120 to 130 corporate employees and filing an annual report in which it said past results point to "substantial doubt" about its ability to remain in business.

"In light of recent developments, the Department asks that the Company demonstrate that it presently employs the required number of Retained Employees and plans to do so for the foreseeable future," the department's general counsel wrote in a letter to Sears, records show.

Sears wrote back reaffirming it met the employment benchmarks with 4,410 employees in April. The company also said it remained confident in its financial position and described steps it was taking to strengthen its performance. But in mid-June, the state told Sears its tax incentive deal was suspended, citing media reports that Sears had acknowledged falling short of the 4,250-employee minimum.

Afterward, Sears acknowledged it fell below that minimum May 31 but said it "strongly disagrees with the Department's conclusion ... that the Department has any basis to refuse to issue" tax credits for 2016, according to correspondence received through the records request.

Sears has declined to say how many people it currently employs at its Hoffman Estates headquarters, but the retailer said it laid off 220 more corporate employees since the start of the year amid ongoing cost-cutting efforts.

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# Food truck owner continues legal fight

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"We're going to keep on fighting because everyone has the right to choose where they get their lunch," said Frommer, senior attorney with the Institute for Justice.

The city has three weeks from Monday to file an answer with the Illinois Supreme Court, if it chooses to do so, Frommer said. The court will then decide whether to take up the lawsuit.

The city's Law Department is still evaluating the case, said Bill McCaffrey, a spokesman for Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Also at issue in the lawsuit is a city regulation requiring food trucks to have city-monitored GPS tracking devices. In December, the Illinois Appellate Court upheld the Cook County Circuit Court's ruling that both the 200-foot rule and the GPS rule were constitutional.

"These regulations have already withstood the scrutiny of the courts, but more importantly, they have been embraced by the many entrepreneurs, and the public at large, who continue to serve and enjoy a wide variety of offerings every day across the city," said Rosa Escareno, com-

missioner of Chicago's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, in a statement.

In 2012, there were 115 licensed food trucks in Chicago, according to the city. That number dipped to 89 in 2014 — the lowest number since the new rules went into effect. As of Wednesday, there were 110, according to city figures.

Pekarik, 32, said she started baking in earnest in 2010 after her sister Kathryn Chandler was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. In 2011, Pekarik left her business studies at Elmhurst College to start Cupcakes

for Courage.

Today, Pekarik's bricks-and-mortar bakeries, Courageous Bakery & Cafe in Elmhurst and Oak Park, represent about 80 percent of her annual revenue. Though still licensed in Chicago, Pekarik mostly operates her two food trucks in the suburbs. Rarely does she venture into the city, save for the occasional special event.

But that would change if Chicago's regulations were loosened up. "The moment it's lifted, I would be the first one out there," Pekarik said.

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# Justices limit whistleblower protections

Court rules those who don't tell SEC first can be fired

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE  
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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sharply limited the legal protections for corporate whistleblowers Wednesday, ruling they are not shielded from being fired under a federal law unless they have reported a potential fraud to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The justices conceded their ruling might gut the whistleblower protections that were adopted after the Wall Street collapse in 2008.

Lawmakers had said they wanted to break the “corporate code of silence” that prevented employees from revealing wrongdoing inside their companies.

But the court, in a unanimous decision, said the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 defined a protected whistle-



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The justices conceded Wednesday that the narrow ruling of the Dodd-Frank Act may gut whistleblower protections.

blower as someone who reported a potential fraud “to the commission,” referring to the SEC.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Congress may have wanted to broadly protect whistleblowers, including those who only reveal problems internally to the company’s top executives or its corporate board. But

“Dodd-Frank delineates a more circumscribed class” when it defined who was protected from retaliation, she said.

The court’s decision in Digital Realty Trust v. Somers throws out most of a lawsuit brought by a San Francisco executive who says he was fired as a vice president of a real estate

investment trust after he filed a complaint with top executives about hidden cost overruns in an Asian branch office. He did not take his complaint to the SEC before he was fired.

While the decision is a victory for employers, legal experts said it may backfire on them.

Companies often urge their auditors, lawyers and other employees to report problems internally if they see signs of wrongdoing. “Yet, today’s ruling confirms that whistleblowers who report internally are not protected from retaliation. What is now abundantly clear is that employees should get a lawyer and go straight to the SEC,” said Chicago attorney James Barz.

Washington attorney Sean McKessy, who headed the SEC whistleblower office for five years, said “this is a case where corporate America should have been careful about what it wished for.”

Other lawyers noted that a separate provision in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 protects whistleblowers. It requires workers to file a complaint with the Labor Department within 180 days of being fired.

After the Dodd-Frank Act became law, the SEC adopted regulations that broadly protected corporate whistleblowers from suffering retaliation, including those who revealed wrongdoing to a supervisor or the company’s board.

Based on those regulations, a federal judge and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court said Paul Somers could proceed with this suit.

In the Supreme Court, Trump administration lawyers joined the case on the side of the plaintiff. They said the court should not “depart from the usual understanding of the term ‘whistleblower.’” Doing so “would undermine Congress’ effort to promote more rigorous and effective internal compliance pro-

grams,” they added.

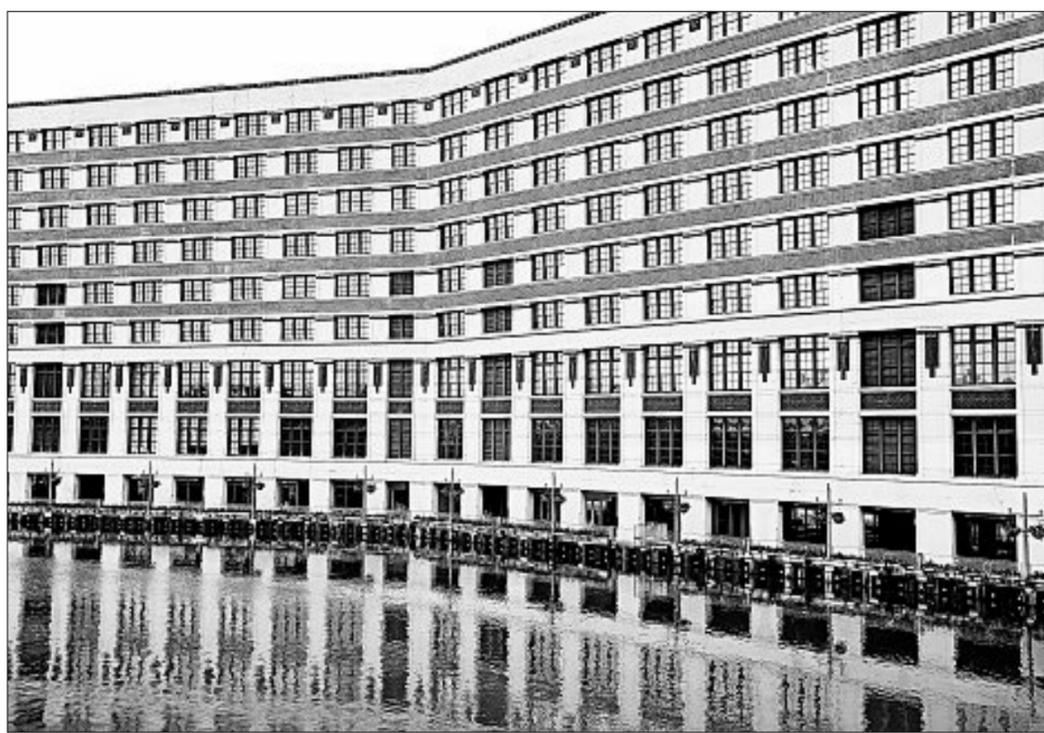
But the justices reversed the 9th Circuit and rejected the SEC’s regulations.

“We find the statute’s definition of ‘whistleblower’ clear and conclusive,” Ginsburg said. Its “unambiguous whistleblower definition, in short, precludes the commission from more expansively interpreting that term.”

Wednesday’s ruling shows how the justices — both liberal and conservative — are increasingly devoted to what the late Justice Antonin Scalia called “textualism.” This refers to deciding cases based on a close reading of the text of the law and without regard to Congress’ broader aims in passing the law.

While Congress may have aimed to broadly protect company whistleblowers to ferret out fraud, the text of the statute included a narrow definition of who qualified for protection.

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Sterling Bay, new owner of Groupon’s headquarters at 600 W. Chicago Ave., wants to optimize use of the riverwalk.

## Sterling Bay inks \$510M deal for Groupon HQ

Developer also set to wrap acquisition of Prudential Plaza



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On Real Estate

Sterling Bay on Wednesday finalized its \$510 million purchase of Groupon’s headquarters along the Chicago River, the largest deal ever for the 31-year-old firm.

That distinction will be short-lived, however, as the Chicago developer is expected to soon complete its acquisition of the two-tower Prudential Plaza office complex for about \$680 million.

Sterling Bay bought the 1.65 million-square-foot former Montgomery Ward catalog warehouse at 600 W.

Chicago Ave. from Equity Commonwealth, a real estate investment trust led by Sam Zell. Institutional investors advised by J.P. Morgan Asset Management are Sterling Bay’s partners in the deal, Sterling Bay said.

The building is about 94 percent leased. Tenants besides Groupon include the Big Ten Network, Echo Global Logistics, Uptake Technologies, Jump Trading and Lightbank.

Sterling Bay plans to refresh the lobby and some of the building’s amenities, as well as find ways to better use the riverwalk, said Sterling Bay principal Keating Crown. Ultrawide floors range from 147,000 to 225,000 square feet.

“It’s very difficult to replicate, especially the wide floor plates and the location on the river,” Crown said. “Not everything we’re doing is buy it, fix it, sell it. This fits in the category of something that could be held long term.”

Equity Commonwealth

was represented in the sale by a team of Eastdil Secured brokers led by Stephen Livaditis, a Chicago-based managing director.

The 600 West Chicago and Prudential Plaza deals illustrate how much Sterling Bay’s business has changed since its founding in 1987 and its years as a low-key firm known for repurposing vintage buildings into unique office space.

In recent years, the firm has adapted industrial buildings into large offices, including the headquarters of Sara Lee spinoff Hillshire Brands and the Midwest headquarters of Google. In a ground-up development, Sterling Bay is close to completing construction of McDonald’s new headquarters on the Fulton Market district site that previously was home to Oprah Winfrey’s Harpo Studios.

The firm also is close to finalizing its purchase of Prudential Plaza from New York-based 601W Cos.

Additionally, the company confirmed its \$104.7 million purchase of an 18-acre land site at 1685 N. Throop St. along the river from the city. The Department of Fleet and Facility Management will move out of the facility, and Sterling Bay will use the land as part of its more than 70-acre Lincoln Yards mixed-use development.

Lincoln Yards is one of 10 Chicago-area sites proposed for Amazon’s planned second headquarters. Chicago is one of 20 locations in contention for Amazon’s HQ2.

While awaiting Amazon’s decision, Sterling Bay already has announced plans to build a 20,000-seat stadium with a retractable roof on the site for sporting events, concerts and other events. Sterling Bay plans to bring a United Soccer League expansion team to the site for the 2020 season.

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## New Uptake leader is 3rd ex-GE Power exec to join startup

BY ALLY MAROTTI  
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Uptake Technologies is bringing in a former General Electric executive to serve as president of the data analytics startup.

Ganesh Bell, who served as chief digital officer at GE Power, starts in his new role at Uptake on Monday, spokeswoman Abby Hunt said. Bell will report to CEO and co-founder Brad Keywell and will be responsible for getting Uptake’s products to more customers, among other tasks.

While at GE Power, Bell built a business that helped the company’s customers start their digital transformation, according to a news release from Uptake. His experience in the industrial “internet of things” category will be critical to Chicago-based Uptake, which focuses on analyzing data from internet-connected machinery, the company said.

“I’m fortunate to join Uptake at what is a seminal moment for the world’s industrial companies,” Bell said in a news release announcing his hiring. “Software is the driving transformational force for industrial companies in an increasingly digital world.”

Bell will be the third former GE executive to join Uptake in recent months. It announced the other two hires in October.

“This is an extraordinary opportunity for Ganesh and me to leverage our strengths and accelerate Uptake’s growth in this trillion-dollar industrial (internet of things) market,” Keywell said in the release. “By staying true to our founder-led vision while adding a globally recognized and impactful leader, we will prove that our collective efforts are greater than the sum of the parts.”

Keywell and Bell were not available for further comment.

The startup, which launched in July 2014,

analyzes data for companies in eight industries, including agriculture, aviation and mining, Hunt said. Last year, it secured a valuation of \$2.3 billion, placing it among the high-value firms known as unicorns.

It has raised about \$263 million in funding overall, according to research firm Crunchbase. Investors include Revolution Growth, a Washington, D.C.-based venture capital firm headed by AOL founder Steve Case; Chicago-based GreatPoint Ventures; and Lightbank, Keywell and Groupon co-founder Eric Lefkofsky’s venture capital firm.

The company has faced some headwinds. It laid off 51 employees in January, which accounted for about 6 percent of the company’s workforce. Hunt said at the time that the layoffs were part of an effort to make sure workers with the right skills are in place as Uptake continues to grow.

In November, Caterpillar ended its investment in Uptake, though it remains a customer. The heavy equipment manufacturer took an early minority stake in the startup and has been gathering data from its machinery using Uptake’s technology to make that equipment more efficient for customers. Then a month later, Chicago private equity firm Valor Equity Partners also ended its investment in Uptake, three months after putting \$35 million into the company.

Meanwhile, Uptake raised \$117 million in its latest round of funding, announced in late November. That round was led by U.K.-based investment management firm Baillie Gifford.

Uptake now employs about 750 people, most of whom are at its headquarters in the Goose Island neighborhood, Hunt said.

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## After editor ousted, Chicago Reader casts ‘broad net’ in search

Pulitzer winner’s controversial debut also his last issue

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
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The Chicago Reader is casting a “broad net” in its search for a new top editor following the ouster of Mark Konkol after one issue at the helm, Edwina Eisendrath, CEO of parent company Sun-Times Media, said Tuesday.

Konkol’s departure was announced Saturday amid a controversy over the cover art on his debut issue, which was widely condemned as racist.

A job ad posted on the

Sun-Times Media website seeks an executive editor to ensure that content “adheres to the Reader’s voice, standards and mission.”

“Everyone at the Reader has said that diversity is very important to them,” said Eisendrath, the former Chicago alderman whose investor group bought the parent company of the Chicago Sun-Times and the Reader in July. “With every new hire, we will be sure to cast a net that’s broader than the current demographic.”

Eisendrath said Konkol was hired through a confidential search, while the new posting is a public process.

“I don’t have a deadline

for it,” he said. “We want to do it well. I hope it’s a matter of weeks, not months.”

Dave Newbart, formerly senior editor at DNAinfo Chicago, has been brought in as interim executive editor to “stabilize the ship and get a handful of issues out while we conduct the search that we’re conducting,” Eisendrath said.

While the Reader has already turned the page to getting out the next issue, Eisendrath said the fallout from last week’s cover and Konkol’s sudden departure was not the kind of news the storied weekly was hoping to make.

“I’m sorry about the way it worked out,” he said.

Konkol, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who previously worked at the Sun-Times and the now-defunct DNAinfo, was named to lead the Reader on Jan. 31. He swiftly made his mark with his inaugural issue on Thursday, which featured a cover story on Democratic candidate for governor J.B. Pritzker, including a caricature deemed as racist on social media.

The issue devoted several stories to Pritzker, whose 2008 conversations with then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, advising him to pick a candidate to fill Barack Obama’s vacated U.S. Senate seat who “covers you on the African-American thing” were captured on FBI wire-

taps and released earlier this month.

The cover art, which depicted Pritzker on the phone, sitting atop a black lawn jockey, set off a firestorm of criticism on social media, with Adeshina Emmanuel, the writer of the cover story, dissociating himself from the presentation Friday in a Facebook post.

“If I had known my first articles in the Chicago Reader were going into an issue with a black lawn jockey on the front, I would have bailed,” Emmanuel said.

Konkol, who had praised the cover in an editorial preface as a “stand-alone work of art” by illustrator

Greg Houston, was cut loose the following day, with Eisendrath publishing a statement announcing the editor’s departure.

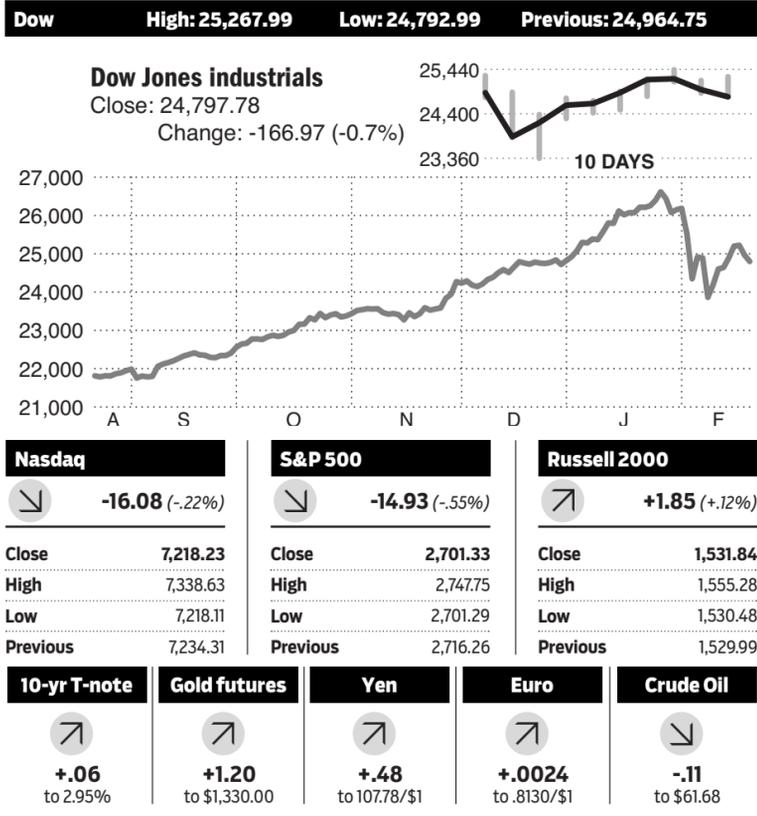
Eisendrath said in his Saturday statement that Konkol’s tenure was a “tumultuous ten days,” culminating in a cover that was “not in line” with the Reader’s vision or history.

“I think when you opened it up and read what was in it, there were a lot of good things in it,” Eisendrath said Tuesday. “The cover should never have been run.”

Konkol declined to comment Wednesday.

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MARKET ROUNDUP



**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
-38	+1.04	+1.0	-5.54	-2.65	-4.80	+19.36	+23.16	+14.33

**FUTURES**

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	450	452	445.50	447.25	-2
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	365.75	368.50	364.25	365.75	+25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1027.75	1038.25	1019.25	1034.25	+7.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	31.85	32.26	31.73	32.07	+21
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	376.70	382.70	368.70	378.00	+1.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	61.63	61.86	60.92	61.68	-11
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	2.638	2.680	2.565	2.659	+0.43
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.7490	1.7594	1.7300	1.7573	+0.070

Source: The Associated Press

**LOCAL STOCKS**

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	59.00	-12	Equity Commonwith	N	28.91	-49	McDonalds Corp	N	158.64	+1.48
AbbVie Inc	N	117.89	-09	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	82.45	-1.87	Middleby Corp	O	132.90	-82
Akorn Inc	O	31.38	-21	Equity Residential	N	55.87	-1.77	Mondelz Intl	O	43.62	-17
Allstate Corp	N	93.37	-28	Exelon Corp	N	37.12	-56	Morningstar Inc	O	85.39	-1.26
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.16	-90	First Indl RT	N	25.17	-27	Motorola Solutions	N	104.99	-76
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.15	-43	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	63.48	-35	Navistar Intl	N	39.63	+14
Baxter Intl	N	67.03	-01	Gallagher AJ	N	68.91	-40	NiSource Inc	N	22.80	-22
Boeing Co	N	352.37	-98	Grainger WW	N	261.81	-1.80	Nthn Trust Cp	O	105.36	-31
Brunswick Corp	N	58.68	+96	GrubHub Inc	N	97.52	+47	Old Republic	N	20.43	+63
CBIO Global Markets	O	111.56	+78	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	84.15	+1.14	Packaging Corp Am	N	119.22	-26
CDW Corp	O	71.16	+25	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	80.86	+33	Stericycle Inc	O	74.94	+38
CF Industries	N	42.63	+81	IDEX Corp	N	137.21	+38	TransUnion	N	56.73	-1.50
CME Group	O	161.76	-1.59	Ingredion Inc	N	127.02	-2.23	Tribune Media Co A	N	42.60	+11
CNA Financial	N	53.54	+27	John Bean Technol	N	119.70	+1.75	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	201.15	+42
Caterpillar Inc	N	155.20	-36	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	159.20	-2.24	United Contl Hldgs	N	67.00	+41
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	35.69	-39	Kraft Heinz Co	O	67.45	-1.24	Ventas Inc	N	49.34	-93
Deere Co	N	162.09	-2.68	LKQ Corporation	O	41.60	+1.4	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	69.67	-1.24
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.59	-69	Littelfuse Inc	O	208.84	+5.5	Wintrust Financial	O	86.78	+1.08
Dover Corp	N	99.98	-23	MB Financial	O	41.92	+7.0	Zebra Tech	O	120.49	+4.2

**MOST ACTIVE STOCKS**

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	14.52	-22
Rite Aid Corp	2.03	-18
Bank of America	31.87	-06
WalMart Strs	91.51	-2.60
Chesapeake Enrgy	2.64	-1.13
Ford Motor	10.60	-09
Ambev S.A.	6.81	-03
Vale SA	13.66	-32
Snap Inc A	18.64	-29
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.80	+04
Devon Energy	30.57	-4.08
Twitter Inc	33.38	+54
Pandora Media	4.88	-45
Pfizer Inc	35.76	-25
Alibaba Group Hldg	188.69	+1.50
Verizon Comm	47.95	-97
AT&T Inc	36.29	-48
Wells Fargo & Co	59.76	-19
Gerdau SA	4.93	+01
Nokia Corp	5.69	-04
Petrobras	13.16	-13
Sthwstn Energy	3.50	-16
US Silica Hldgs	25.15	-5.60
Marathon Oil	15.30	-55

**LARGEST COMPANIES**

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.29	-48
Alphabet Inc C	1112.33	+9.87
Alphabet Inc A	1115.04	+11.45
Amazon.com Inc	1482.65	+14.30
Apple Inc	171.06	-79
Bank of America	31.87	-06
Berkshire Hath A	301530	-3374
Berkshire Hath B	201.02	-2.03
Exxon Mobil Corp	74.89	-86
Facebook Inc	178.04	+2.03
Intel Corp	45.95	-38
JPMorgan Chase	115.12	+41
Johnson & Johnson	129.93	-94
Microsoft Corp	91.57	-1.15
Source Cap	41.22	+07
Unitedhealth Group	225.13	-1.53
Visa Inc	120.43	-1.58
WalMart Strs	91.51	-2.60
Wells Fargo & Co	59.76	-19

**LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS**

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	32.94	-06	+19.8
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.06	-13	+10.9
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	52.31	-21	+0.7
American Funds CptInCBldrA m	61.88	-35	+9.1
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.54	-15	+26.0
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	63.32	-36	+18.4
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.95	-14	+23.0
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.14	-13	+5.9
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	41.22	-19	+15.9
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.80	-14	+24.7
American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	45.94	-32	+15.8
DFA EMktCorEq	23.94	+11	+26.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.58	-02	+2.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.86	-10	+13.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	206.93	-87	+13.4
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.44	-02	+1.7
Fidelity 500IdxIns	94.67	-52	+16.5
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrrm	94.67	-52	+16.5
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	94.66	-53	+16.4
Fidelity Contrafund	127.66	-28	+28.4
Fidelity ContrafundK	127.60	-28	+28.5
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.64	-24	+16.5
Franklin Templeton InCA m	2.32	-01	+3.4
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	10.38	-03	+3.6
Oakmark IntlInv	29.32	-17	+26.3
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.21	...	+6.1
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.04	-03	+1.8
Schwab SP500Idx	41.72	-23	+16.4
T. Rowe Price BCGR	103.72	-08	+34.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	66.32	-19	+29.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	250.03	-1.38	+16.4
Vanguard 500IdxInv	250.01	-1.37	+16.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.51	-09	+12.9
Vanguard HCAmrl	86.85	-58	+10.1
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.88	...	+2.5
Vanguard InsIdxIns	246.63	-1.36	+16.5
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	246.65	-1.36	+16.5
Vanguard InsTlSMInPls	60.15	-29	+15.7
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.19	-13	+36.9
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	192.43	-1.00	+12.3
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	137.55	-30	+23.9
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.52	...	+8
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	70.48	-14	+9.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.32	-09	+10.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.49	-06	+11.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	20.77	-11	+12.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	23.70	-07	+14.0
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.45	-03	+5
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.45	-03	+5
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.56	...	+2.5
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	30.78	-04	+20.8
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	123.08	-18	+20.8
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	123.10	-19	+20.8
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	18.40	-03	+20.7
Vanguard TtISMdIdxAdmrl	67.48	-32	+15.7
Vanguard TtISMdIdxIns	67.49	-32	+15.7
Vanguard TtISMdIdxInv	67.45	-32	+15.6
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	71.94	-37	+10.0
Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl	63.67	-30	+5.6
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	67.15	-38	+11.5

**TREASURY YIELDS**

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.61	1.63
6-month disc	1.80	1.82
2-year	2.27	2.28
10-year	2.95	2.89
30-year	3.23	3.15

**SPOT METALS**

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1330.00	\$1328.80
Silver	\$16.604	\$16.425
Platinum	\$996.60	\$1004.00

**INTEREST RATES**

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.27

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE**

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	19.9045
Australia (Dollar)	1.2787
Brazil (Real)	3.2618
Britain (Pound)	.7178
Canada (Dollar)	1.2685
China (Yuan)	6.3422
Euro	.8130
India (Rupee)	64.830
Israel (Shekel)	3.4883
Japan (Yen)	107.78
Mexico (Peso)	18.7758
Poland (Zloty)	3.39
So. Korea (Won)	1074.17
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.19
Thailand (Baht)	31.51

**FOREIGN MARKETS**

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3199.16	/...
Stoxx600	381.10	+6/+2
Nikkei	21970.81	+45.7/+2
MSCI-EAFE	2062.22	-3/-0
Bovespa	86051.81	+247.9/+3
FTSE 100	7281.57	+34.8/+5
CAC-40	5302.17	+12.3/+2

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## OBITUARIES

PAUL HEIDEBRECHT 1950-2018

## West suburbanite led Christian organizations

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH  
Chicago Tribune

Across almost 40 years, Paul Heidebrecht was a leader in several Christian organizations in the western suburbs including the Christian Service Brigade.

"In all of his ... activities, he was a true servant-leader, a phrase that gets tossed around a lot, but rarely with the truth as it was with Paul," said retired Wheaton College and University of Notre Dame history professor Mark Noll, a longtime friend.

Heidebrecht, 67, died of an apparent brain bleed Jan. 2 at his home, said his wife of 46 years, Priscilla. A longtime West Chicago resident, Heidebrecht had been diagnosed with metastatic kidney cancer, she said.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Heidebrecht received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Winnipeg in 1971. He received a master's degree in Christian education from Wheaton College in 1973.

Heidebrecht joined the staff of the Carol Stream-based Christian Service Brigade as an editor and a publisher. He wrote and edited publications for the boys served by the Christian Service Brigade, including the books "Brigade Trails" and "Building Men: Serving Christ Among Boys."

Dan Jessen, a former Christian Service Brigade staff member, said he was "pleased when I saw Paul and others bring to fruition a vision I had for CSB when I left staff in 1975: ministering to fathers, (which) CSB adopted as a ministry goal at its 50th anniversary in 1987."

Heidebrecht long had taken an interest in teaching, and he took a leave from the Christian Service Brigade in 1981 to move his family downstate to begin coursework on a doctoral



FAMILY PHOTO

Paul Heidebrecht was an editor and publisher at the Christian Service Brigade.

degree in the history of education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After two years at the U. of I., Heidebrecht returned to the western suburbs to resume working at the Christian Service Brigade. He earned his doctorate from the U. of I. in 1986, writing his dissertation on the religious activities of Chicago businessmen at the start of the 20th century.

Heidebrecht left the Christian Service Brigade in 1989 and the following year became associate pastor at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville. Heidebrecht was the church's point person for dealings with Warrenville officials after the church moved from rented space at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn to its own location in Warrenville in 1999.

"He gave practical, intellectual and spiritual direction to Immanuel for more than 40 years," said Noll, a member of Immanuel's congregation.

While working at Immanuel, Heidebrecht also worked as an adjunct instructor in Christian education at Wheaton College during the 1990s.

In 2001, Heidebrecht left Immanuel to become the executive director of a non-profit group, Christian Leaders for Africa. Working

out of his home, Heidebrecht spent the next decade working with Christians in Africa and helping to expand Africa International University, a university in Nairobi, Kenya.

"What he really liked was getting to know Africans, interacting with Africans and building the African church and equipping the leaders to build up the African church," Priscilla Heidebrecht said. "He liked that idea of promoting theological education among African church leaders."

In 2011, Heidebrecht was diagnosed with kidney cancer. After undergoing treatment, he moved to Alberta in 2012 to become the pastor at the Calgary Community Reformed Church in Calgary. He left that job in late 2015 and returned to West Chicago, taking a job as a clerk for the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery. In that role, Heidebrecht mentored pastors and worked with churches that wanted to join the denomination.

Outside of work, Heidebrecht was an avid outdoorsman who volunteered at the DuPage County Forest Preserve District's preserves and also at Fermilab doing prairie restorations.

"Paul helped us lead groups at prairie harvests and was always willing to lend a hand where he was needed," said Ryan Campbell, a Fermilab ecologist. "He connected with nature and enjoyed seeing the progress being made in our efforts to restore degraded ecosystems."

In addition to his wife, Heidebrecht also is survived by a daughter, Kecia; two sons, Caleb and Andrew; four grandchildren; four sisters, Ruth Epp, Margies Roziere, Karen McGregor and Tammy Harris; and four brothers, Robert, Arthur, Randy and Chris. Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON FEBRUARY 22 ...

**In 1879** Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a five-cent store in Utica, N.Y.

**In 1924** Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

**In 1935** it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

**In 1975** the military government of Ethiopia announced that 2,300 guerrillas had been killed in three weeks of fighting in the northern province of Eritrea.

**In 1976** U.N. troops handed over to the Egyptians the last 89 square miles of Sinai territory due them as the final phase of the Israeli-Egyptian troop disengagement agreement was implemented.

**In 1980** the U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

**In 1983** U.S. Rep. Harold Washington won Chicago's Democratic mayoral primary, edging out Mayor Jane Byrne and Cook

County State's Attorney Richard M. Daley, on his way to becoming the city's first African-American mayor.

**In 1984** a 12-year-old Houston boy known to the public only as "David," who had spent most his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

**In 1986** two top military leaders in the Philippines, Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos, the deputy armed forces chief, urged President Ferdinand Marcos to resign following the recent presidential election.

**In 1990** former President Ronald Reagan's videotaped testimony for the trial of former national security adviser John Poindexter was released in Washington; in his deposition, Reagan said he never had "any inkling" his aides were secretly arming the Nicaraguan Contras.

**In 1993** the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved creation of an international war crimes tribunal to punish those responsible for atrocities in the former

Yugoslavia.

**In 1998** Abraham Ribicoff, the former Connecticut governor and senator who served as President John F. Kennedy's secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, died in Riverdale, N.Y.; he was 87.

**In 1999** Levi Strauss, falling victim to a fashion generation gap, announced it was closing 11 plants.

**In 2001** a U.N. war crimes tribunal convicted three Bosnian Serbs standing trial on charges of rape and torture in the first case of wartime sexual enslavement to go before an international court.

**In 2002** the Angolan army and government announced the killing of UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi. Also in 2002 cartoon animator Chuck Jones died in Newport Beach, Calif.; he was 89.

**In 2003** Jessica Santillan, the teenager who had survived a botched heart-lung transplant long enough to get a second set of donated organs, died two days after the second transplant at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina.

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**Abramson, Annette**

Devoted daughter of the late Louis and Mollie Abramson. Cherished sister of Irving (Doris) Abramson. Proud aunt of 5, great aunt of 12 and great, great aunt of 2. Professional service to the City of Hope for almost 50 years. Loved by all who knew her. Service Sunday 12 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Menorah Gardens Cemetery, Broadview. Memorials in her memory to the City of Hope, 20 N. Wacker Dr., Ste. 750, Chicago, IL 60606, www.cityofhope.org, Norrie Disease Assoc., www.norriedisease.org or Keshet, www.keshet.org, would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

**CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Babicz, Collette E.**

Collette E. Babicz, nee Gesicki. Age 85 of Park Ridge, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2018. Collette was born on April 26, 1932, to the late Joseph and Elizabeth Gesicki, nee Jastrowski. She is survived by her childhood sweetheart and husband of 60 years, Donald Babicz. Loving mother of Cheryl (Thomas) Gutzwiller, Mark (Angie) Babicz and Lisanne (Erik) Roth. Beloved grandmother of 14: Michael, Ryan, Christina, Nicole, Matthew, Nicolle, Anthony, Katherine, Erika, Alex, Annalyse, Brandon, Collette and the late Mark, Jr. Dear sister of Joseph (the late Roberta) Gesicki, and the late Roselyn (Harry) Herbert and Helen (Medard) Adamski. Devoted aunt of many nieces and nephews. Collette graduated Salutatorian from Cardinal Stritch High School and attended Loyola University in Chicago on a scholarship. Collette had a beautiful singing voice, winning the title of "Miss Voice of Chicago" in 1955. She sang on numerous radio and TV shows during that decade. Collette was a member of the St. Paul of the Cross Choir for 53 years and was a soloist for many weddings and funerals. Collette enjoyed the camaraderie of several dear friends, whether it was on the golf course, attending her monthly book club meetings, or seeing the latest musical or play. Visitation Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral to follow at St. Paul of the Cross Church, Mass 12:30 p.m. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. Memorials to the Carmelite Monastery, 949 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016 or Maryknoll Fathers, www.maryknollsociety.org appreciated. Funeral Info., www.ryan-parke.com.

**RYAN-PARKE FUNERAL HOME**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Barnes, Susan Joan**

Susan Joan (Foster) Barnes, 61, of Carmine, Texas passed away on Monday, February 12, 2018.

Susan was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on May 7, 1956, the daughter of Robert E. Foster and Joan Marie (Massmann) Foster.

She grew up in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and moved to Chicago when she was in the second grade. She graduated from Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Rolling Meadows, Illinois and attended Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa. After college she worked at the Chicago Board of Trade before being transferred to Dallas in 1981. Susie may have been born a "Yankee" but had the soul and heart of a "Texan". She met her future husband "Moe" in Dallas. Susie and Moe were married in Lafayette, Louisiana on September 2, 1982. During their 35 years of marriage they had the opportunity to live in Lafayette, Michigan, Illinois and multiple Texas locations prior to their move to Carmine in 2006.

Susan loved all animals, especially dogs, and she also raised golden retrievers. The cows on the ranch were all given first names at birth. She enjoyed gardening and spent many hours in her yard making sure it was beautiful.

She enjoyed being able to live in the Round Top area where so many beautiful things are handmade and she enjoyed attending the various arts and crafts events.

She is survived by her husband, Maurice "Moe" ; brother, Robert E. Foster, Jr. of Lucas, Texas; sisters-in-law, Janie Rahlwes and husband, Bill of Lake Jackson, Texas; Linda Anderson and husband, Chris West Columbia, Texas ; numerous nieces and nephews; and her golden retriever, Tigger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons: Brian R. Barnes and Trey Barnes; parents-in-law, Maurice Barnes, Sr. and wife, Doris; and sister-in-law, Linda Foster.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at **Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home**.

A rosary will be recited prior to the funeral services on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Festival Hill, Edythe Bates Old Chapel, Round Top, Texas. Funeral Services will follow beginning at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Hill's Cemetery in Carmine.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 (www.shriners-hospitalsforchildren.org) or to the Gardena E. Janssen Animal Shelter, 240 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, TX 78945.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to **Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home**, 208 W. Pearl, La Grange, Texas. Family and friends can view and sign the guestbook online at [www.lagrangefunerals.com](http://www.lagrangefunerals.com).

Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Becker, Bruce A.**

Bruce A. Becker, 77. Loving husband and best friend for 52 years to Susanne nee Brayndick; Proud and devoted father to Jeanine and Darlene (Erik Bergstrom) Becker; Adored grandfather to Jeanine's newborn daughter, Maia Rhea Becker and Darlene's son, Teo Becker Bergstrom; Dear brother of Louis (Loretta) Becker. Bruce was a kind man with an incredible love of life, who seized the joy in every moment, and gave us all reasons to laugh with his hilarious sense of humor. He provided unconditional love and support to his family. Since 1966 Bruce has had an active law practice on the South Side of Chicago, where he addressed his clients' needs with exceptional expertise, patience and loving care. He taught real estate and business law at Olive-Harvey College from 1966-1996, inspiring his students to go further in their education and professional pursuits. Bruce discovered Flamenco at age 15 and spent the rest of his life studying, sharing, and enjoying this passionate musical art form, focusing on the cante. He maintained a thirst for adventure and learning his entire life. He loved to travel and explore, to experience different cultures, view and photograph wildlife and appreciate nature's beauty. He instilled his thirst for adventure and travel and his passion for life in his family. All family, friends, colleagues and clients agree that there was nobody like Bruce and in the midst of great ache we will all cherish our memories and adventures we shared. Service Friday 11am Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660. There will be a burial at sea off the California coast surrounded by close family and friends. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.

**CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Bulleri, Robert**

Robert Bulleri, of Lombard IL, and a former resident of Elmwood Park, IL, went home to our Lord after a year-long struggle with cancer. Bob was 55 years old. Bob was born on March 24, 1962 in Chicago, to Albert Bulleri and Lena (nee DeVito) Bulleri. He was the light of his parents' lives. Bob cared for his father during a long illness and took care of his mother until her death several years ago. He was a good son who did everything he could for his parents and their friends and family. Bob spent his days with his caretaker, Mateo Ledezma. Mateo had a strong bond with Bob, and showed selfless devotion during very difficult times. Mateo and his entire family were there for Bob in a special way, and everyone is grateful for the love they have showed to Bob over the years. Bob is survived by his godchildren, Danny Chairaz, Andrea Bevolio, Christian Silvestri and Nicholas Caprio, many loving cousins, including Edward Cavello, Marilyn (nee LaPaglia) Caprio, Lucille (nee LaPaglia) Felisha, Joseph DelMonico and Lisa (nee Del Monico) Schneeman. Bob is also mourned by countless friends and Cook County work colleagues who will miss his warm smile and easy way with people. Visitation Friday, February 23, 2018 4:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Funeral services begin Saturday February 24, 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Philip the Apostle Church, 1223 W. Holtz Ave., Addison, IL 60101. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to American Brain Tumor Association, www.abta.org would be appreciated. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).

**CUMBERLAND CHAPELS**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Calabrese, Pat J.**

Pat J. Calabrese, passed away Saturday, February 17, 2018, at the age of 90 years. Lovingly remembered by his wife of 11 years, Lee (nee Barney) his children with the late Bette Calabrese (nee Baker), Barbara, Frank (Diane), Pat (Gina), and John (Maureen), and six grandchildren, Frank, Stephanie, Megan, Vince, Milo and Audrey, and his sister Phyllis

(the late Irvin L.) Heckman and numerous nieces and nephews and extended family members. Pat was born in Chicago, IL, graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois, class of 1949 and retired as President and part owner of the Grieve Corporation, manufacturer of Industrial Ovens and, Furnaces, received the MechSE Distinguished Alumni Award, 2001. Visitation 4pm to 7pm, Friday, February 23, 2018 at **Wenban Funeral Home**, 320 Vine Ave., Lake Forest, IL. Funeral Mass 10am, Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL. Interment Private. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home**, Lake Forest (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)

**WENBAN FUNERAL HOME**Sign Guestbook at [chicagotribune.com/obituaries](http://chicagotribune.com/obituaries)**Coppola, Beatrice**

(nee Gange) beloved wife of the late Anthony; loving mother of Thomas and Frank; proud and cherished grandmother of Cathleen (Patrick) McCarthy, Amanda, Ashley, Stephanie, Anthony, Joseph and Carissa. Great grandmother of Madeline, Caira, Timothy and Sean. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral Saturday 9:45 a.m. to St. Benedict Church for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven. Long time member, benefactor, tireless volunteer and Hall of Famer at the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club. Info 773-588-5850 [www.cooneyfuneral-home.com](http://www.cooneyfuneral-home.com)

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Pick 4 evening	9660 / 7
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Daily 4 midday	8542 / 6
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## Cortina, Joyce "Jody"

Joyce "Jody" Cortina nee Woodruff, age 92, born in Waverly, Iowa. Preceded in death by her cherished husband Dominic Cortina. Survived by her loving family, Pam Cortina, Vicki (Mickey) Annecca, Michael (Laura) Cortina. Also, by her much adored grandchildren, Michelle (Drew) O'Connell, Joseph Cortina, Anna (Andrew Cross) Annecca, Christine Cortina and Dominic Annecca and very precious great grandson, Kellan O'Connell. Survived by her beloved brother Michael (Ruby) Woodruff, sister in-laws, Beverly Cortina, Helen Realy and Rose Mac Duff and many nieces, nephews and friends...Also, preceded in death by her parents Martha Rhode Woodruff and Lloyd Woodruff and loving siblings, Bill Woodruff, Jeanne Sherman, Loretta McCarville, Winnie Paul, Marge Stewart, Lauralie Packer and Gloria Reeder, Also by her cherished in-laws, Frank Cortina, Armando and Theresa Cortina, Ray Realy, Richard MacDuff and Mary Jane Petramale. Funeral Monday February 26, 2018, 10:00 a.m. from **Russo's Hillside Chapels**, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL 60162 (Between Mannheim and Wolf Road) to Visitation Church, Elmhurst, Mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Visitation Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 708-449-5300.

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## Davidson, Eileen

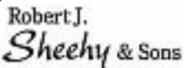
Eileen Davidson, nee Wallace, succumbed to complications from a brief illness on Monday, February 19. She was extremely devoted to her family and is survived by her husband of nearly 54 years, Martin; sons Eric (Denise) and Mark (Lauren); grandchildren Adam, Jolie, and Hannah; sister Robynne Wallace, and a host of extended family and friends. She was a very youthful 75 years old and active in the North Boundary Hadassah for over 40 years and eventually became a life member. Service Friday, 11:30 a.m. at Temple Chai, 1670 Checker Rd., Long Grove (1 blk W. of Arlington Heights Rd.). Interment Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hadassah, Chicago North Shore Chapter, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 800, Northbrook, IL 60062, [www.hadassah.org/chicago-northshore/](http://www.hadassah.org/chicago-northshore/) or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, 2220 E. Devon Ave., #392, DesPlaines, IL 60018, [www.crohnsandcolitis.com](http://www.crohnsandcolitis.com). For condolence information: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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## Delmedico, Alba

Adored daughter of the late Frank and Sara (nee Santora) Delmedico. Cherished sister of Justina (late Robert) Olsen and Rosemary (Tony) Burdi. Loving aunt of Maria (John) Dixon and Regina (Michael) Mellon. Devoted great aunt of Sofia and John Dixon and Ryan Mellon. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:45 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Gall Catholic Church, 5500 S. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL, Mass 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878



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## DuPree, Ronda Rushelle

Ronda Rushelle DuPree was born on October 3, 1971 in Suffern, New York. She was the first child, and first daughter, of Rushel and Zenobia DuPree.



Ronda graduated from Michigan State University in 1993 and earned her Masters in Business Administration and Management from Wayne State University

in 2004. Most recently, Ronda worked as Head Of Customer Experience at FCA Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and as a Broker Associate at Jameson Sotheby's International Real Estate.

More importantly though, Ronda was a loyal friend and she fiercely loved and was loved by her family; immediate and extended. She never wanted to be the center of attention, but she had a smile that always lit up the room. She had a kind heart and always put others before herself. Ronda could brighten anyone's day without even trying.

On the evening of February 14, 2018, Ronda passed away in Chicago, Illinois, at the age of 46.

Ronda will be forever loved and greatly missed by her parents, Rushel and Zenobia DuPree, her sister, Renee DuPree, and everyone who had the great pleasure of knowing her.

Private services will be held this week at **Leak & Sons** Funeral Home in Chicago. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

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## Dwartz, Ruth J.

Ruth J. Dwartz, 95, Retired Vice-President of Dwartz & Son. During her lifetime, and during the war, she gave up a full scholarship to The University of Michigan to serve as the private secretary to one of the top generals, General Christmas, of WWII. Beloved wife of the late Jack Dwartz; Devoted mother to Terry (Pam) Dwartz, Cathy (Arthur) Fung, and Judy (John) Nordquist; Loving grandmother to Harley Dwartz, Edric (Amanda) Fung, and Kathryn Nordquist; Great - Grandmother to Ellie Murphy. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, her birth parents, two sisters, and one nephew. Funeral services will be held at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL, on Friday, February 23rd at 11:30 am. There will be a short visitation prior at 11:00 am. Interment will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to the charity of your choice. For funeral information: call 847-256-5700.



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## Frew, Eleanor Berkey

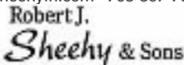
Eleanor B. Frew, nee Berkey, February 20, 2018, age 88. Late of Flossmoor and Homewood. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Frew. Dear mother of Stephen (Jacqueline) Frew, Melissa Frew and the late Peter Frew. Former mother-in-law of Jayne Frew. Cherished grandmother of 9. Great grandmother of 3. Preceded in death by 5 brothers and sisters. Longtime member of Village Artists, Art Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago, Docent at the Art Institute of Chicago. Resting at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 Dixie Hwy. Homewood Saturday, February 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Interment to be later at Crown Hill Cemetery in Salem, Indiana. Memorials to Village Artists, 1957 Ridge Rd, Homewood, IL 60430 or Alzheimer's Research and Related Disorders, 8430 W Bryn Mawr Avenue Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60631 would be appreciated. [www.tews-ryanfh.com](http://www.tews-ryanfh.com) or 708-798-5300.



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## Gaskey, Kenneth M. "Ken"

Beloved husband of Kathy Gaskey (nee Ellis). Loving father of Pamela Gaskey and Susan Gaskey. Dear brother of the late William and late Nealon. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation Saturday 8:30 a.m. until time of prayers 10:15 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, to Incarnation Church, 5757 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights, Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Elim Christian School, 13020 Central Avenue, Palos Heights, IL 60463 would be appreciated. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878



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## Gloff, Erich G.

Erich G. Gloff, age 94, of Lombard. Beloved husband of the late Maxine nee Dallman; cherished father of Martin R. (Patti) and William E.; proud grandfather of Emilie (Adam) Heald and Matthew (Macey); great-grandfather of Micah, Lydia and Carrie; fond brother of Margarete Snobeck; many other family & friends. Visitation Friday, 3-7 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Lying-in-State Saturday, 10:30 AM until the time of the Funeral Service at 11 AM St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 215 S. Lincoln Ave., Lombard, IL. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Info [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or 888-629-0094.

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## Gustafson, Allan P.

Allan P. Gustafson, born on January 25, 1930; beloved husband of the late Annie; loving father of the late Jeff, the late Mike (Nuala), the late Dawn Gustafson, and foster son, Mark Menehan; dearest grandfather of Lindsay Gustafson, Keith Gustafson, and Jill (John) Wagner; dear great-grandfather of Chloe Kowalski, and Leo and Gemma Wagner; cherished brother of June (the late Don and the late Stanley) Erdmier-Salen; fond uncle of Doug (Lisa) Erdmier, Jan (Dan) McCoy, Karen (Tom) Cramer, Tom (Judy) Erdmier, Cheryl Erdmier (Tasker), Bill (Lisa) Erdmier, and Tammi Erdmier (Dave); uncle of thirteen great-nieces and nephews, and two great-great-nephews. Allan was an owner of the Isak Gustafson Construction Company. He was an avid Chicago sports fan, attending both Chicago Cubs and White Sox opening days for over sixty years, many of which were attended with his nephew Tom Erdmier. He was a Chicago White Sox season ticket holder for over 40 years. Allan was a longtime volunteer at Christmas for the very poor delivering food and toys. Visitation Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at **Sullivan Funeral Home**; 60 S. Grant Street, Hinsdale, Illinois 60521. Interment Bronswood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to C.E.R. of Illinois Covenant Harbor Camp in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, 15841 Terrace Dr. Oak Forest, IL 60452, [www.cerofillinois.org](http://www.cerofillinois.org) or Santa for the Very Poor, [www.santavp.org](http://www.santavp.org) are appreciated. (630) 323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com).



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## Holzwarth, Antoinette A 'Toni'

Antoinette A. "Toni" Holzwarth (nee LeClair), 91, of the NW side passed away peacefully February 16, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Stanley. Devoted mother of Frank Koutnik. Dedicated volunteer @ Rainbow hospice & St Thecla parish. Avid golfer, life long Cub fan & dear friend to many. A visitation will be held Tuesday February 27th from 9:30 am until the mass of the resurrection @ 10:30 am @ St Thecla Catholic Church 6323 N. Newcastle Ave Chicago, IL 60631. Private Interment Queen of Heaven. Arrangements entrusted to **Chicagoland Cremation Options** info 773-631-0018

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## Hutchison, Raymond G.

Raymond G. Hutchison, age 83 of Chicago, IL, passed away February 19, 2018; beloved husband of Joyce; loving father of the late Raymond A. Hutchison and the late Marcia Hutchison; cherished grandfather of Raymond B. Hutchison and Greer A. Hutchison; he was a veteran of the Korean War, member of Chicago Chapter 1st Marine Division.



Raymond also coached Little League Baseball for 9 years.

Visitation Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services at 7:00 p.m. Cremation will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Shriners Hospital appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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## Koutnik

See Antoinette Holzwarth notice.

## Krickl, David G.

David G Krickl, DDS at rest January 22. Loving husband of Celeste nee Boucher, wonderful and caring father to Dewey and Kara, left us suddenly and too soon. Originally from Oak Park, Ill. David and Celeste relocated to Florida in 2001 with their infant children to start a new life in the sunshine state. He loved practicing dentistry, but always said, "First, I'm a Husband, Second, I'm a Father and Third, I'm all the rest!" He was an ardent fan of the Chicago Bears, Blackhawks and Cubs! Loved golf, playing guitar and spending an afternoon fishing. He was a wonder chef and nothing made him happier than cooking for family and friends. David is also survived by his father, Joseph L. Jr.; siblings Catherine (Drew) Rutz, Joseph, Paul (Donna), Raymond (Nancy), Thomas (Amy Ma), John (Nancy) and Mary (Tim) Flanagan and a number of nephews, nieces, loving in-laws and friends. He predeceased by his mother Catherine. A Memorial Mass will held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24th, 2018 at Ascension Church in Oak Park. Everyone is invited to a gathering in the Ascension Church Pine Room, (adjacent to the church) after Mass to share stories of David and celebrate his life. Info: GAMBONEY & SON 708/420-5108

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## Kulas, Maria

Maria Kulas, 74, February 18, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Jerry. Loving mother of Oleh (Natalia) Kulas and Mark (Margaret) Kulas. Cherished grandmother of Zoe. Dear sister of Ivan (Luba) Derkacz, Nalka (the late Bohdan) Bilous, Anna (Roman) Melnyk, Nadia (Brad) Kandl, the late Mychajlo Derkacz and the late Bohdan (Natalia) Derkacz. Dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Maria also leaves her loving caregiver Maria Ivashko. Funeral Saturday 10:00 A.M. from Muzyka Funeral Home, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral for a 10:30 A.M. Funeral Service. Interment Private. Visitation Friday 4-9 P.M. with a Panachyda (Prayer Service) 7:00 P.M. at **Muzyka Chapel**. Info: 773-278-7767.

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## Lamey, Jane F.

Jane F. Lamey, nee Davis, of Glenview. Passed away peacefully Feb. 17, 2018. Wife of the late William L. Lamey former dean of Loyola University Law School. Dear sister of Jerry and Paul Davis. Donations to the Sr. Paulanne Needy Family Fund, 1772 Glenview Rd. Glenview, IL 60025 are appreciated. Family and friends to meet for mass at St. Patrick's Church 991 S. Waukegan Rd. Lake Forest, IL 60045 at 10:30 AM on Friday Feb. 23rd. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Info 847-901-4012 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)



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## Lemanski R.N., Joann E.

Joann E. Lemanski R.N., nee Macey age 85, of Niles, beloved wife of the late Frank Lemanski Sr.; loving mother of Michael (Margarete) Lemanski, Thomas (Denise) Lemanski, Mary (Paul II) Spiller, Frank Lemanski Jr., Nancy (Michael) Mueller and Julie (Timothy) Neenan; cherished grandmother of 16 and great grandmother of 2; Visitation Friday 3:00 - 8:00 pm. at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, Funeral Saturday 9:15 am. To St Juliana Church Mass 10:00 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Joann was a dedicated Nurse for 40 years and a devoted member of St. Juliana Parish over 60 years. In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, St. Juliana Parish or Journey Care Hospice appreciated. 847-966-7302 or sign guest book at [www.skajafuneralhomes.com](http://www.skajafuneralhomes.com)



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## Meiborg, Robert W.

Robert W. Meiborg, 96, formerly of Wheaton, Illinois, passed away February 19, 2018, at Belmont Village, Carol Stream, Illinois. Robert is survived by children Diane Meiborg (Roger Zacek), Sharon (Terry) Paschall and Robert Meiborg (Cherry Weber); grandchildren Aimee, Andrew, David, Jonathan, Matthew, Nicholas and Philip; and great-grandchildren Aurora, Eden, Ezra, Dylan, Kyle and Penelope.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, sisters, beloved wife Shirley (nee Weber) Meiborg and granddaughter Amanda Meiborg.

Robert served his country as Staff Sergeant in the 4150th Army Air Force Base Unit from 1940-1945. Celebration of his life will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Northwestern Medicine Home Health & Hospice, 690 E North Ave, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

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## Moriarty, Lorraine

On February 21, 2018, Lorraine Moriarty passed away peacefully, at home, surrounded by her daughters: Jan, Julie McCarty (Tom), Dianne, Erin Conant (Roger), and Kerry Robbins (Richard). Lorraine was married to her childhood sweetheart for 54 years, the late John (Jack) Patrick Moriarty. They traveled to over 20 countries together, many with the Road Builders Association. An avid philanthropist, Lorraine was President of the Women's Board of LaRabida Children's Hospital, and served on the Women's Board of the Lyric Opera, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Board of Director of The Lupus Society of Illinois (a disease which she had for 30 years), and was an active donor and volunteer at the Art Institute of Chicago, Misericordia Home of Chicago, and Infant Welfare Society. Lorraine was a member of the Garden Club of Hinsdale and a member of St. Isaac Jogues Church in Hinsdale. Lorraine is survived by her five daughters; her granddaughters Shannon McCarty and Megan Johnson (Richard); grandsons Kevin Kreutz (Megan), Brian Kreutz, and JP Kreutz; and great-grandchildren Dylan Johnson, Austin Kreutz, and Camden Kreutz. Lorraine is also survived by her sister Corrine Stocks (Ed) and brother Ed Olson (Ann). A Catholic Mass will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale on Friday, February 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., with a 9:00 a.m. visitation. In lieu of flowers kindly make a donation to the Lupus Society of Illinois.



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## Neilly, Marian T

Marian T. Neilly (nee Stoecker), age 82, of Tinley Park. Beloved wife of the late Robert S. Neilly. Loving mother of Joseph (Catherine), Mary Beth (Michael Tufano) Neilly, James and John (Tammy). Dearest grandmother of Dean, Robert, Mark, Julia, Benjamin, Ross, Gretchen, Austin and Ryan. Dear sister of Frank (the late Mary) Stoecker. Marian was a talented seamstress and designer, and was devoted to the Music Ministry at St. Damian Church in Oak Forest, Illinois.

Funeral Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 11:15 a.m. from the **McKenzie Funeral Home**, 15618 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest to St. Damian Church, Mass 12:00 noon. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday, February 23rd from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions to St. Damian Music Ministry is preferred. For information: 708-687-2990.

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## Noerper, Jonathon

Jonathon Noerper, age 33, died on Sunday, February 18, 2018. Born on January 20, 1985, Jon was an amazing son, brother, uncle, cousin, and a dedicated friend to many. He is survived by his loving parents, Norm and Susan; nine siblings - Stephen, David, Susan, Sara, Christopher, Matthew, Michael, Katie, and Jenny; aunts Doris, Nancy, Judy, Mary Sue, and Roberta; uncles Daryl, Tommy, and Monte; nephews and nieces, cousins, and his dear friends. He will be remembered for his charming smile, enthusiasm, generosity, and kindness for those that needed him. He lifted many from personal problems by the power of his love and friendship. We miss him greatly. A memorial service will be held at Kelley and Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL on Saturday, February 24 at 1 pm followed by a celebration of his life at 3pm at Italian Kitchen, 648 Deerfield Road, Deerfield, IL. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or [www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com)



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## Przewoznik, Helen S.

Helen S. Przewoznik (nee Sandra), age 95. Beloved wife of the late Steve. Loving mother of the late Kenneth (Pamela). Dear sister of Matthew, Stanley (the late Dorothy), the late Joseph (Ceclia), the late Walter (late La Vonne) and the late Chester Sandra. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Vice President of the Stickney Township Council on Aging, long time member of the St. Camillus Rosary Sodality and the Central Stickney Golden V.I.P.'s. Visitation Friday morning, Feb. 23, 2018 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with funeral prayers at 11:30 a.m. at the Richard-Midway Funeral Home, 5749 Archer Ave. (Corner of Lorel) to St. Camillus Church for 12 p.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. 773-767-1840 or [www.richardmidwayfh.com](http://www.richardmidwayfh.com)

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### Rattigan, Marie Theresa

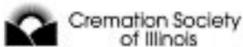
(nee Mulligan), born in Philadelphia, PA. Beloved wife of 50 years of the late John J. Rattigan. Cherished daughter of the late Martin and Mary Mulligan, both of County Galway, Ireland. Adored sister of the late John T. Mulligan, Francis M. Mulligan, and the late Margaret Rose McGlenn. Cherished aunt of many nieces, nephews and cousins from the Mulligan and Glennon families. Graduate of Our Lady of the Rosary, West Catholic Girls High School and Philadelphia Business College. Retired employee of Prudential Insurance Company and Kohl's Department Store. Assistant Treasurer of Gaelic Park and founding member of Galway Fellowship. Marie loved the Chicago area and beautiful Gaelic Park. She and John loved to visit family and friends in Ireland. They were committed to their faith and their many friends. Visitation Friday 9:00 a.m. until Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. at St. George Church, 6707 W. 175TH Street, Tinley Park, IL. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, masses are preferred. Arrangements handled by **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes** [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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### Ray, Dale Stephanie

Dale Stephanie Ray, 54, 2/8/18, suddenly, after a brief illness. Beloved teacher, daughter, sister, godmother, friend. See full obituary at [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com) or in 2/18/18 Tribune. Arrangements by **Cremation Society of Illinois**, Chicago. Info: 773-281-5058.



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### Riffkind, Sara

Sara Riffkind, nee Carl. Beloved wife of the late Sidney; will be deeply missed by her loving children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild. Graveside service Fri, 1 PM, at Waldheim Cemetery, gate 54, 1400 Des Plaines Ave, Forest Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.



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### Schwartz, Anna

Anna Schwartz nee Kampf, age 90. Beloved wife of Karl F. Schwartz; loving mother of Anna Siakel and Cynthia (Wayne) Kubacki; fond grandmother of Daniel Siakel, Jennifer Kubacki, and Jessica Kubacki; fond aunt of several nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday February 23, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral Services begin Saturday 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home until time of Chapel Service at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at All Saints Cemetery. For more info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)

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### Szyman, Charles Richard 'Charlie'

Charles R. Szyman 1951 - 2018 in Lakeville, Minnesota. Formerly of Chicago, Berwyn and Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Loving husband of Patricia, nee Bundy. Preceded in death by his parents, Robert R. and Mary Patricia, nee Hughes, a son, Samuel Szyman Huston, a sister-in-law Vanessa, nee Paulsen, and a nephew, Patrick. Father to Rachel and Elizabeth, and Jessica Brokenshire, nee Huston. Precious brother to Robert J. (Marie Towey), James D. (Patricia Bass), Thomas P. (Vanessa Paulson), Lawrence M. (Carol Erickson), Mark H. (Valerie Black), Peter A. (Catherine Williams), and Marjio T. Bjorlin (Dean). Cherished cousin to 13, esteemed uncle to 21, and grand uncle to 17. He attended William H. Ryder Grade School for kindergarten and St. Kilian Grade School. He was proud graduate of St. Barnabas Elementary School (1965), Mount Carmel High School (1969), where he was a member of the 1967 City Championship Football Team, and Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine; a member of the American Osteopathic Association. An Eagle Scout and a Sea Explorer, he served honorably as a Corpsman in the US Naval Reserve with active-duty tours, October 10, 1971- October 9, 1973 at Great Lakes Naval Hospital and Naval Air Station Key West, Florida, Petty Officer 1st Class, and worked at the Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital in Boston before attending Chicago State University and being accepted to medical school. He was an anesthesiologist and pain specialist at Holy Family Memorial in Manitowoc, Wisconsin for 26 years and was instrumental in founding the Sleep Clinic there. A Prayer Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc. Officiating at the service will be Rev. Larry Szyman. Cremation will occur at All-Care Cremation Center, Manitowoc following services. The family will greet relatives and friends at the Pfeffer Funeral Home on Friday, February 23, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until the time of the prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Charlie was an incredibly generous spirit who helped countless individuals throughout his career. He had a passion for traveling and cruising on his Harley. Charlie was loved to pieces and will be missed more than words can say.

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### Tam, Ginger Ellen

Ginger Ellen Tam, 56, Northfield, IL, February 10, 2018 following a brave seven-year battle with lung cancer. Beloved Mother of Amelia; sister Charmaine Tam of Santa Ysabel, CA; brothers Timothy (Lisa) Tam, of Amarillo, Tx.; Monty Tam of Santa Ysabel, CA; sister Christie Tam of Medford, Oregon, brother Geoffrey Tam (deceased), daughter of Galen and Mary Tam (deceased). Ginger was a well-known vocalist & headliner at most of Chicago's top venues, including The Ritz, The Drake, Yvettes, Toulouse on the Park, Pops for Champagne, Green Dolphin Street, and performed with the Dick Judson Orchestra & Rich Daniels Orchestra. Tam was a staunch advocate for lung cancer research, working with the Lung Cancer Alliance. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 24, at 11a.m., Willow Creek North Shore, 2200 Shermer Road, Glenview, IL, 60026. In lieu of flowers, a college fund has been established for her daughter, Amelia Tam. Make check payable to Amelia Tam, designate College fund in memo, send c/o Lisa Howard, 1947 W. Evergreen Ave., #B, Chicago, IL 60622.



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### Wheeler, Letitia

Letitia Wheeler nee Ohmer age 88 of Winnetka. Beloved wife of the late Edward A. Wheeler; loving mother of Anne Kavooras (Paul Smedinghoff), John (Blair) Swafford and Teresa (Reggie) Kerr; proud grandmother of Trey Kavooras (financé Paige Bovino), Tori (Joe) Longo, Madeline Kavooras, Courtney Maggie and Billy Grady. Visitation Saturday February 24, 2018 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hadley Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 700 Elm Street Winnetka, IL 60093. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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### Zaccagnini, Carmella

Carmella Zaccagnini, age 96, nee D'Onofrio, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, February 20, 2018; Carmella is the beloved wife of the late Orlando Zaccagnini; Devoted mother of Phyllis Ricciardi, Louise (Robert) Maheu, Edward Zaccagnini and Nancy (Rich) Shuman; Loving daughter of the late Alessandro and Filomena D'Onofrio; Fond grandmother of Michael (Lynn) Ricciardi, the late Joseph Ricciardi, Toni (Daniel) Diprizio, Lisa (Terance) Gonsalves, Marla Shuman and Jamie (Tim) Snell; She was a great grandmother of 8, and a great great grandmother of 2; Dear sister of the late Rosaria "Rose" (late Achille "Kelly") Cimaglia, Pierina (Erven) Studinski and the late Joseph (late Raphaella) D'Onofrio; Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday, February 23, 2018 at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Prayers and final viewing Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Funeral mass to follow at St. William Church at 10:00 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Make A Wish foundation, 4742 North 24th Street, Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org) is greatly appreciated. For info (773) 889-1700

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### Zylius, Lorraine G.

Lorraine G. Zylius, age 93, formerly of Brookfield and Woodridge. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Dennis (Karen) Zylius and Laurelle (Kelly Andrews) Brennan. Devoted grandmother of Ryan (Suzanne) Zylius, Kristin (Brent) Buchhagen and Matthew Brennan. Dear great-grandmother of Zachary, Trevor, Brinley and Bennett. Sister of the late William Preuss. Visitation 3-8pm Friday at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove. Prayers 10:45am Saturday from the funeral home to Divine Savior Church for Mass at 11:30am. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Helping Hands Center ([www.hhcenter.org](http://www.hhcenter.org)) would be appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Dabryant Walker**  
A MINOR  
NO. 2017JD60188

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**February 22, 2018**

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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**  
**Joshua Robinson**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tt Washington (Mother)**

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**February 22, 2018**

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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Loyalty Ceaser**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Honesty Hatcher**  
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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Mya Denise Watkins**

**MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tamika Gatin (Mother)**

**JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01349**

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Defendants Name: Correll, William O.  
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## Sunday

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# CHICAGO SPORTS

With racism hitting home at the United Center, NHL players can take a page from another league — and Eagles activist Chris Long

# NFL



**SHANNON RYAN**

On media

As Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins raised his fist during the national anthem to call attention to racial injustice before an NFL preseason game in August, teammate Chris Long slung his arm around Jenkins' shoulder.

"I just told Malcolm, 'I'm here for you,'" Long told The Philadelphia Inquirer afterward. "I think it's a good time for people that look like me to be here for people that are fighting for equality."

It's advice white NHL players should take to heart.

On Saturday night, four Blackhawks fans chanted "basketball, basketball, basketball" at the Capitals' Devante Smith-Pelly during a game at the United Center. He is one of about 30 black players in a league that has more than 700 athletes and has a troubled history of racial exclusion and hostility.

The Hawks were right to swiftly eject the fans from the game and made the correct decision again when the organization banned these vile people from future games. Hawks players and coach Joel Quenneville later denounced those fans when asked by reporters about the incident.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE ILLUSTRATION USING A GETTY PHOTO

## Sharp Lipinski, Weir nail their program



**PHIL ROSENTHAL**  
On media

Sometimes you can't see what truly sparkles and shines for all the sequins and rhinestones.

For those still obsessed with their hair and outfits, figure skating analysts Tara Lipinski and Johnny Weir's take on Bradie Tennell's short program to open NBC's prime-time Olympics broadcast Tuesday bears consideration.

Just as their sport blends precision with artistry, Lipinski and Weir were blade-sharp yet feeling and expressive.

While not perfect, they made Tennell's fall — at the start of the Chicago-area U.S. champion's routine and the implicit end of her individual medal contention in the 2018 Winter Games — seem both surprising and inevitable, zeroing in on what went awry yet ultimately striking a sympathetic tone.

Talk all you want about quads and triples, that's a hard landing to stick.

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

As she wraps up her Olympic career, it's clear: Lindsey Vonn is the greatest female ski racer in history. **Back Page**

■ Cross-country skiing gold is an American first. **Page 7**



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## BASKETBALL

### Ramblers are champs

Loyola routs Southern Illinois 75-56 to wrap up its first Missouri Valley Conference title and first regular-season solo conference title since 1987. **Page 5**

**Bulls:** Justin Holiday still wants to play, win, but he and other proud vets will sit in lineup shuffle. **Page 5**

**OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom**  
Mavericks owner Mark Cuban was fined \$600,000 for comments on tanking. That's why the Bulls just say they're playing Cameron Payne. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



## Long-range forecast looks sunny for Sox



**DAVID HAUGH**  
In the Wake of the News

GLENDALE, Ariz. — To the untrained eye, White Sox prospects Eloy Jimenez and Luis Robert provided several did-you-see-that moments during batting practice Tuesday at Camelback Ranch, confirming their prodigious power and enormous talent.

To Sox executive vice president Ken Williams, a video junkie more interested in what the body is doing than where the ball is going, the session produced a whole lot of meh. Williams judges big swings based on little things, such as how far a hitter raises his heel or moves his chin. Watching hitting with Williams is a little like sitting in the passenger seat as a mechanic drives your car.

"Those guys were good," Williams answered with a smile when asked what he thought of the show Jimenez and Robert put on. "But for whatever reason, I've seen them better."

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## MORE BASEBALL

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STEVE ROSENBLUM

## Let's play nice off the ice

We have a chance to do something nice here. I didn't expect it, but somehow the disgust over the racial taunts four fans spewed at Capitals forward Devante Smith-Pelly as he sat in the United Center penalty box Saturday has created an opportunity to do something nice here.

In a piece earlier this week, I vented my disgust, calling for the names of the four pieces of slime who chanted "basketball, basketball, basketball" at the black hockey player. I wanted their names made public, ultimately hoping they would apologize for their sick and sad act.

So far, I haven't heard a name, which is strange in this social media world. I did, however, hear from a flood of readers who agreed with my stance, and of course I heard from a handful of racists who think I have thin skin and apparently believe there are degrees of racism worth raging about. And so it went.

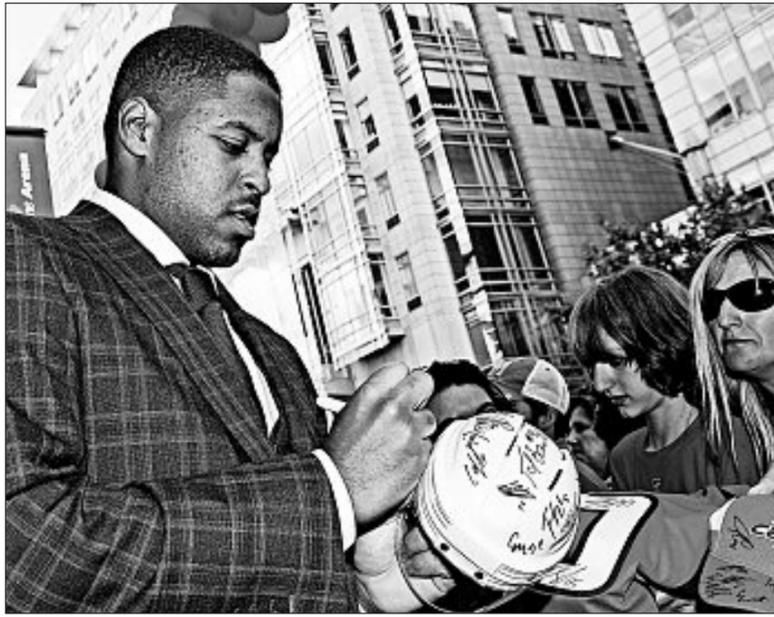
And then I got an email from John Simpson, a partner with Broadhaven Capital Partners in Chicago. If you felt repulsed, vengeful or angry over the incident, or all three like me, here was a suggestion that would channel those harsh feelings into doing something nice. Stevie Sunshine rallies when there's a chance to do something nice.

"I'm writing regarding your article about the Blackhawks this morning," Simpson wrote. "At the risk of telling you how to do your job, I have what I think might be a better idea. Rather than shaming the morons who did this, and there's no question they are that at best, my suggestion would be that you use your column to suggest that the next time the Capitals are in Chicago, Blackhawks fans wear Smith-Pelly's Capitals jersey."

"To me, that would show support for the player and show class on behalf of Blackhawks fans. In the department to put your money where your mouth is, I would underwrite the first 100 jerseys."

"If they aren't back in Chicago until next year, I would make the first 10,000-dollar contribution to whatever charity Smith-Pelly cares about, and I would suggest that you encourage others, including the Blackhawks organization, to match that contribution. These are all just ideas. Let me know if you think any of them have any traction."

I loved both ideas, but because the Capi-



NICK WASS/AP

The Capitals' Devante Smith-Pelly has an idea for how Hawks fans can do some good.

tals do not visit the United Center again this season, the second idea seemed the way to go. It reminded me of Bills fans donating to the charity of Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton after his touchdown pass beat the Ravens to put the Bills in the playoffs for the first time in 17 years.

I didn't know whether Smith-Pelly had a favorite charity or foundation. Blackhawks media honcho Adam Rogovin hooked me up with Sergey Kocharov, Capitals vice president of communications, who said he would talk to Smith-Pelly. The next day I received an email from Megan Eichenberg, Capitals manager of communications and publicity.

"We spoke with Devante today and he appreciates the thought. If fans wish to make a donation, Devante requests that it be to Fort Dupont Ice Arena, which is based here in D.C. and home to the Fort Dupont Cannons."

"Fort Dupont Ice Arena is the only full-size indoor ice arena in Washington, D.C., and the Cannons are the oldest minority youth hockey program in North America

and the oldest ice hockey program that is a member of the Hockey is for Everyone initiative. The program's goal is to teach young people discipline, self-esteem and a sense of purpose and to offer an incentive to excel academically."

Smith-Pelly was one of three Capitals who recently hosted Cannons players and members of the organization's Kids on Ice program for a skating session at the NHL team's practice rink. This just keeps getting better.

The Fort Dupont Ice Arena website is [fdia.org](http://fdia.org). If you click around, you'll come across a photo of 2018 Olympian Maame Biney, an alumna of the Kids on Ice program who became the first African-American woman to make the U.S. speedskating team.

The website has a "Support Us" tab that allows people to make tax-deductible donations. It took me less than five minutes. Here's a chance to do something nice.

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### THE LINEUP

#### Hot idea for hockey



Rather than shut down the NHL regular season for three weeks and risk injury to its stars, the league didn't allow players to compete in the Winter Olympics this year.

One possible solution? Move ice hockey to the Summer Games.

**Jack O'Callahan**, the former Blackhawks defenseman and member of the 1980 U.S. gold-medal-winning "Miracle on Ice" team pitched the idea Wednesday during an appearance on WSCR-AM 670.

"I really do like seeing the pros and the best players in the world in the Olympics," O'Callahan said, adding that playing Olympic hockey after the NHL season would solve some problems.

"I mean, the games are indoors anyway," he said. "They could all just skip training camp ... and they would all have great starts to their season because they've already had competitive experience."

Phil Thompson

#### Shazier vows to return



Injured Steelers linebacker **Ryan Shazier** doesn't just plan to play again after a spinal injury. He says he wants to make it all the way to the Hall of Fame.

Shazier, 25, opened up to teammate Roosevelt Nix on Nix's podcast, Shazier's first public comments since injuring his spine Dec. 4.

Shazier told Nix that he plans to walk again on his own and return to a career that was on the verge of stardom before the injury, which required spinal stabilization surgery and left him in the hospital for two months.

"I'm really trying to come back and still be a Pro Bowler," Shazier told Nix. "I've got to get back. ... I'm giving everything I got. The therapists are like, 'Man this is crazy; I've never seen anyone work this hard.'"

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## Optimistic White Sox still preaching patience

Haugh, from Page 1

Without even trying, Williams summed up the smartest way for everyone to view this Sox season.

Don't see what isn't there.  
Don't get carried away.  
Don't have any illusions.

The Sox find themselves in the midst of a youth movement that needs no exaggeration. Nobody rolled their eyes when Jimenez revealed how he, Robert and Micker Adolfo — a sleeper stud of a prospect — shared their dreams of starring in Chicago together during the batting-practice display. That looks likely one day — but not one day soon, Sox officials will add quickly. Keeping a clear head now will benefit everybody later. Waiting really is the hardest part.

The enthusiasm since spring training opened last week is palpable, the feeling an extension of the indefatigable optimism manager Rick Renteria exudes every day. The vibe has been so positive that the Sox might be the first team Baseball Prospectus projects to win 72 games but guards against overconfidence. The best way to get behind schedule is to think you're ahead of it, a mistake Sox general manager Rick Hahn won't make.

Hahn probably has a resting heart rate that would make most yogis jealous. His command comes naturally but acquiring five of baseball's top 100 prospects, according to Baseball America, can calm the most jittery of general managers. A year ago, the most buzz at Sox camp surrounded Yoan Moncada and Lucas Giolito, whose rookie seasons justified the attention. This month, Jimenez and Michael Kopech, a future ace straight out of central casting, turn heads the quickest.

"And a year from now, it's possible that will be Luis Robert and Alec Hansen," Hahn said. "We wanted to create wave upon wave of talent to extend this thing as long as possible."

Those waves of talent forecast to wash ashore at 35th and Shields explain why Hahn continues to preach patience as excitement builds. Hahn's toughest trick might be merging reality with perception and picking the right time to promote highly publicized players such as Jimenez and Kopech — who both look poised to make their major-league debuts in 2018. How the players handle the publicity that already has come their way also could affect the decision but, remember, these are 20-somethings who grew up posting pictures of workouts on Instagram and having minor-league performances debated on the internet.

"We think that's all part of the development," Hahn said. "The coverage in the

minor leagues as a whole, these guys are used to it to some extent, but the level of scrutiny that comes at the big-league level, especially for guys with high expectations, is a little different, another layer of pressure."

Take Robert, the Cuban sensation the Sox signed with a \$25 million bonus last year. Wherever Robert starts in the Sox system, this will be the 20-year-old's first extended stay in the United States. The criteria to gauge Robert's development will be different than, say, 2017 first-round pick Jake Burger's.

"Whether Robert hits .240 or .340 this year, that's only going to be one element considered about how quickly he'll get to Chicago and be able to contribute to a championship," Hahn said.

How soon will the Sox legitimately chase championships again? What if the young Sox are even better than expected, which John Paxson admitted about his young players on the Bulls — Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf's other team?

"That'd be a nice problem to have," Hahn said.

He smiled, savoring the possibility. Grudgingly, even Hahn acknowledged the Sox already have changed the date on the calendar they originally circled when deciding to rebuild with the Chris Sale trade 15 months ago.

"When we started this process, we talked about how traditionally these things around the league take five years or so but internally, I think we've already adjusted that timeline, for the better," Hahn said. "If more of these players continue to advance to the big leagues and have an impact sooner than anticipated, fantastic. We're in a position from a payroll standpoint to feed that."

Only two teams have a lower payroll than the Sox's \$65 million, according to [spotrac.com](http://spotrac.com).

A promising 2018 could put the Sox in position to make a run at Orioles megastar Manny Machado, a potential \$300 million free agent next offseason whom Hahn pursued in trade talks at the winter meetings. Not that Hahn took the bait when posed that scenario.

"I don't think you need to select someone and say, 'You're Player X and we're going to sign you as a free agent and you're going to be 'the dude,'" Hahn said. "That said, free agency will play an important role when the time is right."

Everybody knows it's the right time to be a fan of the Sox, who believe winning is a matter of when — not if. And it's hard to argue.

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## BASEBALL

## WHITE SOX

## Danish taking 2nd look at life

After car crash in September, pitcher grateful to be alive

BY CHRIS KUC | Chicago Tribune

GLENDAL, Ariz. — When Tyler Danish takes the mound during the White Sox's Cactus League opener against the Dodgers on Friday, it will be with a new perspective on life.

The 23-year-old right-hander isn't just happy to be throwing a baseball. Danish is happy to be alive after surviving an accident in which a semitrailer slammed into his car in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sept. 4, a few hours after he got a no-decision in Triple-A Charlotte's season finale.

About two hours from his home, Danish was stopped in the left lane because of an accident in front of him when the truck barreled into him at a high speed, totaling his car.

"I'm lucky to be alive," Danish said Wednesday. "Not many people get a second chance in life, and I did. I'm going to try to use it every day (as) ... a motivational thing. I'm not supposed to be here, so I just take every day and go with it."

Danish suffered what he called "a little shoulder dislocation" in his left arm but otherwise escaped serious injury. He realizes how close he came to seeing his career — and life — end.

"You see how fast it can get taken from you, so every day is a blessing to be alive for me now," Danish said. "I take every day (as if) it's the last and ... be the best I can be as a teammate, a player (and) a person."

Danish will get the opportunity to be those things when he follows starter Dylan Covey against the Dodgers.

"I ... want to be the guy (who) shows what I'm here for," Danish said. "I'm here to try to make this club no matter what (role) it is, starting (or) relieving. Whatever that may be, I'm going to try to put my best foot forward every day and try to make this team. That's my goal."

Danish is hoping to build off last season, when he recorded his first major-league win in his only appearance with the Sox on May 27 against the Tigers.

"It was probably the best day of my life so far," Danish said. "But I still had ups and downs."

"I saw that when I'm mechanically out of sync, it can get away from me. But when I'm on and things are around the plate, I have pretty good stuff. It's just a confidence thing to where (I'll) throw it over the plate, trust it



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

His minor-league numbers in 2017 weren't great, but Tyler Danish earned a victory in his only appearance with the White Sox last season.

and see what happens."

Danish went 4-14 with a 5.47 ERA for Charlotte in 2017, prompting him to make mechanical adjustments this offseason. He plans to pitch out of the stretch regardless of the situation in an attempt to simplify his movements and maintain his timing.

"We're trying to get him to continue to

hammer that strike zone," manager Rick Renteria said. "We want him to continue to be confident in his ability to induce ground balls, which has been his forte over his career."

No matter what happens Friday and beyond, Danish is going to savor each moment on and off the field.

"I'm going to go out there and try to be the best I can be, take everything I went through in the offseason and just kind of let it go, enjoy the moment, enjoy everything every day," Danish said. "I'm excited."

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Cubs catcher Willson Contreras struck out eight times against the Dodgers in the NLCS.

## CUBS

## A high-pitch lowdown

Morrow tells Cubs of Dodgers' pitching strategy against them

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Dodgers manager Dave Roberts expressed bewilderment when he learned reliever Brandon Morrow discussed how the Cubs were dissected in the 2017 National League Championship Series.

"He's already giving away our secrets?" Roberts said Tuesday with a tone of amusement.

But the Cubs' big weakness was evident as early as late May and became more obvious in the NLCS. The Dodgers' ability to find the strike zone with high fastballs proved to be Kryptonite to the Cubs.

"A pitch up looks good to hit, but it's tough to square up," Kris Bryant said. "I felt we could get better at it. We know how to approach the Dodgers this year because that's what they do."

"The book's out, and there's no secret anymore."

The Cubs struck out 53 times in five playoff games against the Dodgers, with Morrow whiffing seven in 4 2/3 innings by having complete command of a high fastball that teased eager batters with launch angles engrained throughout the season.

"(The Dodgers) put a big emphasis on it and they scout for it," said Morrow, whose command of the strike zone enticed the Cubs to sign him to a two-year, \$21 million contract as a free agent.

"For me, it was learning how low you can go, where you're still (throwing) above the barrel. (You) throw a high strike that doesn't have to be at the eyes and (are) working down, finding where you can get guys to swing."

Roberts credited the Dodgers' research and development department for studying hitters' weaknesses. He acknowledges the

emphasis on hitters' launch angles makes it difficult for them to adjust to high fastballs.

"Especially in this day and age (when) there's a (desire for high slugging percentages, they will) swing and miss," Roberts said. "We try to identify pitchers who can throw quality strikes — maybe there are some guys (who throw) at the top of the zone and don't walk guys. If you do that, you're going to have a chance."

Cubs catcher Willson Contreras quickly realized once he reached the majors in 2016 that some teams — particularly the Dodgers — use the entire strike zone.

"I think the Dodgers are the best team at elevating fastballs and breaking balls down," said Contreras, who tied Anthony Rizzo for most strikeouts (eight) in the 2017 NLCS. "It's hard to hit an elevated fastball."

The Cubs struck out 30 times during the Dodgers' three-game sweep May 26-28. Starters Alex Wood and Brandon McCarthy combined to strike out 14 in 11 innings thanks to their dose of high fastballs that looked hittable.

"It's up to us not to swing at it," Addison Russell said. "Going into that series, we knew that. Last year we still had a young core, but this year it's going to be a little different just because we have that experience."

"Having that in the back of our minds, we know what to expect. The regular-season play might be different. We can talk later about postseason stuff, but we know what to expect from a team like that."

New hitting coach Chili Davis seems optimistic his pupils will fare better the next time the two teams meet.

"We'll look at videos, see how their pitchers attack our hitters and how maybe we'll try to adjust to some mistakes their pitchers make," Davis said. "Because they (will) make mistakes."

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## BASEBALL

## CUBS NOTES

# More polish will make Baez shine

BY MARK GONZALES  
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MESA, Ariz. — The chances of **Javier Baez** getting as many as 600 plate appearances in 2018 will improve if **Ben Zobrist** needs more rest.

But perhaps a bigger factor will be if Baez can become a more polished hitter.

“He’s at that point now (that) to get those 500 to 600 plate appearances, (he needs to) organize (his) strike zone, accept walks and use the whole field,” manager **Joe Maddon** said Wednesday. “That would be the next level for him.”

Baez showed improvement in 2017 when he hit 23 home runs, drove in 75 runs and doubled his walks from 2016 to 30 in 508 plate appearances. But he struck out 144 times.

“We still have to fit him in with ‘Zo,’” Maddon said. “Hopefully injuries stay out of the way. We (will also) want to give (shortstop) **Addison Russell** a day off, (so) you’ll probably see something close to (600 plate appearances).”

Zobrist (back) missed his third consecutive workout.

**Communication gap:** Maddon emphasized his concern that new rules limiting to six the number of mound visits in non-pitching-change situations address communication rather than sign stealing.

“The only time I get upset in a dugout (is when there) are missed signs and the catcher doesn’t talk to the pitcher,” Maddon said. “The catcher knew the right thing to throw and the pitcher keeps shaking him off. You permit (the pitcher) to do what he wants and the ball is (hit) off the wall.”

“That hasn’t been discussed enough. That’s (when) I want the trip.”

Maddon admitted he doesn’t care for those who use technology to cheat, but “if we think they have our signs, we need to flash our signs in advance.” He added that his pitchers have the last say on a pitch except when they steer away from one despite convincing evidence it should work.

“That’s when I really want that trip (to the mound),” Maddon said. “(Catcher **Willson Contreras**) is emotional. What he said (about not following the rule) ... he’ll be fine.”

**Early starters:** **Michael Roth** will start Friday’s exhibition opener against the Brewers, followed by **Eddie Butler** on Saturday against the Rangers and **Jen-Ho Tseng** on Sunday against the Giants.

## WHITE SOX NOTES

# Duncan offers additional eyes on pitching staff

BY CHRIS KUC  
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox have begun to tap into the font of knowledge possessed by **Dave Duncan**, whom general manager **Rick Hahn** called “one of the finest pitching instructors of our generation.”

The Sox hired Duncan, 72, on Feb. 8 as an organizational pitching consultant. He was a major-league pitching coach for 32 seasons with the Indians (1980-81), Mariners (1982), White Sox (1983-86), Athletics (1986-95) and Cardinals (1996-2011) and spent the previous four seasons as a special assistant to the GM and pitching consultant with the Diamondbacks.

Hahn said Duncan “talked a bunch” with pitching coach **Don Cooper** and bullpen coach **Curt Hasler** before spring training. The Sox will also look to Duncan for guidance on minor-leaguers and to help prepare for the amateur draft June 4-6.

“As Coop tells me, it’s nice to have another set of eyes and opinions and someone to bounce things off of,” manager **Rick Renteria** said.

Hahn said the call to add Duncan came from Chairman **Jerry Reinsdorf**.

“The opportunity came from Jerry having conversations with Dave and **Tony La Russa** at various points over the course of the offseason,” Hahn said. “Jerry brought the idea to (vice president **Ken Williams**, me and Cooper). We talked about it and it was unanimous. Why would we pass?”

**Spring things:** Renteria detailed the ways he plans to use players during exhibition games, which begin Friday against the Dodgers at Camelback Ranch.

“I try to get everybody in as quickly as possible, especially some of the younger guys (who) are in camp,” Renteria said. “You’ll see some of our main guys out there on the first day. We’ll get them into a decent routine, and then as we close out the spring and start increasing their playing time, we’ll get them through complete games.”

**Probables:** The Sox announced their starting pitchers for the first four exhibitions.

**Dylan Covey** will open Cactus League play Friday, followed by **Hector Santiago** versus the Mariners on Saturday, **Jordan Guerrero** against the Reds on Sunday and **Michael Kopech** versus the A’s on Monday.

## BLACKHAWKS 3, SENATORS 2 (SO)



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The Blackhawks’ Patrick Kane beats Senators goaltender Mike Condon for a goal in the first period Wednesday.

# Feeling trade wind

## Hawks’ Hartman could be candidate to be dealt as deadline approaches

BY PAUL SKRBINA  
Chicago Tribune

Ryan Hartman the hockey fan loves the NHL trade deadline.

Ryan Hartman the player, not so much. “I’ve always enjoyed watching, seeing moves teams make around the league, kind of how the deadline works,” the Blackhawks forward said. “I’ll be ... paying attention.”

Until the time comes when his name is floated around seriously.

With the trade deadline approaching Monday, Hartman said he will compartmentalize his focus away from any rumors invoking his name.

“I don’t really pay attention to all the stuff that goes on or (what) people say,” Hartman said. “I love being here. I haven’t really thought of myself anywhere else.”

But as defenseman Michal Kempny found out Monday, going anywhere else can happen at any time.

Kempny walked out of the United Center with his sticks in hand after learning he had been dealt to the Capitals for a conditional third-round pick in this year’s draft.

With the Hawks’ playoff hopes resting on nil before Wednesday’s 3-2 shootout win over the Senators, more moves very well could be coming.

General manager Stan Bowman said earlier this month he was optimistic about re-signing restricted free agents such as Hartman, Anthony Duclair and Vinnie Hinostroza.

He also has said more than once the Hawks wouldn’t be buyers at the trade deadline, adding that the core of Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook and Jonathan Toews likely is here for the long haul.

In other words, there likely won’t be any dramatic changes to the roster between now and next season.

“We’re all trying to make this better,” Bowman said earlier this month. “We haven’t figured it out yet, but we’re going to keep trying. It’s our job to turn things around.”

## PAUL SKRBINA’S THREE STARS

1. **Patrick Kane, Blackhawks:** Had a goal and an assist, plus a shootout score.

2. **Nick Schmaltz, Blackhawks:** Winning goal in shootout.

3. **Anton Forsberg, Blackhawks:** Stopped 32 of 34 shots.

**Up next:** Vs. Sharks, 7:30 p.m. Friday; WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

## THE SUMMARY

Ottawa	1	1	0	0-2
BLACKHAWKS	1	0	0	0-3
<b>First Period:</b> 1. Blackhawks, Kane 23 (Hinostroza, Kampf), 14:19. 2. Ottawa, Smith 5 (Stone, Brassard), 15:56.				
<b>Second Period:</b> 3. Blackhawks, Anisimov 16 (Gustafsson, Kane), 5:52. 4. Ottawa, Duchene 16 (Claesson, Stone), 12:01.				
<b>Third Period:</b> None.				
<b>Overtime:</b> None.				
<b>Shootout:</b> Ottawa 2 (Duchene G, Chabot NG, Dzingel NG, Hoffman G, Gabarik NG, Pyatt NG, Stone NG), Blackhawks 3 (Toews NG, Kane G, Duclair NG, DeBrincat G, Anisimov NG, Jurco NG, Schmaltz G).				
<b>Shots on Goal:</b> Ottawa 4-14-9-7-34. Blackhawks 14-10-10-4-38.				
<b>Power-play opportunities:</b> Ottawa 0 of 1; Blackhawks 0 of 2.				
<b>Goalsies:</b> Ottawa, Condon 4-10-5 (38 shots-36 saves). Blackhawks, Forsberg 7-12-3 (34-32).				
<b>A:</b> 21,532 (19,717). <b>T:</b> 3:11.				
<b>Referees:</b> Eric Furlatt, Trevor Hanson. Linesmen: Shandor Alphonso, Tim Nowak.				

Hartman, 23, is in his second full season with the team he rooted for while growing up.

He had 19 goals and 12 assists in 76 games last season but has just eight goals and 16 assists for a struggling Hawks team this season.

“There are times when we’re way too easy to play against,” Hartman said. “There are teams that come into our building and leave our building thinking, ‘That was easy.’ That’s not who we are.”

“It’s no secret. Everyone has seen it.”

Hartman could be attractive to other teams because of his grittiness and ability to draw penalties, a valuable asset during the postseason.

But unrestricted free agents such as forwards Tommy Wingels, Lance Bouma and defenseman Jan Rutta could be more likely to be moved by Monday. Or perhaps Artem Anisimov — who has three years left on his deal, which includes a no-movement clause — if the right buyer comes along.

Quenneville hinted that something of a youth movement could be in the works with the postseason all but out of the equation.

“Maybe we will be looking at going with some of the younger guys,” he said. “Still a lot of hockey left.”

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## Hawks find way to victory in 7-round shootout

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After three periods and a five-minute overtime, the meeting of seventh-place teams ended in a 3-2 shootout victory for the Blackhawks over the Senators, their second triumph in 11 games overall and second in their last 10 at home.

Nick Schmaltz scored the winner in the seventh round and goalie Anton Forsberg made several big saves and had some help from the posts, which stopped two shots in overtime.

“It’s like the lottery,” Forsberg said of playing in a shootout.

Said Hawks coach Joel Quenneville: “I don’t get excited about them. I don’t mind watching them in other games.”

Patrick Kane scored the first goal at the 14-minute, 19-second mark of the first period after Vinnie Hinostroza’s behind-the-back pass set him up. It was the 12th time in their last 16 games the Hawks had scored first. They were 3-6-2 in the previous 11.

But Kane’s team-leading 23rd goal didn’t stand up long as Zack Smith tied it 1:37 later. Then Kane’s perfect pass found the stick of Artem Anisimov with 14:08 left in the second to give the Hawks another lead before the Senators answered six minutes later with Matt Duchene’s goal.

**Crawford update:** Corey Crawford’s 2017-18 season may have ended on Dec. 23 after all. That’s the last time the injured Blackhawks goalie played.

Quenneville acknowledged Wednesday there’s a possibility Crawford might not play again this season.

“We’ll see on that,” Quenneville said. “Before we were (optimistic). Now, where we’re at ...”

Quenneville didn’t finish that sentence, but said Crawford’s health “will dictate all that.”

# NHL needs players to emulate NFL’s Long

Ryan, from Page 1

“Obviously, we don’t support that kind of behavior,” captain Jonathan Toews said. “In this day and age, I think it’s time to start moving past that. Realize that we don’t want to stoop to those levels to try to instigate or get under anyone’s skin.”

Quenneville called the fans’ taunts “totally unacceptable.”

Appropriate enough.

But where is the NHL’s Chris Long?

When overt cases of bigotry emerge, the few black players are expected to prove that racism in hockey — and society — exists by recounting tales from their own experiences. Like the Hawks’ Anthony Duclair, many speak passionately and honestly, hopefully opening some minds in the process.

But where are the white players demanding enough is enough?

How much might it mean for fans to hear Toews say he doesn’t want racist fans buying or wearing his jersey? What a value it would be to hear Patrick Kane

discuss what he might have learned from his own issue with racial insensitivity after wearing blackface in 2009 to a Halloween party.

The Hawks could make “Hockey is for Everyone” month more effective by offering those four seats occupied by the ejected fans to different black youth groups for the rest of the season.

To be clear, the Hawks did nothing wrong. They made no public relations blunders in handling a horribly difficult, painful and embarrassing situation. Nobody expects stoic Quenneville to morph into Steve Kerr.

But the NHL needs outspoken white allies as it attempts to diversify, grow its audience and increase youth participation.

This isn’t a new issue for the NHL, nor is it a problem that ever went away.

In 2011, a fan threw a banana on the ice at Flyers forward Wayne Simmonds. In 2012, after Joel Ward scored a Game 7 overtime playoff goal for the Capitals, Bruins fans directed racial slurs at him

online.

During the 2014 playoffs, fans posted racist comments on social media targeting then-Canadiens defenseman P.K. Subban after he scored in double overtime. The Lightning’s JT Brown said he received death threats for raising his right fist during the national anthem.

“It’s disgusting,” Smith-Pelly said. “You’d think there would be some sort of change or progression, but we’re still working toward it, I guess, and we’re going to keep working toward it.”

The key word there is “we.” “If you don’t see why you need allies for people that are fighting for equality right now, I don’t think you’ll ever see it,” Long said last year. “My thing is (Jenkins is) a leader and I’m here to show support as a white athlete.”

Here’s an opportunity for white NHL players — and there’s a model to follow in the NFL.

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## BULLS

## BULLS NOTES

## Payne feels ready to show value

By K.C. JOHNSON  
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Cameron Payne says the fifth metatarsal in his right foot, which he has broken three times and had surgically repaired twice, feels “pretty good” and “regular.”

But injuries aren't what ended Payne's nine-game stint in the rotation last season after the Bulls acquired him from the Thunder in the Taj Gibson-Doug McDermott trade. Ineffectiveness did.

“It was awkward,” Payne said Wednesday. “With the team we had, they were already going into a playoff run, and me just getting thrown in there, it was tough for me learning all those plays and trying to learn tendencies and stuff like that. I'm glad we made the playoffs. Obviously, I didn't get to be out there like I wanted to. But I feel it was a good finish to the season.”

Payne will be the primary backup point guard Thursday night against the 76ers, his first NBA action since four mop-up minutes against the Celtics in the playoffs on April 21. It will be Payne's first meaningful minutes since he went 0-for-6 against the Hornets on March 13.

“Of course,” Payne said, when asked if he feels he has been unfairly judged. “But it's fine. It comes with it, criticism. ... Makes me work harder in the gym.”

In announcing the rotational changes Tuesday, executive vice president John Paxson and coach Fred Hoiberg said Payne's mandate is to play with pace and run the offense with limited turnovers.

Payne believes this season's team makeup and style of play fits his skill set better than last season's.

“I like to play fast,” Payne said. “In college (at Murray State), I played fast. OKC, we played real fast. I feel like this scheme we have going fits me perfectly. Just be a good playmaker, get my teammates involved and flow into the offense. Just play my game.”

**Familiar face:** David Nwaba has started three games and has been in the rotation for 45, missing 11 because of a severe ankle sprain and one by coach's decision. So him starting for Justin Holiday, while new, isn't as unusual.

“They told me to just play my game, not to change anything,” Nwaba said of the coaching staff. “Play hard. Play aggressive. That's what I'm going to do. I've played plenty of games. They know what I bring.”



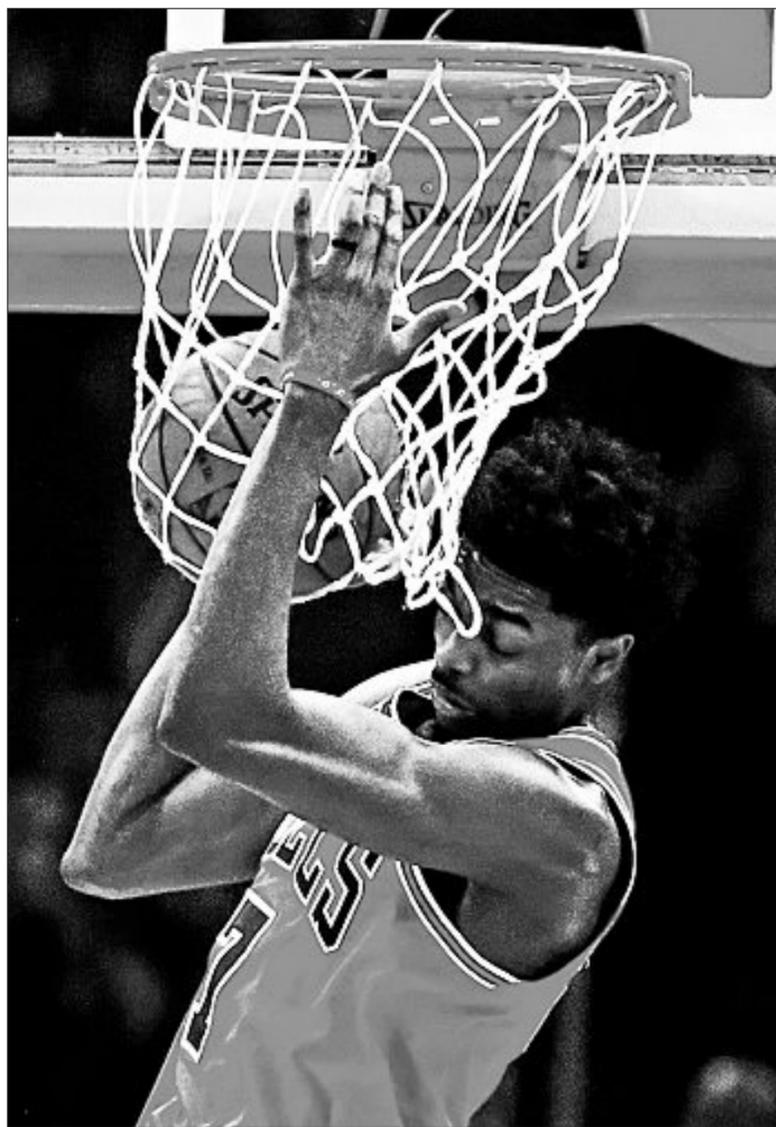
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Cameron Payne will enter the Bulls' rotation at backup point guard.

## 76ERS AT BULLS

**TV/radio:** 7 p.m. Thursday; NBC Sports Chicago, WSCR-AM 670.

**Storylines:** The new-look Bulls will start Cristiano Felicio and David Nwaba ahead of Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday, and Cameron Payne will make his season debut after September foot surgery. This game will decide the season series, tied 1-1.

**Trending:** The 76ers had won five straight and six of seven entering the All-Star break. ... Joel Embiid is playing his second career game against the Bulls. ... Ben Simmons posted a triple-double in the last meeting.



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Justin Holiday on being benched: “You learn more from hard times than good times.”

# Holiday loses in the shuffle

## Accepts reduced role as Bulls rework lineup

By K.C. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

With the Bulls' rotation in upheaval and their competitiveness over the final 25 games uncertain, speculative questions seemed to fit best Wednesday at the Advocate Center.

And so it was that veteran Justin Holiday, who will be benched for David Nwaba, contemplated the following: Can a strong culture be established in the face of rampant losing?

“We're going to try,” Holiday said. “My focus is to have the same mentality, still try to make sure we have the same culture, positivity and work ethic regardless of the situation.”

It's speculative, of course, because who knows what a lineup of Kris Dunn, Zach LaVine, Nwaba, Lauri Markkanen and Cristiano Felicio — in for the benched Robin Lopez — can accomplish. Don't forget a healthy dose of oft-injured Cameron Payne over Jerian Grant as Dunn's primary backup.

“I feel like anything is possible,” Payne said. “Try to go 25-0.”

That's not happening. So Holiday fielded another “what if?” Specifically, how does massive losing help young players? After all, this is the same organization that cited learning how to win as important to the development of Dunn and Markkanen while the Bulls reeled off a 10-2 stretch in December before LaVine made his team debut.

“In life, you learn more from hard times than good times,” Holiday said. “So there you go.”

Hard times are coming, if not for certain via losing, at least in regard to playing time for proud veterans Holiday and Lopez.

“It is what it is,” Holiday said. “I have to deal with it, be professional about it. Regardless of the situation or the reason, I have to carry myself a certain way because that's how I do things. How I react and carry myself in this will be a good leadership situation for the young guys to

see and follow the example if it does happen to them.”

Lopez, Grant and Denzel Valentine are the only Bulls who have played in all 57 games, and Lopez is the only one to start each game. Holiday has missed only one game, for the birth of his child, and is the team's leading 3-point shooter. Holiday, Lopez and Grant are all under contract for next season.

“Being a competitor, I want to play and win games,” Holiday said. “I still will get that opportunity to a certain extent. I feel I've showed some value. But I always think I could be better.”

The Bulls have to hope Felicio is. Few blinked when he signed a four-year, \$32 million contract as free agency began last July. But after displaying strong footwork and athleticism to be a disruptive defensive presence in his first two seasons, the center regressed at both ends and fell out of the rotation.

“It was a rough start. I didn't play well to start the season. And then they lessened my overall minutes,” Felicio said. “I just kept working because I knew my time would come. It's a great opportunity. I feel pretty good about it. I've been ready since day one. ... I'm going to fight every single minute I'm on the court and show them that I can be a starter in this league.”

Holiday signed a two-year deal in free agency to be a full-time starter for the first time in his career. He has run with the opportunity until this managerial move.

That's why he fielded one final speculative question: If he had known this was coming, would he have preferred one of the rumored trades had come to fruition?

“That's tough to say, ‘what if?’ ” Holiday said. “I wanted to come back to Chicago. Sometimes, things don't go the way you want it to. Doesn't mean it'll always be this way. They want to see the young guys play. That's understandable. You know me: I always feel I have a chance.”

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Loyola's Cameron Krutwig goes up for a shot against SIU's Tyler Smithpeters.

## LOYOLA 75, S. ILLINOIS 56

# Ramblers claim it for their own

## Win over Salukis nails down 1st outright title since 1987

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Chicago Tribune

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Loyola coach Porter Moser took the floor Wednesday night wearing the gray patterned blazer that brought good luck during the team's stunning early-season victory at Florida.

And his Ramblers took the court at Southern Illinois hoping to turn a “co-” into a “solo.”

After clinching a share of the Missouri Valley regular-season title Sunday at Evansville, this game against the league's No. 2 team represented the Ramblers' chance to win it outright.

And that they did, blitzing the Salukis with great shooting (57.4 percent) and ballhandling (18 assists). The 75-56 win gives Loyola (24-5, 14-3) its first regular-season solo conference title since it won the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (now Horizon League) in 1987.

“Our guys talked about getting (rid) of the ‘co-,’ ” Moser said. “I really sensed it at Evansville. It wasn't fake. The guys said let's hold off on celebrating.”

The Ramblers will return home to their first full house since 2003, as the school announced that Saturday's game against Illinois State is a sellout. The Ramblers are averaging just 2,222 fans at the 4,963-seat Gentile Arena.

Moser anticipated a raucous crowd Wednesday at SIU Arena, so he had crowd noise piped into practice Tuesday so the Ramblers could practice non-verbal communication.

Turns out that hand signals were not needed. Loyola raced out to a 21-8 lead, hitting 8 of 10 from the field, including 5 of 6 on 3-pointers.

Clayton Custer led the way with 16 points, and Ben Richardson had eight assists without a turnover.

Kavion Phippen, the 6-foot-10 nephew of Scottie Phippen, scored 16 points to lead SIU.

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## COLLEGE ROUNDUP

# Demons display little fight, fall to No. 3 Villanova

Associated Press

Mikal Bridges scored 27 points and Phil Booth added 14 in his return to the lineup after a seven-game absence to lead No. 3 Villanova to a 93-62 victory over DePaul on Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

Eric Paschall had 16 points and Stevenson grad Jalen Brunson added 11 and seven assists to help the Wildcats (25-3, 12-3 Big East) beat the Blue Demons (10-17, 3-12) for the 16th straight time.

Max Strus had 21 points for DePaul.

**Big Ten:** Duncan Robinson scored 19 points and Moritz Wagner added 18 to help No. 17 Michigan (23-7, 12-5) defeat host Penn State 72-63. Tony Carr scored 21 points for the Nittany Lions (19-11, 9-8). ... Nate Mason scored 33 points as host Minnesota (15-15, 4-13) snapped a nine-game losing streak with an 86-82 victory over Iowa (12-18, 3-14). Isaiah Moss led the Hawkeyes with a career-high 32 points.

**State:** Keyshawn Evans and William Tinsley each drilled 3-pointers in overtime and host Illinois State (16-13, 10-7 Missouri Valley) held on for an 89-81 victory over Drake (16-14, 10-7). ... Darrell Brown scored 16 points and led a game-closing 8-3 run to help visiting Bradley (19-11, 9-8 MVC) earn an 82-78 win over Missouri State (17-13, 7-10).

**Top 25:** Kendall Smith scored 21 points to help host Oklahoma State (16-12, 6-9 Big 12) earn a 79-71 win over No. 6 Texas Tech (22-6, 10-5). ... Justin Robinson and Kerry Blackshear Jr. scored 14 points each to lift host Virginia Tech (20-8, 9-6 ACC) to a 65-58 win over No. 15 Clemson (20-7, 9-6).

# Mavs looking into misconduct charges

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Mavericks have hired outside counsel to investigate allegations of inappropriate conduct by former team president Terdema Ussery according to a Sports Illustrated report that described a hostile workplace for women.

Ussery was accused of making sexually suggestive remarks to several women. He spent 18 years with the team before going to the sports apparel company Under Armour in 2015.

Ussery, whom the Mavericks investigated over similar claims in 1998, denied the allegations in a statement to SI. He left his job at Under Armour after less than two months, and SI reported he also was accused of inappropriate conduct toward a female employee at that company.

The report said team website reporter

Earl Sneed was twice accused of domestic assault while working for the Mavericks, including a guilty plea in a case that was dismissed when he met the conditions of the agreement.

The team said Sneed has been fired, and Mavericks owner Mark Cuban told SI he fired human resources director Buddy Pittman after learning details of the magazine's report. Pittman and Sneed declined to comment to SI.

SI contacted six female former employees of the Mavericks or the American Airlines Center who claimed they left the sports sector because of a structure that left them feeling vulnerable and devalued while protecting powerful men who misbehaved. A male former department head said there was “built-in protection for a lot of men.”

A woman who had recently been hired as a support staffer said Ussery made sexually

suggestive remarks to her in the media dining room before a game during the 2010-11 season, when the Mavericks won their only NBA championship. The woman said others had told her to be wary of Ussery.

Two women claimed Ussery harassed them for years, incidents that ranged from inappropriate remarks to requests for sex to touching their calves and thighs during meetings.

“Obviously there's a problem in the Mavericks organization, and we've got to fix it,” Cuban told SI. “I'm embarrassed, but I'm honest with you, that it happened under my ownership, and it needs to be fixed.”

Cuban told the magazine the team will establish a hotline for counseling and support services for past and current employees, and he is mandating sensitivity training for all employees, himself included.

# SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
		EXH @MIL 2:05	EXH TEX 2:05 AM-670	EXH @SF 2:05	EXH SEA 2:05	EXH SOX 2:05 WGN-9	EXH OAK 2:05
		EXH @LAD 2:05 AM-720	EXH @SEA 2:10	EXH CIN 2:05 AM-720	EXH OAK 2:05	EXH CUBS 2:05	EXH TEX 2:05
	PHI 7 NBCSCH AM-670		@MIN 8 WGN-9 AM-670		@BRK 6:30 WGN-9 AM-670	@CHA 6 NBCSCH AM-670	
		SJ 7:30 WGN-9 AM-720	@CBJ NBCSCH AM-720				

## THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>							
<b>7 p.m.</b>	76ers at Bulls		NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670				
<b>9 p.m.</b>	Wizards at Cavaliers		TNT, WMVP-AM 1000				
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Clippers at Warriors		TNT				
<b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>							
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Purdue at Illinois		FS1, WIND-AM 560				
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Wisconsin at Northwestern		ESPN2, WGN-AM 720				
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Connecticut at Cincinnati		ESPN				
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Winthrop at N.C.-Asheville		ESPNU				
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Robert Morris at Mount St. Mary's		CBSSN				
<b>7 p.m.</b>	UMKC at Texas-Rio Grande Valley		NBCSCH+				
<b>8 p.m.</b>	UCLA at Utah		ESPN				
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Gonzaga at San Diego		ESPN2				
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Belmont at Jacksonville State		ESPN				
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Arizona at Oregon State		FS1				
<b>8 p.m.</b>	Houston at Memphis		CBSSN				
<b>10 p.m.</b>	BYU at Portland		ESPN2				
<b>10:30 p.m.</b>	Arizona State at Oregon		FS1				
<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>							
<b>5 p.m.</b>	Maryland at Michigan		BTN				
<b>7 p.m.</b>	Penn State at Nebraska		BTN				
<b>BOXING</b>							
<b>10:30 p.m.</b>	Joseph Diaz vs. Victor Terrazas		ESPN2				
<b>GOLF</b>							
<b>2 p.m.</b>	PGA Honda Classic		Golf Channel				
<b>Midnight</b>	LPGA Honda Thailand		Golf Channel				
<b>WINTER OLYMPICS</b>							
<b>4:30 a.m.</b>	Nordic combined, biathlon		NBCSN				
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Short track, snowboard, skiing, skating		NBC-5				
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Figure skating		NBCSN				
<b>1:10 a.m.</b>	Men's hockey semifinal		NBCSN				
<b>4 a.m. Fri.</b>	Speedskating		NBCSN				
<b>UEFA EUROPA SOCCER</b>							
<b>9:50 a.m.</b>	Nice at Lokomotiv Moscow		FS2				
<b>Noon</b>	Copenhagen at Atletico Madrid		FS1				
<b>Noon</b>	Napoli at Leipzig		FS1				
<b>2 p.m.</b>	Osterland at Arsenal		FS2				
<b>2 p.m.</b>	Borussia Dortmund at Atalanta		FS2				
<b>TENNIS</b>							
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	ATP Delray Beach, Rio de Janeiro		Tennis (more, 6:30 p.m.)				

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

EXHIBITION SCHEDULE	WEDNESDAY'S RESULT	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Arizona 6, Arizona State 2	Florida Southern vs. Detroit; Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 U. of Tampa vs. Philadelphia; Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 Northeastern vs. Boston; Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 Boston College vs. Boston; Fort Myers, Fla., 2:05 U. of Minnesota vs. Minnesota; Fort Myers, Fla., 5:05	Philadelphia vs. Toronto; Duneside, Fla., 12:07 Atlanta vs. NY Mets; Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:15 Cactus League Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 White Sox vs. LA Dodgers; Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 LA Angels vs. Oakland; Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 Milwaukee (ss) vs. San Francisco; Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 Cincinnati vs. Cleveland; Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 Arizona vs. Colorado; Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 Seattle vs. San Diego; Peoria, Ariz., 2:10	St. Louis vs. Miami; Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 Detroit vs. Houston; Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 Detroit vs. NY Yankees; Tampa, Fla., 12:05

WESTERN CONFERENCE	CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	59	36	14	9	81	185	154	207-7	16-7-6	11-4-2	
Winnipeg	60	35	16	9	79	199	161	23-6-2	12-10-7	9-6-2	
Dallas	60	34	22	4	72	179	159	21-9-1	13-13-3	10-10-0	
St. Louis	61	34	23	4	72	173	156	19-13-0	15-10-4	9-6-2	
Minnesota	59	32	20	7	71	177	169	20-5-6	12-15-1	10-9-0	
Colorado	59	32	23	4	68	184	177	20-8-1	12-15-3	7-9-1	
BLACKHAWKS	61	26	27	8	60	173	175	14-14-3	12-13-5	6-9-2	

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV	
Vegas	60	40	16	4	84	209	163	23-5-2	17-11-2	15-2-1	
San Jose	60	33	19	8	74	178	163	17-9-3	16-10-5	15-4-3	
Anaheim	62	31	20	11	73	171	170	16-9-4	15-11-7	10-5-6	
Los Angeles	60	33	22	5	71	174	149	14-9-3	19-13-2	8-9-3	
Calgary	61	30	22	9	69	172	182	13-14-4	17-8-5	8-7-3	
Vancouver	60	23	30	7	53	161	189	11-11-0	12-15-3	5-10-1	
Edmonton	59	24	31	4	52	164	194	2-15-2	12-16-2	10-7-0	
Arizona	59	17	32	10	44	143	197	9-16-4	8-16-6	3-8-5	

EASTERN CONFERENCE	ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	60	40	17	3	83	215	161	20-6-1	20-11-2	10-5-1	
Boston	58	37	13	8	82	191	142	19-7-4	18-6-4	12-2-2	
Toronto	52	37	20	5	79	205	172	20-8-2	17-12-3	10-5-1	
Florida	57	26	25	6	58	166	186	13-9-3	13-16-3	8-5-1	
Pittsburgh	59	24	26	9	57	157	177	12-13-2	12-13-2	6-13-2	
Montreal	59	22	28	8	52	151	188	10-6-8	8-19-2	10-6-2	
Ottawa	59	21	28	10	52	160	207	14-11-5	7-17-5	6-10-3	
Buffalo	60	17	32	11	45	143	198	8-18-4	9-14-7	5-6-3	

METRO	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV	
Washington	60	34	19	7	75	187	180	20-9-2	14-10-5	11-5-3	
Pittsburgh	61	35	22	4	74	195	180	23-7-1	12-15-3	12-5-0	
Philadelphia	59	19	10	70	178	172	14-9-6	16-10-4	8-4-5		
New Jersey	60	31	21	8	70	181	183	16-11-3	15-10-5	10-8-1	
Columbus	60	30	25	5	65	159	170	17-11-2	13-14-3	11-9-3	
Carolina	60	27	23	10	64	162	180	15-10-6	12-13-4	6-7-5	
N.Y. Islanders	61	29	26	6	64	203	219	16-11-4	12-15-2	10-8-1	
N.Y. Rangers	60	27	28	5	59	173	191	18-11-3	9-17-2	7-8-3	

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
BLACKHAWKS 3, Ottawa 2 (SO)	BLACKHAWKS at Columbus, 6
ANAHEIM 2, Dallas 0	PHILADELPHIA 3, Montreal 2 (OT)
VEGAS 7, Calgary 3	Pittsburgh at Florida, 6
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6	Minnesota at New Jersey, 6
Minnesota at New Jersey, 6	Columbus at Philadelphia, 6
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6	N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6:30
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6:30	Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30	Buffalo at Washington, 6
Buffalo at Washington, 6:30	Washington at Florida, 6:30
Washington at Florida, 6:30	San Jose at Nashville, 6:30
San Jose at Nashville, 6:30	Colorado at Edmonton, 8
Colorado at Edmonton, 8	Calgary at Arizona, 9:30
Calgary at Arizona, 9:30	Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30	FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE	N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30	Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 6
Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 6	Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6:30
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6:30	Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 3
Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 3	San Jose 3, ST. LOUIS 2
San Jose 3, ST. LOUIS 2	U.S. Hockey League
U.S. Hockey League	Winnipeg at St. Louis, 7
Winnipeg at St. Louis, 7	Vancouver at Vegas, 9:30
Vancouver at Vegas, 9:30	SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE	Blackhawks at Columbus, 6
Blackhawks at Columbus, 6	Philadelphia at Ottawa, 1
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 1	Colorado at Calgary, 3
Colorado at Calgary, 3	Pittsburgh at Florida, 6
Pittsburgh at Florida, 6	N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6	Washington at Dallas, 6
Washington at Dallas, 6	Boston at Toronto, 6
Boston at Toronto, 6	Buffalo at Washington, 6
Buffalo at Washington, 6	Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6	Anaheim at Arizona, 7
Anaheim at Arizona, 7	Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9	TUESDAY'S RESULTS
TUESDAY'S RESULTS	TORONTO 1, Florida 0
TORONTO 1, Florida 0	COLUMBUS 2, NEW JERSEY 1
COLUMBUS 2, NEW JERSEY 1	PHILADELPHIA 3, Montreal 2 (OT)
PHILADELPHIA 3, Montreal 2 (OT)	Tampa Bay 4, WASHINGTON 2
Tampa Bay 4, WASHINGTON 2	Nashville 3, DETROIT 2
Nashville 3, DETROIT 2	San Jose 3, ST. LOUIS 2
San Jose 3, ST. LOUIS 2	Los Angeles 4, WINGPIEG 3
Los Angeles 4, WINGPIEG 3	Boston 3, EDMONTON 2
Boston 3, EDMONTON 2	Colorado 5, VANCOUVER 4 (OT)
Colorado 5, VANCOUVER 4 (OT)	home team in CAPS

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Wolves 5, Grand Rapids 2	Binghamton 3, Toronto 1
Binghamton 3, Toronto 1	Lehigh Valley 6, Utica 4
Lehigh Valley 6, Utica 4	Stockton 6, Cleveland 3
Stockton 6, Cleveland 3	Syracuse 2, Rochester 1
Syracuse 2, Rochester 1	Manitoba 6, Milwaukee 2
Manitoba 6, Milwaukee 2	Ontario 5, San Jose 2
Ontario 5, San Jose 2	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	No games scheduled.
No games scheduled.	FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE	Lehigh Valley at Syracuse, 6
Lehigh Valley at Syracuse, 6	Laval at Utica, 6
Laval at Utica, 6	Stockton at Cleveland, 6
Stockton at Cleveland, 6	Bridgeport at Providence, 6:05
Bridgeport at Providence, 6:05	Charlotte at Springfield, 6:05
Charlotte at Springfield, 6:05	Toronto at Rochester, 6:05
Toronto at Rochester, 6:05	Bellefonte at Binghamton, 6:05
Bellefonte at Binghamton, 6:05	Rochford at WB/Scranton, 6:05
Rochford at WB/Scranton, 6:05	Hershey at Hartford, 6:15
Hershey at Hartford, 6:15	Stockton at Texas, 7:30
Stockton at Texas, 7:30	San Antonio at Tucson, 8:05
San Antonio at Tucson, 8:05	San Jose at Bakersfield, 9
San Jose at Bakersfield, 9	SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE	CLUB	W	T	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	23	3	1	79	20	72	
Man United	17	2	51	19	56		
Liverpool	15	9	21	24	36		
Chelsea	16	5	49	23	53		
Tottenham	15	7	5	24	52		
Arsenal	13	6	11	36	45		
Burnley	9	8	10	24	36		
Leicester	9	8	10	39	40		
Everton	9	7	11	32	46		
Bournemouth	8	7	12	31	41		
Watford	8	6	13	37	40		
West Ham	7	9	11	34	36		
Newcastle	7	6	13	25	36		
Brighton	6	10	11	22	36		
Crystal Palace	6	9	12	25	42		
Swansea	6	14	20	37	27		
Huddersfield	6	6	14	23	47		
Southampton	5	11	28	40	26		
Stoke	6	14	27	53	25		
West Brom	3	7	13	21	40		

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE
Leicester vs. Stoke, 6:30 a.m.
Burnley vs. Southampton, 9 a.m.
Bournemouth vs. Newcastle, 9 a.m.
Brighton vs. Swansea, 9 a.m.
West Brom vs. Huddersfield, 9 a.m.
Liverpool vs. West Ham, 9 a.m.
Watford vs. Everton, 11:30 a.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
<b>MEN'S AP TOP 25</b>	<b>W-L</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY/NEXT GAME</b>	<b>*-A.M.</b>
1. (2) Virginia	25-2	W 65-54 vs. Georgia Tech	
2. (1) Michigan State	27-3	Sun at Wisconsin, noon	
3. (3) Villanova	2		

2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

FIGURE SKATING

# Age, skill on Russians' side

Teenagers Zagitova and Medvedeva flash elite talent as favorites for gold medal

BY CHUCK CULPUPPER  
Washington Post

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Each Olympics brings at least one moment of unspeakable horror for many of those with the courage to browse the biographies of the athletes.

The horror comes upon seeing a certain birth date, doing some quick arithmetic and realizing that the person born on the date in question is old enough to thrive in the Olympics without teething.

In that vein, the events Wednesday at the Gangneung Ice Arena forced a glimpse to check the birth date of brilliant Russian figure skater Alina Zagitova.

Discretion is advised. Certain blocks of the readership may wish to avert eyes.

Here: May 18, 2002.

Some people walking around these Olympics wear clothing older than that.

Yet the arithmetic shows that somebody born in May 2002 not only might be able to skate upon ice but provide an Olympic audience with a show of an almost celestial elegance, elan and expertise. Zagitova set a world record with her score of 82.92, then she said some things that sounded funny just because of that birth date.

Asked about the time she had both a broken arm and a broken leg, she said, through an interpreter, "It happened a long time ago."

While one could make a case that nothing in her life could have happened a long time ago, she followed it up by saying, "It was like two to three years ago," two to three years being a sizable chunk of her life thus far.

Continuing: "And at that time I was in one competition, and even though at the time my arm was broken, I broke my leg once again at that place, as well, in that competition."

She's tough. That's clear.

In the television interview just after her skate and the posting of her astronomical score, she said something else that might have gone a mite misunderstood in the translation, but it wound up emerging like this: "I think it's very obvious that I have the most difficult program in the world. And the program was made by my trainers who work for me."

She did not seem the authoritarian type, to run around urging tiptop effort from



ARIS MESSINIS/GETTY-AFP

Alina Zagitova of Russia skates in the Olympic short program, in which she turned in a record score in her battle for the gold medal.

trainers who work for her, but if she were, they probably should go ahead and obey.

In forging her record at 15 years, 279 days, Zagitova called to mind Tara Lipinski — not that Lipinski really needs to be called to mind around here — winning the gold medal at the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Japan, at 15 years, 255 days. Zagitova also gave her countrywoman, co-favorite Evgenia Medvedeva, that rare chance to talk about a sort of a next generation.

Medvedeva had skated before Zagitova and had registered an 81.61, a world record that lasted about as long as a mayfly.

"Honestly, I think this is normal," Medvedeva said, even though, of course, nothing about their level of brilliance is normal.

Continuing: "I think this makes us stronger. And I remember myself and my first (major competition), and I remember my feelings. Everything is new for me and I really was so, so, so, so happy, and I hope

Alina is feeling the same as my feelings."

She spoke from her vast experience, having been born on Nov. 19, 1999 — or last century.

"I can't say I was surprised because every day Alina is, how hard she works," Medvedeva said.

If the Russians have any fear of the Americans, it's probably unnecessary.

Mirai Nagasu fell during her short program and was in ninth place.

U.S. champion Bradie Tennell, having been virtually perfect with her jumps in her breakthrough season, fell on the back end of a combination jump.

Tennell ended up 11th, one spot behind Karen Chen, the 2017 American champ. Chen put a hand down on her triple lutz and couldn't finish a combination jump.

Zagitova, who edged Medvedeva last month to become the 2018 European champion, hails from Izhevsk, about the

20th-largest city in Russia, along the Izh River in the Ural Mountains. Her parents named her for 2004 rhythmic gymnastics gold medalist Alina Kabaeva, who later became a member of the Russian Parliament. She began the sport at 5, which also is not necessarily a long time ago.

"I feel glad because I was not that much nervous today, (not as much) as I expected," she said through an interpreter, and that called to mind the possibility that in February 2018, it can be an advantage to have been born as recently as May 18, 2002.

As she left the so-called mixed zone, the place where athletes meet reporters, she walked off on her skates, then ran off down a hallway on those same skates, skinny legs kind of flying around.

At that moment, if not in her extraordinary program, she did look 15.

Associated Press contributed



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

Jessie Diggins, left, and Kikkan Randall are ecstatic after winning cross-country gold.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

## U.S. women's gold medal 'one we dreamed about'

BY MARK ZEIGLER  
San Diego Union-Tribune

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — In the same sprint freestyle relay in which Norwegian cross-country skier Marit Bjørgen became the most decorated athlete in Winter Olympics history, the U.S. women won the gold medal.

It's hard to say which is more impressive — a Norwegian woman winning her 14th cross-country medal, or the U.S. women winning their first. The gold happened when Jessie Diggins stuck her left ski across the finish line 0.19 seconds ahead of Sweden's Stina Nilsson.

"I'm just so happy that we can finally get this monkey off our back," said American Kikkan Randall, 35, competing in the final race of her fifth Olympics. "It was fun to show the world that we were able to do it. When I first started, we were excited if we got a top 30."

It is the first cross-country medal by U.S. women, the first American gold by either gender and the first U.S. medal of any color since Bill Koch took the silver at 30 kilometers in 1976.

It was Randall's 17th career Olympic event. The other 16 ended without a medal.

"I envisioned a gold in there somewhere," said Randall. "I always believed deep down it was possible. But to save it for my last Olympic race? It's crazy. It's the

best ending I could have asked for, but also bittersweet because this is the one we dreamed about and it's the last one."

The significance certainly wasn't lost on the sport's Scandinavian giants, who spent more time talking about the first American medal than the 37-year-old Bjørgen's bronze. That gave her 14 over five Olympics, moving her past the 13 of fellow Norwegian biathlete Ole Einar Bjørndalen.

"I can say I'm very, very happy for Jessie and Kikkan today," Bjørgen said. "I also think that's very important for our sport. I'm very, very happy for them."

Said Sweden's Charlotte Kalla: "They are so worth this gold medal."

Diggins, 26, said she grew up idolizing Randall.

"Watching Kikkan get us into a position where we were going to get a medal," said Diggins, "I was like, 'Well, OK, we're going to try to make it a gold one then. We have nothing to lose.' I just had a lot of belief going into that last lap."

Randall was waiting for her, yelling, wishing for history.

"When Jessie (crossed), I looked over at the scoreboard and saw United States No. 1 and just let out a big scream and ran over and tackled Jess," Randall said. "And she said: 'Oh, my gosh, did we just win the Olympics?'"

"And I said, 'Yeeeeeeeeaaaahhhhhhh.'"

ROUNDUP

## U.S. men finish 1-2 in halfpipe; women bobsledders win silver

News services

American freestyle skier David Wise successfully defended his gold medal, breaking through on his final halfpipe run Thursday for a 1-2 U.S. finish.

Wise wiped out on his first two runs before sneaking past countryman Alex Ferreira on his third.

Ferreira took the silver, and 16-year-old Nico Porteous of New Zealand got the bronze.

It's the seventh gold for the U.S. in Pyeongchang, with five coming at Phoenix Snow Park. Chloe Kim and Shaun White won snowboard halfpipe gold last week, and Red Gerard and Jamie Anderson won in snowboard slopestyle.



FAZRY ISMAIL/EPA

David Wise goes all out en route to winning the gold medal in freestyle skiing halfpipe for a 1-2 American finish.

**U.S. women 2nd in bobsled:** Germany's Mariama Jamanka, winless in 23 top-tier starts coming into the Olympics, put together four nearly flawless runs on her way to taking gold in women's bobsled Wednesday night.

Germany held off Elana Meyers Taylor of the U.S. and Kaillie Humphries of Canada.

Meyers Taylor and Lauren Gibbs were just 0.07 seconds off the pace, the closest margin between first and second in any Olympic women's bobsled race.

"We came up short, but me and Lauren gave everything we had until the very last hundredth," said Meyers Taylor, who won her third medal. "We won a silver medal."

Jamie Greubel Poser and brakeman Aja Evans of the U.S. were fifth.

Nigeria finished last in the 20-sled field, nearly four seconds behind 19th-place Jamaica.

**Anderson medals again:** Austria's Anna Gasser edged two-time gold medalist Jamie Anderson of the U.S. in the Olympic debut of women's big air snowboarding.

Anderson, who captured her second Olympic gold in slopestyle last week, led going into the final round but sat down while trying to land her last jump. Gasser took full advantage.

**A rare bronze:** Mita Manganello, Heather Bergsma and Brittany Bowe teamed to give the U.S. women a medal in long-track speedskating, ending a 16-year drought with a bronze in team pursuit.

The trio beat Canada by 0.45 seconds with a time of 2 minutes, 59.27 seconds.

**Russian admits doping:** Curler Alexander Krushelnitsky will give back his bronze medal after failing a drug test, according to Russian TV.

BY THE NUMBERS

MEDAL COUNT	G	S	B	TOT
Norway	13	11	9	33
Germany	12	7	5	24
Canada	9	5	7	21
United States	7	6	6	19
Netherlands	6	6	4	16
France	5	4	5	14
OA Russia	0	4	9	13
Austria	5	2	4	11
Japan	3	5	3	11
South Korea	4	2	2	9
Italy	4	4	0	8
Sweden	2	5	1	8
China	0	5	2	7
Czech Republic	1	2	3	6
Britain	0	0	3	4
Finland	0	0	4	4
Slovakia	1	2	0	3
Australia	0	2	1	3
Belarus	1	1	0	2
Poland	1	0	1	2
New Zealand	0	0	2	2
Spain	0	0	2	2
Ukraine	1	0	1	2
Slovenia	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Latvia	0	0	1	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	1	1

Through 78 of 85 medal events

**THURSDAY'S RESULTS**  
**SNOWBOARD Women's Big Air**  
 G Anna Gasser, Austria, 185.0  
 S Jamie Anderson, U.S., 177.25  
 B Zoë S. Snytt, New Zealand, 157.5  
 10. Julia Marino, U.S., 93.25  
 11. Jessica Jenson, U.S., 40.5  
**FREESTYLE SKI: Men's halfpipe**  
 G David Wise, U.S., 97.20  
 S Alex Ferreira, U.S., 96.40  
 B Nico Porteous, N. Zealand, 94.80  
 7. Aaron Blunck, U.S., 84.60  
 10. Torin Yater-Wallace, U.S., 65.20

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**  
**ALPINE SKI: Women's Downhill**  
 G Sofia Goggia, Italy, 1:39.22  
 S Ragnhild Mowinckel, Norway, 1:39.31

**BOBSLED Women's Two**  
 G Germany 1 (Mariama Jamanka, Lisa Buckwitz), 3:22.45  
 S U.S. 2 (Elana Meyers Taylor, Lauren Gibbs), 3:22.52  
 B Canada 1, 3:22.89  
 4. Germany 2, 3:22.97  
 5. U.S. 1 (Jamie Greubel Poser, Erica Johnson), 3:23.07

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**  
**Men's Team Sprint**  
 G Norway 1, 15:56.3  
 S OA Russia, 15:57.9  
 B France, 15:58.28  
 4. Sweden, 15:59.33  
 6. U.S. (Simeon Hamilton, Erik Bjornes), 16:15.98

**Women's Team Sprint**  
 G U.S. (Kikkan Randall, Jessica Diggins), 15:56.47  
 S Sweden, 15:56.7  
 3. Norway 15:59.4

**FIGURE SKATING**  
**Men's Short Program**  
 G Alina Zagitova, OA Russia, 82.92  
 S U.S. 10, Britain 4; S. Korea 10, Japan 4  
**Women's Short Program**  
 G Japan 2:53.89; S Nether., 2:55.48  
 B U.S. (Mia Manganello, Heather Bergsma, Brittany Bowe), 2:59.27

**ICE HOCKEY**  
**Men Quarterfinals**  
 Czech Republic 3, U.S. 2, 50  
 OA Russia 6, Norway 1  
**Women's Bronze Medal**  
 Canada 1, Finland 0  
 Finland 3, OA Russia 2  
**Gold:** U.S. vs. Canada, late

Krushelnitsky tested positive for the banned substance meldonium, which is believed to help blood circulation, after winning bronze in mixed doubles with wife Anastasia Bryzgalova.

The IOC is due to decide Saturday whether to reinstate the Russian team for the closing ceremony. Russia was banned from the Pyeongchang Olympics over widespread doping at the Sochi Games.

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ALPINE SKIING

# The greatest



**Lindsey Vonn** is wrapping up her storied Olympic skiing career with no regrets — and no peers

By **BARRY SVRLUGA** | Washington Post

**B** UKPYEONG, South Korea — Her body still functions, and because her mind has never changed, she can still will all that scar tissue down a ski hill at harrowing speeds.

But this is the end for Lindsey Vonn, at least in the Olympics. What it took to slide into the start gate Wednesday at Jeongseon Alpine Centre — a helmet on her head, a rod in her right arm, a reconstructed knee, scars she can't count but no fear in her heart — we may never fully understand.

Vonn is the best female ski racer in history, full stop. At some point, and some point soon, we can discuss whether we can drop "female" from that description, respectfully shove Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark to the side and leave her atop the podium.

Vonn won bronze in the downhill. For a 33-year-old whose limbs have been splayed on mountains from Colorado to Cortina, that is a singular achievement that must be viewed through the long lens of her career.

She is now the oldest woman to win an Olympic medal in Alpine skiing. But that little stat is two-dimensional, something that's true but doesn't begin to get at the depth of the story, which is simultaneously familiar and inspiring.

"Really, are you asking me to (comment on) the greatest skier?" said gold medalist Sofia Goggia of Italy.

Yes, we are. "It speaks for itself," Goggia said. "She has 140 or 130 (World Cup) podiums. Me, I have 20. She has 81 victories. I have four."

It is a perspective every World Cup skier on that insane circuit carries with her. They are numbers that make up the foundation of Vonn's career, numbers that seem unattainable to anyone else who entered the starting gate.

Now she has more numbers: three Olympic medals, this downhill bronze to go with the gold she won eight years ago in Vancouver and a bronze in the super-G from those same Games — when she was, as she said Wednesday, "on top of the world."

The places she has been since. Wow. Broken bones, divorce, the missed 2014 Olympics with a bad knee, Tiger Woods' ex-girlfriend. Life.

Vonn might be able to examine and criticize parts of her downhill run, sections of the course where she might have made up the 47-hundredths of a second she finished behind Goggia. But being there, that counted for something for Vonn, because that was never guaranteed.

"I never am the person that said I can't do something, or I've never thought of quitting because of an injury," Vonn said. "But it's taken its toll. And that's why I can't keep ski racing, you know?"

She paused a good, long while. Her career is not done, not quite. Indeed, overnight she was competing in the Alpine combined against Mikaela Shiffrin.

**WHAT TO WATCH THURSDAY**

Short-track speed-skating will dominate the early morning hours. But at night it's all about figure skating, as Russians Evgenia Medvedeva and Alina Zagitova battle for the gold medal.

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**THE LATE SHOW**

For the result and coverage of Vonn's last race as well as the U.S.-Canada women's hockey final, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

"My injuries made me stronger because I wouldn't be the same person that I am today," Vonn said. "When you're young, you ski and you win and you don't appreciate things. I've been in the fences so many times. I know so many doctors on a first-name basis that it's ridiculous."

A dozen years ago, in the Italian mountains near the French border, Vonn hurtled herself down a course in a training run for the Olympic downhill at the Turin Games. Her legs split like a fawn trying to stand on a frozen pond. She was airlifted by helicopter off the mountain and spent the night in the hospital.

Two days later, she raced in the Olympics. Now she has more armor around her body, her mind, her heart. She isn't 21 anymore. All this stuff hardens you.

"In ski-racing age," Vonn said, "I'm over the hill." And yet, while Shiffrin and her resilient, responsive, 22-year-old body surged ahead to become the next American skiing icon, perhaps an all-time great, Vonn could have bailed. Instead, she went back to work.

She won the downhill bronze, but that's not what Vonn will take from these Olympics, not in two years or 20. What she will take is that she was here, that she joined Bode Miller and Julia Mancuso as the only three-time Alpine medalists in U.S. history.

Miller and Mancuso are in South Korea, but they're retired. Vonn still raced. After all this time and all those travails, maybe that mattered most.

"I've been through the hard times," Vonn said. "That makes me a stronger person. I wouldn't change it. I would like to have a little less pain. But otherwise, I wouldn't change it."

EZRA SHAW/GETTY

## HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



**Bradie Tennell**  
Figure skating/Carpentersville

Tennell, born in Winfield and now living in Carpentersville, earned bronze in the team competition but was only 11th after a shaky short program Tuesday that included a fall.

Next: Women's free skate, Thursday



**Aja Evans**  
Bobsled/Chicago

Evans was the brakeman for driver Jamie Greubel Poser. The pairing won bronze at the 2014 Olympics. The 2006 Morgan Park graduate won 10 state medals in track and field. Evans and Poser finished fifth, 0.13 seconds off the podium. "Jamie and I are fighters, so we came in fighting to the end, and we laid it all on the line, so we are very proud," Evans said. "We laid it all on the line, so there are zero regrets."



**Seun Adigun**  
Bobsled/Chicago area

Adigun represented Nigeria on the country's first bobsled team. She was born in Chicago and attended Evanston and Homewood-Flossmoor, where she ran track and played basketball. The Nigerian team finished in last place. "We're setting the groundwork for what to build on for Nigeria," she said.



**Tony Granato**  
Hockey/Downers Grove

Granato, who coached the U.S. men's team, graduated from Downers Grove North in 1982. On Wednesday, the Czech Republic eliminated the U.S. in a shootout when all five Americans failed to score. "It's hard to believe the way it was being played, and how hard those teams were competing, it was going to go to that," Granato said.



**Chris Chelios**  
Hockey/Evergreen Park

Chelios attended Mount Carmel and spent nine seasons with the Blackhawks. He was the assistant coach on the U.S. men's team. The Czech Republic eliminated the U.S. in a shootout.

- **Bronze:** Alexa Scimeca Knierim (Addison) for team figure skating
- **Bronze:** Bradie Tennell (Carpentersville) for team figure skating

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# Hoesflot Klaebo able to make grandfather proud

BY CHUCK CULPEPPER  
Washington Post

DAEGWALLYEONG, South Korea — Here comes maybe the most remarkable coach at the Olympics, ascending the grandstand at the cross-country venue, avoiding a clogged aisle by stepping over the seats.

He makes the necessary looping strides with such athletic ease that a witnessing eye doubts itself because of the shouting presence of one outstanding fact: He is 75, even if he does move as if he's 25.

Kare Hoesflot's remarkableness clearly has not occurred to him, even as he coaches a blazing star of a 21-year-old cross-country phenom, a fresh two-time gold medalist, and even as Hoesflot remains that rare coach of whom a daughter, in this case Elisabeth, can say: "When he became a pensionary, how many years ago ..."

"Three-and-a-half," her father said. "After that, he could use more time together with Johannes," Elisabeth said. "He would be together with him at his training during the day."

In truth, he has coached Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo pretty much since the family abided by Norwegian law and got the kid skis at 2 — OK, it's not technically Norwegian law — and the lad began scrambling around the terrain without one scintilla of hesitation.

While sports on this planet have seen bushels of parents coaching their offspring (to results good and bad), spouses coaching their spouses (to results good and bad) and an uncle coaching Rafael Nadal (to results good), a careful observer of global sports might not be able to recollect any case of a major athlete coached by a grandparent.

It is the distinctive role of the human grandparent, after all, to supply the extra cookie that drives the cookie total over the line, permit a certain fuzziness on the issue of bedtime and instill within the grandchild the concept that the grandchild is the adored center of the known universe.

All of those customs are antithetical to coaching.

Is Kare Hoesflot some flagrant exception, some stern, dreadful drill sergeant of a coach?

"Actually, no," his grandson said. "I think he's just trying to be a little bit more smart. He's trying to focus on what we can do to get better and faster on the skis, and I think it's more of (him being) a smarter trainer than very tough."

"When I say something, he's just trying to look at how I see it and figure out how we should do things, and I think he's doing a great job there."

Anyone who would quibble with that job is pretty much a doofus at this point. With Hoesflot Klaebo's life clock still dawdling toward 22 in March, he is widely reported to be the talk of Norway, that Winter Olympics empire with the runaway medal lead pried from a rather unpopulous population.

On the first Tuesday of the Olympics, he won the men's sprint classic, and as he crossed the meaning proved so indescribable that Kare Hoesflot rummaged around his head trying to find the words, whereupon Elisabeth said, "It's hard enough in Norwegian!"

On Sunday, Hoesflot Klaebo anchored the men's 40-kilometer relay and wreaked an involuntary gasp from the untrained. When teammate Simen Hegstad Krueger touched Hoesflot Klaebo's right shoulder, indicating the transition from the third leg to the fourth, the Norwegian procession had gone from a 26-year-old to a 33-year-old to a 24-year-old to a 21-year-old, and the wunderkind set off on his first major relay.

It bamboozled him not. He spent a good while in the close company of the Russian Denis Spitsov, a couple of 21-year-olds out in the woods.

Cross-country cognoscenti say they have never seen anyone put the hammer down the way Hoesflot Klaebo does. And when he put the hammer down just more than one kilometer from the finish, he spoke neither Norwegian nor English but the international language that translates into: I am going to kick your tail right now.

While noting a deep Norwegian team that has "people back at the hotel who could have run this relay also," Hoesflot Klaebo concluded, "It's quite cool." Talking about how he "got a gap and just tried to keep it up" until he took a Norwegian flag toward the finish line, he similarly deemed it "quite cool."

He had been a wee wisp of a child, smaller than some younger kids, all the way to 15 or so, his mother said. While waiting to grow, Hoesflot Klaebo made a careful study of technique, his mother said, all while playing both soccer and cross country before opting hard for the latter.

By 17, he confessed to his longtime ski partner, coach and grandfather — all three wrapped into one person — that he wished to be the best cross-country skier in the world.

Asked how he responded to that, his grandfather replied with a grandfather's bark that might ring familiar to many humans.

"Ahhhhhhh!" Kare Hoesflot recalled himself scoffing. "Then you have a lot of



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Cross-country skier Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo holds the Norwegian flag Sunday after completing a win in the 400-kilometer relay.

hard work!"

At the 63rd parallel in Norway's third-largest city, Trondheim, the grandson's family and the grandparents live almost 4 miles and about 15 minutes apart, with the training center tucked between the two. For most of his adult life, Kare Hoesflot had been both a heating and ventilation engineer and a coach, the latter ever since sometime in life he can't pinpoint.

He coached "a regional team in the middle of Norway and had the seniors (adults) there, and the juniors also," Elisabeth said, whereupon her father chimed in: "I started back in the 1970s, 1980 or something like that."

Count him among the thousands of the world's coaches who know how to coach but coach anonymously.

As grandfather and grandson climbed toward the Olympic clouds horrid upslope by horrid upslope in their country's all-the-rage sport, even in-the-know journalists were unfamiliar with Kare Hoesflot, said Oeyvind Goode of the newspaper Dagbladet. Quietly around Trondheim, a grandparent-grandson relationship persisted in its unstoppable blossom.

For one thing, the lad needs no prodding to go to work.

"From when he was a kid, we had to put a brake on him: 'That's enough. You don't have to train more,'" Elisabeth said.

For another, they pretty much can communicate with or without speaking:

"We understand each other very well, all

the time," Kare said.

For another, the two are like-minded "If it's necessary, Johannes is pretty sure what he's going to do himself, but they discuss a lot and pretty much agree for whatever," Elisabeth said.

Said Kare: "I do the program, the training program, and then we discuss a lot."

"But Johannes is not that guy who just gets a program and does what it says," Elisabeth said. "He always feels what he's going to do. If it's right, he feels it in the body; if it's not right, (he'll say), 'No, my body's not like that today,' (and) do something else. And they change."

Question: "Are you tough?"

Coach: "Not really."

Both coach and mother laugh.

Question: "Do you ever argue?"

Coach: "Sometimes."

Question: "Once a year?"

Both coach and mother laugh.

"I think sometimes" they quibble, Elisabeth said, "but not like fighting."

"Almost," Kare said. "It's not fighting. He will tell me what he thinks, and then we discuss it, find the best solutions. Not an argument, no, no."

Question: Does proverbial spoiling go on?

Coach: "A little bit."

Mother: "They have been normal grandparents all the time, but he has been his trainer and they've spent a lot of time together, so I think they have a closer relationship than most people have with

their grandparents. But (Kare is) also close with the other children he's a grandfather to," that number totaling five.

They're always on the phone. They meet at the training center.

"And the last two years," Elisabeth said, "the hard work — when Johannes does this, the interval, this hard training, (Kare) can be there and see if the technique is right, push him and take the time."

Hoesflot Klaebo told the Norwegian newspaper Aftenposten in 2016: "My grandfather means everything to me." He then went into more detail after Sunday's gold-medal-winning performance.

"I think it isn't any different between (Kare as) a person and a coach," Hoesflot Klaebo said. "He is my grandpa and I feel everything we are doing and talking about is, like, he is my grandpa."

"Sometimes, of course, we're trying to speak a little bit more of what we're doing in training. And every time we speak and every time we're with each other, it's always coming back with this topic: skiing. So I think it is just very cool to be able to have this (rapport) with your grandpa like this, and I think he's doing a very good job."

So even among the coach-athlete reports strewn around South Korea these days, this particular rapport does tower. One might call it "quite cool" that the world got to see 21-year-old Hoesflot Klaebo put the hammer down.

It's just a shame not everyone got to see Kare Hoesflot climb that grandstand.

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The Gangwon Land Casino is the only remaining industry in Sabuk, South Korea, a former mining town near the Olympic skiing venue, which is giving the area a temporary boost.

## Korean Olympic gamble a model for Appalachia

BY CLAIRE GALOFARO  
AND KIM TONG-HYUNG  
Associated Press

JEONGSEON, South Korea — A coal mine stands on the mountain exactly as it was the day it was abandoned, now a rusted relic of blue-collar glory lost to a globalized world.

It towers over this Korean coal community that is much like its American counterparts: poor, aging, hollowing out since the mines shut down and the young and able fled for cities. But with one notable exception.

A statue of a cartoon white tiger was recently erected at the foot of the mountain: Soohorang, the smiling mascot of the 2018 Winter Olympics, its foot raised to march, its back to the molding mine on the mountain. Unlike American coal counties, this Korean coal county is hosting the Olympics.

The Pyeongchang Winter Games are spread across South Korea's Gangwon Province, a rural region that few overseas had heard of until its hard-fought bid to be an Olympic host — a massively expensive proposition with dubious payoff, now typically dared only by world-class cities and established resort towns. Its organizers touted it as an opportunity to invest in much-needed infrastructure and transportation upgrades — and with it, restore a sense of pride and purpose.

But will it work? And would it work in its American equivalent, the coalfields of Appalachia?

**Kentucky native Maddy Boyd** drove to the new Jeongseon Alpine Center to join spectators from around the globe to watch superstar athletes race for gold. She took in the mountains and the winding roads and the traffic that backed up behind tractors.

"It feels like home," she said, rooting for the underdog, might one day chase Olympic glory.

If South Korea could do it, she reasons, why couldn't Kentucky?

"It may be far-fetched to imagine an event like the Olympics coming to these hills," says Dee Davis, founder of the Center for Rural Strategies based in Whitesburg, Ky., the heart of American coal country. "I can guarantee you that this time yesterday I wasn't thinking about an Olympic Village in

Whitesburg."

But then he considered the similar statistics of Gangwon, where the Olympic Village that currently houses the most elite athletes in the world now stands.

It is rugged, isolated, one of the country's oldest and poorest regions, just like the Appalachian states of Kentucky and West Virginia, but with the added complication of "sitting right there in the world's military powder keg," about 50 miles from the fortified border with North Korea.

"We'll see how it turns out," Davis says. "But you've got to say that they have heart. They put down a marker, they said, 'We are here.' That's as courageous and provocative as trying to have an Olympics in West Virginia."

**Not far away**, in the Korean mountain town of Sabuk, there are few hints of the spectacle unfolding down the road.

"It's very exciting to be close to the Olympics," said Yeo Bong-kyu, a volunteer at a mining museum that documents the county's faded industry. "But it's just an event, just to enjoy, and it ends."

And when it does, many here say they expect the same problems they had before the Games began.

Lim Su-ja chopped frozen pollock at a market that once bustled when the mine was open but now sits mostly quiet most of the time, including on this seventh day of the Olympics.

"There's too few people here," says the 72-year-old miner's widow. Many of her neighbors have moved away and tourists don't come. "We now only have old people who don't have anywhere to go."

Her worry is repeated again and again by residents here, in a town that now shares a county with a marquee venue at the most prestigious sporting event in the world: Despite the exciting new Olympic ski resort down the road, their community will continue its march toward oblivion.

"Maybe this town won't entirely disappear, but I don't know who would be staying," says Lee Sang-kyu, 52, who left Sabuk 30 years ago for a factory job near Seoul. He was visiting his mother in a stretch of crammed concrete houses that used to be packed with mining families.

Now it is almost deserted, the windows boarded up. His mother is 80 years old, and once she's gone, he can't imagine any reason to return.

**On the other side** of the globe, in the United States, a similar breakdown in blue-collar communities has consumed the political debate. President Donald Trump rode into the White House, in part, on promises to revive America's versions of Jeongseon County — as he put it, "the rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation."

It seems inconceivable that the solutions rural America might consider could include an Olympic wager. Tulsa, Okla., bid on the 2024 Games and was greeted with adjectives like "adorable." Also: "delusional."

The United States government does not finance Olympic bids, which often cost upward of \$50 million just to prepare, then billions more if the city wins. They require multiple stadiums and tens of thousands of hotel rooms.

The only American places with a chance are those that already have the infrastructure or that can afford to sink billions into the Games despite long-shot odds of a lasting return on the investment. America's current Winter Games contenders are Denver, Reno and Salt Lake City.

But Korea was willing to spend some \$13 billion on roads, rail lines and resorts to remake this province into a winter sports destination. Once the Olympic masses leave, it remains uncertain what will become of some of the new arenas. In former Olympic cities, venues stand as "white elephants" — empty, mostly useless and costing millions each year to maintain.

"We always say that Gangwon Province will be crushed under a pile of debt after the Olympics," says Kim Jin-tae, a 72-year-old former miner. "This will be a deficit for Gangwon."

His town has been thrown an unreliable life preserver before. They protested in the 1990s against government plans to abandon mining, and in return were granted permission to host the only casino where locals in conservative South Korea are permitted to gamble. Residents had hoped the massive casino perched on the hill above their shuttered mine would inject the area with new wealth.

Eighteen years later, Sabuk's plummeting population makes it feel like a ghost town with electricity, lighting up a chaotic mixture of motels, massage parlors and dozens of neon-lit pawn shops where gamblers deposit anything from wristwatches and cellphones to cars.

This community is once again dependent on a single industry that delivered a new round of heartaches: gambling addiction, upended families, desperate strangers who came to the casino from out of town, lost everything they had and were unable to return home.

Yet if the casino closed, many say, their town would disappear.

**Some with roots here** hope that the Olympics can restore something else, something much more difficult to quantify and cultivate: pride.

A mural hangs above the door of the abandoned mine. It depicts a miner, smiling, with a banner below that offers the following quotation: "I was a miner, an industrial warrior." It was a term widely used in South Korea to glorify workers who drove the country's growth from the 1960s to the 1980s under a series of military dictatorships.

It was honorable work, now gone, much like the shuttered coal mines in Kentucky and West Virginia that left many feeling abandoned and maligned by their fellow citizens.

As Song Chang-woo joined the hordes at gates of the Olympic Alpine ski resort, he considered the fact that it stood in his deteriorating hometown. He was in awe.

"I feel very proud," the 53-year-old photographer said. He left decades ago for Seoul. But he thinks this county is the one of the most beautiful places on Earth, and he's glad tourists from around the globe now get to see it. Maybe then they will love it as he does.

"For us in hardscrabble rural communities, I think there are lessons that we can learn from Pyeongchang now," says Davis, of Kentucky's Center for Rural Strategies.

"It's a gamble, but they've asked the world to come see for themselves, not just to enjoy the competition, but to have a beer, listen to stories, to observe the whole dance, show up and experience local life," he says. "Then they'll make up their own mind, and that will replace the stereotype. That's the lesson we can learn in places like Appalachia."

So Kentucky 2030, then? Probably not the most practical idea, he says, with all those hotel rooms and arenas they'd somehow have to build.

"But," Davis says, "I don't doubt that we could host something really special."



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Mary Tilden, from left, Isa Arciniegas, Sarah Price, Taylor Blim and Angela Alise star in "The Wolves," written by Sarah DeLappe and directed by Vanessa Stalling, at the Goodman.

**IN PERFORMANCE** 'The Wolves' ★★★★★

# Soccer drama skips teenage stereotypes

Girls navigate teammates and troubles with a passionate focus

**BY CHRIS JONES**  
Chicago Tribune

The Wolves are players on a fictional, under-17 girls soccer team, the scourge of their suburban league. But the play by Sarah DeLappe that created them isn't so much a work about the world's most beautiful game, notwithstanding some nods in that most worthy of directions, but an honest and sympathetic study of what it feels like to be an adolescent girl. Living and moving in a pack.

A Pulitzer Prize finalist last year, "The Wolves" is a formidably precise piece of observational writing. It is remarkable in two ways. One is its careful avoidance of each and every archetype that afflicts almost every other adult-penned play (or movie, or

TV show) about teenagers, especially girls. The other is a rich understanding of a fundamental truth about the adolescent life: quotidian struggles about, say, how you are going to get home or tolerate the bullying of the girl next to you, coexist in the growing brain with worries about concussions or life-changing injuries, and with the kind of great and profound thoughts that might save America from itself.

That collision — the ability to talk about the Khmer Rouge and Hermione Granger in the same sentence — is at the core of DeLappe's writing. As a consequence, these high school girls seem real, like the real girls you might know, which truly is everything in a play such as this one. That might sound like a modest goal for a piece here getting a four-star review. But consider

how many times in your experience the opposite has been the case. Girls are not just mean. No more than you.

"The Wolves" also offers a truly beautiful exploration of how we usually have our first brushes with mortality in our adolescent years. But it also understands that while some of us have never been to a funeral, others of us have death thrust directly into our lives in a way our peers cannot understand. For it arrives without regard to deserving and sans the offer of tools to cope.

The Goodman gave "The Wolves" a great gift by hiring the talented director Vanessa Stalling, a specialist in immersive productions and a true artist who clearly understood from the start that what sets adolescents apart is their easy embrace of high dramatic stakes. Her production, designed by Collette

Pollard and staged with the audience set up around a faux indoor soccer field, lends the work the vital energy it needs. The transitions pulse with life and energy. They function as manifestations of the girls' physical energy and the pent-up emotions swirling around their growing brains. They're also fun and the kind of break you need. Stalling's decision to set up a netting around the field has its pluses — most notably, the girls can kick balls in frustration seemingly right at your head — but the price paid is that, well, you are watching all of the action on the AstroTurf through netting, which is distancing. But there's an overall gain: you feel like you are listening in on a closed world.

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## MLK's Chicago history

Exhibit details drive to press civil rights battle beyond blacks in South

**BY STEVE JOHNSON**  
Chicago Tribune

Considerations of the life of Martin Luther King Jr. will be increasingly in evidence as the nation approaches the April 4 50th anniversary of the assassination of the civil rights leader, with his legacy intact but his work still undone.

A powerful new exhibit at the Chicago History Museum provides firm grounding to partici-



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A 1968 Ebony magazine is part of the Chicago History Museum exhibit.

pate in the conversation, in words and, especially, in pictures.

"Remembering Dr. King 1929-1968" pays special attention to King's Chicago experience, which began early in the civil rights movement, with a sermon deliv-

ered at Shiloh Baptist Church in 1956, and continued through his habitation, a decade later, of a North Lawndale apartment and concurrent, tumultuous marches

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## Hope at the heart of Loy Webb's work

**BY MORGAN GREENE**  
Chicago Tribune

There was a standing ovation after the world premiere of "Birth of a Nation" at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival. The film, about the 1831 slave uprising led by Nat Turner, was directed, produced, written by and starred Nate Parker. The title of the film, a nod to D.W. Griffith's overtly racist 1915 feature, was rooted in a reckoning with American history. "Without an honest confrontation, there is no healing," Parker said at the festival.

Halfway across the country, in Chicago, Loy Webb waited for the film's release. She adored Parker. She could quote "The Great Debaters," a 2007 film starring Parker, on



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Playwright Loy Webb grew up in the Beverly neighborhood.

demand.

After Sundance, sexual assault allegations against Parker resurfaced. Parker, and his co-writer and former roommate Jean Celestin, were

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Songwriter Diane Warren has received a ninth Academy Award nomination. She has yet to win an Oscar.

### Diane Warren: Give me an Oscar already

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Songwriter Diane Warren is overdue for an Oscar, and she has no reservations about admitting it.

"I am not going to say, 'I don't need to win. I don't care,'" Warren said in a phone interview. "I want to win. Come on, it's been eight times that I haven't."

Her previous nominations include well-known songs like Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," featured in "Armageddon," and Trisha Yearwood's "How Do I Live," featured in "Con Air."

But the Grammy-winning songwriter said she's never been more excited for a nomination than she is for "Stand Up for Something," which she wrote for the Thurgood Marshall biopic "Marshall." The song, nominated for best original song, features singer Andra Day and was co-written with rapper Common.

The Academy Awards will air March 4 on ABC. "It would be really great if it does (win)," Warren said. "I'll probably faint."

Warren thought her best chance at winning an Oscar came in 2015 when a song she wrote with Lady Gaga, "Til It Happens to You," was nominated after appearing in a documentary about sexual assault on campus called "The Hunting Ground."

"The interesting thing about those two songs is 'Til It Happens to You' is a very strong and powerful statement. But 'Stand Up for Something' is action, so the songs together, it's almost like they are part of the same," Warren said. "It's a continuation."

— Associated Press



MATT WINKELMEYER/GETTY

**Meet the new Magnum:** The "Magnum P.I." reboot pilot has cast Jay Hernandez, above, as the titular private eye, Variety has learned. Hernandez will play Thomas Magnum, a decorated ex-Navy SEAL who, upon returning home from Afghanistan, repurposes his military skills to become a private investigator. Tom Selleck, who stars in the CBS drama "Blue Bloods," played the role in the original series.

**Albom plans sequel to "Heaven":** Author Mitch Albom's "The Next Person You Meet in Heaven" is coming out Oct. 16. The novel is a follow-up to Albom's best-selling "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," which came out in 2003. The new book continues the stories of Eddie the maintenance man and of Annie, the young girl whose life he saves while losing his own.

**Walking away from "Dead"?** "The Walking Dead" star Lauren Cohan has booked the lead role in the ABC drama pilot "Whiskey Cavalier," Variety has confirmed. Cohan has been in negotiations with AMC for months over her potential return to the zombie apocalypse series for a ninth season. Cohan has been on the AMC show since its Season 2. If "Whiskey Cavalier" moves forward, Cohan could return to "The Walking Dead" on a recurring basis or leave the show.

**Feb. 22 birthdays:** Actor James Hong is 89. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 59. Comedian and actress Rachel Dratch is 52. Actress Jeri Ryan is 50. Actress Lea Salonga is 47. Actress Drew Barrymore is 43.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Supportive friend now needs same

**Dear Amy:** For about six years, I have been the phone support for someone in remission from stage 4 cancer. She was a friend who included me in this tough and sad news from the first.

Her situation includes not only her illness, but an autistic child at home, as well as a husband who is bipolar. All of this is complicated by ostracism from her remaining family. She is isolated.

I have been patient and loyal, often listening to erratic rants and her problems at odd hours when I was worn out. In the last year, her changing plans have wreaked havoc with my schedule, culminating in a series of bad communications during the holiday season, when I typically struggle not to be depressed.

When I explained how this upset me, I was blasted and insulted. Despite some guilt, I want to distance myself. Don't those who support deserve some respect? What is your take on this sad situation?

— Carolina Cares

**Dear Carolina:** My take is that your friend is stressed to the limits of her endurance.

"Ring Theory" suggests that the person under the most emergency duress (your friend) is at the center of a set of concentric circles. You (and any other intimates) would be on the next circle and more distant relationships along outer rings.

The shorthand for understanding Ring Theory is, "Comfort in, venting out." Those on outer circles send their comfort toward the center.

(You've been doing this.)

The person in the center pretty much gets to vent and rail and view their own situation with what might seem like selfish magnification.

You comfort her, she vents to you and you vent to someone in an outer ring (me, for instance).

This explains the dynamic. However, six years of playing by the Ring Theory rules is a long time.

Even people in extremis deserve to know that their behavior affects others. Being honest with her is one way of conveying, "You matter." (Walking away, or ghosting her, is a way of saying, "You don't matter.")

You are justified in distancing yourself, but if you back away, you should also tell her why. This would give your friend a chance to behave differently. For one thing, it might help to preserve a relationship she needs to have in her life. But also — apologizing to you and asking for forgiveness could soften her hardened heart.

**Dear Amy:** I have neighbors in my direct backyard who will not leave my family alone. We have a large, fenced-in backyard and like to spend time outside. Any time we go out with the dog, to do yardwork, have friends over, etc., they open up their back door, walk through the gate and come over uninvited. We used to be nice about it. Now, we're cold, and go back inside quickly until they leave.

They ignore our signals and keep coming over. My wife has stopped going into our yard because she is so annoyed.

They are nice people. I

do not want to hurt their feelings, but I would like them to leave us alone so we can enjoy our backyard without being interrupted every time we spend more than five minutes out there. Any suggestions?

— Missing my Backyard

**Dear Missing:** You will have to be brave enough to express yourself.

Say, "We enjoy being neighbors with you, but we really need you to respect the boundary between our yards. We consider our yard an extension of our house. When we're in our yard, I'd rather you not come through the gate unless we invite you."

You could also install some plantings along the fence and put an interior latch on your gate to increase your privacy.

**Dear Amy:** "Still Struggling" was concerned about his wife's long-ago sexual assault, as well as how to protect his two daughters.

I had a friend who, years later, went to counseling after such an assault, proving it's never too late to talk about it. She also took a self-defense class and asked me to join her.

This dad could be an advocate for his daughters if he sits down with them, under the premise of all the recent reporting, and suggests they take a similar class. Who knows, maybe mom would join them.

— Been There

**Dear Been There:** I love your suggestion. Thank you.

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# Charming bookstore seeks a lifeline

Despite loyal customers in Wicker Park, Volumes is struggling to pay the bills



HEIDI STEVENS  
Balancing Act

In "You've Got Mail," the charming neighborhood bookstore is felled by the hulking, soulless chain store in a single, deadly swipe: Build across from little guy. Little guy folds.

For Volumes Bookcafe, the charming Wicker Park bookstore struggling to stay alive, it's near-death by a thousand cuts:

The city inspectors who insisted on a \$20,000 heating and cooling upgrade.

The countless, costly plumbing fixes.

The customers who browse the aisles, peruse the staff recommendations, run a price check on their phones and then exit, presumably to order the book on Amazon when they get home.

Amazon itself. "I prefer to call it Voldemort," Volumes co-owner Rebecca George told me. "The thing you can't name."

Volumes opened at 1474 N. Milwaukee Ave. (the old Recycle designer resale space) in March 2016. Sisters Rebecca and Kimberly George, both former teachers, live in the neighborhood and longed for a spot to buy new books. (Nearby Myopic Books has used books well and truly covered; nearby Quimby's specializes in graphic novels and magazines.)

They came up with a plan and poured their savings and sweat into making it happen.

"We were in that space every day for a year," Rebecca George said. "Sanding and painting, putting together 6,000 pounds of shelves. We made most of the cafe tables. The other

ones, we found from Coldwater Creek when it went under. Every inch of the place is hours and hours and hours of work."

The building dates to 1883. So when city inspectors arrived to greenlight the opening, they handed the George sisters a lengthy, expensive to-do list.

(I once asked an entrepreneur friend of mine what's been the biggest surprise about owning her own business. She answered, "Plumbing.")

Anyway, they opened in debt.

But the store quickly became a neighborhood favorite, what with the weekly trivia night; the "You Joke Like a Girl" monthly comedy showcase; the storytelling series every second Wednesday of the month; the coffee, beer and wine selection; the delightful children's section with twice-a-week story time/sing-along.

"We don't just sell books," George said. "We create a community. We are literary tastemakers. We do tons of free events — a book swap at the farmers market, school visits, Wicker Park Lit Fest. We're a free, safe space for voices. We're having an opera here on Saturday night, just so people can experience something different."

But money is tight. They're still paying off rehab debt, and they're dipping into their retirement savings to pay their seven employees, George said. She said she and her sister don't collect a paycheck most weeks.

"A bookstore is a nickel-and-dime business," she said. "The margins are razor-thin."

So they're turning to the community — the neighborhood community and the literary community — for help. They launched an Indiegogo campaign to raise \$60,000 by March 24.



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Sisters Rebecca and Kimberly George opened Volumes Bookcafe at 1474 N. Milwaukee Ave. in March 2016.



Chicago residents Emily O'Reilly, from left, Lucy Freccia and Hannah Veldt meet up at Volumes Bookcafe.

They've raised a little more than \$22,000, so far.

Dozens of authors have thrown their support behind the campaign, donating appearances and books to be auctioned off as perks for donors.

Eve Ewing donated a live preview of her forthcoming work, plus a signed copy of her poetry collection, "Electric Arches."

Roxane Gay donated two bundles of her books, signed, plus a "Hunger"

(2017) tote bag. Jonathan Eig, Audrey Niffenegger, Julia C. Johnson and Renee Rosen also donated book packs.

"Lauren Groff reached out to me on Twitter to see how she can help," George said. "The literary community is incredible."

We've arrived at a moment, I think, when a lot of us are realizing that what we value — and what adds value to our lives — very often needs our money to survive and thrive.

The outpouring of support for Block Club Chicago — the nonprofit, hyperlocal news organization raised close to \$140,000 since its launch two weeks ago — is one example.

"If everyone who comes through our door gave \$10," George said. "If everyone asked themselves if it's worth \$10 to keep us around — to keep all the programs and things we do, to create public spaces

where people can say whatever they want to say — we'd be OK."

Long term, George and her sister have plans to offset costs by hosting annual fundraisers and renting out the store for private events.

They've hired a new accountant and finance team to look for other places to save.

"We're not done yet," she said. "I'm still scheduling into the future. We have high hopes this is going to work."

I like "You've Got Mail" as much as the next guy, but I've always believed it would have a different ending were it set in Chicago — a city that names its streets for writers, a city where stories and those who tell them are woven into our soul.

We'll see ...

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# Girls tackle issues in compelling manner

**Wolves**, from Page 1

That net also helps with one of the perennial drawbacks of live plays about sport: You can't actually see a credible game, but you're stuck with the warmups, postmortems, the stretches and the dribbles. I started thinking about the movie this could become — which would allow you to see the Wolves win and lose. But its necessary absence in the theater is not bothersome.

The characters are identified merely by numbers on the back of their jerseys: #00, #2, #46 and so on. The ensemble cast is uniformly excellent, although #46 (Erin O'Shea) not only is especially moving but the most credible as a league soccer player. The girls come and go from childhood with its casual cruelties, as teenagers do, with Taylor Blim (who plays #2) especially adept at that navigation, as are Sarah Price (the geeky #11) and Angela Alise, who quietly keeps goal until, like all great keepers, she figures out with a roar that there is more to life than playing constant defense.

**When:** Through March 11

**Where:** Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.

**Running time:** 90 minutes

**Tickets:** \$10-\$47 at 312-443-3800 and [www.goodmantheatre.org](http://www.goodmantheatre.org)

A soccer mom, played by Meighan Gerachis, makes an appearance. Even as I type, I know what you will think as you read, especially given the phrase's manipulation by political pollsters. But just as it rips away stereotypes of female athletes, so "The Wolves" avoids all mention of mini-vans and car pools (if not snacks) and anything superficial. Gerachis, whom I have watched for years and never seen do better work, is almost unspeakably moving here.

I won't explain why, but just add that it is a remarkable piece of teamwork between actor and director, especially since Gerachis does not get a hefty chunk of stage time to arrive at that feeling. She comes in with extraordinary emotional investment, and by



LIZ LAUREN PHOTO

Sarah Price, from left, Isa Arciniegas, Natalie Joyce and Angela Alise on the soccer field in "The Wolves."

the time she has left, we all have felt it too.

More than that, actually. "The Wolves" is not just about girls, but about girls and their mothers, about how the adult world inter-

sects with that of teenagers. As you likely know, given the news, we do a lousy job of protecting them, but here, at least, you feel that they are being understood. If you have a soccer-

playing girl at home, you especially don't want to miss this piece. That was the only thing wrong on opening night; not enough girls in the house, not enough girls with their

mothers. If applicable, you might help put that right.

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## Exhibit details MLK in Chicago

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for housing equality.

King made stubbornly segregated Chicago a pivot point in his move to turn the civil rights movement from Southern discrimination against African-Americans to broader injustices across the country.

"In some ways you could argue this was the place that made him reconsider the nature of racism in America," said John Russick, the museum's vice president for interpretation and education. "It's a really critical moment when he came here."

Segments of Chicago, the general-admission exhibition makes clear, were not buying King's message.

Among the most potent images are counter-protesters to a King-led open housing march in the Southwest Side's Ashburn neighborhood, smiling young white men holding a Confederate flag and a sign reading "White Power."

A week earlier, on Aug. 5, 1966, King was struck by a rock at another equal housing march, this one in the Marquette Park neighborhood. In the exhibit's photograph, from the Chicago Defender, King is shown buckled over immediately after the blow, his compatriots holding him up by an arm.

This was the reception the Nobel Peace Prize winner got in our heavily (and still) segregated city, a level of vitriol that led him to later proclaim "that he had never encountered such hatred," in the words of the exhibition.

It's an image, too, that could serve as metaphor for King's final years. When he kept his criticisms narrow and obvious, American public opinion was with him, but "Remembering Dr. King" also shows "how unpopular he was at the end of his life as he spoke out against Vietnam and critiqued American poverty," said Joy Bivins, who curated the show.

The exhibition, which opened in January in a modest-sized gallery, puts a timeline of the Atlanta-reared Baptist minister's life along the outer wall, along with a case of artifacts, including the canceled check for the \$5,000 speaker's fee paid to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a King's keynote address at a 1964 Soldier Field civil rights rally.

The first of two rallies he would lead at the football stadium, that June 21, 1964, event, which drew 75,000, came at a heated time in



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The exhibit includes news coverage of the civil rights leader, including Chicago police response to rioting after his murder.



The Chicago History Museum display comes as the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination nears.

the struggle. It occurred just days after the U.S. Senate passed the sweeping Civil Rights Act of 1964 and on the same day, the timeline shows, that voter registration workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman

and Michael Schwerner disappeared in Mississippi. Despite the small gallery, the exhibit is designed with an open floor plan, Russick said, to easily accommodate school groups that might make it part of a visit that

**When:** Through March 1, 2020

**Where:** Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.

**Tickets:** Included with \$19 general admission; 312-642-4600 or [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org)

you would also include the current special exhibition "Race: Are We So Different?" an exploration of a classification system that is rooted in social convention, not science.

One might wish for the King-related prints to be more vivid, on photographic paper, especially in a space that long held the museum's exhibit of Vivian Maier photos. But putting the images on poster board allows for durability, for visitors to get up close, and for them to be mounted double-sided and suspended from wires to form partial walls in the room's center.

You might want more, too, on the impact of the Chicago moves, especially as, five decades later, the city remains among the nation's most segregated. But a museum exhibit, Bivins has said, is more of a movie than a book; the fact that you come away wanting to know more suggests it has done its job.

Fittingly in this anniversary year, a substantial proportion of "Remembering Dr. King" is devoted to his killing, in Memphis as he supported striking sanitation workers there, including the riots that re-

sulted in American cities and moving images from his funeral in Atlanta.

Chicago photos include the stark front page of the April 5, 1968, Sun-Times, bearing only four words, "MARTIN LUTHER KING SLAIN," and storefront graffiti reading, "THE KING IS DEAD. LONG LIVE THE KING."

But the exhibit also spells out "how early and often he was in Chicago promoting the work happening in the South," Bivins, the museum's director of curatorial affairs, said via email.

Included is a reproduction of a program listing the 1958 speakers forum at the Reform synagogue Beth Emet in Evanston. People in January of that year could see King, "one of the most admired religious leaders of the world," for a \$1.75 admission charge.

And his 1956 sermon at Chicago's Shiloh Baptist, titled "A Knock at Midnight" and calling on churches to "be active in times of crisis," came less than two weeks after his family home in Montgomery, Ala., was bombed, the timeline spells out.

"I hope people walk away realizing that the civil rights movement didn't just happen in the South," Bivins said, "that Chicago had its own struggles with racism and that then, just as now, activists engaged those issues."

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# 'Light' began before #MeToo

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accused of sexual assault while attending Penn State. Parker was acquitted. In August, *Variety* reported that the woman who accused Parker and Celestin had killed herself in 2012.

When Webb finally saw the trailer for Parker's film, she started to cry. After learning about the allegations and the victim's death, Webb decided she could not support the film.

She remembers saying, "I have to write something about this." That something became "The Light," Webb's breakthrough debut play, now nearing the end of its extended run at the Den Theatre.

The creative team behind "The Light" had not even begun rehearsal when the #MeToo movement hit last fall. Although not explicitly about Parker, "The Light" concerns a good-guy Chicago rapper whose past actions haunt a young Chicago couple, threatening to rip apart their seams. It's a love story that asks how much we're willing to share, give up and carry for those we love — old-school pain and catharsis played out feet away from your storefront-theater seat.

Reviewing the opening night performance, *Tribune* critic Chris Jones wrote, "Here, you cannot help but watch others watching. And hear them. Several revelations in the play, which is not easy to watch, emotionally, were accompanied by vocal interjections from the audience. I watched tears flow, Kleenexes emerge from pockets, couples move closer together and further apart."

The same cues arrived at a matinee performance. At times, it seemed like the audience was holding its breath.

"Women shouldn't have to deal with this in silence," Webb, 31, said recently in a cozy chair at the Den Theatre bar, wearing all black with the exception of the harlequin vines and butterflies on her sweater. Tapping the coffee table every few words, she said, "If you are a partner, and this has happened to your partner, you need to be a support system."

Although Webb's play met its own historical moment, with the ongoing chorus of #MeTos, she's conflicted about the movement.

"I think it's a great movement," she said. "But I think that what it does is it leaves out women of color. A lot of the focus is on wealthy white women, you know what I mean? Women who already have credence and power and things like that. But what about the poor black women who experience this all the time? Or just the average black woman that experiences this? And so that's what I feel like 'The Light' does. It says, 'Wait, hey, hey, we are a part of this too.'"

In rehearsal for "The Light," Webb looked to Pearl Cleage's "Mad at Miles: A Blackwoman's Guide to Truth," which questions compromises made in the name of the genius of jazz great Miles Davis. The way Webb sees it: "When it comes to black women, it's like, but the music. But he made beautiful music."

In online responses to "The Light," R. Kelly has been mentioned, an obvious parallel to the play's fictional Chicago musician. R. Kelly may have lured women into an abusive "cult," as *Buzzfeed* reported last summer. But the music.

The oldest of three sisters and one brother, Webb grew up in Beverly. At the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, she majored in political science and was the only non-acting student in a production of Suzan-Lori Parks' "In the Blood" at the Armory Free Theatre.

"I remember this theater student came up to me at the end of the performance," Webb said. "And he told me, 'Theater is not a hobby for you. It's a calling and you need to answer it.' And I was like, OK! That was pretty deep!"

She laughed it off at the time and headed to law school.

In college, Webb's father, a longtime minister at Shiloh Baptist Church in Chicago, wanted to practice law. The dream faded as he devoted himself to ministry, but it remained for his children. Webb, along with her sisters, all have the initials L.A.W. "Me, being the oldest, I was like, I guess I'll do it, Dad," she said. "You've given me so much in life, I'll do that."

In Webb's first year of law school at John Marshall, she took



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Loy Webb wrote "The Light" after sexual assault allegations resurfaced against Nate Parker following a triumphant "Birth of a Nation" premiere.



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Jeffery Owen Freelon Jr. and Tiffany Oglesby star in "The Light" at the Den Theatre in Chicago.

**"I write to be a pointer to hope. Meaning, regardless of form, regardless of topic, I always want my work to be the neon, blinking sign in the darkness, saying, 'Hope this way.'"**

her grandmother to Court Theatre's production of August Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom." She had never seen a Wilson play performed live. And it was fine. Until Levee's raging monologue denouncing and crying out for his own God. And then, Webb recalled: "I just remember, sitting in the audience and my heart stopping and the hairs on my body raising. And I was like, this is making me feel something. I don't know what it's doing, but him delivering those words is making me feel something. And I said, 'I want to do that.'"

Webb read every play by August Wilson she could find. She went to work as a law clerk with the city of Chicago — and now works in the office of legal affairs with the Chicago Police Department. But she also began to write about Chicago theater, taking on

another important role as one of few critics of color in Chicago. Her first piece was published after she unexpectedly found herself at New Colony's "ReWILDing Genius" at the Steppenwolf Garage. She and her siblings were prepared to hate it: "We look around, ain't no other black people. And we're like, what have we gotten into?"

She ended up liking the show. In 2016, Webb made it into the New Colony's Writers' Room program, designed to produce new plays. A few are chosen for staged readings; "The Light" was one of them. Later, Evan Linder, the company's former co-artistic director, asked to meet with Webb and told her the company wanted to fully produce the play.

"The director at the time, 'cause he (Linder) just kept talking, was like, 'Can you give her a second? She's trying to process

this!" Webb said with a big smile.

Family members have seen the show. Her brother asked if she had written it. "Yes," she said. "All of that?" The answer was still yes. Her grandma, the woman who went with her to see an August Wilson play at Court years ago, is coming to the show Saturday.

"I try to write something that's meaningful to me, what's important to me, and I hope that it's important to other people," Webb said. "I have written this story for black people. This is a black woman's story and I wrote it for black women so that they feel beautiful and powerful and know that they're not alone. And I wrote it for black men. ... The moment I saw a grown white man crying, I was like, whaaaaat?"

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, not often seen at the Den Theatre in Wicker Park, attended the show and told Webb he liked it.

"I think I tell Loy at least once a week, thank you for seeing something in me and believing I could bring this character of hers to life," said Tiffany Oglesby, who stars as Genesis, the woman in the play's Chicago couple.

Oglesby met Webb as a fellow writer in New Colony's Writers' Room. "Of course the story is so

important for what's happening today," Oglesby said. "And it's important for me because I think women of color that deal with sexual abuse often get silenced. I know a lot of people in my personal life and so many people after the show have come up to me and said they relate so much to this."

By the end of "The Light," after all the tears, the couple's ebbing colossus ends with a moment of hope. When asked if that was always the plan, Webb's already assured voice quickened. "I write to be a pointer to hope. Meaning, regardless of form, regardless of topic, I always want my work to be the neon, blinking sign in the darkness, saying, 'Hope this way.'"

Webb figured that out during a playwriting class she took with Chicago Dramatists' interim artistic director Dana Lynn Formby, who said she remembered Webb's statement: "Yes, that she wanted to be the light."

Webb is currently in the first class of Russ Tutterow fellows at Chicago Dramatists. Formby said she's watched Webb learn "the biggest thing is that writing is rewriting."

Webb's next play, commissioned by Chicago Dramatists, is about the NFL kneeling controversy, spurred by Colin Kaepernick's national anthem protests. Webb loves football. She didn't watch the Super Bowl.

Although no announcements have been made, "The Light" may move on to future productions outside of Chicago.

Webb knows she's living the rare theatrical triumph. As the Den's bar crowd thinned out, she related her life to a Chinese bamboo tree, thought to grow underground for years, then sprout 80 feet all at once. Webb's hope is that other writers, especially Chicago artists of color, persist and, like David in his battle with Goliath, use their own armor. She didn't have a big name or famous company behind her.

"Just the story," said Webb, looking up. "And people spreading the word."

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 22): Study and grow this year. Great leaps forward are possible with coordinated teamwork. Consider fresh perspectives. Fun with family and someone attractive this summer comes before a retrospective change in direction leads to renewed energy and vitality. Listen to your heart and the ones you love.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Do the research. Obligations vie with new tasks for your time. Either stay focused or slow down. A hidden danger could arise.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. The next two days could get profitable. Pay attention to expenses, or risk spending it all. Save some for a rainy day.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Expect energy surges. Someone may want more than you want to give. Consider personal priorities before automatically agreeing. Take time for yourself.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 5. Don't make important decisions or moves yet. Slow down, and consider hidden implications and consequences. Review plans and options. Savor rituals and peaceful moments.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Hang out together with friends, and work out an action plan. Talk, laugh and blow off steam. Get to know someone better.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Hold off on making a professional decision. Get feedback from your team for a wider perspective. Wait until everyone can make the meeting.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Take a break to plot and review your itinerary. Wait for traffic to clear. Explore your current surroundings, and you may discover something wonderful.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Invest in the highest quality without wasting money on features you don't need. Carefully budget to keep expenses lower than income.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Collaborate on a solution. Tackle a sticky subject with your partner. Willingness to compromise provides workability. Be receptive and open-minded. Listen generously.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Quicken your step and get your heart pumping. Physical action advances your work and fitness. Avoid accidents or injury. Move your body to grow stronger.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Engage in activities and with people that you love. Surround yourself with simple pleasures like music, art, games and romance. Share the goodness.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Make your home more comfortable. Don't take on new challenges yet. Stay out of someone else's argument. Nurture your family with comfort food.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

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### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ J 9 6 2	♥ A 9	♠ Q 8 5 3	♥ K 6 5 4 2
♦ J 5 3	♣ 9 8 7 2	♦ 10 6 2	♣ 5
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ A 10 4	♥ Q 10 3	♠ K 7	♥ J 8 7
♦ A 9 8 7 4	♣ 4 3	♦ K Q	♣ A K Q J 10 6

East-West were using a convention that has a serious following on other shores, but is seldom seen in the USA. West had no idea as to which of East's major suits was longer or stronger, so he corrected to his own better major.

The opening heart lead was ducked in dummy and East won with the king. A heart continuation did not appeal to East, as the suit would be blocked after knocking out dummy's ace. The best possible heart holding for West was three to the queen, and that wouldn't be good enough to use the suit because East had no further entry.

It appeared that West had three hearts, which must mean that he held three spades that were stronger or he wouldn't have bid two spades in the auction. East shifted to a low spade at trick two and declared? Yes! He brilliantly inserted his 10 of spades, losing to dummy's jack. South needed a diamond trick to make his contract, so he crossed to his hand with a club and led the sneaky queen of diamonds. West grabbed his ace and continued with the ace of spades, felling South's king, and led the four of spades through dummy's remaining nine-six. East took two spade tricks to defeat the contract.

South did nothing unreasonable in the auction, and we expect that the same contract would have been reached with no bidding by East-West. The defense, however, would probably not have been as accurate.

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



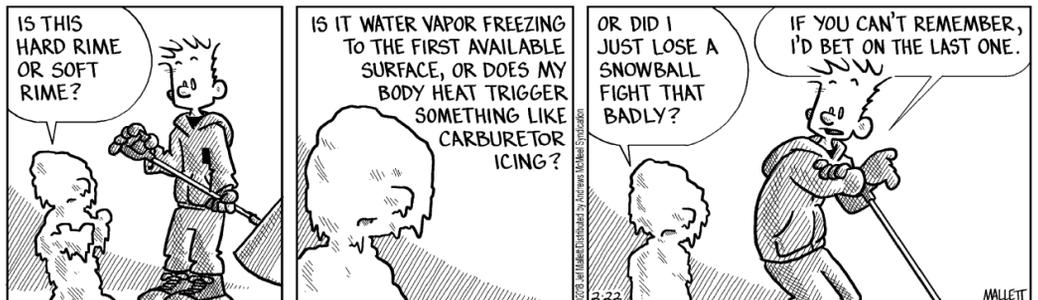
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### Mr. Boffo



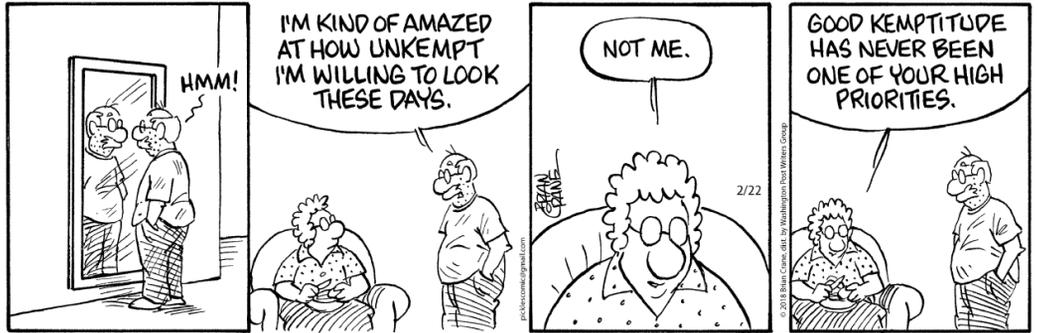
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### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



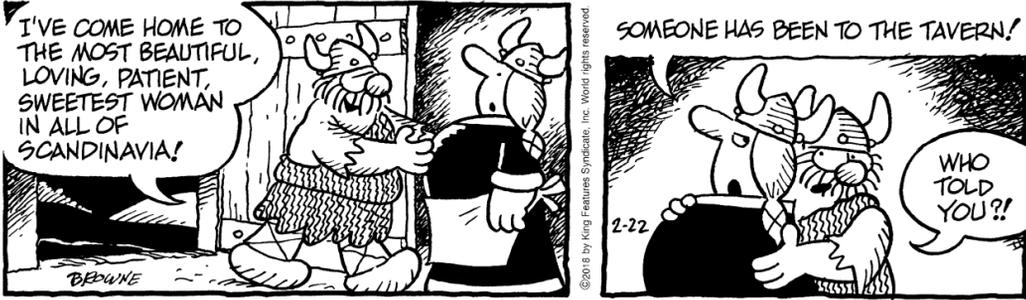
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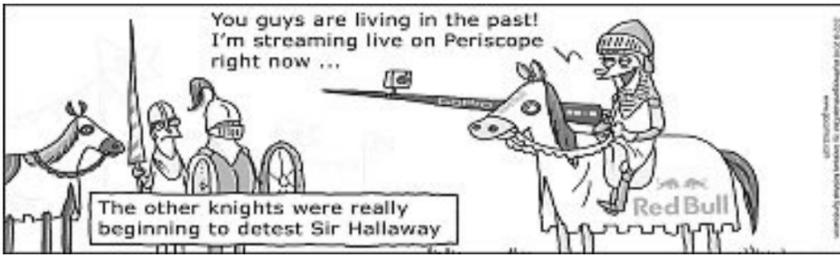
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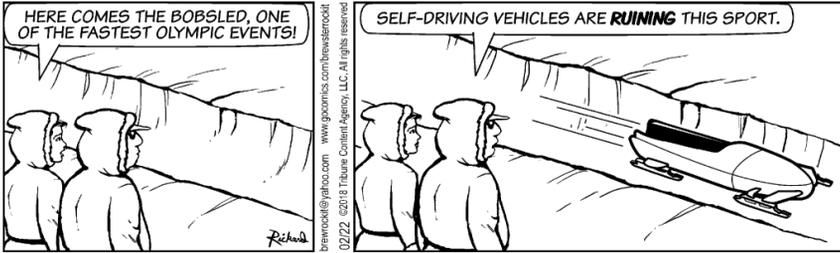
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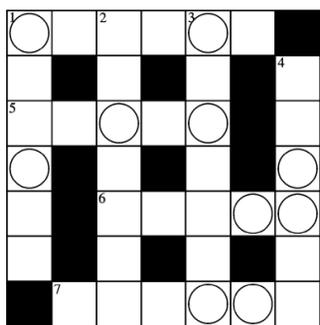
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**Trivia Bits**

**In 2016, Dr. Orchid replaced which character in the board game Clue?**  
 A) Mr. Green  
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 C) Professor Plum  
 D) Mrs. White  
 Wednesday's answer: Ulysses S. Grant was born Hiram Ulysses Grant.

**Jumble Crossword**



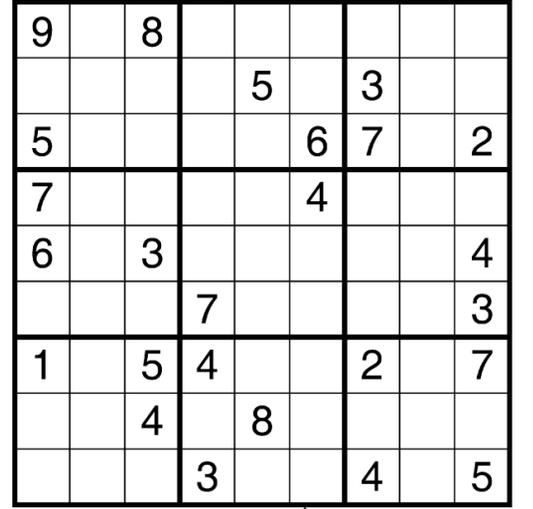
- CLUE ACROSS**
- Smartest
  - Ursa
  - Jack
  - Fanciful, illusory
- CLUE DOWN**
- Stocky herbivore
  - Temporary stay
  - can
  - Type of songbook
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: 1. SSETIW, 2. JROAM, 3. UINNO, 4. ARELUN  
 DOWN: 1. OATWMB, 2. RUSNJOO, 3. ADIENRS, 4. YMAHLN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS** [Grid with circled letters] **CLUE:** \_\_\_\_\_ began his career as a gospel singer in Toccoa, Georgia.

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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8	5	7	1	4	9	3	2	6
2	6	3	7	8	5	4	9	1
1	9	4	2	6	3	5	8	7
4	2	8	5	7	6	1	3	9
9	7	1	4	3	8	2	6	5
6	3	5	9	2	1	7	4	8
7	8	2	6	1	4	9	5	3
3	1	9	8	5	2	6	7	4
5	4	6	3	9	7	8	1	2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

- SEMYS  
 SUDEO  
 CLHINF  
 DEBOYM



Answer here



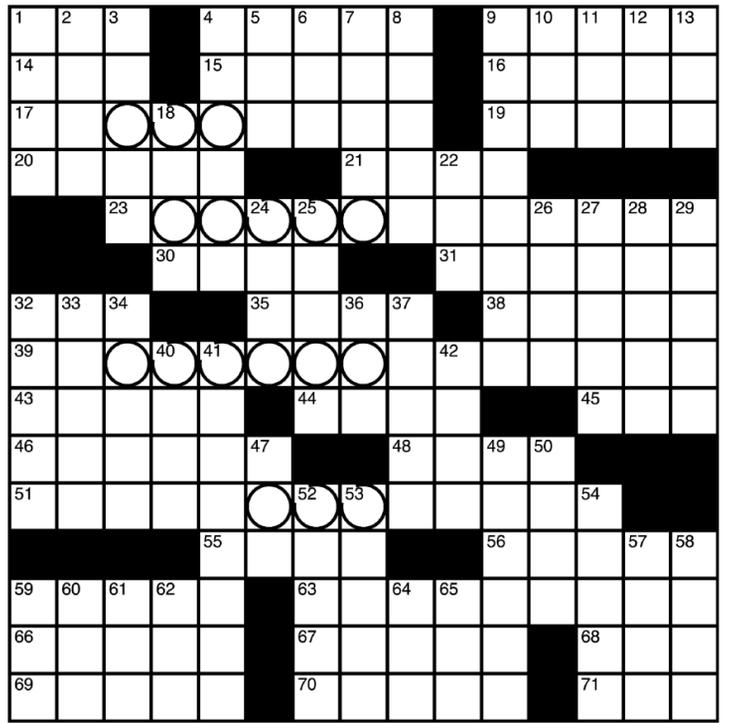
**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: LLAMA BOSSY LESSON TIPTOE  
 Answer: When asked if she could finish the dress in an hour, she said it — "SEAMS" POSSIBLE

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- Word with rose or road
  - AMA part: Abbr.
  - Bornes: card game
  - Caen comrade
  - Thick-skinned herbivore
  - Big Apple stage honors
  - Longtime PBS news anchor
  - Open, in a way
  - Delon of cinema
  - Exactas, e.g.
  - Site for a railroad signal
  - Part of
  - Hawk or eagle
  - Tic-toe link
  - "That was close!"
  - Buckwheat dish
  - Statistic including farmers and their neighbors
  - "25" album maker
  - Wedding invitation encl.
  - Yellowknife is its cap.
  - Mournful artwork
  - Abhor
  - Kielbasa
  - Anorak part
  - Really cool place to live?
  - Grouchy look
  - Primitive area, and what's literally found in this puzzle's circles
  - Ventricular outlet
  - Thar Desert country
  - JFK Library architect
  - 180-degree river bend
  - Heights: Mideast region
  - Serpentine letter
  - Value system
  - Irritated words
  - "the bag"
  - "Not gonna happen"
  - Researcher's request
  - "The Sound of Music" name
  - Sound
  - Fish basket
  - # TestforRadon.org
  - Chinese martial arts
  - Meter opening?
  - Rule governing intentional walks?
  - Open fields
  - "Ray Donovan" network, briefly
  - Ang Lee's birthplace
  - Its main product was originally given the portmanteau name "Froffles"
  - Ferber novel
  - Hersey's "A Bell for"
  - Skip church?
  - Pindaric verses
  - Malady suffix
  - Paulo
  - Regatta chief
  - Marble, e.g.
  - Geneva-based commerce gp.
  - XLV x X
  - Sedona, for one

**Down**

- Mexicali's locale
- Oscar winner Jannings
- Joltin' Joe
- Bull-riding venues
- Warning to a chatty theatergoer
- Chivalrous title
- Year not designated as such until centuries later
- Kitchen gizmo
- Greek menu staple
- Hebrew :: Ben :: Arabic ::
- Lemon on "30 Rock"
- Floral neckwear
- Clairvoyant's gift
- Turkish dough
- Only Canadian MLB team
- "Murder on the Orient Express" (2017) actor

**Wednesday's solution**



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### Get hot water to the kitchen faucet faster:

Once hot water cools off, it needs to be cleared out of the line to get new hot water to the faucet. The longer the water line, the longer the wait.

You have a couple of choices to help with long waits. First, look into installing a point-of-use water heater under the kitchen sink. These small electric water heaters supply hot water quickly to the faucet.

Second, you can install a residential recirculating hot water system, which keeps hot water moving around the house and reduces wait time. Ask a plumber to help you select the best option for your home.

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SEATTLE TIMES

# Prettify your property

## 10 ways to use accents to help your home sell

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

Selling a home extends far beyond property. You're selling a space, an atmosphere, a lifestyle. With that in mind, don't shy away from the props — that is, home staging. Attractive accessories and accents can help sellers achieve a certain look that allows buyers to envision building a life inside a house's four walls.

Here's the thing: You don't have to be a professional to make your space enticing to potential buyers.

Looking for ideas? Here are some tips to keep in mind.

**1.** Determine the mood you want to create or message you want to send within your space, then incorporate appropriate lifestyle elements. For example, in a bathroom you may want a spa-like mood, so you could add candles and bath salts.

**2.** Use colorful accents, but don't go overboard — use them sparingly.

**3.** Develop a clear color scheme, ideally consisting of three colors.



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A large bookcase that would have otherwise sat empty is dressed with books and knickknacks.

**4.** Consider the end user and try to create an appealing space. A key question to ask yourself in this process is: "Who will buy this home?"

**5.** Create the look of a model home. Staging is depersonalizing but also gives the feeling that a

space is lived in. In choosing your lifestyle elements, look to create the same look and feel as you would see in a model home.

**6.** Dress shelves and bookcases. Large empty shelves and empty bookcases can prove to be a visual hurdle for many potential buyers.

Walking into large, empty spaces can make it tough for potential buyers to picture living there. Fill main rooms with furniture and accents to enhance the space.

**7.** Don't ignore areas such as kitchens and closets. Many potential buyers may find organized and generous storage to be a bonus.

**8.** Focus on main or key areas. Once inside a home, there are main rooms that will likely influence a potential buyer early in their walk-through experience. Make sure these rooms are visually strong.

**9.** Create an appealing point of entry. Typically buyers make a decision about a home within the first three minutes. First impressions are key.

**10.** Use decorative elements such as artwork, books and accessories to help tell a story.

## FINDS

# A reflection of good taste

BY MEGAN McDONOUGH  
The Washington Post

Well-placed mirrors can be a design game changer. They can make a room feel brighter, create the illusion of additional square footage and serve as the perfect finishing touch in the smallest of spaces.

They also make great decorative accents, according to Dana Tomic Hughes, interior designer



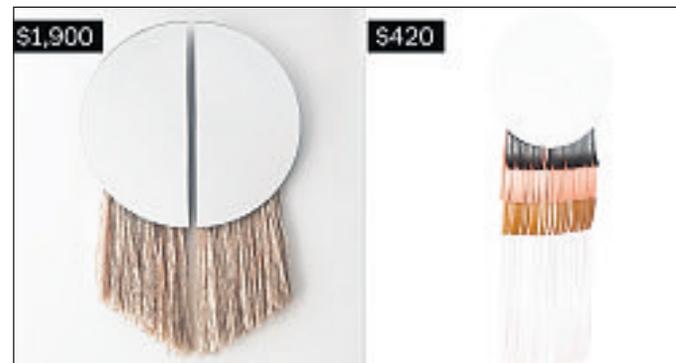
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**Splurge:** Glas Italia Shimmer mirror, left.

**Save:** Petite Friture Francis wall mirror in blue.

and founder/editor of the Australian online design publication Yellowtrace.

"These shiny, reflective and contemporary statement mirrors are not only alluring as physical



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**Splurge:** Apollo mirror by Ben & Aja Blanc, left.

**Save:** Masai round mirror by Serena Confalonieri.

items — they play a dual purpose as magnificent sculptural objects that can occupy a space with

confidence," Hughes says.

Above are a couple of Hughes' top picks.

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# 5 phases, 9 years, no space untouched

## Patience pays off in multipart home remodel

BY SANDY DENEAU  
DUNHAM

The Seattle Times

Nearly brand-new and admirably game, Graham Baba Architects had just one commission under its creative belt when opportunity knocked, urgently, all the way from Kentucky.

Lisa and Terry Davenport, then living in Louisville with their four children, were moving to Medina, Wash. They'd bought a promising 1965 rambler on a serene and secluded site, and they really were hoping some of those promises would materialize before they got there.

"On Oct. 15, I got this call: 'The moving truck is coming Dec. 15,'" says architect Brett Baba, clearly a fearless fan of opportunity. "There were two months to do 'architectural triage' on the house."

The home had survived "three disparate, major additions over the years," he says. There were all sorts of resulting options for intervention, but "triage" demands quick assessment and prioritizing — and a "stat"-level deadline demands especially quick work.

In the end, which ultimately was only the beginning, Baba and Beacon Remodeling and Restoration remodeled the Davenports' den, entry and powder room; spiffed up the master bedroom; raised the door heads; refinished floors; redesigned fireplaces, stairs and railings; and swapped out hardware and lighting.

Whew. Deadline met and promises fulfilled, the happy Davenports moved in — and pondered all those other options for intervention.



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Before the remodel, says homeowner Terry Davenport, the master bedroom included a skylight and vaulted ceilings. This room was updated at the beginning and end of a nine-year project with a new mantel, paneling, transom window and lots more wood.

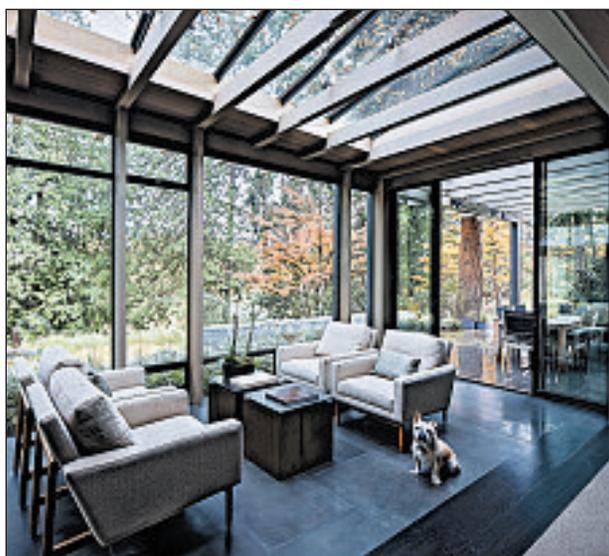
"The dialogue that ensued included a 'wish list' that led to a master plan for completely transforming the home into a contemporary, open and livable family refuge," Baba says.

"They didn't want to compromise their vision for the home, and chose to patiently do the work as resources became available."

In the actual end, that turned into five phases of home work — over nine years.

Under the master plan, Lisa says, the idea was: "We're going to pick away as we can afford to, and we're not going to cut any corners. It was as good as it could be, picking away at the plan. I think we touched every inch of the house. We tried to be as smart as we could."

During one especially clever cost-efficient phase, "Updating the exterior involved splitting the house down the spine, and meant that replacement of the siding and windows was only done on the street side," Baba says. (The rear



Otis the French bulldog sits in the new sitting room of Lisa and Terry Davenport's Medina, Wash., home; this space used to be an attached kit greenhouse. The covered patio at right also was updated and integrated.

siding and windows were finished later, when the office also was addressed.)

Another phase transformed an attached kit greenhouse from an aging plant-growing room into a light-filled sitting room. And yet another modernized the master bathroom

and kitchen. At one point, King Construction (which handled phases 2 through 5) created a "brilliant gerbil-tube tunnel/Habitrail," Lisa says, so crews could access work areas while the family "lived in the house basically unscathed." As the phases evolved,

Baba says, so did the process. "We were always in sync with the vision, never missing a beat. It became very efficient. By the time we got to phases 3 and 4, it was very quick and easy."

Still, the visionary master plan evolved a bit through phases and years. "It became about connecting in-out and out-in, and organizing the progression as we designed the entry," Baba says. "When you first walked in before, you felt frustrated. The big vision was: Sooner or later, we have to connect it."

Now, says Baba, "The various phases are knitted together and seem as if they were done at once. What's great about this project is that you can't look and see where Phase 1, 2, 3, 4 starts and ends."

Not surprisingly, everything else evolved too: Terry Davenport recently retired from his job as a Starbucks executive. Lisa Davenport wound up with an especially appropriate new job: project coordinator for King Construc-

tion. Graham Baba Architects held a 10-year anniversary event, "And the whole wall was a timeline of clients," Lisa says. "We were No. 2." And the Davenport kids grew up and moved out, leaving the couple and Otis the French bulldog to enjoy their cohesively contemporary 5,000-square-foot home, and its spectacularly, methodically updated and connected spaces.

"I think because we took time to live in it, we were able to figure out what we wanted, and refine it," Lisa Davenport says. "There's nothing we've done that I've regretted or wish we'd done differently. That's the benefit of being patient. We feel like we live in the house, even as empty-nesters."

May 2016 marked the final-final remodeling phase, she says. "Our goal was to finish it for our son's high school graduation and our daughter's college graduation."

Adds Terry Davenport: "Nothing like a deadline."

# Dead tree from garden can be seasoned into firewood

By **TIM JOHNSON**  
Chicago Tribune

I have a couple of large trees (oak and white ash) to remove in my garden this year and was wondering if I can use the wood for an indoor fireplace. When is a good time to do this removal work?

— *Josh Nichols, Morton Grove*

Winter is a good time to remove large trees, as well as do some pruning, as there will be less impact on the garden since the ground is frozen and perennials are dormant. Perennials right next to the stump may get damaged when the stump is ground out.

If you plan to plant perennials or small shrubs in the same spot as the stump, ask the vendor to grind the stump extra deep. Remove the resulting wood chips and replace with garden soil when the weather permits. Dig the whole stump out if you want to plant a replacement tree in the exact same spot. Otherwise, shift the new tree over a bit to save on digging the stump out. Another thing to consider is the increase in sunlight once the trees are removed. Some of the existing garden plants may need to be moved to a shadier spot in the garden, while others that were struggling in the shade may perform considerably better with the extra sun.

Your white ash likely was killed by an insect called the emerald ash borer that has decimated the ash tree population in the Chicago region over the past few years, with white ash (*Fraxinus americana*) being the last to go. Very few ashes will survive the damage caused by this insect unless the tree is being treated with an insecticide. It is best to remove the dead ash tree in



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Wood from dead trees is fine for the fireplace, but make sure it's seasoned. Seasoned wood is dried to 20-25 percent moisture content; fresh wood has up to 80 percent.

your garden this winter as the potential for falling limbs increases quickly for ash trees once they die.

You will be able to use the wood from dead ashes in your fireplace, but do not transport the ash logs out of Illinois. Let your arborist know that you would like the logs cut into firewood length. Consider renting a log splitter if there is a large volume of wood to split.

The most important thing to remember when burning this wood is to make sure it's properly seasoned before using it in the fireplace to minimize the buildup of creosote in the chimney. Creosote is a highly combustible substance that condenses in liquid form as wood exhausts. It cools in the chimney and then solidifies as it dries. It can build up when you use wood that is unseasoned or wet. Properly seasoned wood produces the most heat and the least amount of creosote.

Freshly cut wood contains up to 80 percent moisture and needs to be seasoned — that is, dried to 20-25 percent moisture content — before burning indoors. Wood containing more than 25 percent moisture is considered green and should never be burned in an indoor fireplace or wood stove. (Be

sure to have your chimney professionally cleaned on a regular basis when using a fireplace or wood stove.)

Season the wood you generate from the removed trees by cutting up the logs and splitting them into fireplace-sized pieces that can be stacked out of the rain for at least nine months. Since your trees are already dead, the curing process will have already started, and the wood should be dry enough to burn in a shorter time. Hardwoods like oak will burn better if seasoned for more than a year. The best wood is typically seasoned for two to three years but will start to deteriorate after four to five years and will not be good to burn. Stack the wood off of the ground and in a way that allows air to circulate and carry away the moisture as it evaporates through both ends of each piece. Protect the woodpile from the rain but try to avoid completely covering it with plastic tarps as air circulation is necessary for proper seasoning. Seasoned wood has a dark or gray appearance compared with green wood.

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## HOME REMEDIES

# Nature-inspired looks, clean aesthetics among 2018 trends

By **MEGAN LINHOFF**  
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With each new year comes a fresh set of interior design trends. And those topping the list for 2018 are sure to inspire homeowners making updates big and small. Angie's List recently attended the shows at Design and Construction Week for a firsthand look at what's up and coming in home improvement. Here's a look at some of the themes shaping today's interior spaces, according to distinguished designers.

### Nature-inspired spaces:

The hustle and bustle of daily life has homeowners craving the harmony of nature, designers say. And what better way to fulfill that desire than by bringing the outside in? In a move toward nature-inspired spaces, homeowners are incorporating stone, white oak and wood-grain elements to create a visual connection to the outdoors. And they're also embracing natural color palettes with warm whites and serene greens and blues. Scandinavian decor and furnishings are topping off the look.

**Simplicity:** Less is more in 2018. This year, designers are embracing an uncluttered aesthetic that favors clean lines and craftsmanship and honors interest over things. Overdecorating is discouraged. Every detail from the kitchen countertop to the flower vase is meant to serve an authentic and functional purpose. Simplicity centers on creating a visually organized space. Thoughtful storage solutions will help you achieve the look.

### Style blending and per-



DREAMSTIME

A purposeful blend of organic and contemporary design elements is among the hottest design trends in 2018.

### Sonolization:

Interior design is trending away from a one-style aesthetic, encouraging a mix of fashions new and old. Traditional meets contemporary, industrial meets organic, and rustic meets modern as designers tailor spaces to satisfy homeowners' unique needs and tastes. This trend celebrates the purposeful mixing of styles, materials, patterns and textures to create a truly personalized home. Combining different metals and finishes is encouraged. Displaying items with sentimental value is celebrated. And the modern farmhouse look is a favorite of homeowners and designers alike.

**Bold colors:** After years of embracing neutrals, homeowners now are looking to incorporate bolder colors to reflect their personalities and liven up their spaces. Paint manufacturers are on point: PPG Paints' color of the year is a moody indigo called Black Flame; Benjamin Moore's color of the year is a radiant red called Caliente; and the 2018 Pantone color of the year is a bold purple titled Ultra Violet. Appliance manufacturers

also are following suit, offering boldly colored ovens, refrigerators and more in addition to the timeless stainless steel. Look for bold colors to complement muted hues and warm grays and whites, which are still very much in style. And consider colorful patterns in tile and wallpaper to add an extra bit of oomph.

**Livability:** Smart home technology, clever storage and universal design elements are coming together to create a home that is as livable as it is beautiful. Motion-sensing faucets and lights facilitate safety and convenience. Lower kitchen cabinet drawers offer easy access to pots and pans. Designated storage cupboards keep microwaves and other small appliances at arm's reach but out of plain view. And smart appliances and thermostats make everyday life a little easier all around. What's more, floating vanities, open shelving and no-threshold showers are not only popular and attractive design elements, but they also make it easier for homeowners to continue living in their homes as they grow older.

# Floor damage leads to sound web advice

Industry groups are good sources amid online noise

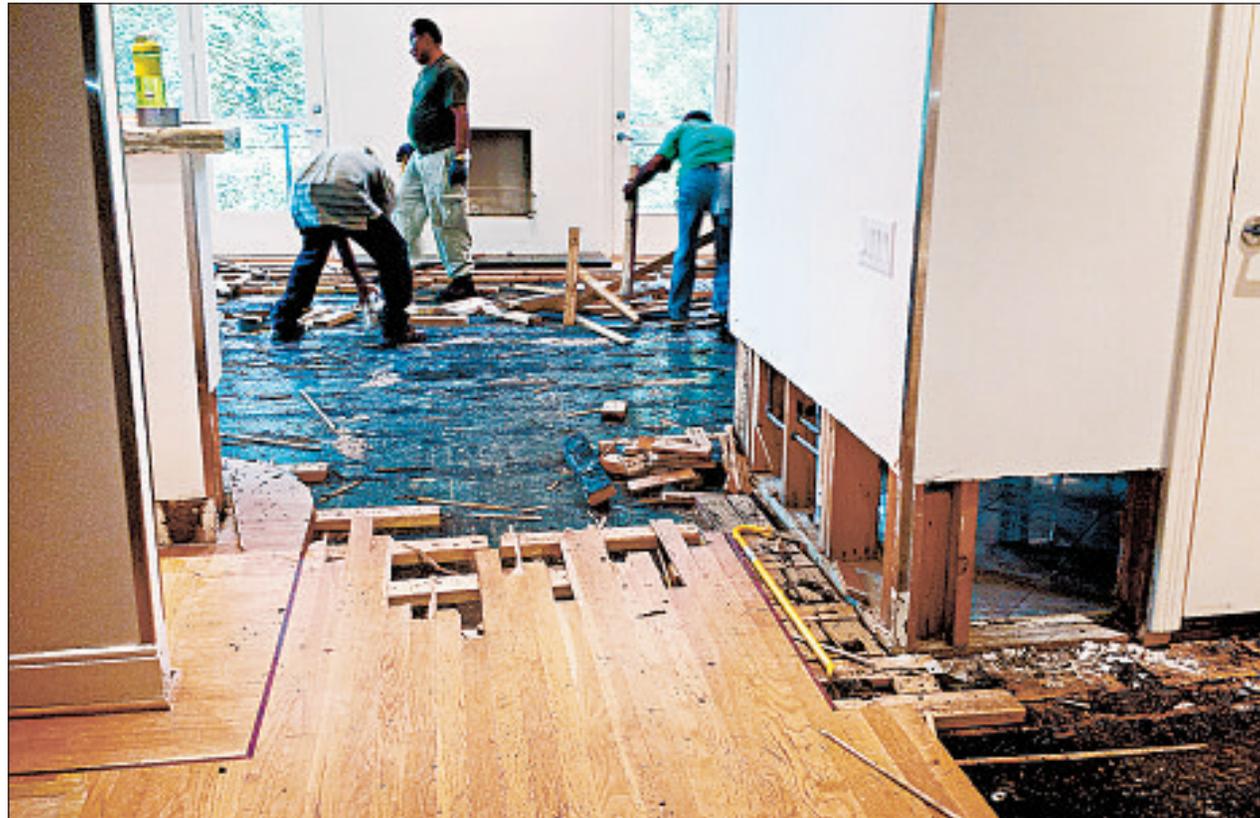
BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

Many things that happen in your life each day are connected in some fashion. It's the same with me, and recently I had a very strange day.

Each day, through the "Ask Tim" page at my website, I get questions from readers like you and folks who find me on the internet. I recently saw a question come in from Roger, who lives in Houston. He was a flooding victim from the horrible recent hurricane that transformed much of his city into a small sea.

When visitors submit a question through my website, they get an automatic response from me letting them know that I got the question and how soon I might get back with an answer. I also tell them about an emergency service I offer where I can call you on the phone for a small fee. The calls can happen the same day in many cases.

Roger decided to do that. He needed an answer fast. I saw his order come in, I asked him to send photos to me and we jumped on the call. It turns out that a few months before the storm, he had completely remodeled the house. It was up for sale when the hurricane hit. His new hardwood floors were



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Hardwood flooring is being ripped up here as part of hurricane cleanup in Houston. Realistic wood-look solid vinyl flooring is an option to replace it.

ruined by 10 inches of water.

He and his wife decided they wanted to make the house trouble-free for the next owner and wanted to put down a thin concrete overlay. I told Roger I had quite a few columns about the topic and then walked him through his options about the best way to install the 2 inches of concrete he had to put over the existing floor.

We discussed finished flooring, and he was unaware of realistic wood-

look solid vinyl flooring. When I showed him photos of how it comes in narrow strips like real wood and is waterproof, he was dumbfounded.

One thing led to another in the conversation, and he discovered I'm about to debut my new podcast. Not too long ago I used to do a two-hour call-in home improvement radio show.

I mentioned to Roger that the next time he needed help and advice, I'd be able to call him and record the call for the pod-

cast. There would be no cost for this service.

The same is true for you. Each week I'm going to make a minimum of two calls to a homeowner, contractor, builder or remodeler to try to help solve an issue. My only requirement is that you need to supply at least two high-resolution photos of the problem. Photos allow me to zero in on the best solution. You can go here to sign up to be on the podcast: [www.askthebuilder.com/podcast](http://www.askthebuilder.com/podcast).

At the end of the call,

Roger asked me a very unusual question. He was thinking of starting to dive into the remodeling and contracting business and wanted to know what the best resources were where he could bone up on tips and techniques. Roger also expressed that he was terrified of getting taken to the cleaners by contractors and subcontractors that didn't know how to do jobs the right way.

Oh my, that's a loaded question if I ever heard one. My advice was somewhat

simple. Roger and I both agreed that the internet right now is like the Wild West. In other words, there's lots of danger out there and vast amounts of misinformation.

The first thing I did was mention to Roger the existence of countless associations in the building products industry, such as the Portland Cement Association, the Brick Industry Association, the California Redwood Association and others.

Many of these have curated thousands of pages of excellent written white papers filled with professional illustrations or photos about the proper way to install their products. I've relied on this information for more than four decades. You simply can't believe how much great information can be found using these resources.

I then gave him the tip of the day by telling him what to do when he landed on a home improvement website. I suggested that instead of looking at the content and photos, he should immediately find the "About Us" page. Go there and determine who created the content at the website and how many years of experience they have working in the homes of paying customers.

It turns out that many websites out there are created by hobby bloggers who've never worked a day in a paying customer's home. You need to be very leery of information you find at websites like that.

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## Long Beach, IN



**STOP 29 LONG BEACH - \$489,000**  
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## Michigan City, IN



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**FABULOUS QUALITY BUILT RANCH \$349,900**  
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### Chicago housing prices

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Chicago				
COMMUNITY AREA	Aug 2016 - Oct 2016		Aug 2017 - Oct 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Albany Park	157	\$273,000	113	\$304,000
Archer Heights	31	\$187,000	32	\$214,500
Armour Square	25	\$320,000	25	\$310,000
Ashburn	158	\$161,000	164	\$172,500
Auburn Gresham	87	\$155,000	88	\$155,000
Austin	147	\$160,000	196	\$180,000
Avalon Park	59	\$151,000	59	\$167,000
Avondale	159	\$373,000	127	\$400,000
Belmont Cragin	170	\$235,750	140	\$250,000
Beverly	90	\$274,250	83	\$282,000
Bridgeport	114	\$296,250	90	\$353,250
Brighton Park	69	\$170,000	68	\$180,000
Burnside	6	\$79,978	11	\$135,000
Calumet Heights	7	\$90,000	9	\$141,000
Chatham	70	\$157,000	73	\$160,000
Chicago Lawn	86	\$140,000	99	\$144,000
Clearing	105	\$189,000	104	\$205,000
Douglas	38	\$143,000	35	\$212,500
Dunning	169	\$245,000	166	\$265,750
E. Garfield Park	43	\$133,500	23	\$170,000
East Side	40	\$108,500	42	\$142,000
Edgewater	242	\$219,500	255	\$227,000
Edison Park	47	\$364,000	42	\$336,000
Englewood	17	\$90,000	12	\$162,500
Forest Glen	77	\$414,000	68	\$442,250
Fuller Park	5	\$115,000	1	\$117,000
Gage Park	54	\$129,000	44	\$158,500
Garfield Ridge	169	\$210,000	160	\$229,500
Grand Boulevard	111	\$185,000	93	\$225,000
Gre. Grand Xing	46	\$150,000	36	\$161,000
Hegewisch	24	\$125,000	24	\$135,000
Hermosa	41	\$225,000	38	\$250,000
Humboldt Park	112	\$204,500	92	\$225,000
Hyde Park	100	\$203,000	94	\$232,250
Irving Park	241	\$295,000	206	\$317,500
Jefferson Park	109	\$294,500	90	\$309,000
Kenwood	60	\$216,000	43	\$270,000
Lakeview	716	\$340,500	625	\$335,000
Lincoln Park	502	\$477,750	465	\$514,500

COMMUNITY AREA	Aug 2016 - Oct 2016		Aug 2017 - Oct 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Lincoln Square	177	\$388,000	172	\$301,000
Logan Square	336	\$425,000	287	\$430,000
Loop	272	\$329,750	262	\$364,500
Lower West Side	76	\$280,000	42	\$250,000
McKinley Park	54	\$224,250	37	\$264,000
Montclare	35	\$211,500	37	\$240,000
Morgan Park	62	\$175,000	57	\$190,000
Mt. Greenwood	101	\$199,000	65	\$239,000
Near North Side	819	\$380,000	826	\$372,500
Near South Side	276	\$360,000	293	\$365,000
Near West Side	402	\$345,000	368	\$338,000
New City	66	\$126,500	46	\$140,500
North Center	204	\$556,000	152	\$606,250
North Lawndale	34	\$150,000	48	\$165,000
North Park	45	\$300,000	35	\$343,000
Norwood Park	168	\$321,000	204	\$319,500
O'Hare	57	\$120,000	58	\$132,250
Oakland	7	\$250,000	7	\$410,000
Portage Park	224	\$279,000	175	\$296,000
Pullman	4	\$103,000	12	\$132,500
Riverdale	7	\$142,078	10	\$98,750
Rogers Park	175	\$186,000	178	\$175,500
Roseland	62	\$109,750	65	\$140,000
South Chicago	37	\$155,000	21	\$163,000
South Deering	17	\$115,000	29	\$100,000
South Lawndale	66	\$120,000	67	\$145,000
South Shore	82	\$173,500	56	\$187,500
Uptown	330	\$268,000	279	\$257,000
Wash. Heights	70	\$138,500	69	\$160,000
Wash. Park	15	\$150,000	21	\$127,000
West Elsdon	44	\$170,000	48	\$169,250
West Englewood	9	\$100,000	12	\$95,000
W. Garfield Park	26	\$125,500	20	\$131,750
West Lawn	81	\$165,000	83	\$197,000
West Pullman	18	\$140,000	35	\$102,500
West Ridge	190	\$194,750	203	\$185,500
West Town	575	\$445,000	497	\$465,000
Woodlawn	51	\$150,000	46	\$163,000

NEXT WEEK: DuPage and West Cook

\* Municipalities that straddle county lines may be listed in more than one county. Figures listed on each county chart represent that county's sales only. A municipality's total home sales are the sum of the numbers.

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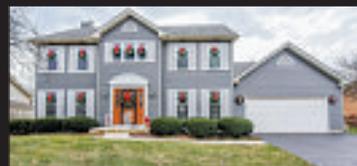
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**Aurora** \$269,900  
RANCH Home—ideal location, over 2500 sq ft, full basement, double lot, and solid Indiana Bedford Sandstone exterior. 4 bed/2.1 baths. Two fireplaces, newer boiler & central air. Well maintained with custom built-in features.  
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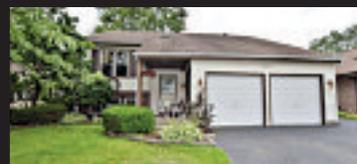
**Batavia** \$450,000  
Original Blaine St School - lovingly restored into a state of the art duplex. Each unit w/3 BDRMS, open concept. A perfect mix of old & new w/original tin ceiling, doors & transoms. Call for more details or a private tour.  
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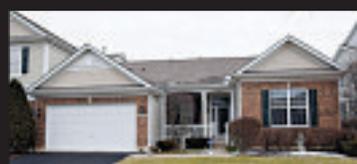
**Elburn** \$529,900  
Golf Course! Cul-de-sac with walk-out ranch and in-ground pool at Hughes Creek Country Club. Finished basement w/rec room and office, 3-car garage.  
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**Geneva** \$399,900  
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**Geneva** \$339,000  
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**Mount Prospect** \$313,000  
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**Oswego** \$229,900  
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**South Elgin** \$299,900  
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**St. Charles** \$699,900  
Beautiful custom contemporary style home located in Premier community. Spacious airy floor plan, first floor master suite, finished basement, heated 4 car garage, amazing yard with in ground pool & outdoor kitchen w/fireplace.  
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**St. Charles** \$659,000  
Rivers Edge - former model! Stunning gourmet kitchen opens to sunroom! Master bedroom w/fireplace and his & her baths! Finished walk out basement w/full bath! Heated garage! 1/2 acre lot! [www.reutersteam.com](http://www.reutersteam.com)  
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**St. Charles** \$489,900  
Peaceful country setting for this 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA home. Traditional flr plan, lots of windows & hrdwd flring. Kit w/lg isl & eating area. FR w/vaulted ceilings & masonry FP. Mstr BR w/ balcony 2017 Roof freshly painted in/out.  
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**St. Charles** \$467,000  
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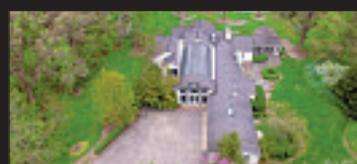
**St. Charles** \$305,000  
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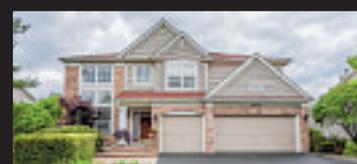
**St. Charles** \$243,000  
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Technology has also visited our homes, and it is definitely here to stay. Homebuilders are offering a variety of high-tech features that enable homeowners to enjoy greater comfort, security and convenience.

Toll Brothers, a national builder that offers luxury new home communities throughout suburban Chicagoland, is a leader in providing extensive customization, including in the area of technology.

"Our 'My Toll Home' program enables buyers to take an important role in creating personalized environments, and technology has become a key part of this process," says Jennifer Mencias, sales manager. "Security is an area that is important to buyers today, and we provide the opportunity to custom-craft wireless packages plus additional features as desired. These features can be controlled from the owners' smart phones."

Security features may include remote control video cameras, property monitoring, motion sensors, sirens, wireless alarms, protective contacts on windows, smoke detectors and emergency "panic" buttons.

"Climate control with remote control zone-based thermostats, in-home entertainment with four-panel controls, remote-controlled lighting and structured wiring centralized in one area are popular," Mencias says. "Toll Brothers also offers heated tile floors, holiday lighting packages that can be controlled remotely from within the home and heated driveways."

At Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk, West Point Builder's new neighborhoods in southwest suburban Oswego, smart home features are available. The single-family model home features a Nest system, which controls the thermostat from smart phones, and owners can opt for features that unlock lights and doors, operate alarm systems and have video monitoring.



"We concentrate on the technology features that are most frequently requested by our buyers," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "In addition, buyers can add a wide range of products available today to create a smart home."

Shodeen Homes offers several new home communities in the western suburbs and the Lake Geneva area of southern Wisconsin.

"Buyers can work with our Design Center consultants to plan the number and location of outlets and phone jacks, keeping in mind their interior furniture and technology placement within the home," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager. "They may add extra jacks and 'cat size' multi-head types."

"Perhaps the most popular feature with our buyers is an integrated hub in one location in the home where all devices can be centralized to eliminate unsightly clutter from televisions, stereo systems and other electronics. A smart remote enables residents to access this equipment with touch pad technology."

With popular Nest systems offering



**Homebuilders are responding to the important trend toward smart home technology to increase comfort, convenience and security in today's homes.**

a wide range of smart products for the home, buyers are becoming increasingly sophisticated about the various products and devices available in this rapidly evolving field.

"Many buyers today deal directly with

these suppliers to design their own enhanced customized packages," Lund says.

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## NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

### New Ashwood ranch plan added

Homebuyers who are seeking one-level living in a semi-custom single-family home now have the choice of two ranch plans at Ashcroft Place in southwest suburban Oswego.

Part of a master-planned community located at Plainfield and Wooley roads, the new neighborhood and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk, its sister neighborhood, are being developed by widely respected West Point Builders. Grand opening incentives are being offered to add to the numerous attractions of the community. Prices start at \$294,990, and grand opening incentives include \$10,000 in free options, free full basements and no site premiums for homes with pond views.

"Ashcroft Place has been carefully planned to offer the attractive architecture and quality features that buyers are seeking these days," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "Our two-story designs appeal to families, while one-level living in ranch plans is gaining ever wider appeal for active adults and families. Ashcroft Place truly has something for everyone, and offers greater than usual flexibility to add special



features for a home that captures the personality and preferences of its owners.

Ashcroft Place will include 93 semi-custom single-family homes when complete. Base prices range from \$294,990 to \$349,990. Two ranch plans and a pair of two-story designs range from 2,003 to 3,200 square feet, and the two-story Monroe model home is open for viewing.

Priced from \$294,900, the Ashwood ranch offers 2,003 square feet of living space, with three bedrooms or two bedrooms and a den, two full baths, full basement and two-car attached garage.

Ashcroft Place is located at Plainfield and Wooley roads in Oswego, and the sales center is located at 193 Dorset Drive. For more information, call 331-999-3330 or visit [westpointbuilders.com](http://westpointbuilders.com).



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"There's no better time to purchase a second home, or year round lake home than now," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes. "Buyers can enjoy the endless winter activities offered in Lake Geneva and the surrounding area and be settled in to experience lake living at it's very best this summer."

Located off of Highway 67 in downtown Fontana, walking distance from the 5,500-acre Geneva Lake, Fontana Beach and Lake Shore path, the Row Homes range from 1,923 to 1,980 square feet in size with three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, balconies, and two-car garages.

"Current Row Home owners know that the area is more than a summer vacation destination and provides opportunities for year-round vacationing," Harmon adds. "Less than two hours from Chicago, Row Home buyers enjoy weekend getaways any time of year."

One of the Row Homes for immediate availability is the 2,032-square-foot Windward model at 185 Second Ave. in Fontana. Priced at \$399,900, this home includes three bedrooms, 2.5 baths and attached, over-sized two-garage. A charming front porch welcomes guests to the Windward and leads to the welcoming foyer. The open first floor features hardwood flooring throughout and a spacious living room with corner fireplace. The kitchen, which is open to the dining area and living room, features black-glazed mahogany cabinets with crown molding, granite countertops, tiled backsplash, stainless-steel appliances and sliding glass doors to the balcony.

Upstairs, the sunny master bedroom suite includes a walk-in closet and private bath. Two additional bedrooms are served by a full hall bath.

The lower level of the Windward includes a finished flex room that can be used as an office, guest room, hobby room or media room.

"The maintenance-free environment and



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premier location just two blocks from the lake, make the Row Homes an ideal second home investment," Harmon says. "Where else can you purchase a home in the Lake Geneva area for under \$400,000 and be steps from the lake, Fontana Beach and all that the lake has to offer? The Row Homes makes the dream of owning a lake home a reality."

In addition to all the winter activities offered, the Lake Geneva area offers events such as world class sailing regattas, Restaurant Week, Festival of Wine, Alpine Valley Music Theatre, Country Thunder Music Festival and the Antique and Classic Boat Show. Other attractions include the 21-mile Geneva Lake Shore Path, Fontana Beach, Black Ponte Estate, Riviera Beach, music and picnic's in the park. In addition to endless water sports and boat tours, Lake Geneva is known for its championship golf courses, balloon rides, snowshoe hiking, horseback riding tours and aerial adventures. Dozens of restaurants, from 5-star gourmet to lakefront pubs, can also be found.

In addition to The Row Homes of Fontana, Shodeen Homes is also offering ranch and two-story homes at Geneva National in Lake Geneva, Prairie View in Williams Bay and luxury custom homes on the water at South Shore Estates on Lake Delavan.

The Row Homes of Fontana is located at 190 Third Ave. in Fontana, Wisconsin, just off Highway 67. The sales center is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of Tuesday and Wednesday, which are by appointment only. For more information, call 262-394-5650 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

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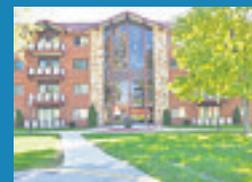
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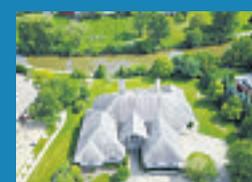
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A pedway entrance outside of Macy's on State Street.

**PEDWAY POSSIBILITIES» PAGE 6**

The Pedway intimidates Chicagoans both old and new. But for some tourists, it's another piece of the Windy City adventure. From interesting watering holes to theater and dance, here's our guide on what to eat, drink and do without going above ground.



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February is the busiest month for the volunteers and staffers at Ladder Up, an organization devoted to helping arm those in need with financial tools like free tax preparation assistance.

**WEST-COAST ROCKERS» PAGE 14**

We catch up with Wallows, a California-based band with ties to the Midwest, about returning to Chicago, their favorite musicians and how they filmed a music video in one day.



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Poet/academic/writer/activist and everything-in-between **Eve Ewing** has been busy since the release of her book, "Electric Arches," last fall. Despite the hectic schedule, Ewing usually makes time for Chicago when she's back home, and this week, she'll do a live reading from "Arches" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at Pilsen Community Books (1102 W. 18th St.). Seating begins at 6 p.m. and is "extremely limited," per the event listing, so get there early. The show will be live-taped for Lumpen Radio. First come, first served.

## Spanish dance festival begins

Now in its 16th consecutive year, **Chicago's Flamenco Festival** features four weekends of performances and activities celebrating the tradition of Flamenco, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. Performers include flamenco dancer Estrella Morena, singer Amparo "La Repom-pilla" Heredia in concert with Manolo de Cordoba on palmas and Jose Manuel Alconchel on guitar. Chicago's Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater will open the show for the evening, and a cocktail reception will finish it off. Check the website for dates through March 21. Tickets: \$35. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)



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Chinatown Lunar New Year parade.

## Lunar launch parade

The **Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade** is an annual tradition in the neighborhood, and this year's edition steps off at 1 p.m. Sunday on the corner of 24th Street and Wentworth Avenue. As usual, the procession will feature marching bands, floats, traditional lion dances and an appearance by Ronald McDonald. Plus, being that this year represents the Year of the Dog, a clan of canine friends will also walk in the parade. Free.

## Drink it up, and drink it down

Lovers of both beans and suds, this event is for you. The **Uppers & Downers Festival** (two sessions: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Thalia Hall (1807 S. Allport Ave.) this Saturday features more than 20 coffee-beers, each the result of a collaboration between a local brewer and roaster: Goose Island pairs with Intelligentsia Coffee to create another version of the 2017 Bourbon County Stout Coffee; Off Color Brewing pairs with Passion House Coffee to create a Belgian table beer — you get the idea. Each of the brews are special to the festival, as well as a chance to taste something a little different. Tickets: \$65.

[goodbeerhunting.com](http://goodbeerhunting.com)

## Whiskey and wine — need we say more?

The two beverages will share top billing at the **Chicago Whiskey & Wine Festival**. The event is broken into two sessions, from noon to 3 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Joe's on Weed Street (940 W. Weed St.). The lineup is full of names you're sure to recognize, including Fireball Cinnamon Whiskey, Dr. McGillicuddy, Buffalo Trace Distillery, Intoxicakes and more. Tickets: \$30-\$50. [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)



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Fireball Cinnamon Whisky.

# happy hour

Here's where to drink on a budget this week.

## THURSDAY

All burgers are \$10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at **Jake Melnick's Corner Tap** (41 E. Superior St. 312-266-0400). Professional eaters take on local influencers in a burger-eating competition at 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY

**Houndstooth Saloon** (3369 N. Clark St. 773-244-1166) celebrates its 12th anniversary by offering Smirnoff vodka cocktails and Goose Island 312 drafts for \$1.12 from 7 to 10 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**State and Lake** (201 N. State St. 312-239-9400) offers bites including chili fries, burgers, Italian sausage and bratwurst for \$9 from 10:45 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.

## SUNDAY

**Kit Kat Lounge** (3700 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1111) offers \$4 Stolli martinis and half-price small plates from 4 to 7 p.m.

## MONDAY

**Broken English Taco Pub** (2576 N. Lincoln Ave. 312-929-0045) offers \$4 Mexican beer, \$5 tequila shots, \$6 margaritas and \$7 sangria from 4 to 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY

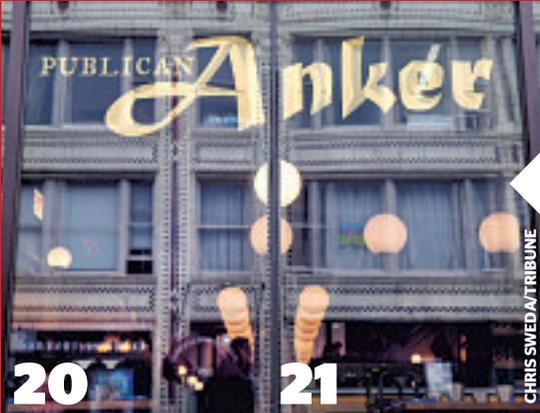
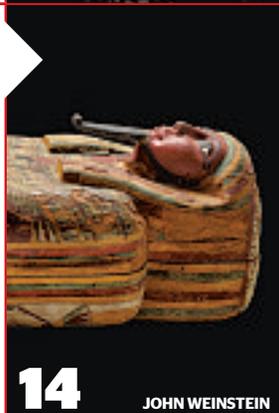
**Arbella** (112 W. Grand Ave. 312-846-6654) offers \$8 old fashioned, \$6 seasonal mules, \$7 seasonal punch and \$6 shrimp tempura tacos from 5 to 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

**King Crab House** (1816 N. Halsted St. 312-280-8990) offers \$4 glasses of house wines, \$6.95 popcorn shrimp, \$7.95 fried calamari and \$5 draft beers, well drinks and mai tais from 4 to 7 p.m.

# SAVE THE DATE

By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

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	25	26  VAL BODURTHA	27 <b>'IDENTITY HEIST' AT JUDY'S BEAT LOUNGE</b> 1616 N. Wells St. 312-337-3992 Comedian Meghan Babbe hosts a monthly talk show featuring a mix of standup, improv, music and other guests. 8:30 p.m. \$13. Tickets: <a href="http://secondcity.com">secondcity.com</a>	28	1 <b>FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AT HOWELLS &amp; HOOD</b> 435 N. Michigan Ave. 312-262-5310 The Magnificent Mile bar celebrates with a tapping of 13 varieties of Goose Island Bourbon County beers released since 2013 (\$12-\$20), plus a video DJ and photo booth. 4 p.m. No cover.	2 <b>CHICAGO VINTAGE CLOTHING &amp; JEWELRY SHOW AT ST. ANDREWS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> 5649 N. Sheridan Road 312-505-6373 Fifty vendors sell vintage accessories, shoes, handbags, coats, dresses and more at the annual event. 3-8 p.m. \$8. Tickets: <a href="http://vintageclothingandjewelry.com">vintageclothingand jewelry.com</a>	3  VINTAGE PROMOTIONS
4 <b>'WINNING WORKS' AT MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART CHICAGO</b> 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660 The Joffrey Academy of Dance performs four world premiere pieces as the culmination of the eighth annual choreography competition. 2 p.m. \$25. Tickets: <a href="http://joffrey.org/winningworks">joffrey.org/winningworks</a>	5  HILARY HIGGINS/REDEYE	6 <b>TUESDAY FUNK AT HOPLEAF</b> 5148 N. Clark St. Hear readings from author Billy Lombardo, poet Ruben Quesada and others at the monthly Andersonville series. 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover.	7  LAURAPARTAIN	8 <b>MARY GAUTHIER AT OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC</b> 4545 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000 Gauthier performs music from her album "Rifles & Rosary Beads," which features songs written as part of a retreat with wounded veterans and members of the military. 8 p.m. \$26. Tickets: <a href="http://oldtownschool.org">oldtownschool.org</a>	9 <b>'ANNA KARENINA' AT LIFELINE THEATRE</b> 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-761-4477 Catch the world premiere of Jessica Wright Buha's adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's 1877 novel about a woman living in imperial Russia considering sacrificing everything to be with her lover. 7:30 p.m. \$40. Tickets: <a href="http://lifeline theatre.com">lifeline theatre.com</a>	10 <b>EVERYONE SHOULD BE A #STEMFEMINIST AT COREPOWER YOGA</b> 1704 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-309-1731 American Woman marks Women's History Month with a yoga class raising money to help female high school students pursue a degree in STEM. 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$20. Tickets: <a href="http://eventbrite.com">eventbrite.com</a>	
11 <b>'THROUGH THE ELEVATED LINE' AT SILK ROAD RISING</b> 77 W. Washington St. 312-857-1234 ext. 201 See a preview of Novid Parsi's world premiere drama about a gay man who flees Iran to be with his sister in Chicago, disrupting the life she's built with her American husband. 4 p.m. \$12.50-\$25. Tickets: <a href="http://silkroadrising.org">silkroadrising.org</a>	12  NOVID PARSIS THROUGH THE ELEVATED LINE	13 <b>A SCIENTIST WALKS INTO A BAR AT THE HIDEOUT</b> 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433 A Field Museum scientist shows off 3D images made by taking CT scans of mummies at this monthly talk show, which ends with a Q&A. 6:30 p.m. \$5. Tickets: <a href="http://hideoutchicago.com">hideoutchicago.com</a>	14  JOHN WEINSTEIN	15 <b>MARCH UPRISING: REVOLUTION AT ETA RESTAURANT + BAR</b> 455 N. Park Drive 312-840-6605 Sip Zephyr golden ale as a starter to a five-course beer dinner, which also includes smoked lamb loin with Galaxy-Hero IPA and more. 6-9 p.m. \$66. Tickets: <a href="http://eventbrite.com">eventbrite.com</a>	16  EMILY RAILSBACK	17 <b>'OUR BLOOD IS WINE' AT MUSIC BOX THEATRE</b> 3733 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-6604 Try four wines from the Georgian winemakers featured in the documentary about the rebirth of the country's 8,000-year-old winemaking traditions. 1 p.m. \$15. Tickets: <a href="http://musicboxtheatre.com">musicboxtheatre.com</a>	



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# Let's go underground

## WHAT TO EAT, DRINK AND DO IN THE CHICAGO PEDWAY

By Ben Meyerson | FOR REDEYE

The Pedway intimidates Chicagoans both old and new. But for some tourists, it's another piece of the Windy City adventure.

The network connects dozens of buildings across the north end of the Loop, including offices, malls, train stations and hotels. It's united by a mishmash of tunnels, bridges and surface-level walkways that can be difficult to navigate.

Gail Walker, a concierge at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park for nearly 12 years, knows the Pedway is a little confusing. But she often encourages more adventurous guests at the hotel to check it out, particularly when the weather takes a turn for the worse.

"I get all kinds of tourists — the business travelers as well as the leisure travelers, because they think it's fascinating to be able to get to different locations underground," Walker said. "The Pedway is just a wonderful added surprise for our hotel guests."

Most of the hotels on the Pedway are clustered on its far northeast corner near the Fairmont, including its sister property, the Swissotel Chicago.

"The Pedway's been very useful for our guests," Swissotel concierge Bernard Bilal said. "People like to explore the underground, especially on cold days when they're looking to stretch their legs."

So when guests want to make their way to Macy's on a snowy day, Bilal hands them one of the maps he's printed out and tells them the landmarks to follow.

"I joke, 'You may need a Ph.D. to understand this,'" he said. "You can get lost, but it's a nice lost. ... I can't recall anybody coming back and saying 'Wow, I really got messed up down there.'"

You don't have to be an out-of-towner to appreciate the Pedway — exploring the twisting, winding network might end up being as much fun as visiting a totally new city. In fact, you could plan an entire staycation where you never have to go outside.

We've rounded up a few places to eat, drink and do — all of which you could take part in without ever having to step a foot in the slush.



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Pata Negra, a sit-down restaurant inside Latinicity.



CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE FILE

Block 37's AMC movie theater.

### EAT

Dining options abound on the Pedway, particularly on weekdays. **Prudential Plaza** is home to **Wildberry Pancakes and Cafe** (130 E. Randolph St.), a bright and popular breakfast joint (it's one of Fairmont concierge Gail's favorite spots). Prudential is also home to **Tavern at the Park**, (130 E. Randolph St.) which offers steak and other classed-up tavern fare like a fig and prosciutto flatbread.

Looking for lunch? Few options on the network — or in the downtown area, pe-

riod — offer better options than the **Illinois Center** complex. **Blackwood** (233 N. Michigan Ave.) offers excellent barbecue. **Sopraffina** (111 E. Wacker Drive) offers tasty fast-casual Italian options. Top-notch Chicago chain **Hannah's Bretzel** (233 N. Michigan Ave.) offers a variety of organic sandwich options and salads. Alas, these tasty options are only open on weekdays; but also, there's a **McDonald's** (233 N. Michigan Ave.).

Head further into the Loop to **Block 37**, which sits in the central Loop between the Red and Blue line subway stations, to hit

the giant food court **Latinicity** (108 N. State St.). Macy's offers a number of restaurants, including Chicago classic the **Walnut Room** (111 N. State St.).

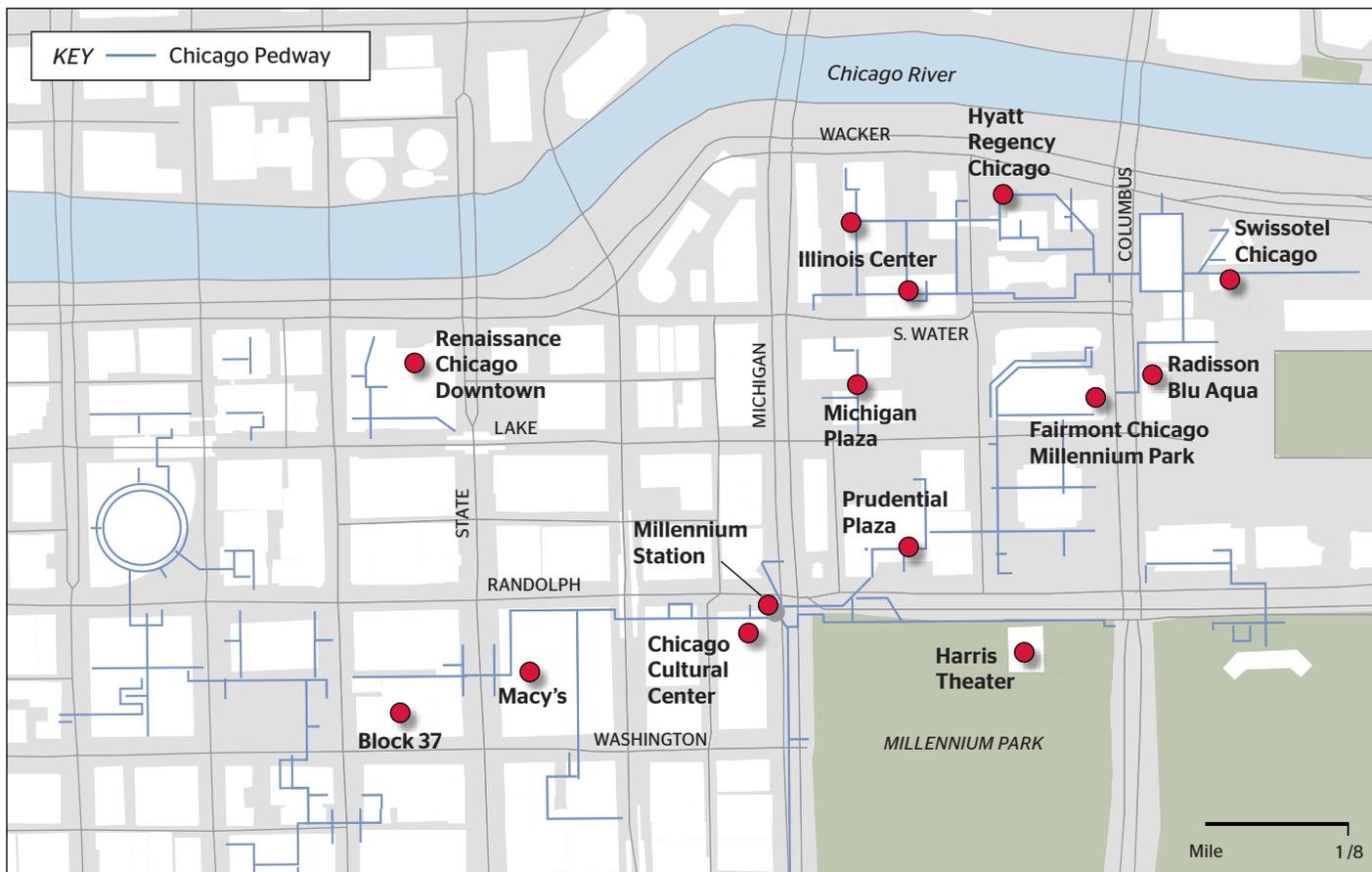
### DRINK

If you're looking to get weird underground, the Pedway offers some interesting watering holes. **M Bar** (151 N. Michigan Ave.) located in the concourse of **Millennium Station**, offers the dark feel of a Chicago bar akin to corner spots in Bridgeport or Uptown. **Sweetwater Tavern and Grille** (225 N. Michigan Ave.) in **Michigan**



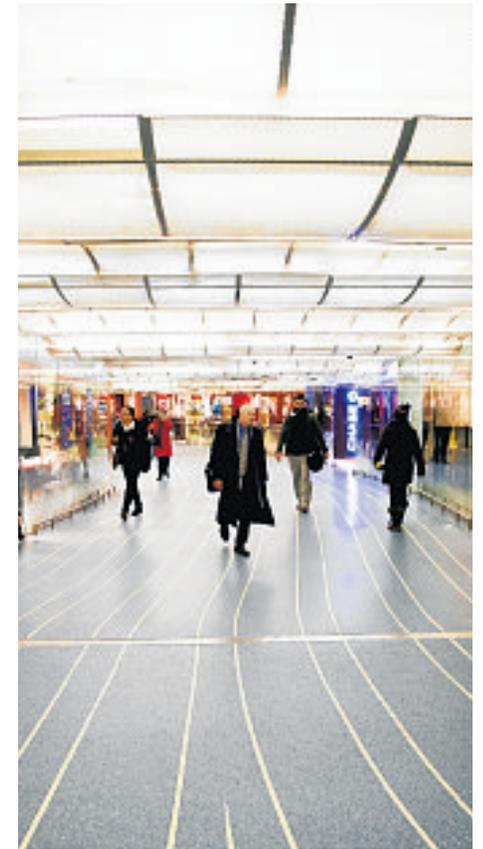
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Block 37.



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Millennium Station.

**Plaza** has a long drink menu and scores of TVs in a River North atmosphere. And the bottom floor of **Macy's** features a sports bar called **InField's** (111 N. State St.), if you prefer your drinks with a dash of pun.

## DO

While most of the Pedway connects office high-rises, there are a handful of buildings in the network that offer things to do besides work. The marquee destination for many tourists, of course, is shopping at **Macy's** (111 N. State St.) — grabbing clothes, Frangos and food. But the **Block 37** (108 N. State St.) complex just one building away offers a wide array of shopping options including **Akira**, **Anthropologie**, **Banana Republic Factory**, **Sephora** and **Zara**. The building also features the new **AMC Dine-In Theaters**, featuring a bar, plush recliners and food that can be delivered to your seat like brisket mac and cheese, sushi and burgers. A climbing-wall-focused gym called **First Ascent** plans to open in Block 37 in March.

Want a fine-arts focused experience? The landmark **Chicago Cultural Center** (78 E. Washington St.) and its Tiffany Dome are connected to the Pedway. The space features a number of rotating art exhibits; through May 8, a striking series of works examining urban life by Chicago native **Nina Chanel Abney** will be on display. And while the Chicago Architecture Biennial is officially over now, a number of installations remain in the building. Check the city of Chicago's web-



TODD ROSENBERG PHOTO

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.

site for information on concerts and other live events.

Interested in a seated fine theater experience? **The Harris Theater** (205 E. Randolph Drive) in Millennium Park is also accessible through a small Pedway hack. To get to the theater, walk past the Metra Electric platforms at Millennium Station and exit onto Lower Randolph Avenue, where you'll be about 100 feet away from the theater's lower entrance — covered from the elements, of course. There, you'll be able to catch performances from the American Ballet Theatre company, Cloud

Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.

## SLEEP

Most of the Pedway's hotels are clustered with the **Swissotel** (323 E. Upper Wacker Drive) and **Fairmont** (200 N. Columbus Drive) in the network's northeast corner, around Columbus and Wacker drives. Other options include the **Hyatt Regency Chicago** (151 E. Wacker Drive) and the **Radisson Blu Aqua** (221 N. Columbus Drive). The **Renaissance Chicago Downtown** (1 W. Wacker Drive) is also

connected to the Pedway by a bridge from the Clark and Lake CTA station.

## TRANSPORTATION, BONUSES AND CAVEATS

Your day doesn't have to start or end at a hotel — several train options let you off inside the Pedway. Both the **Red and Blue lines** drop you off at Block 37. Tons of Metra lines let off at **Millennium Station**, the hub for commuter trains that serve the South Side, south suburbs and Indiana.

From these stations, you can get to a few other places without stepping outside. A Metra Electric or South Shore Line train could take you to **McCormick Place**, which has a semi-indoor platform — allowing you to hit the convention center without grabbing a coat. If your staycation makes you crave a real trip out of town, you could also take the Blue Line to **O'Hare International Airport** and skip town completely — without ever hitting the outdoors.

Be forewarned that because the Pedway isn't run by any one official entity, the hours of each building's portion can vary. While most portions are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, some are closed on Saturdays and many are closed on Sundays. **Chicago Detours** (312-350-1131, [chicagodetours.com](http://chicagodetours.com)), which offers guided tours of the Pedway for tourists and locals alike, has a good map that labels hours on some sections of the system.

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Booth One is adorned with photos of bygone to relatively recent celebs, all dining at the old Pump Room.

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# Elegance survives an update

**GLAM BOOTH ONE MIXES THE OLD AND THE NEW, MOSTLY DELIVERING CLASSICS**

By **Phil Vettel** | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

“How many opportunities come up to do something like this?” asked executive chef Doug Psaltis, rhetorically. “There are only so many iconic dining rooms. This has to be one of the top 25 historic rooms in America.”

By “this,” Psaltis meant the venerable Pump Room, under his watch after Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises and Rich Melman (who ran the Pump Room for 22 of its nearly 80 years) signed a deal to manage the restaurant last year.

When word of the deal was announced, there was plenty of speculation whether

this project would be a resurrection or a reinvention. Would Melman bring back the tuxedoed waiters? The original decor? Baked Alaska?

Booth One, as it’s now called (there was some uncertainty as to the rights to the Pump Room name), opened in November. Besides Psaltis and Melman *pere*, the managing partners include Molly Melman (daughter of Rich, and partner in several other Lettuce restaurants) and Sue Kim-Drohomyrecky (a veteran restaurateur perhaps best known for creating Spring restaurant).

To answer one question, no, the tuxedos have not returned; instead, waiters move about in tailored jackets with popped collars. The decor that Ian Shrager introduced

when he reopened the Pump Room back in 2011 — especially that galaxy of planet-shaped ceiling lights — is largely intact, though Melman dialed down the wattage some and softened the look with a white-and-cream palette, floor-to-ceiling sheer drapes and dignified dark-wood tables (replacing Shrager’s bleached-oak tables). And there still is an official Booth One (the Pump Room table reserved for top celebrities), unoccupied on my visits but VIP-ready, equipped with its famed ivory rotary-dial phone and comically long cord that functions, I assume, as more of a figurative conversation piece (“You see that phone over there? Well, back in the day ...”) than a literal one.

And of course, framed black-and-white

photos of bygone to relatively recent celebs, all dining at the Pump Room, adorn the pillars that separate the dining room’s upper and lower levels. It’s the rare party that can walk past these groupings without stopping to play a little “Name that Star.” I know I can’t resist.

This blending of the old and new is also evident in Psaltis’ menu, which was developed in collaboration with former Trio and Tru chef Rick Tramonto (who has since moved on to other Lettuce projects). It’s a pretty hefty menu, offering a dozen starters/salads and another dozen entrees, plus three sized-for-two (or more) options.

Scan through the pages, and you’ll find such nods to the past as steak Diane, seven-vegetable salad, salmon asiatique and cur-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

The crispy duck a la Booth One carries an appealing earthiness that seems ideal for winter weather.

ried chicken brochette. But you'll also spot dishes the old Pump Room never would have touched — snapper ceviche and tuna sashimi, for instance — and modern updates (the crab Louie salad is now a lobster Louie and comes with jalapeno crema) that might have been viewed as sacrilege years ago.

Mostly, though, what you see are classics, dishes that have been on fine-dining menus for 50 years or more. Chicken pailard. Beef Wellington. Rack of lamb. Dover sole. And plenty of luxury, including formal caviar service (\$105), a glorious seafood platter (\$75) and a 36-ounce cote de boeuf (\$105) with black-truffle bearnaise.

Start with the Japanese snapper ceviche, served in tight, curled pieces, several of which are adorned with sea urchin, all gathered above a gentle aji amarillo that doesn't fight the fish. Considering the richness that is to follow, this pristine composition tastes like innocence.

Move on to a pair of chef inspirations. Lobster cappuccino traces its roots to a like-named dish that Rick Tramonto offered at Trio and Tru; its highlight was the ethereal foam that conveyed an impossible amount of lobster flavor. The Booth One version is a bit more down to earth, more of a creamy and satisfying veloute that, bolstered with tomato, cognac and cream, and finished with espelette pepper powder, is immensely satisfying.

Caesar Salad a la Sir Graham is a nod to chef Graham Elliot, whose eponymous and bygone restaurant featured a GE Caesar highlighted by "Twinkie croutons," toasted

brioche cuboids injected with Parmesan cheese. The Sir Graham version employs a three-cheese blend of mascarpone, pecorino and Parmesan, but the concept remains the same.

I'd make room for the black-truffle scrambled eggs. Making perfectly soft, scrambled eggs is trickier than most people think, and these eggs, with decadent touches of black truffle and shredded king crabmeat, have a mouthfeel that rivals pommes puree. On the other end of the textural spectrum, there's a fine salad of golden beets, quinoa and watercress, piled high over whipped yogurt.

Among entrees, Psaltis shows nice restraint with the salmon asiatique, which could have been bombarded with ginger and lemongrass but instead is a good-size fillet seasoned judiciously with sesame, white miso, mirin and lime. Thickly sliced tuna au poivre is irresistible, its charred, peppered edges giving way to raw centers, served with airy pommes souffles and a shallot-heavy bearnaise sauce. Beef Wellington, abetted by a rich mushroom bordelaise sauce, is without flaw.

One intended menu signature is the crispy duck a la Booth One. It checks in at a daunting \$33.95 and consists of two duck legs with seasonal fruits and vegetables. But before you rise in outrage, these are massive duck drumsticks (the reassembled duck might frighten me) with perfectly crispy exteriors and fork-tender insides. Matched to a mustard-laced apple sauce, with root vegetables and diced apples, the dish carries an appealing earthiness that

seems ideal for winter weather.

One dish I liked very much was the stripped-down roast chicken frites. Three pieces of well-cooked chicken stand vertically on a large white platter, accompanied only by golden-brown Kennebec-potato fries, plus some roasting jus and bearnaise sauce on the side. Perfect, let's say, for those looking to under-indulge.

Pastry chef Andrea Cote, whose resume includes work at Per Se and GT Fish & Oyster, offers a lineup of simple-sounding desserts that wow you with execution. Profiteroles benefit from spiced Seckel pear and hot fudge. (The side pitcher of extra sauce is a perfect service touch.) The Original Cheesecake Circa 1954 might not really be from the original recipe (even Melman's long career doesn't go back that far), but it's a fine cheesecake, especially with the accompanying sour-cherry compote.

Mrs. Hsing's Wonderful Lemon Meringue Napoleon is a nod to Psaltis' wife, Hsing Chen, who suggested this layered interpretation of a lemon meringue pie (with a torched meringue topping that recalls the Pump Room's baked Alaska), and it's as beautiful as it tastes. The orange creme caramel, accented with burnt-orange confit, is a keeper, and the chocolate-coconut cake, layering coconut mousse with devil's food cake and shredded coconut, is gorgeous.

Booth One has a fine wine list (with Kim-Drohomyrecky as general manager, I expected no less) and a very attractive cocktail program, devised by Brandon



The old Pump Room never would have served this snapper ceviche.



Pastry chef Andrea Cote's simple-sounding desserts wow you.

## BOOTH ONE

1301 N. State Parkway

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[boothone.com](http://boothone.com)

**Tribune rating:** ★★★

**Open:** Dinner daily, lunch Monday to Friday, brunch to come

**Prices:** Entrees \$21.95-\$42.95

**Noise:** Conversation-friendly

**Other:** Valet parking

**Ratings key:** ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★★ good; ★ satisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Phillips and Derek Alexander. Like the rest of Booth One, the cocktails span generations, embracing classic drinks, nods to celebrities (a Sophia Loren prosecco cocktail, a bourbon-based Burt Reynolds), modern pours (the gin-and-rum Her Majesty's Holiday leaves me stirred but unshaken) and the reanimated corpses of such post-prandial confections as the Grasshopper and Banana Banshee.

Booth One is no place for bargain hunters, but the Pump Room never was. Attentive and personal service, beautiful surroundings and the undeniable aura of history, however, do a fine job of meeting expectations.

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# Cheers! All are welcome for cocktails

## INDUSTRY CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS DIVERSITY

By Joseph Hernandez | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

One only has to head to Logan Square or the West Loop to see that Chicago's cocktail game is strong, as robust and vibrant as in cities like New York, London or LA. Banking on this reputation, three local industry vets are getting together for a new cocktail conference for both consumers and industry insiders, with Chicago as the backdrop.

Caitlin Laman (Ace Hotel), Shelby Allison (Lost Lake) and Sharon Bronstein (The 86 Co.) are the brains behind Chicago Style, a new cocktail conference May 7-10, timed to run just after the James Beard Foundation Awards.

"We love visiting other cities during their cocktail weeks and getting to know the bartending communities there," said Allison on a call with the Tribune. "Major cities like New Orleans and New York have really highlighted their cocktail scene, and we want to do the same here, but with a twist."

Chicago Style will not be the first cocktail conference in Chicago — the Chicago Cocktail Summit is another homegrown effort, held the last two years at the Logan Theatre — but it is the first conference with a vocal, socially conscious mission.

"The bar industry, and the world in general, has had its issues about not highlighting diverse voices," said Laman, "We've made it a point to be super inclusive about our participants and our programming." For instance, Chicago Style's marquee event is a partnership with Speed Rack, a bartender competition founded by two other industry vets, Lynnette Marrero and Ivy Mix, to celebrate women bartenders and benefit breast cancer charities. Speed Rack will host its national championship event in Chicago for the first time this year.

Proposed programming also includes a seminar or panel with *Causing a Stir* founders Alexis Brown and Ariel Neal, two Chicago bartenders whose mission is to empower people of color and underrepresented communities in the hospitality industry through networking and educational events.

"Ariel and Alexis are helping black bartenders create visibility to make themselves heard and accounted for," said Bronstein, the director of marketing behind spirits brands Ford's Gin and Tequila Cabeza, among others. "One other panel will focus on practical applications for creating intersectional workspaces, plus other topics, like health and wellness for industry



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Sharon Bronstein, from left, Shelby Allison and Caitlin Laman have organized the conference Chicago Style, in part to address inclusiveness in the cocktail industry.

members."

"I think the most important thing we wanted to do was create a platform and space for people who haven't been historically represented to share their stories," said Allison. "It's a chance for leaders and the usual personalities to take a moment to listen to another person's experience."

The mission-oriented programming of Chicago Style seems a direct response to other similar conferences, namely *Tales of the Cocktail* in New Orleans, the largest beverage industry gathering in the country. According to *The New York Times*, in 2017, Ann Tuennerman, the organization's founder, and her husband, Paul, stepped away from the 15-year-old business they'd built; this followed a string of racially insensitive incidents, including walking in the famed Zulu Mardi Gras parade in

blackface and a subsequent Facebook Live video posted by Paul with racially charged comments. *Tales* is now under new ownership and is still planned for July.

"The bar industry is all about sharing experiences," said Laman. "We can address issues in the space, like inclusion and diversity, but also talk about a lot of the natural stuff that goes on in bars, like sustainability."

Another marquee event is a partnership with *Trash Tiki*, a London-based industry group that helps bars creatively tackle waste management. "Sustainability with a punk attitude," said Bronstein.

And though this woman-run event is intentionally intersectional, men shouldn't feel excluded. "There are male voices also included in the mix, but just not in the proportions people have been used to," said

Allison, pointing to such luminaries as historian David Wondrich and Josh Harris, of San Francisco's *Trick Dog*.

Tickets for Chicago Style will go on sale in March, with additional programming to be announced in the coming weeks. For now, interested parties can sign up for updates at [drinkchicagostyle.com](http://drinkchicagostyle.com), but meanwhile, the team is excited to spotlight the city's entire bar scene.

"(Chicago Style) isn't about being a woman in the industry," said Bronstein, "it's about bringing all the voices together."

Laman agreed. "The content's the same as any other cocktail conference. It's just that the people you're hearing from are going to be different."

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Phoebe Robinson, left, and Jessica Williams are translating their podcast '2 Dope Queens' into four HBO specials.

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# 'Queens' with the common touch

By Yvonne Villarreal | LOS ANGELES TIMES

A conversation with Phoebe Robinson and Jessica Williams, the comedic duo behind the popular WNYC podcast "2 Dope Queens," can ping across a variety of topics — today's begins with a shout-out to Target panties ("they get the job done," Williams says) and ends with talk of Robinson attending a celebration of author Judy Blume's 80th birthday in New York.

It's the type of fluid, at times random, back-and-forth that's typical of a friend catch-up session that has made their podcast — which is sprinkled with guest stand-ups and celebrity cameos — a fan favorite.

"The best compliment that we get," Williams says, "is women coming up to us and being like, 'Oh, my gosh ... I love your podcast. When I listen to it, I feel like I'm hanging out with me and my girlfriends.' That's kind of the dream."

Now, they've taken the hangout to the small screen. Their comedy podcast, which launched in 2015, has been translated into four HBO specials. (The second, with HBO darling Sarah Jessica Parker, premiered Feb. 9.)

Ohio native Robinson, 33, and L.A.-bred

Williams, 28, met in 2014 while working on a segment for “The Daily Show.” Williams was a senior correspondent on the show, Robinson was a background actor. It wasn’t long before they were creating podcast magic.

The HBO-ified version of “2 Dope Queens” arrives as the pair temporarily step away from the podcast to pursue other projects. Robinson is writing a follow-up to her bestselling book, “You Can’t Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain” and will appear in the Netflix film “Tbiza” this year. Williams is developing a comedy for Showtime that she’ll star in and will appear in the “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” sequel out this fall. This is an edited transcript.

**Q: Had you been looking to bring the podcast to television?**

**Robinson:** Well, we’ve been doing the podcasts for, like, 3½ years. We both felt like we had a really well-oiled machine. I was like, “I think this could live on a place like HBO.” And she’s like, “I totally agree,” and we just rallied the troops.

**Williams:** We came in with big-budget plans. We were like, “What if we CGI Jon Hamm into it ...”

**Robinson:** And they’re, like, “We really can’t do that.” HBO’s (programming exec) Nina Rosenstein, to her credit, said: “The magic of ‘2 Dope Queens’ lives on the podcast.” It’s the chemistry between Jessica and I. It’s the fact that we have very diverse stand-ups — women, people of color, queer people. So HBO was really smart to be, like, “What you guys do in the podcast is perfect. We’re just going to elevate it and put that, like, HBO sort of stank on it.” Although they don’t stink.

**Williams:** HBO has a delicious pheromone. Definitely not a stank.

**Q: Is there a standout moment for you from the specials?**

**Williams:** Talking to Sarah Jessica Parker about black hair.

**Robinson:** She kissed my shoe. She knelt down and kissed my shoe, and it was pretty cool. I was like, “Hey, Carrie Bradshaw, what are you doing down there? And also, why’d you pick Big? It should have been Aidan.”

**Q: You both have so much going on. The podcast will be taking a hiatus — is it important to venture outside of it in order to keep it fresh?**

**Williams:** What’s nice is that “2 Dope Queens,” even as our careers have been on the rise, has always been something that we can come back to when we want to and just, like, have fun.

**Robinson:** Exactly. We do our thing and then we sort of do the victory lap with “2 Dope Queens” and then, like, go our separate ways and do more solo stuff and just grind it out.

**Williams:** You have to have stories on our podcast. So when she says, “How was your weekend?” I can be like, “Girl, I have

the craziest story ...” and then we’ll just be backstage and be like, “Wait, wait, wait, tell me onstage,” because that’s the fun part, that adds to the spontaneity, the electricity.

**Q: Do you have an idea of when you will return from hiatus?**

**Williams:** We don’t. We want to roll these out and then see what happens.

**Q: What many people respond to with this podcast are your voices — two black women talking freely. How hard was that to achieve, to not compromise yourselves? And to extend that idea to the comics you invite on the show.**

**Robinson:** We both come from improv and I’ve been doing stand-up for 10 years and so we both come from worlds where it’s heavily white straight males. And the goals are, like, a late-night set, a half-hour special, and an hour special. And you look at the landscape and see who’s being given those opportunities by gate-keepers. And we were just like, well, if we’re going to do a comedy show that’s just going to do more of the same — putting white guys on with beards who are unattractive versions of, like, the Brawny man — I don’t know that that’s really going to help matters. We know so many funny people like Michelle Buteau and Naomi Ekperigin, John Early and Baron Vaughn. These people are geniuses and brilliant and they should be celebrated just like a lot of their white counterparts.

Technology has been the great equalizer, you can find your audience, you can build your brand, and the people that are into you, great. They’re going to follow you to whatever platform you go to. HBO has been really smart in recognizing that we have a great voice. That people like Issa Rae, all these talented women can, like, create their own voice and they don’t have to necessarily compromise. We’re not trying to sound like Ira Glass — that’s just not us. And so, I think they recognize that’s what people gravitate toward.

**Williams:** Honestly, we’re just ourselves. The podcast has created this really awesome bubble in a way where we’re just like, “All right what we going to talk about? Girl, let’s talk about period panties.” And we’re like, great, but we weren’t being, like, “this is a statement about period panties”... sometimes being black and a woman your acts are inherently political, even if that’s not necessarily what you set out to do. We’re just two black female comedians, but there are so many black female comedians that are incredible. There are so many LGBTQ comedians that are incredible. And all they just really need is the platform. Sometimes it’s just being who you are and climbing and doing what you want to do and finding your passion and the world can’t help but make room for you.

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**WEST COAST ROCKERS TALK CROWD-SURFING, CREATING SONGS AND THEIR LOVE FOR THE MIDWEST**

By **Stacey Pinson** | FOR REDEYE

The Roxy. The Troubadour. The El Rey Theatre. Name an iconic music venue in Los Angeles, and Wallows has already played a sold-out show there. Bursting onto the indie rock scene just shy of a year ago, the California-based band with Chicago ties continues to pack houses across the country. The most impressive part? They don't even have a debut album yet.

Sure, it doesn't hurt to have two popular actors fronting the band. You can catch Dylan Minnette of "13 Reasons Why" fame center stage, shredding on rhythm guitar. Braeden Lemasters, who's starred in shows like "Betrayal" and "Men of a Certain Age," splits the vocal duties. But to think they're not serious about music is a big mistake.

The trio (including the solid Cole Preston on drums) has been honing their chops together since childhood. Playing under different monikers in previous bands, they've finally found their footing as Wallows — the name comes from a notoriously gnarly skate spot in Hawaii.

Minnette makes crowds move with fast riffs and bright, catchy choruses. His tracks, "Pleaser" and "Sun Tan" tackle complex topics like young love, depression and the pains of becoming an adult. Lemasters' story-like songs, "Uncomfortable" and "1980s Horror Film" are more downtempo and emotional. He brings balance to an otherwise energetic and sun-soaked show.

We chatted with the alt-rockers about Chicago, their favorite musicians and filming a music video in one day.

**Q: Dylan and Braeden, being originally from Indiana and Ohio, do you still have ties here, or is California home now?**

**Lemasters:** California's evolved into my home. Like, I don't say pop anymore; I say soda. All the little things have changed but the roots are still the same. People that meet me do say that I have a Midwestern vibe. I think it's still in me; it's always gonna be.



Dylan Minnette, Braeden Lemasters and Cole Preston of Wallows.

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**Minnette:** We're pretty much full of Carl's Jr. but we've still got some Hardee's in there (laughs). We're very excited to come back — we've been really looking forward to Chicago.

**Q: How does your creative process look? Do you write together and hash out songs together or do you write on your own and then bring that to the studio?**

**Minnette:** There's a song that we have coming out that I was with Cole at his house but Braeden was out of town, so Cole and I started to build a song around one of Braeden's random voice memos that he sent us. So, Cole and I turned Braeden's idea into something else. That's a perfect example of all of us putting in an equal amount of input and effort into one song.

**Lemasters:** I trust these two guys a lot. Growing up together, I've learned to trust their opinion and I think they've learned to trust mine. It's kind of a perfect balance.

**Q: You shot the music video for your first single, "Pleaser" by yourselves. Talk to me about the process of filming**

**that and some of the inspiration behind it.**

**Lemasters:** Dylan had the baby mask from Halloween two years ago. Basically, we just had that baby mask lying around and decided to have that be the motif in the video. While we were filming around that neighborhood, we posted (the release date) on Instagram: "Tomorrow," period. At that point we were in the middle of filming it.

**Preston:** We had like one shot.

**Lemasters:** We filmed it on Cole's iPhone 7 and edited it all night so that it'd be ready because we promised that it would be out (laughs).

**Minnette:** It's like we only work well under pressure, so we just put major pressure on.

**Lemasters:** And there's one, only one tiny mistake in the video. Tongue is spelled wrong. And I was the baby man.

**Q: You really dig bands like The Strokes, (Sandy) Alex G and The Garden. What about them inspires you personally or influences you musically?**

**Lemasters:** I just love the vibe that they built around themselves. I love how The Garden just committed to being this super unique, weird band and they just do it so well. It just seems fresh, you know? What they're doing is fresh.

**Preston:** Yeah, and Alex G is one of those super humble dudes who doesn't give himself enough credit for how weirdly

genius his songs are. He does so many insanely creative musical things but makes it seem so easy, like it sounds like straightforward indie rock music but it's so much more than that.

**Minnette:** (Sandy) Alex G and The Garden are operating on another level that people just don't understand.

**Q: What's the biggest lesson you've taken with you from 2017 into 2018?**

**Lemasters:** That's a great question.

**Minnette:** We should probably think about artwork for things more than the day before we put it out or whatever (laughs).

**Q: What was the last show you crowd-surfed at?**

**Preston:** I don't even remember but I do remember very specifically Coachella 2013, Vampire Weekend. "Campus" was playing and I crowd-surfed all the way to the front barricade and then got taken away. It was awesome, and it's on video.

**Q: What's the go-to snack to have in the van on tour?**

**All:** Nature Valley granola bars.

**Minnette:** Coffee, too.

**Lemasters:** And raw almonds. And water — some sweet, succulent water.

*Q&A's are edited for length and clarity.*

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By Josh Noel | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**The beer:** Cat Spit Stout, 2nd Shift Brewing (St. Louis)

**What it is:** 2nd Shift, which emerged from St. Louis' fertile craft beer scene in 2010 but only began distribution in Chicago in August, claims to make "the best freakin beer in the world." While that's a mighty boast, Cat Spit Stout is indeed a phenomenally smooth and silky oatmeal milk stout — pure splendor for the depth of winter.

**In the can:** Decadent sweetness. But while many stouts these days skew all the way into liquid dessert territory, Cat Spit is a sweet, pitch-black stout that's beautifully harmonious, driven by notes of milk choc-

olate, roasty coffee, a touch of blueberry fruitiness and caramel. The caramel overtones are particularly robust, presumably from the lactose that makes this a milk stout. However, Cat Spit never tips into cloying sweetness. It's luxurious, yes, but remains grounded as a hearty stout perfect with a meal, or on its own while watching the snow fall.

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By Alison Bowen | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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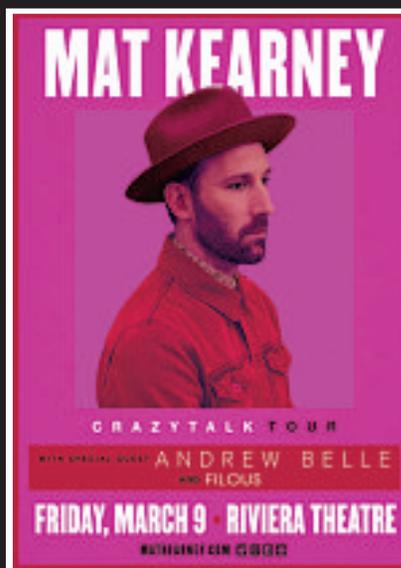
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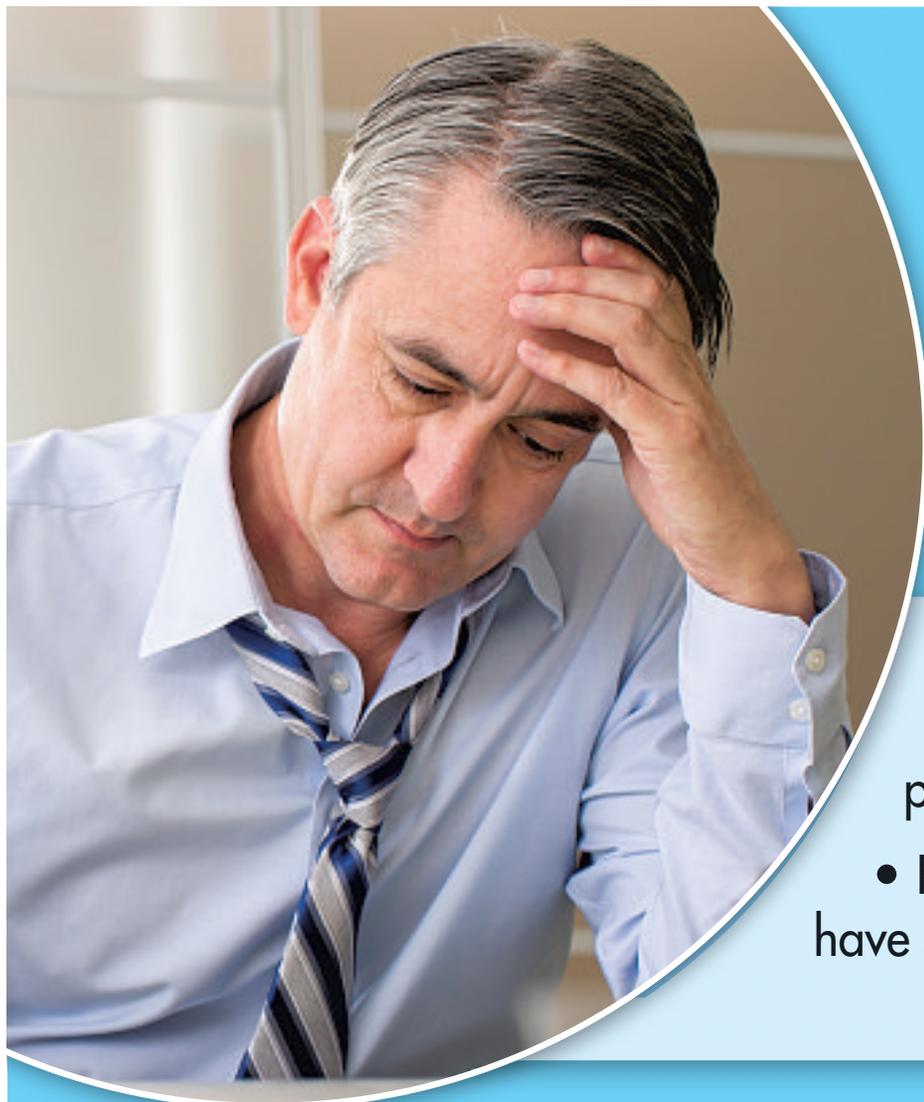
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By **Gwendolyn Purdom** | FOR REDEYE

For as much of a pain preparing your tax return can be this time of year, the check you get afterward makes it all worthwhile — especially if that refund is your biggest payday all year. February is definitely the busiest month for the volunteers and staffers at Ladder Up, an organization devoted to helping arm those in need with financial tools like free tax preparation assistance and money management workshops. The group's Tax-a-Thon fundraiser, which promotes their tax help services and recruiting new volunteers, goes through the end of the month.

"I think that one of things that we are really trying to do is help connect people with financial resources that they are due," Ladder Up development manager Kate Hermann Stone said. "So, if somebody's eligible for financial aid for college or tax credits, we want to make sure that they know that they can get it."

You don't have to be a tax pro to volunteer as a Ladder Up preparer. Training generally takes about three to four hours, and the organization asks that volunteers commit to at least three sessions

with those in need per season.

"While many of our volunteers do have a background in finance, tax or law, you don't need that," Stone said. "I have a degree in political science and public policy, and I'm an advanced certified tax preparation person. People of any background can do it."

Training for this tax season is winding down, but Stone said volunteers are needed year-round. Tax preparation programs are ongoing for those with complicated returns, and the group is also always looking for people to guide clients through other financial challenges like college aid paperwork and general fiscal planning. "Save Up Money Coaches" lead asset-building workshops throughout the city regularly. More information about opportunities to get involved is available at their website.

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*Gwendolyn Purdom is a RedEye freelancer.*

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#### Diva Thai

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**How much:** \$4-\$35

In case throwing back an array of brewskis didn't warm you up enough, a bowl of red curry with spicy chicken should do the trick. Just up Halsted Street from Frost Fest, Diva Thai & Sushi stays open late and serves everything from Korean-style ramen to elaborately topped sushi rolls. The place is BYOB if you're still up for another round or two as you split an order of rainbow salsa (\$10) — diced yellowtail, tuna, avocado, salmon and mango on a bed of white wasabi and a crispy shell — or seared spicy tuna volcano rice balls (\$6). Entrees include classic sushi staples like rainbow rolls (\$12), Thai noodle dishes like

crispy lard nar (\$9), and more adventurous picks like the eight-piece Drag Queen roll (\$15) — deep-fried and stuffed with shrimp tempura, avocado, sriracha, scallion, unagi, cream cheese, wasabi aioli, unagi sauce, crispy noodle and tobiko — plus a full vegan roll menu. And don't worry about your chatty sparks shutting the restaurant down: Diva doesn't close its doors until 4 a.m.

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### IT TAKES TWO

Do you have a two-for-one outing idea to share with us? Email [features@redeyechicago.com](mailto:features@redeyechicago.com) with the details.

# show up

5 MUST-SEE CONCERTS IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK

By Efrain Dorado | FOR REDEYE

Newcomers and homecomings make up most of this week's Chicago concerts.

## FRIDAY

### Starcrawler The Empty Bottle

1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600

Drenched in power pop urgency and classic rock pastiche, LA band Starcrawler finds its way forward by journeying through music's past. The youthful appeal of early punk is embedded in the band's DNA. Starcrawler's vicious, self-titled debut was released in January. \$12. 9 p.m., 21+. Tickets: [emptybottle.com](http://emptybottle.com)

### Vakula, Philip Stone Smartbar

3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140

Somewhat elusive and shamanist, Vakula is a masterful mixer from Northern Ukraine who excels in creating atmospheres tailored equally for dancing and exploration. Joining him is Chicago spinner Philip Stone, who was raised during the rise of the Midwest's rave scene and the resurgence of vinyl collecting. When Stone spins, what follows is a tour through house and techno that feels both nostalgic and contemporary. \$12-\$20. 10 p.m., 21+. Tickets: [smartbarchicago.com](http://smartbarchicago.com)

## MONDAY

### Ezra Furman Thalia Hall

1807 S. Allport St. 312-526-3851

Chicago-raised Ezra Furman has touched on the trials and tribulations of being queer throughout his musical career while in many different bands. But on his second solo album, his queerness is reinvigorated and refined. Titled "Transangelic Exodus," Furman's latest is a gay fantasia about two queer prison escapees in love. It's an epic ode to finding your place in a world that won't accept you. \$16-\$20. 8:30 p.m., 17+. Tickets: [thaliahallchicago.com](http://thaliahallchicago.com)

## WEDNESDAY

### Options Downstairs

2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600

Chicago-based Options is the project of sole multi-instrumentalist Seth Engel, but in a live setting, the music is upgraded to the four-piece treatment. In true DIY fashion, Engel has already fleshed out Options' catalog in a short time span with numerous singles, EPs and even a full-length album. While there is undoubtedly more to come



PHIL SHARP

Singer-songwriter Ezra Furman.

from Engel, what he already presents demonstrates his confidence and natural knack for music-making. \$8. 6 p.m., 17+. Tickets: [subt.net](http://subt.net)

### Palehound, Weaves Schubas

3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508

East Coast lo-fi outfit Palehound is the passion project of Ellen Kempner. It began as a solo undertaking but has expanded into a full band. Palehound returns to Chicago in support of its grungy second album, "A Place I'll Always Go." Coming along with Palehound is the Toronto-based band Weaves, which also arrives in support of its second full-length LP, titled "Wide Open." \$13. 8 p.m., 18+. Tickets: [lh-st.com](http://lh-st.com)

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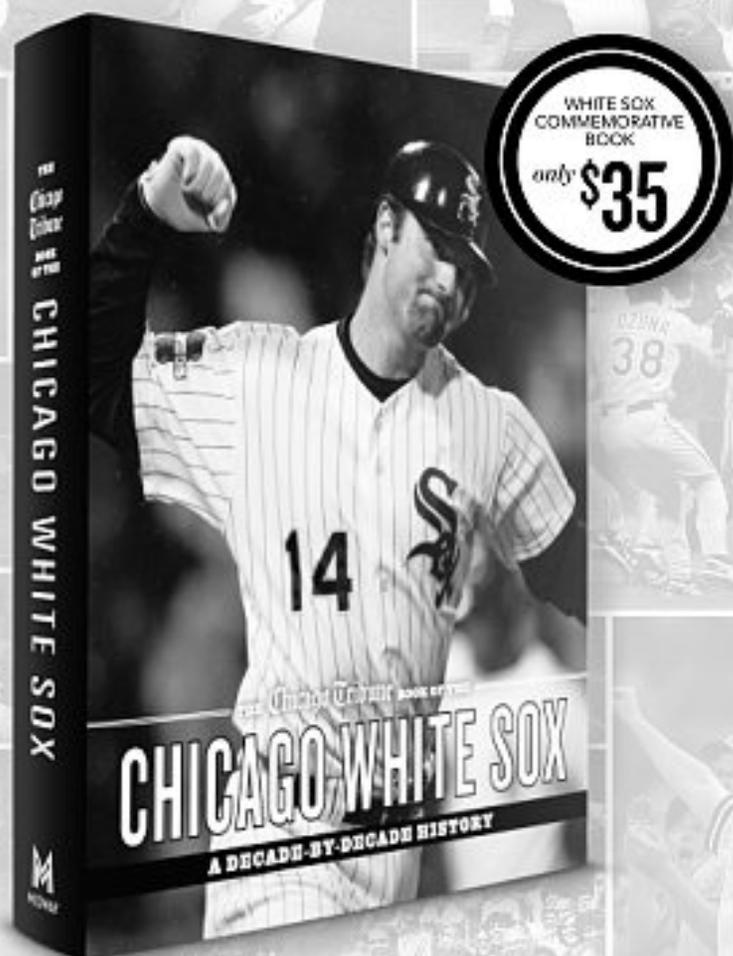
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## dating



Change your expectations, dude. ('He's Just Not That Into You.')

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## I'm in a dating rut: Help me get out of it



ASK ANNA

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**Dear Anna,**

Me: local, "out of loop" single, handsome male in hunt of a chill bar date. I beg of insight. Help me find the perfect woman please.

—Anon.

**Dear Anon.,**

Have you tried the Container Store?

OK, OK. Here's what you do when you're stuck in a

dating rut. Three things:

1. **Change your behaviors**
2. **Change your outcome**
3. **Change your expectations**

What do these look like in practice?

**Changing your behaviors** means trying new approaches to how you go about meeting these "chill bar dates." I might even go so far as to say do the exact opposite of what you've been doing. And see what happens. If you only meet women on Tinder, delete the app and start approaching women in person or ask to be set up by a friend. If you only meet women in bars, try the library or the ice cream parlor or the 24-hour White Castle. If you've been doing "nothing," do EVERYTHING. Treat your romantic life like a science lab. Assess what works and what fails spectacularly. Make notes! Make spreadsheets. Or don't. (Spreadsheets are fun though.) And go from there. Have a ball with your experiments. It'll give you good stories at least.

**Changing your outcome** means that maybe the goal itself is flawed. Your use of the words "perfect woman" is telling.

There is no perfect women because all women are perfect — have you even seen Beyonce lately? God, her business acumen is so hot. OK, no. No one is perfect. I challenge you to find the most imperfect woman alive and buy her a drink. Expand your ideas of compatibility. Perhaps your perfect woman is nothing like you. Perhaps her limitations are what enable her to soar. Perhaps your chill date wants more than just a bar rendezvous. Are you open to every possibility? Doing so will increase your chances of being pleasantly surprised. "There is a crack in everything," as Leonard Cohen sang. "That's how the light gets in."

**Changing your expectations** means only this: It's really hard to meet people we connect with and want to spend time with and be intimate with. It can take YEARS. It can take much therapy. It can take failing 683 times and then a few more. I'm not saying "don't try," but I am saying that if we go into something with a very reasonable and manageable expectation, it's harder for us to be crushed by defeat. And I don't want you to be crushed by defeat! Progress may be slow, but don't let it keep you from moving at all. There's a difference between struggling and standing still. Keep trying to connect. Keep trying to improve yourself and the lives of those around you.

And one last truism, which I probably gleaned from another perfect woman (Oprah): The more we invest in lifting others up, the more people are drawn to us in return.

Good luck, Anon.

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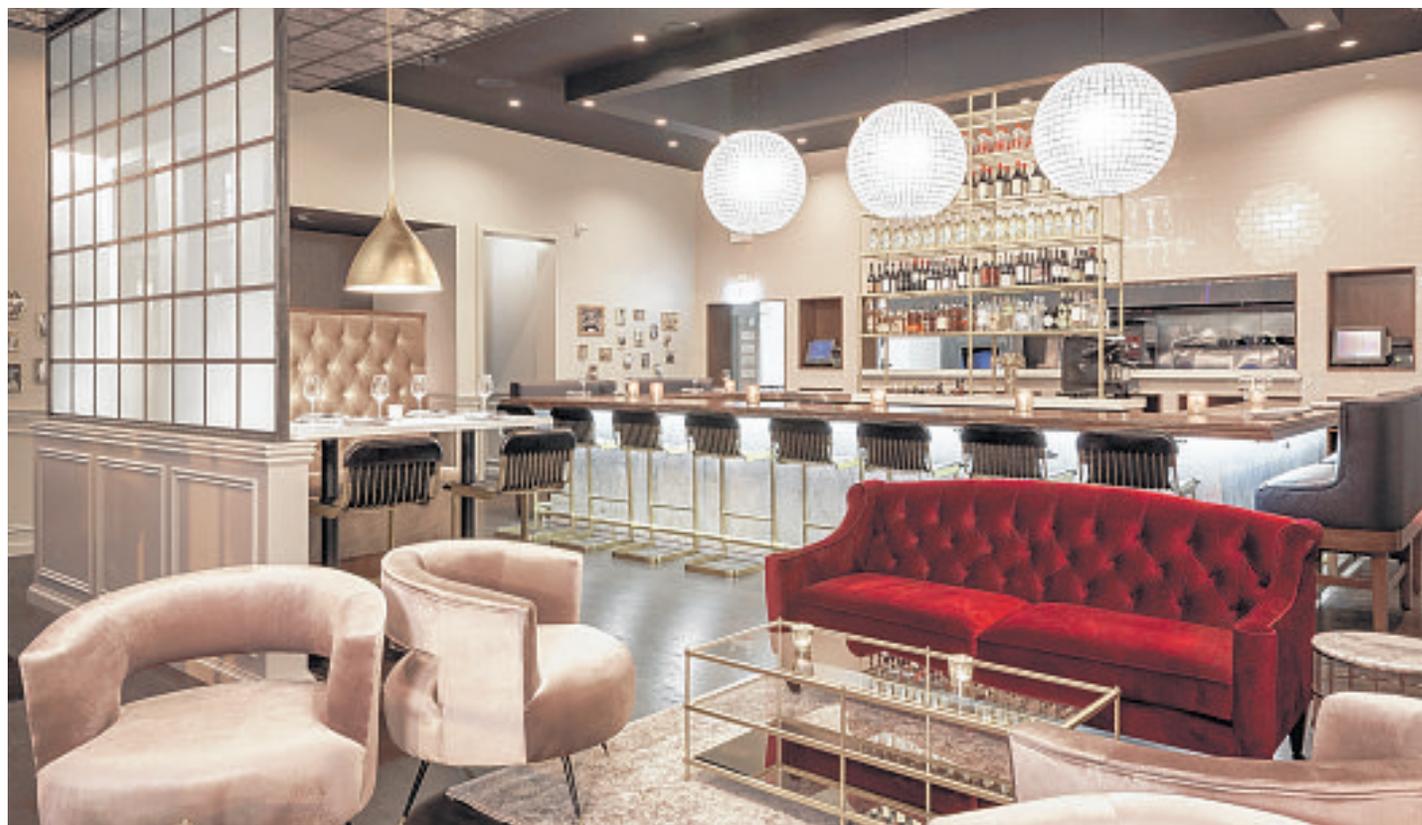
### GOLD COAST

**Maple & Ash** ★★★ This steakhouse knows how to cook *and* how to have fun. Standards such as French onion soup are nicely rendered, and pastry chef Aya Fukai offers some of the most beautiful (and delicious) desserts you've ever seen. *Open: Dinner daily; downstairs bar open lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$54. 8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888. — Phil Vettel*

**Margeaux Brasserie** ★★ Chef/restaurateur Michael Mina has landed in Chicago at last with this glamorous, 1920s-inspired brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria. It's as pricey as the Gold Coast address would have you expect, but superb quality and generous portions ease the sting, as do the more casual bar menu and its bargain happy-hour specials. Look to cooked seafood appetizers (roasted oysters, moules frites) to start, and make room in the budget for the splendid lobster bouillabaisse. *Open: Breakfast and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$28-\$59. 11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300. — P.V.*

**Nico Osteria** ★★★ New chef Bill Montagne has done luxury-level (C Chicago) and neighborhood-level (Snaggletooth) restaurant work in Chicago, and at this well-established Gold Coast seafooder, he's trying to do a bit of both, positing Nico as a place to drop in for a glass of wine and small pasta, as well as a legitimate dining destination. Pastas are indeed drop-in worthy, particularly the tagliolini tossed with uni butter, and higher-end main dishes such as "white Negroni" halibut and whole-baked branzino display Montagne's deft touch with subtle flavors. Factor in Leigh Omilinky's desserts and breads, and Nico Osteria has few, if any, weaknesses. *Open breakfast, lunch, dinner daily; weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$17 to \$42. 1015 N. Rush St., 312-994-7100. — P.V.*

**Somerset** ★★★ Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal, more rustic touch in this Gold Coast newcomer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen's work at Boka know to look for signature ingredients such as



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### Ella Elli.

octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with two side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare, tossed in a mayo mixed with its rendered fat. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts, such as caramel-apple tart with burnt-cinnamon ice cream. *Open: Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$23-\$55. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — P.V.*

### HUMBOLDT PARK

**Café Marie-Jeanne** ★★ Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Cafe Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Don't miss the duck frites dish, which mixes sliced duck breast and roasted leg pieces with duck pate and plenty of duck-fat fries. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave. 773-904-7660. — P.V.*

### HYDE PARK

**A10** ★★★ Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers traditional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$30. 1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — P.V.*

### LAKEVIEW

**Ceres' Table** ★★ This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound. The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the under-\$9 cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124 N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — P.V.*

**Ella Elli** ★★ This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef Nolan Narut is putting out some destina-

tion-worthy plates, including ricotta gnocchi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes \$14-\$27. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552. — Michael Nagrant*

**Entente** ★★★ Ty Fujimura (Arami) has another hit restaurant with this cozy Lakeview restaurant, which opened in late 2016 and features the talents of chef Brian Fisher (previously at Schwa and, believe it or not, Saved by the Max). The delicious, robust food (don't pass up the gorgeous octopus and pork loin entrees, nor the prettiest wedge salad in town) is abetted by a robust beverage program and whip-smart, engaging service. The small, two-room space has an appealing, comfortable rusticity, but it can get pretty noisy. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553; ententechicago.com — P.V.*

**mfk** ★★★ With just 28 seats, mfk is tough to get into but worth the effort. Boquerones with shaved fennel should be

part of any meal you assemble, and the platters — a notable fish stew starring cobia collar and a surprisingly painstaking chicken ballotine — are superb. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$24. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — P.V.*

**Sal's Trattoria** ★ Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer, so popular with young families in the neighborhood it will need a stroller valet long before it needs one for cars. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus efforts such as calamari under a profusion of tomatoes, lemon and capers; offbeat daily crostini (blueberry-sage jam with goat cheese, for instance); and a gorgeous spinach-arugula salad with pear, pancetta and gorgonzola. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$15-\$25. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — P.V.*

## LINCOLN PARK

**Boka** ★★★ Chef Lee Wolen (ex-Eleven Madison Park) brings an exciting menu to a restaurant that's been a Chicago mainstay for more than a decade. While the ingredients are familiar, the execution is beautifully complex. Cocktails are first-rate, too. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$33. 1729 N. Halsted St., 312-337-6070. — P.V.*

**Chopo Chicken** Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The shtick: a short menu of four or five proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger*

**De Quay** ★ Chef and owner David de Quay dips into his heritage for this 42-seater; the menu is principally Dutch-inspired, with the occasional nod to Indonesia. The hearty foods are particularly good; Indonesian representations are mild, occasionally to a fault. Very affordable wines and interesting, generer-heavy cocktails highlight the beverage program. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$28. 2470 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8820. — P.V.*

**Naoki Sushi** ★ Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot. The menu provides the sushi basics, all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — P.V.*

## LOGAN SQUARE

**Daisies** ★★½ Chef Joe Frillman has succeeded in creating simple, satisfying fare from local produce. You will want to order



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### Chopo Chicken's pollo bowl.

all the pastas, including stracci, tiny napkin-like noodle shreds strewn with perfectly toothsome peas and tender lamb. There is also a cornflake chicken, which is sort of like a Japanese chicken katsu or a German schnitzel, where the cornflake crust acts like a panko breading and makes for a superior and epic chicken nugget. Daisies is the ultimate in dad food—simple dishes made great. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$19. 2523 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-661-1671. — M.N.*

**Dos Urban Cantina** ★★★ In a 100-seat brick-and-oak space, Topolobampo alums Brian Enyart and Jennifer Jones crank out irresistible Mexican-inspired dishes that aren't afraid of a little influence from Italy, the American South or Eastern Europe. Desserts are terrific, there's a budget-conscious wine list and cocktails include a first-rate margarita. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$21. 2829 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-6452. — P.V.*

**Giant** ★★★ Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces liquefied sea urchin in fried pasta, sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-0997. — P.V.*

**Mi Tocaya Antojeria** ★★ Diana Davila, the opening chef at Cantina 1910, is back

with her own place, serving her own style of Mexican food that's creative, but still rooted in tradition. Try the "peanut butter y lengua," crisped cubes of braised beef tongue in a complex and delicious sauce of peanuts, cured tomato and chile de arbol. There are also four tacos on the menu, generously portioned and well-made. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$8-\$13, large plates \$24. 2800 N. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947. — P.V.*

**Quiote** ★★ This bilevel Logan Square Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination—your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal bar is a great place to drink. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Tacos \$4; tortas and entrees \$11-\$24. 2456 N. California Ave., 312-878-8571. — N.K.*

**Ugo's Kitchen and Bar** ★ On a stretch of Armitage Avenue in Logan Square increasingly populated with some of the hottest restaurants in town (Osteria Langhe, Dos Urban Cantina and Table, Donkey and Stick), Ugo's is wonderfully untrendy. Highlights of the vaguely Italian menu include the chicken liver mousse, the spreadable pork rillettes and anything fried. Build a meal out of these appetizers, and you'll leave happy. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: \$8-\$15. 2833 W. Armitage Ave., 773-698-8984. — N.K.*

## THE LOOP

**Acanto** ★★ A redesign gives Acanto a more casual look than its former life as Henri, and the pasta-heavy menu is more budget-friendly, though pricier dishes, such as veal breast, are worth the money. A heavily Italian wine list and good cocktails make this a fine place to bend an elbow. *Open: Dinner and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$38. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763. — P.V.*

**Cherry Circle Room** ★★ A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. Executive chef Peter Coenen's menu recalls steakhouse classics in his refined takes on Caesar salad and tuna tartare, even though there's just one steak on the menu. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$38. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — P.V.*

**Gayle's Best Ever Grilled Cheese** Farmers market favorite Gayle Voss panini presses grilled cheese sandwiches at her new permanent home in the Block 37 pedway. Follow your nose to find butter-browned slabs of sourdough stuffed with fatty farm cheese and seasonal ingredients, plus lobster grilled cheese on Fridays only. Dunk them all in a fragrant tomato pesto soup. *Open: Breakfast and lunch weekdays.*

Prices: Sandwiches \$6 and up. 108 N. State St., pedway level, 312-285-2202. — Louisa Chu

**Pearl Brasserie** ★★ With veteran chef and partner Jason Paskewitz joined by cocktail whiz (and general manager) Steve Carrow, it's easy to see how this 5-month-old operation could be a hit. Sitting on Wacker near the Civic Opera House, Ogilvie and Union Stations, Pearl Brasserie is a great pre-dinner or pre-commute option, but its strength is being the best Saturday-night hidden secret in town. Paskewitz's cooking remains strong as ever, but his menu is simpler and more affordable — dinner is presented in a three-course, \$35 format, and lighter eaters may order a la carte, but the three-course option is an excellent value, with choices like Berkshire pork chop, beautiful in taste and texture, aided by rosemary-scented jus, apples, savoy cabbage and lardons. *Open: Dinner Monday to Saturday, lunch Monday to Friday. Prices: Three-course dinner, \$35. 180 N. Wacker Drive, 312-629-1030, pearlbrasserie.com. — P.V.*

**Revival Food Hall** Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. *Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — N.K.*

**Steadfast** ★★ The most ambitious restaurant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There's a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Entrees \$24-\$39. 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — P.V.*

### MAGNIFICENT MILE

**The Albert** ★ Just off the lobby of the Hotel EMC2, the Albert has yet to achieve the genius of Einstein, but is a worthy addition to the dining scene. The arts-meets-science decor is highlighted by a collection of thousands of science books in high-mounted bookcases. Similarly dramatic are the plates from chef Brandon Brumback's kitchen (look for the aguachile-style kampachi crudo, quinoa-coated octopus and dry-aged duck), and Vanarin Kuch's gorgeous desserts. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$44. 228 E. Ontario St., 312-471-3883. — P.V.*

### NEAR NORTH SIDE

**Blue Door Kitchen** ★★ Art Smith's Table Fifty-Two has been transformed with a revamped decor and a remade menu under chef Rey Villalobos. You'll still find such T52 staples as fried chicken and hummingbird cake, but new dishes, including an excellent Brussels-kale salad, reflect a



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### Roasted baby beets at Pearl Brasserie.

Midwestern slant (and are a little more health-focused). *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$44. 52 W. Elm St., 312-573-4000. — P.V.*

**GT Prime** ★★★ Giuseppe Tentori (also GT Fish & Oyster) turns his back on steakhouse conventions in his second restaurant. There's no raw bar, no oversize potatoes, and steaks are served in precisely trimmed slices, rather than doorstep-sized slabs. The star entree is the Carnivore platter (beef filet, beef strip loin, venison, wagyu), starters range from foie gras terrine to gnocchi with sweetbread "croustons," and desserts include simple doughnuts and an artistic apple cake. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Steak \$14-\$56. 707 N. Wells St., 312-600-6305. — P.V.*

**Il Porcellino** ★ Take Italian-American food, make it with top-notch ingredients and finish with bargain prices (for the neighborhood, at least). That's the recipe for the latest from Melman siblings RJ, Jerrod and Molly, overseen by chef Doug Psaltis. Housemade pastas, \$17 or less, are the stars, particularly the gnocchi Bolognese. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Pastas \$15-\$17, entrees \$22-\$30. 59 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-0800. — P.V.*

### NOBLE SQUARE

**Temporis** ★★★ Two young veterans of Les Nomades run this 20-seat dining room

in Noble Square. From the outside, it's barely noticeable as a restaurant; inside, you'll be delighted by courses like rabbit three ways (rack, tandoori-spiced loin, confit leg) and foie gras ice cream domes sprinkled with guava salt, all part of a 10-course, \$125 menu. Hidden downstairs, a hydroponic garden supplies chefs with microgreens and other basement-to-table goodies. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 933 N. Ashland Ave., 773-697-4961. — P.V.*

### NORTH CENTER

**Kitsune** ★★★ This latest effort from Elizabeth chef/owner Iliana Regan is, like every other concept she's opened, intimate, highly personal and as adorably precious as the cartoon-y figurines she employs as decoration. The 24-seat spot offers dishes rooted in Japanese flavors, but incorporating the local, foraged ingredients Regan is known for. For example, chawanmushi, a savory Japanese custard, comes with shredded Jonah crabmeat and overlapping coins of local radish. Don't miss the thickly sliced porridge bread served with house-cultured butter. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$26. 4229 N. Lincoln Ave., no phone. — P.V.*

### PILSEN

**HaiSous** ★★★ It may seem odd to travel to Pilsen to experience Chicago's best

Vietnamese restaurant. You'll get over it. At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliché-free menu. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$25. 1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. — P.V.*

### RAVENSWOOD

**Band of Bohemia** ★★★ In a sprawling brewery loaded with offbeat furnishings, find a menu so focused on suds that appetizers are listed by beer match. Yet there is also a great wine list to browse, not to mention forward-thinking dishes (vegetables get exceptionally good care here). This place does a lot of things well. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710. — P.V.*

### RIVER NORTH

**Arbella** Drinks reign at the latest project from the team behind Peruvian powerhouse Tanta. The menu is divided by country or region; mezcal plays heavily into drinks in the Mexico section, while you'll find pisco and rum in Cuba. The short list of food hops around the globe, too. But beware: Cobbling together enough small plates for a meal can be deceptively expensive. *Open: Dinner and late night daily. Prices: \$8-\$15. 112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-*

6654. — N.K.

**Beacon Tavern** ★★ This project by Billy Lawless (The Gage, The Dawson) is tucked into a plaza just west of the Wrigley Building. Seafood is a focus, with shrimp toast coated in truffle butter and a prawn salad that pops thanks to peppadew peppers, but there's also a towering burger. Don't skip the cheddar bay biscuits, a tongue-in-cheek homage to Red Lobster. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$12-\$40. 405 N. Wabash Ave., 312.955.4226. — P.V.*

**Boarding House** ★★★ There are cute touches on the menu here, such as fried polenta planks, but chef Tanya Baker's best efforts are marvels of seamlessly matching flavors, such as honey-glazed chicken with Calabrian chilies. Owner and master sommelier Alpana Singh naturally offers a stellar wine list. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$34. 720 N. Wells St., 312-280-0720. — P.V.*

**Dolce Italian** ★★ A little bit of South Beach shows up in River North with the opening of Dolce Italian, a concept that originated in Miami. Thin, Roman-style pizzas are a strength, along with pastas (such as a sweet-pea tortelli). *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$19-\$39. 127 W. Huron St., 312-754-0700. — P.V.*

**Katana** ★★★ A concept that originated on LA's Sunset Strip, Katana combines nightclubby visuals with ambitious, high-level cooking, highlighted by the dishes emerging from the sushi and robata bars. The a la carte menu offers a dizzying array of choices, and one can opt for an omakase (chef's choice) menu for \$175. Beverage options are long and deep, including an impressive sake selection curated by manager (and "sake sommelier") Dila Lee. General manager and veteran Chicago restaurateur Jason Chan puts a local face on what might otherwise seem like an imported operation. *Open: Dinner daily. 339 N. Dearborn St., 312-877-5544. — P.V.*

**Portsmith** ★★★ The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrug-worthy restaurants over the years, but in Portsmith, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group (Homestead on the Roof, Steadfast, more), the Dana has a restaurant worthy of attention. New England native Nate Henssler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crabmeat-stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — P.V.*

**River Roast** ★★ Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. *Open: Dinner daily,*



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**Chef Stephanie IZARD at her restaurant Duck Duck Goat.**

*lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$25, entrees-for-two \$39-\$42. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — P.V.*

**Texican** ★★ This restaurant from chef Kim Dalton, formerly of Dodo, brands itself as Tex-Mex, but it isn't what you think. Take the Texican King Ranch casserole, a soulful lasagna with crispy layers of El Milagro tortilla sandwiching perfectly braised chicken breast; or the breakfast tacos that overflow with creamy scrambled egg curds and salty bits of queso fresco. The chili, made from top round and five different chiles, is the best I've had in Chicago. *Open: Breakfast and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$7.50-\$10. 869 N. Larrabee St., 312-877-5441. — M.N.*

### SOUTH LOOP

**Acadia** ★★★★★ Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters, chicken wings and a seriously good burger. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu \$115, 10-course \$175. 1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

### WEST LOOP

**Bad Hunter** ★★ Greens and grains rule at

this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$20. 802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — P.V.*

**Blackbird** ★★★★★ Paul Kahan's masterpiece offers both an a la carte menu and a tasting menu (9 or 10 courses). The latter, which is built around a single animal and changes monthly, offers the best insight into the chef's art. Pastry chef Nicole Guini's sweets follow seamlessly. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$30-\$42, tasting menu about \$115. 619 W. Randolph St., 312-715-0708. — P.V.*

**Bonci** ★★ This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust that's topped with hundreds of different high quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. While serving some of the best pizza in Chicago, this is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. *Open: Lunch and dinner seven days a week. 161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — N.K.*

**City Mouse** ★★ From the team that created Giant, in Logan Square, comes this casual, brunch and dinner restaurant in the Ace Hotel in the Fulton Market District.

Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. The open-to-the-lobby is lively and loud, and there's a delightful outdoor patio equipped with fire pits. *Open: Brunch and dinner daily. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — P.V.*

**Cruz Blanca** ★★ Cooks heap freshly grilled meat and tortillas on a paper-covered platter for DIY assembly at Rick Bayless's long-awaited taqueria. The spot is also a brewery with food-friendly beers. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$13. 904 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975. — N.K.*

**Duck Duck Goat** ★★★ Reservations stretch months in advance for a shot at Stephanie IZARD's sometimes playful, always balanced Chinese plates. Noodle dishes are a must, and the Peking duck is among the city's best. Cocktails are excellent, which is fortunate, because you'll have one or two if you walk in without a reservation (not a bad strategy). *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$58. 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825. — P.V.*

**Elske** ★★★ Danish is more a state of mind

than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Fans of David Posey's work at Blackbird will find his creativity flowing freely. Choose the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$80; a la carte dishes \$15-\$22. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — P.V.*

**La Josie** ★★ The kitchen is led by executive Saul Chavez, a Mercadito vet. He and his crew dish up supple, house-made tortillas that waft splendid corn perfume. The fillings include a silky veal cheek barbacoa and tender cochinita pibil, featuring a sinus-clearing habanero salsa that gives you a serious chile high. The carbon-flecked al pastor is crispy, juicy and riddled with smoky pineapple. It has a serious case for best al pastor in Chicago. Guacamole, too, is inspired. Chef/owner Pepe Barajas is not yet a big star just yet, but his vision and execution of a gourmet Mexican experience on Randolph means he's about to be a household name. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday, weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$35. 740 W. Randolph St., 312-929-2900. — M.N.*

**The Loyalist** ★★ One flight below the acclaimed Smyth restaurant lurks John and Karen Shields' more casual spot. It's dark enough to work as a lounge and offers a menu deep enough to entertain serious diners. Start with biscuits with 'nduja butter, and know that the cheeseburger might be the best of its kind in Chicago. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$27. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3774. — P.V.*

**Smyth** ★★★★★ This is a triumphant homecoming for chefs John and Karen Shields, who worked together at Charlie Trotter's before making a name for themselves in Virginia. Choose between the 8- or 12-course menu (\$135 and \$195, respectively) and sit back for an onslaught of dishes of extraordinary complexity. It's a joyous experience. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3773. — P.V.*

## WEST TOWN

**Arami** ★★★ The reverence with which sushi chefs handle rice here is reason enough to visit, but this is one of the rare Japanese restaurants in which the hot dishes are even better than the sushi. Pay attention to the cocktail list, and don't skip the black-sesame shortbread and salted-miso ice cream sandwich. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Maki rolls and entrees \$15-\$17. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535. — P.V.*

**Beatnik** Beatnik is a study in texture. From the exuberantly ornate dining room to the best dishes on the menu, the West Town restaurant delights in serving up layers upon layers of style. When it works, it jives. Kick off your meal with beet hummus that sparks of citrus zest and dusky notes of



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The animeelle dish at Animale.

clove, offset by the crunch of fried chickpeas and the salty tang of blue cheese. Other highlights included a side of broccolini, which combined fish sauce, puffed rice and pomegranate seeds to offer a smoky, umami crunch and curry meatballs, served on a pillow of mashed peas and punctuated with a nice dose of heat. *Open: dinner and late night, Tuesday through Sunday. Prices: \$9 to \$30 for shareables. 1604 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4945. — Jennifer Day*

**Boeufhaus** ★★ Five of the seven entrees involve slab beef cooked in cast iron pans, but calling Boeufhaus a mere steakhouse might be an oversimplification. Chef Brian Ahern takes French and German influences to create a variety of dishes with finesse. Yet the steaks are indeed the standouts, in particular the 55-day dry-aged rib-eye. *Open: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$26-\$60. 1012 N. Western Ave., 773-661-2116. — K.P.*

**Flip Burger** Chicago is in the midst of a burger renaissance. Arguably, this era was kick-started by the Au Cheval burger — before closing for renovations, it inspired hours-long waits. If you don't want to wait

or you only want to drop \$9.05 on a burger of similar quality, Flip is the place for you. The basic "Flip" burger has a brioche bun featuring an egg-wash lacquer so shiny that it channels the hood of a showroom Porsche. In between that bun is a double patty made from ground short rib and chuck griddled on a flat top to medium rare. Is it Chicago's best burger? Maybe. *Open 4-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Prices: Burgers from \$9. 1141 N. Ashland Ave.; no phone. — M.N.*

## Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar

★★ Chef Guy Meikle is out to take the mystery, and sticker shock, away from caviar in this Humboldt Park spot. More than a half-dozen roes are available each day, costing as little as \$10 for an a la carte nibble to \$145 for a full-blown platter of osetra, whitefish and tobikko caviars with accompaniments. Elsewhere on the menu you'll find odes to Eastern Europe fare, including pierogi and pelmeni dumplings, pork goulash and roast duck with Czech bread dumplings. Partner Jan Henrichsen created the fascinating wine list (which sources from Croatia, Slovenia and the Republic of Georgia, among other regions)

and the whimsical, seasonal cocktail menu. Pastry chef Alan Krueger veers from rustic (hand pies) to creative (popcorn semifreddo) to classic (souffles). *Open: Dinner daily, brunch weekends; entrees \$16-\$35. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577; heritage-chicago.com — P.V.*

**Tempesta** ★★ Everything about Tempesta Market in West Town packs a punch. The shop has room for only a deli counter, a couple of refrigerated cases of food and a few tables, but the owners have stuffed it to the breaking point with a staggering amount of meat, cheese, gelato and other goods. Tempesta is taking 'nduja — a spreadable spicy sausage made by the other family business, 'Nduja Artisans in Franklin Park — along with other fine cured meats at its disposal, and crafting some of the best sandwiches in Chicago, like the Dante, which features 6 different kinds of meat. *Open: Daily, lunch and dinner. Prices: Sandwiches \$10-\$13. 1372 W. Grand Ave., 312-929-2551. — N.K.*

## WICKER PARK / BUCKTOWN

**Animale** Conceived by Italian-trained chef Cameron Grant and owner Aldo Zaninotto (both of Logan Square's Osteria Langhe), Animale traffics in meat. You'll find so-called "off cuts"—sweetbreads, tripe and oxtail, for example—next to a smattering of lovely pastas and sandwiches. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$11-\$44. 1904 N. Western Ave., 872-315-3912. — Joseph Hernandez*

**The Delta** Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales, a distinct style that, if it weren't completely obvious by now, originated in the Mississippi Delta (basically, the northwest part of that state). They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. The regular red hot tamales (\$5) come three to an order and are astoundingly tender, all without a trace of grittiness, each morsel soaked in a spicy red tomato and chile broth. Also checkout the catfish (grilled not fried), which is finished with coriander, parsley, dill, tarragon, chives and marjoram, herbs that bring freshness and depth to the dish. *Open dinner and late night, daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — N.K.*

**Pork & Mindy's** Jeff Mauro, the star of "Sandwich King" on Food Network, picked his native Chicago for his first restaurant; more likely than not, he'll be the guy taking your order or making your meal. A lineup of sandwiches feature smoked meats, house-made sauces and Pig Candy, Mauro's name for brown-sugar-glazed bacon. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Sandwiches \$8 and up. 1623 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-799-8759. — Marissa Conrad*

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## What to do this week in Chicago

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

### THURSDAY

**The Locketeer** 8 p.m., *Trap Door Theatre*, 1655 W. Cortland Ave., \$20-\$25, 773-384-0494

**Steve Winwood** 8 p.m., *The Chicago Theatre*, 175 N. State St., \$45-\$125, 312-462-6300

**Pillars of the Community** Adamson's acclaimed adaptation of the 1877 Ibsen play tells the story of the return of a fugitive brother that puts the future of wealthy businessman Karsten Bernick in peril. 8 p.m., *Strawdog Theatre*, 1802 W. Berenice Ave., \$18-\$40

**I Sh\*t You Not** Live, monthly storytelling show featuring comedians, storytellers and regular people sharing their most embarrassing tales of failed restraint and bodily blunders. 8 p.m., *Township*, 2200 N. California Ave., \$5 (online); \$10 (door), 773-384-1865

**Architects** With influences ranging from Hatebreed to Shadows Fall to the Dillinger Escape Plan, Brighton, England's Architects play a complex mixture of metalcore, death and math metal, laced with alternately violent and comedic lyrics. 5 p.m., *House of Blues*, 329 N. Dearborn St., \$24-\$30, 312-923-2000

**Tight Ship Comedy Late Show** Tight Ship is back for four fun shows while Riverview finishes renovations. Shows are on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and March 22 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The Line-Up has host Andrew Mahar, featuring: Meredith Kachel, Luke Nueman, Tim Smith and Kahlil Wilson. Headliner: Joe Kilgallon. Musical guest: Comfort Zone. The \$5 online tickets include a domestic beer. 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., *The Butcher's Tap*, 3553 N. Southport Ave., \$5 online tickets; \$10 at door

### FRIDAY

**Five Mile Lake** 8 p.m., *Theater Wit*, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., \$35, 773-770-0333

**Hatfield and McCoy** On the border of Kentucky and West Virginia, North and South, fact and fiction, two cabins both alike in dignity wage a whip-smart war of words and bullets. "Hatfield and McCoy" tells the true tale of the most infamous family feud in American history. Set at the close of the Civil War, a battle of Us vs. Them catches two young lovers in a deadly cycle of violence. 7:30 p.m., *Chopin Theatre*, 1543 W. Division St., \$20-\$50, 773-769-3832

**Cam Baby, a world premiere** This is a rich comedy that explores privacy and the complexity of relationships, like Clara and Tim's, in the digital era. "Cam Baby" begs the question: What does it mean to truly know someone in an age of social media



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### 'Hatfield and McCoy.'

and surveillance? 7:30 p.m., *Flat Iron Arts Building*, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$15-\$22, 201-315-9496

**Celebrating David Bowie:** 7:30 p.m., *Vic Theatre/Brew & View*, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave., \$35-\$135, 773-472-0449

**Smut - A Live Comedy Experience:** Smut is a live comedy experience and aims to celebrate sexuality in every form. This late-night variety show is a kinky, campy, over-the-top spectacle, with Alex Seligsohn and Clare Austen-Smith hosting. Age restriction: 18 years and over, with two drink minimum per person (can be non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverage). 11:30 p.m., *Laugh Factory*, 3175 N. Broadway, \$17 and 2 items, 773-327-3175

**The Great Show-Down** Hosted by a different character every week, The Great Show-Down sees a group of six comedians get whittled down by the audience until only one remains standing. 10 p.m., *Laugh Out Loud Improv Theater*, 3851 N. Lincoln Ave., \$12 adults; \$5 students, 773-857-6000

**Nice Girl** Directed by Lauren Shouse. Josephine has a dead-end job, still lives with her mother and has settled into the uncomfortable comfort of being single at age 37. But when she's given the possibility of change, she takes tentative steps towards a new life. A play about the difficulties and joys of figuring out who you are and letting go of who you were supposed to be. 7:30

p.m., *Raven Theatre*, 6157 N. Clark St., \$29-\$46, 773-338-2177

### SATURDAY

**African Film Festival** Escape the noise and clutter of the world to immerse yourself in African cinema that features a special mix of films showcasing authors from Africa and the diaspora. 6 p.m., *Columbia College Third Floor Theatre*, 1104 S. Wabash Ave., free

**Hint** It's 1922, and a remote community in Bavaria is reeling in the aftermath of World War I. Gender roles are shifting, a generation gap is emerging and farmers are battling poverty in the shadow of a growing urban Intelligentsia. Inspired by a chilling and true unsolved crime, "Hint" is a darkly comic thriller. 8 p.m., *Steep Theatre*, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave., \$10-\$38, 773-649-3186

**Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds** 8 p.m., *The Chicago Theatre*, 175 N. State St., \$42-\$77.50, 312-462-6300

**Liberators: An American Musical** "Liberators: An American Musical" is a perfectly timed, tearjerking depiction of action told over a 70-year time span in America. 3 p.m., *The Greenhouse Theater Center*, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., see website for ticketing, 209-499-8327

**Hedda! A Musical Conversation** One-woman musical written and performed by

Jillann Gabriele. "Hedda! A Musical Conversation" takes place in the living room of Hedda Hopper, the hat-crazed gossip columnist and political pundit of Hollywood's Golden Age. Through a series of lively phone conversations, 13 clever and engaging songs and chats with the audience, Gabrielle brings Hedda's story from her Quaker upbringing, to her run as an MGM bit player, to her meteoric rise as a columnist. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., *Athenaeum Theatre*, 2936 N. Southport Ave., \$32; \$27 students and seniors, 773-935-6875

**Middle East Music Ensemble: The Persian Concert** UChicago's own 45-piece Middle East Music Ensemble perform under the direction of Wanees Zarour. Hear their best classics and hits of Persian music. Guest vocalists and instrumentalists enhance the verve of this popular event. The Persian Concert also is performed on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. in the Logan Center. 7 p.m., *University of Chicago's Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts*, 915 E 60th St., free, 773-702-8068

### SUNDAY

**Machinal** This 1928 play is loosely based on and inspired by the real-life case of convicted and executed murderer Ruth Snyder. Written by Sophie Treadwell, the play deals with feminism, victimization and mental torture exacerbated by yellow journalism. 2 p.m., *Newhart Family Theatre*,

Loyola University, 1020 W. Sheridan Road, \$10-\$20, 773-508-8400

**4.48 Psychosis** Sarah Kane's beautifully dark 80-minute play explores the mind of a woman on the brink of suicide as she ferociously battles depression. "4.48 Psychosis" may initially shock and offend, but its stark poetry, evocative imagery and message will linger in your mind long after. 3 p.m., Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., \$15-\$20, 773-327-5252

**Chicago Musical Theatre Festival** See seven full-length musicals and two staged readings from a large number of submissions during the fourth annual installment of this musical theater showcase. Noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., \$20, 773-404-7336

**The Garbo the Musical** Greta Garbo was considered by many to be the greatest film actress of all time. A worldwide phenomenon in her glory days, she shunned the limelight. She retired from the screen at the age of 35 and eventually became a recluse in Manhattan. Set in the mid-1970s the musical finds her in the middle of a nightmare with two of her obsessed long-term lovers: the Spanish-American poet Mercedes de Acosta and the acid-tongued, witty Cecil Beaton. 2 p.m., Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., \$32; \$27 students and seniors, 773-935-6875

**The Vagina Melodies** Yes she can! Rosie the Riveter is back and even more ready to host an evening of fighting the patriarchy, menstrual cramps and Tinder! Get ready to learn about current feminist/LGBTQ issues through song and dance with the best musical parodies of 2018! This cast harmoniously gives women the voice and the vocals, providing you with a relevant and gut-busting evening of comedy. 6 p.m., The Cornservatory, 4210 N. Lincoln Ave., \$10-\$15, 773-650-1331

## MONDAY

**Steve Earle** 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph St., \$50, 312-733-9463

**Ice Skating in Millennium Park** Practice your figure eights on the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink. Rink open weather permitting. Lessons are available, see website for times. Noon, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St., free, 312-742-5222

**The Madwoman of Chaillot** Jean Giraudoux's satiric comedy reveals a plot by a group of corrupt business executives to dig up the streets of Paris, so they can pump oil that they believe lies beneath. Their plot is challenged by the titular "Madwoman," the eccentric Countess Aurelia, an idealist who resolves to fight back and rescue humanity from the scheming and corrupt developers with the help of her fellow outcasts and her fellow madwomen. 7 p.m., Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., \$27; \$22 seniors



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The sledding hill at Dan Ryan Woods.

(65+); \$17 students/children, 773-935-6875

**Student Jam** A night for Annoyance students to jam. 9:30 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., free, 773-697-9693

## TUESDAY

**Chicago Underground Comedy:** Original stand up performed by a weekly group of rotating comics. 9:30 p.m., Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., \$5, 773-281-4444

**The Second City's Fast, Loud & Funny** Second City is proud to present Millennial social media dilemmas, D-bags on dates and auto-tuned relationships. 7 p.m., Up Comedy Club, 230 W. North Ave., General Admission: \$26, Premium Rail Seat: \$36, 312-662-4562

**The Sheepdogs** 8 p.m., Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave., \$15, 773-525-2501

**The Noise Presents Sabaton & Kreator:** The new album "The Last Stand" is another unquestionable and bulletproof evidence of Sabaton's top class abilities and it will be followed by the band's most gigantic world tour to date. 6 p.m., House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., \$35-\$100, 312-923-2000

## WEDNESDAY

**You Got Older** 7:30 p.m., Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., \$20-\$89, 312-335-1650

**Eidola** 6:30 p.m., Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave., \$12, 773-278-6600

**Tenx9 Chicago** Tenx9 is a monthly community storytelling night where nine people have up to 10 minutes each to tell a real story from their lives. 7 p.m., Kibbitznest's Books, Brews & Blarney, 2212 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, free

**Southern Gothic** Written by Leslie Liautaud and directed by David H. Bell, "Southern Gothic" gives audiences the opportunity to be a "fly on the wall" at a cocktail party in Ashford, Ga. in the 1960s. Here there are four couples who gather together, but as the evening progresses, tensions rise and longtime relationships are tested. Audience size limited to 25. 7:30 p.m., Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road, \$65-\$85, 773-891-8985

**The SFN Stuff Show** Stir Friday Night presents "The SFN Stuff Show!" The 23-year-old Asian-American comedy troupe features a crazy eclectic myriad of scripted materials ranging from sketches, stand-up, storytelling, plays and a bunch of stuff. Each week is a brand new show. 9:30 p.m., The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693

## Chicago's best dance parties

We've compiled some of our favorite dance parties — including some inclusive options — throughout the city.

**Windy City Soul Club** Windy City Soul Club has taken up residence once a month at the Empty Bottle for the last nine years, making it one of the longest-running parties in the city. WCSC focuses on northern soul from the '60s and '70s, largely pulled from the Chicago area and classic labels like Vee-Jay or Chess records. Not only does that inject a bit of timeless local flavor to the party, but it also fosters an evening ripe for discovering some unknown gems. Saturdays monthly at Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave., windycitysoulclub.com

**Femme's Room** Femme's Room takes over Berlin Nightclub once per month, offering a celebration of queer and femme culture that also showcases local artists that might

be otherwise overlooked: "alternative DJs, performance artists, dancers, queens and punks," per the party's Facebook page. Everyone is invited, but Berlin isn't the place to be shy, so make sure you wear your dancing shoes. Oh, and probably a strong 'fit too — Femme's Room guests don't mess around with their stylish vibrance. Monthly at Berlin Nightclub, 954 W. Belmont Ave., facebook.com/femmesroom

**DURO** Another party aimed at being inclusive, DURO welcomes everyone but pulls a playlist that focuses on Latinx dance music, making for a floor full of furious feet during its Wednesday night appointments at Berlin. DURO is one of the city's newer parties, having celebrated its two-year anniversary in October. But creator Jesus Plaza was a longtime performer at Berlin before the party became official, and DURO has since grown to be a hopping party for all persons of color as well as LGBTQ persons. Wednesdays biweekly at Berlin Nightclub, 954 W. Belmont Ave., berlinchicago.com

**Bump & Grindcore** The secondary title for Bump & Grindcore probably does the best job of explaining and selling the dance party. "An R&B Sex Jams Dance Party." Hosted monthly at Beauty Bar, Bump & Grindcore touts a different musician during every party, picking one favorite and crafting an evening of grooves from their catalogue. Greats like Whitney Houston, Britney Spears and Amy Winehouse get spins at these parties, so pick a favorite and check it out. Monthly at Beauty Bar, 1444 W. Chicago Ave., facebook.com/bumpandgrindcore

**Aux Cord DJs** Armed with only their setlists and an aux cord (yes, that one), Aux Cord DJs is something like the everyman of dance parties. It aims for "breaking down the barriers to DJing with nothing but an aux cord and good taste," making it sort of like a house party away from home, only with someone you can actually trust to handle the playlist. To make good on this promise, Aux Cord DJs is usually led by someone involved in the music scene in Chicago: party hosts, writers, musicians and more. Dates and locations vary, auxcorddjs.com

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## Movie listings

Want to catch something on the big screen this weekend? Here's what's in theaters from blockbusters to independent films.

## OPENING

**Annihilation** Natalie Portman stars as a scientist leading a team of researchers into the dangerous Area X, where previous volunteers have suffered bad consequences. Gina Rodriguez, Oscar Isaac and Tessa Thompson also star.

**Game Night** A group of friends must solve a kidnapping that may or may not be real during their regular game night. Jesse Plemons, Rachel McAdams and Kyle Chandler star.



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'Annihilation.'

## NOW PLAYING

**12 Strong** ★★½ No war movie can tell more than one primary story and a few underneath that one. "12 Strong" sticks to the basics, without much interest in the differentiating specifics of the men involved, or anything on a geopolitical scale beyond the impulse these Special Forces veterans shared in the wake of 9/11. It seems to me a qualified, limited success. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

**15:17 to Paris** ★½ Clint Eastwood's "The 15:17 to Paris" may be the first film from Eastwood that lacks a sense of direction. The docudrama follows three young Americans, friends since childhood, who thwarted a 2015 terrorist attack on a train bound for Paris. They encounter a terrorist, Ayoub El Khazzani, an apparent ISIS loyalist. It's the last thing he wanted, I'm sure, but Eastwood's latest ends up feeling like a stunt. We love stories of real-life heroics and grace under lethal pressure. But we need them to be more than the sum of their intentions. — *M.P.*

**All the Money in the World** ★★ In 1973, 16-year-old John Paul Getty III, the grandson of the richest man in human history at the time, was walking alone in Rome when a van full of Calabrian kidnapers grabbed him and sped off. The Mafia extortionists holding the teenager captive initially set the ransom at \$17 million. But Paul's mother, Abigail (Gail) Harris, didn't have it. And when she approached her ex-father-in-law J. Paul, he declined. The story here is really Gail's story, more so than Paul's or J. Paul's. The excellent Michelle Williams makes her an intriguing, cagey insider/outsider within this realm of the super-rich. — *M.P.*

**Black Panther** ★★½ "Black Panther" in brief: Wakanda was blessed by a magical substance called vibranium. The metal provides superhuman ability, and turns the king of the moment into Black Panther. King T'Chaka expires and his son, T'Challa, is crowned. There are two antagonists: Andy Serkis is vibranium fanatic Ulysses Klaue, and Michael B. Jordan is the American black ops ace known as Killmonger. He's got ambitions for the throne, and a belief in getting stunningly advanced weaponry in the hands of oppressed people of color throughout the world. May Marvel learn its lesson from "Black Panther": When a movie like this ends up feeling both personal and vital, you've done something right. — *M.P.*

**Call Me by Your Name** ★★½ "Call Me by Your Name" is about being 17. Timothee Chalamet stars as Elio Perlman, the son of an American professor (Michael Stuhlbarg). Each summer, Professor Perlman and his wife, Annella (Amira Casar), host a graduate student to help with research. This year's recruit, Oliver, played by Armie Hammer, rates as a standout. Elio's embarking on an affair with a local girl (Esther Garrel), but Oliver presents a problem he cannot solve. Is the grad student toying with the professor's son? Is he gay? What's his story? We learn a few things, but Oliver by design remains an attractive abstraction. This is a very, very good film devoted to love, and to forestalling the cure permanently. — *M.P.*

**Coco** ★★★ As with "Inside Out," the emotional climax delivers a strong impact, without bathos. And I've rarely seen a more exquisitely detailed piece of Pixar character animation than 97-year-old Mama Coco, a beatific wonder. "Coco" may

not reach the Pixar heights, but there's an upside to its narrative density and elaborations: Since the movie's beautiful, a second viewing will not be difficult. — *M.P.*

**The Commuter** ★★½ There's a moment in "The Commuter" when the newly unemployed insurance salesman and former cop played by Liam Neeson is informed that his adversaries will be coming after his wife and son. Have these fools not seen the "Taken" movies? Don't they realize that such a threat is simply going to make Liam Neeson mad? This is the fourth teaming of Neeson and director Jaume Collet-Serra, men who have made millions racing against the clock. "The Commuter" is one of those movies with good things going in one direction, and cheesy things going in the other. The movie goes off the rails somewhat before the train does, but the star gives it the ol' Liam Neeson, which Liam Neeson can do better than anybody. — *M.P.*

**Darkest Hour** ★★★ In "Darkest Hour," a dramatization of a few key weeks in the life of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Gary Oldman — barely recognizable, supremely vital — isn't just eating; he's feasting. A top-of-the-line visual concealment allows Goldman to put all his evident research to good use. "Darkest Hour" depicts Churchill's life in 1940, as the newly installed prime minister succeeds Conservative Party statesman Neville Chamberlain (Ronald Pickup, glowering over his mustache) amid the Nazi ravaging of Europe. Everyone's having a discreet ball portraying the private side of highly public figures in crisis. And it's a nostalgic glimpse of political life before Twitter, a time before our own, when world leaders (one in particular) fiddle while nations burn. — *M.P.*

**Den of Thieves** ★★½ In our current slew of 2½-star movies, “Den of Thieves” rates as the most curious tug-of-war, yanked back and forth between what works and what doesn’t. It’s a sidwinding but often suprisingly effective LA crime thriller. It’s also saddled with the wrong leading man in Gerard Butler. — *M.P.*

**The Disaster Artist** ★★★ Director James Franco has made “The Disaster Artist,” a movie about the making of the flop/hit “The Room” and a genial if strangely mild ode to dreamers and strivers everywhere. If you’ve seen “The Room” (and, yes, you should), part of the payoff of Franco’s film comes in the re-creations of scenes from the source. Dave Franco, brother of James, plays Greg, the un-enigmatic opposite of Tommy. What fun there is in “The Disaster Artist” comes primarily from James Franco’s version of Wiseau, the enigma of probable Polish extraction. James Franco clearly adores his subject, and the cast brings an *esprit de crud* to the material, notably Ari Graynor (very good as a not-very-good actress). Should newcomers to this particular cinematic phenomenon see “The Room” first? Yes. Seeing “The Disaster Artist” is less crucial to their camp education. — *M.P.*

**Downsizing** ½ Director Alexander Payne came up short whether trying to make social commentary, dealing with political satire or attempting just to be funny. The film is a massively muddled mess of ideas that might have made more of an impact if Matt Damon’s performance wasn’t so painfully bland. It probably wouldn’t have mattered with another actor, but it sure couldn’t have hurt. — *Rick Bentley, Tribune News Service*

**Fifty Shades Freed** ★★ In “Fifty Shades Freed,” Seattle book editor Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson) has managed to pin down her dom daddy Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) — in holy matrimony. The plot involves Anastasia’s former boss, Jack Hyde (Eric Johnson), seeking revenge on the recently married couple. He was fired after attempting to sexually assault Ana, but it turns out he’s got a much longer history with the Grey family than they thought. The dom-sub thing extends too far, as Christian controls every aspect of Ana’s everyday life. She exchanges her freedom for this fantasy life of preposterous wealth. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

**The Greatest Showman** ★½ This musical biopic of circus impresario P.T. Barnum is a profoundly confused and muddled film, with a story that’s at once too thin and too busy, a period piece making a halfhearted gesture toward modern-day values, with everything pasted into place using a mixture of frantic pop music and Hugh Jackman’s flop sweat. The story follows the rise of Barnum (Jackman), a dreamer always trying to improve his station in life. He risks it all on a show, turning his museum



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Dakota Johnson and Jaime Dornan in ‘Fifty Shades Freed.’

of oddities into a live freak show with animals, acrobatics, song and dance. — *K.W.*

**Hostiles** ★★½ The time is 1892. Christian Bale plays a U.S. Army captain who has seen much slaughter in the wars against the Native American tribes. The film follows a journey north as the bigoted Capt. Joseph Blocker and his men escort a long-imprisoned and now dying Cheyenne war chief, played by Wes Studi, to his ancestral homeland. There, surrounded by his family, Yellow Hawk hopes to die with some measure of peace on his soul. The film starts with an attack on white settlers that leaves a homestead in flames and Rosalee Quaid, played by Rosamund Pike, crazed with grief. Discovered en route to Montana by Blocker and company, Quaid joins the men on the trail north. Fans of old-school, racist Westerns may roll their eyes at Blocker’s preposterous change of heart. — *M.P.*

**I, Tonya** ★★★ Margot Robbie, in the role of the disgraced Olympian competitive figure skater, glides past the drawbacks, as surely as she made “Suicide Squad” a little less awful every time she reentered the plot. She’s not alone in “I, Tonya.” As Tonya Harding’s fearsome mother, the crucible in which the champion skater’s killer instinct was forged, Allison Janney brings her own deadly instincts to the project. “I, Tonya” ventures past an empathetic portrait of this woman into transforming her into a mythic anti-heroine, whose warrior spirit cannot be vanquished. It’s all there in the mock heroics of the title, riffing on “I, Claudius.” — *M.P.*

**Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle** ★★½ How can you argue with a bunch of movie stars acting goofy and hawking a “believe in yourself” message? There are some odd beats and choices, but “Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle” probably doesn’t warrant that much scrutiny. Its surface pleasures

are strong enough. — *Lindsey Bahr, Associated Press*

**Lady Bird** ★★★★★ Watching “Lady Bird” is like flipping through a high school yearbook with an old friend, with each page leading to another anecdote, another sweet-and-sour memory. It’s a tonic to see any movie, especially in this late-Harvey Weinstein era, that does right by its female characters, that explores what it means to be a young woman on the cusp of adulthood, and that speaks the languages of sincerity and wit. As Wesley Morris noted recently in *The New York Times*: In the last 34 years, only two best-picture Oscar winners (“Terms of Endearment” and “Chicago”) featured two or more major female characters who actually talked to each other. I can think of one way to improve that record come early 2018. — *M.P.*

**Maze Runner: The Death Cure** ★★½ Thomas and his mates have survived the maze running conducted in the place known as The Glade. The Glade is overseen by WCKD. Patricia Clarkson and Aidan Gillen slink around searching for a cure to the global pandemic. This cure, we learn, has something to do with the blood of the uninfected maze survivors. A lot of the picture concerns the rescue of Thomas’ pal Minho (Ki Hong Lee) from WCKD headquarters in walled-off burg of The Last City. Each supporting character receives her/his proper sendoff, and among the film’s many endings you can pick the one you like. — *M.P.*

**Molly’s Game** ★★★ Like writer-director Aaron Sorkin’s Oscar-winning “Social Network” screenplay, “Molly’s Game” is a shrewd welter of flashbacks and present-day scenes. Everything builds to the moment when Molly (Jessica Chastain) determines whether to plead guilty to the feds’ charges. Along the way she locks horns and trades high-speed banter with her silky-

smooth attorney. Idris Elba is a godsend in this role, one that requires a fast mouth (it’s Sorkin), a lively wit and fire in the eyes. That last quality’s particularly helpful when there’s a ton of legalese to carve up and serve to the audience. — *M.P.*

**Peter Rabbit** ★★½ In the new “Peter Rabbit” adaptation, the animation technology is top-notch, but the spirit of Beatrix Potter’s books is subsumed into mayhem. It’s the story of rabbit Peter (James Corden), who can’t help but snack from Mr. McGregor’s garden. This version ups the ante in the Garden Wars, especially when Mr. McGregor (Sam Neill) dies, and his nephew Thomas (Domhnall Gleeson) comes to Windermere. Thomas, hoping to sell off his uncle’s property, finds the “vermin” have moved in. Peter takes the feud too far, and “Peter Rabbit” descends into violence, as poor Gleeson is pounded at the paws of the brutal bunnies. — *K.W.*

**The Post** ★★★ Katharine Graham (Meryl Streep), *The Washington Post*’s publisher and company president, must decide whether to risk incarceration by printing the first stories about the classified report on the lies behind the Vietnam War. The film begins in 1966, with Defense Department contractor Daniel Ellsberg in Vietnam. On a flight back to D.C., Ellsberg confers with Defense Secretary McNamara (Bruce Greenwood), who expresses frustration with the war in private. This is why Ellsberg leaked a copy of the Pentagon Pages to the *Post*’s national editor Ben Bagdikian (Bob Odenkirk). Most of the film unfolds in 1971, in the momentous week the Ellsberg treasure-trove fell into the *Post*’s hands. — *M.P.*

**Star Wars: The Last Jedi** ★★½ It’s a lot of movie, in a good way. Writer-director Rian Johnson, in his fourth feature and the first of what will be, for him, at least four “Star Wars” outings, has whipped up 152 minutes’ worth of pursuit, evasion, mayhem, team-building, explosions, nostalgia and, yes, wit (spoiler alert: actual wit). — *M.P.*

**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** ★★★ For a while it’s engaging but pretty thin. Then it gets more interesting, especially for the actors. Writer-director Martin McDonagh reveals characters to be more complicated than expected, and the exceptional ensemble works wonders to flesh out the people doing the avenging, so that it’s not just plot machinery and stick figures. — *M.P.*

**Winchester** ★½ Stars Helen Mirren as widow and heiress Sarah Winchester and Jason Clarke as the grief-addled San Francisco doctor hired by the Winchester company to assess Sarah’s mental stability and purge himself of his own supernatural hassles. “Winchester” isn’t very good. You’ve seen better. I can say that not knowing you personally. It’s simply a statistical likelihood. — *M.P.*



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**Aries** March 21-April 19

If you're single and hopelessly crushing on someone you know you can't have, you might sink deeper into your fantasy world this week. Although there is a time and place for healthy fantasy, it's possible that you're using this situation as a crutch to avoid getting out there and finding a relationship that you actually have to be in.



**Taurus** April 20-May 20

A dream come true in matters of the heart is possible for you this week! You might receive your most heartfelt wish either in love or from your partner on Wednesday. A dream lover might come into your life if you're single. If you're taken, then your sweetheart will enchant you, delight you and make you feel as if you've stepped into a real-life fairy tale.



**Gemini** May 21-June 20

An offer for your dream job or other opportunity might come your way, but you might quickly come down to earth when you notice that your partner isn't celebrating with you in the way you'd hope. In fact, he or she might appear annoyed or inconvenienced by your amazing news. Before you know it, this can deteriorate into a fiery argument.



**Cancer** June 21-July 22

Your spiritual ideals in your relationship can easily be fulfilled this week, much to your delight. By fostering a deeper connection to the divine and something larger than yourself and your relationship, you'll actually reinforce the very bond of unconditional love and acceptance the two of you are striving for. This can be a beautiful time where devotion, kindness and sentimental love emanate freely. Embrace it.



**Leo** July 23-Aug. 22

Sexual fantasies abound this week for you and your lover! This is not the time to be shy, Leo — not that this is ever a problem for you. But just in case you're feeling slightly reserved asking your lover to give you what you really want, the universe wants to cast away any doubt you might have. The only possible trouble you might have will be timing.



**Virgo** Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You're in for a delightfully romantic week! You and your partner will revere one another to such an extent that any of your individual flaws simply won't matter. You're not seeing a personality. You're not seeing a body. You're seeing each other's souls. And that is as beautiful as it gets.



**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 22

If you're starting to feel more of those flirty, romantic vibes from one of your coworkers this week the butterflies — and the confusion — might really set in. On one hand, you're flattered, and possibly even reciprocating the crush. On the other hand, however, you might feel extreme confusion about what you should do in this situation. Because of this, you should probably do nothing at all ... at least for this week.



**Scorpio** Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You're definitely one of the lucky ones this week when it comes to romance! Venus is still moving through your true love sector until March 6, inviting extraordinary support if you're already in a relationship to open your hearts up even wider. If you're single, this is a once-a-year transit that can easily introduce you to the next love of your life.



**Sagittarius** Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The closer you try to hold on to your partner this week to help you feel better about a domestic situation, the more likely you are to be disappointed. In fact, you might start to feel as if your partner is not communicating with you in the way you need him or her to. Dig deeper and remind your love how much you care.



**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Don't assume that your lover understands your inner dimensions, including your greatest hopes and dreams. By having an unrealistic expectation that your lover should have some type of telepathic connection to you, you're only setting yourself up for disappointment. Instead, this will be a week to look deeply into your sweetheart's eyes and tell him or her what makes your soul sing.



**Aquarius** Jan. 20-Feb. 18

One of your pals might try to shoot down your confidence as you attempt to pursue a new love interest. If this happens, try to figure out what his or her motive is before reacting. Although you don't want drama in the friendship department, it's very possible that you'll get some this week. Handle with care.



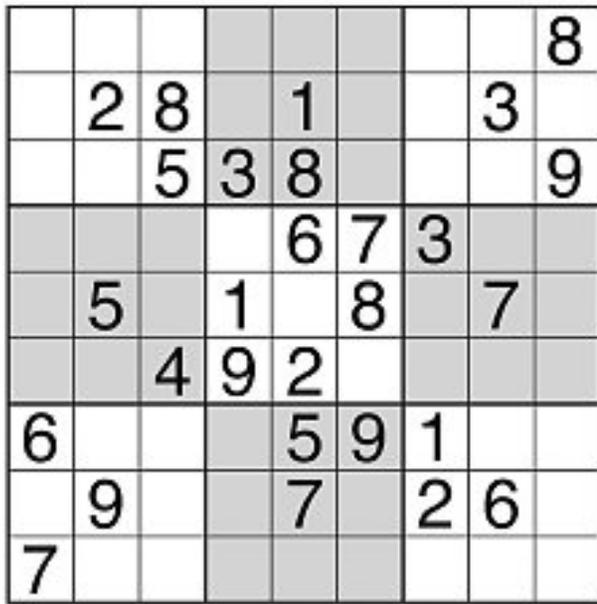
**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20

You've got some serious romantic mojo this week. In fact, it's as if you hold a magic wand and are capable of putting a spell on anyone you have your sights set on! The universe will encourage romantic fantasies to come true whether you're single or attached. If there's anyone out there with the power to live the dream right now, it's you. Treasure it!





PUZZLES FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



THURSDAY'S SOLUTIONS

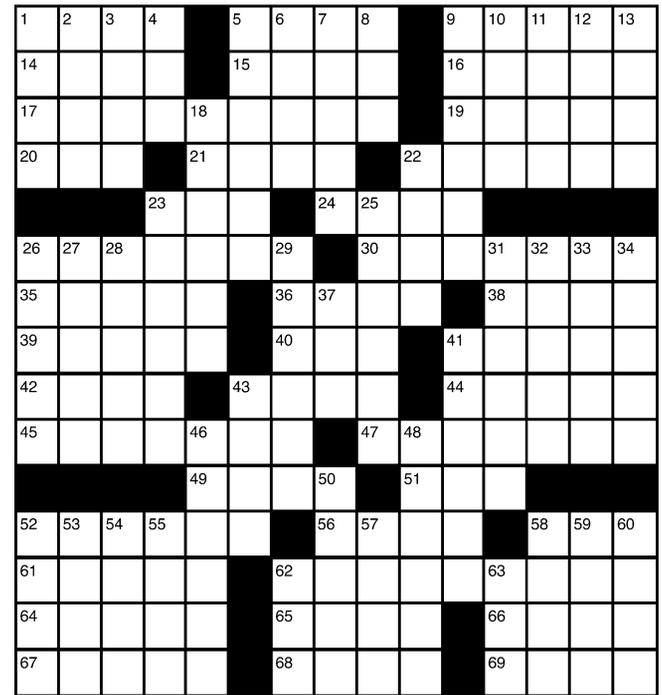


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- 1 Minimum ; lowest salary allowed by law
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- 15 Saint topper
- 16 Blazing
- 17 Carrot or celery
- 19 Julius Caesar or Nero
- 20 Feminine suffix
- 21 up; rebel
- 22 Walks leisurely
- 23 Mayo container
- 24 file; emery board
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- 40 1914-18 event: abbr.
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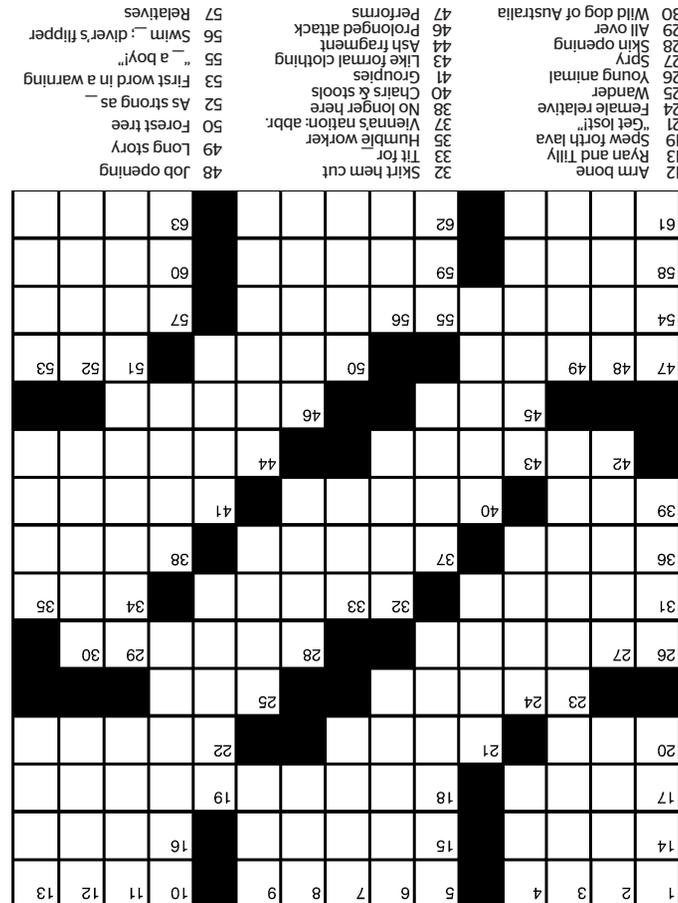
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- 4 Needle's hole
- 5 Dining room furniture
- 6 Popular dogs, familiarly
- 7 Woody or Tim
- 8 Misfortune
- 9 Early release
- 10 Eerie saucers, for short
- 11 U.S. coin
- 12 Hair color
- 13 Cravings



- 18 Sleazy
- 22 Deep mud
- 23 Actress Smith
- 25 Fesses up
- 26 Metal-headed golf clubs
- 27 Military award
- 28 Army chaplain
- 29 Elizabeth II's youngest son
- 31 Write with big awkward letters
- 32 Gravy
- 33 Go into
- 34 Walter & Rex Possess
- 41 Look leisurely in a bookstore
- 43 Lowly laborer
- 46 Is terrified of
- 48 Head ; boss
- 50 Walk off with
- 52 Captain in "Moby-Dick"
- 53 out; emerge
- 54 Consumer
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- 63 Director Lupino

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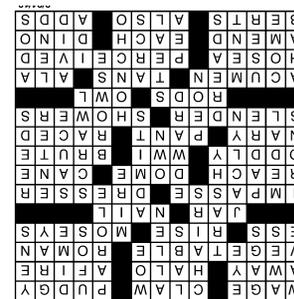
**1836:** The siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.  
**1945:** During World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised two American flags (the second flag-raising was captured in the iconic Associated Press photograph).  
**1954:** The first mass inoculation of schoolchildren against polio using the Salk vaccine began in Pittsburgh as some 5,000 students were vaccinated.



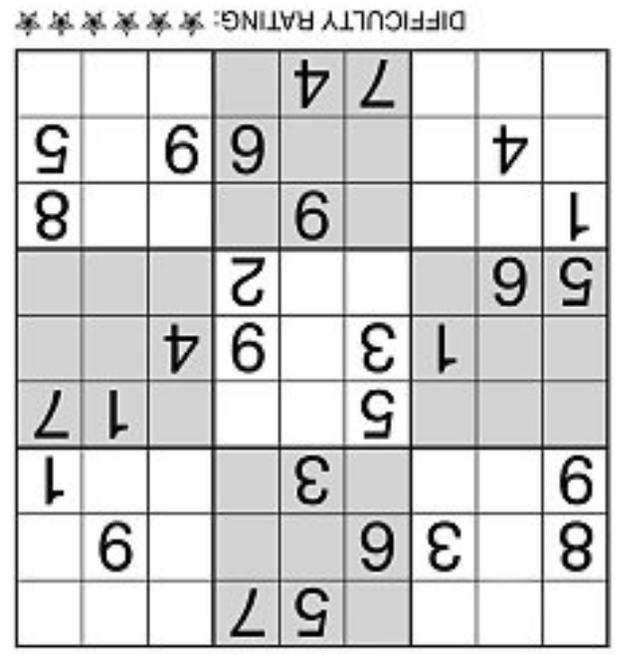
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**1920:** The German Workers Party, which later became the Nazi Party, met in Munich to adopt its platform.  
**1968:** "Fleetwood Mac," the group's debut album, was released in the United Kingdom on the Blue Horizon label.  
**1983:** A congressional commission released a report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II as a "grave injustice."

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PUZZLES FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

# cheat sheet

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Quick! Think of something interesting to say at dinner Friday night. If nothing's coming to you, here are your conversation starters for the weekend.



Chelsea Handler.

RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION/AP

## Chelsea Handler's weed line

Comedian and TV host **Chelsea Handler** is the latest celebrity jumping into California's now-fully-legal marijuana market. Handler posted a photo of herself at a pot farm on Instagram, saying she was doing her "due diligence" on the stuff. "I'm going to come out with my own line of weed, I decided. I want people to understand that you don't have to get blottoed," *Us Weekly* quoted Handler as saying on her Instagram story. "You can just get a little, nice buzz to take the edge off."



A Happy Meal.

ROGELIO SOLIS/AP

## McDonald's ditches cheeseburger Happy Meals

Prepare for another blow to your childhood, millennials: **McDonald's is removing cheeseburgers** from Happy Meals. It's part of a push to make its kids' food options more healthy, which also includes removing chocolate milk from the default set of choices. Both chocolate milk and cheeseburgers will still be available in Happy Meals by request.

## 'Shaq Fu' returns

Shaquille O'Neal will no longer be contained to his roles as NBA analyst, Icy Hot spokesman and sheriff's deputy: His 1994 video game, "Shaq Fu" is getting a reboot. The original game was a "Mortal Kombat" knockoff for Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis, but, y'know, with Shaq. In the new game's trailer, developer Wired Productions admits the original game "sucked really bad" but says the new game will be "better than the old one." **"Shaq Fu: A Legend Reborn"** is planned for this spring on PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and PC.



Shaquille O'Neal.

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## The digit: \$25 million

That's how much it would have cost Sony to buy the movie rights to nearly every single **Marvel character** in 1998, according to the *Wall Street Journal*. At the time, a young executive was tasked with acquiring just the rights to Spider-Man — and when he brought the offer for all the characters back to his bosses at Sony, was allegedly told "Nobody gives a shit about any of the other Marvel characters. Go back and do a deal for only Spider-Man." Disney later paid \$4 billion to buy Marvel Studios in 2010, after *Iron Man* and those other back-bench characters skyrocketed to success. *Box Office Mojo* reports Marvel Studios' films have now brought in more than \$25 billion.

## Wrigleyville Taco Bell replacement announced

The Wrigleyville Taco Bell's demise is nigh, and we finally have an idea of what might replace it: A climbing gym called **Planet Granite**. Renderings posted by Ald. Tom Tunney show a three-story building with multicolored climbing walls. The first floor appears to feature a couple of retail spaces — but a new Taco Bell is conspicuously absent.