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SKATING'S BIG NIGHT

Carpentersville figure skater Bradie Tennell, left, took to the ice late Thursday in the women's free skate, but the competition belonged to the two enthralling Russians who won gold and silver. **Chicago Sports**

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Trump pushes for arming teachers

Illinois educators dismiss 'insanity' of gun proposal

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY AND ROBERT MCCOPPIN
Chicago Tribune

Illinois teachers widely disagreed with the idea of arming educators with guns to prevent future school shootings, a strategy that President Donald Trump promoted in a series of tweets Thursday.

"If a kid is hellbent on shooting up a school, having an armed teacher is not going to stop them," said Jason Janczak, social studies department chair at Grayslake Central High School. "Everyone is looking for a quicker, easier

answer. But it's not necessarily what's in the best interest of our students."

Leaders from the Illinois' two statewide teachers unions and the Chicago Teachers Union spoke out strongly against Trump's tweets, which argued that arming teachers would be far less costly than hiring guards and that "ATTACKS WOULD END!"

"We're constantly told there are no resources for — you name it — another school band, another school program, school arts funding," said Dan Montgomery,

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President Donald Trump speaks Thursday during a meeting with state and local officials on school safety.

FLORIDA STUDENTS FACE ONLINE HARASSMENT
Teens undeterred as online trolls take aim at survivors seeking changes to gun laws. **Nation & World**, Page 13

President says he can sell NRA on raising age limit

BY CHRISTI PARSONS
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday pressed his case for arming teachers to fight school shooters, despite widespread criticism, and for the first time suggested bonus payments for those who carry concealed firearms.

The president also called for making 21 the minimum age for buying long guns. Gun-rights groups oppose raising age limits beyond 18, but Trump insisted he can sell the restriction to the "patriots" at the National

Rifle Association. "I told them, we're going to have to toughen" gun laws, Trump said, adding, "I really think the NRA wants to do what's right."

Trump elaborated on his ideas and other responses to last week's Florida school massacre, starting with a series of early-morning tweets and continuing later at a White House roundtable on school safety with state and local officials. The televised session was much like one on Wednesday that Trump hosted with people touched by school shoot-

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Peggy Strong's daughter, Marjorie, 37, suffers from Phelan McDermid syndrome. She now lives at a state facility.

TRIBUNE WATCHDOG UPDATE Suffering in Secret

Problems still plague group homes despite state promises

Some clients go to large facilities, once discouraged, as a 'desperate necessity'

BY MICHAEL J. BERENS | Chicago Tribune

Despite Illinois' promise to reform troubled group homes for disabled adults, allegations of abuse and neglect have risen, staffing levels have fallen and state oversight has been sluggish, the Tribune has found.

At the same time, some vulnerable adults who failed to thrive in group

homes have been quietly granted admission at a state facility, marking a dramatic shift in state policy. Previously, state officials emphasized closing those facilities and moving residents to group homes.

One of those residents arriving from a group home was near death

from disease. Others were victims of suspected sexual assault or suffered unexplained injuries, state records obtained by the Tribune show.

A 2016 Tribune investigative series, "Suffering in Secret," exposed how Illinois cloaked evidence of harm and death at group homes as part of a botched cost-cutting plan to steer adults with disabilities away from state facilities.

State officials and legislators vowed to fix the

system at the time, but many group homes remain dangerously unprepared today to shelter adults with profound disabilities, state enforcement records shows.

Problems are exacerbated by inadequate state funding for community-based services, among the lowest levels of support nationally, group home industry leaders said. And staffing shortages continue to plague the industry,

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AG candidate: GOP official was offensive

Says he used N-word, queried sexuality

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

A DuPage County Republican official on Thursday vowed to stay in an Illinois House race despite calls for him to drop out over "inappropriate" comments that attorney general candidate Erika Harold said he made to her about race and sexual orientation in mid-October.

Harold, an African-American who made anti-bullying part of her platform in becoming Miss America in 2003, said Winfield Township GOP Chairman Burt Minor asked her if she was a "lesbo" and repeatedly used the N-word when he met with her after she launched her statewide candidacy.

"I was just shocked by it,

and I was thinking how inappropriate it is for this kind of questioning and comments to be part of what should be a professional conversation," Harold told the Chicago Tribune.

"While I'm obviously focused on my (attorney general) race, I don't support his candidacy and think he should withdraw from the (House) race," she said.

Since the Oct. 12 conversation, Minor got in the contest for the Republican nomination for the state House seat that state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton is vacating to challenge Gov. Bruce Rauner.

In a statement, Minor did not specifically address what he said to Harold,

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BURT MINOR FACEBOOK CAMPAIGN PAGE

Winfield Township GOP Chairman Burt Minor poses with Republican attorney general candidate Erika Harold.

Dart ties releases to extra work, risk

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart says hundreds more accused gun offenders have been released from jail on electronic bracelets in recent months in bond-reform efforts. He also tells Board President Toni Preckwinkle his office's electronic monitoring program is swamped and public safety could be at risk. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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JOHN KASS

Olympics and 'This Is Us' add up to puddle of tears

How does America watch the Winter Olympics, or as I like to call it, the "This Is Us" Olympics?

We watch with a fresh box of tissue, because we're all crying our eyes out.

The athletes cry, fans cry, parents cry, even dead ancestors cry. And the NBC sports presenters cry while trying to make their interview subjects cry in the Kiss and Cry room. And we viewers just weep our heads off.

"Crying can be an expression of joy you idiot," said Kathleen Ann on Facebook, where we're having a discussion about this national liturgy of Olympic weeping. "If only you weren't such a delicate flower."

But I am a delicate flower. So are you, Kathleen.

This is the new America, damn it, where we cry about everything.

And the Winter Olympics on NBC are The Crying Games.

Can you see me, blubbering along with Lindsey Vonn on the screen, with Betty patting me on the shoulder and telling me, "Honey, it's OK."

An anxious Zeus the Wonder Dog tries to comfort me and lick my face. I say, "No, Zeus, no," on account of all those other places he puts his tongue.

Thinking about where your dog's tongue has been can really ruin a good cry.

I just can't take it anymore. Because when this is over, NBC will bring out new episodes of "This Is Us" and we'll all start crying all over the place again.

"It's the 'Martha Raddatz Effect,'" says Tom Winike. "Our beloved celebrities shed tears at the cruelty of competition. Therefore, we little people must weep as well."

This is known. It's one thing to weep over the loss of life or lives, or love. But these days we look for little things to cry over.

And when those Olympic moments come at me, I start crying like some network news after the presidential election doesn't go their way.

The thing is, I don't think I'm alone.

If you don't believe me, just examine your own living room couch after watching the Winter Olympics. What do you see? Be honest now. Really. Google can't read your thoughts (yet) so at least be honest with yourself.

You'll see a few forgotten lumps of tissues sodden with your tears. And the remains of a dish of chocolate-peanut butter ice cream that you spilled when the NBC cameras came in with a tight close-up and they asked Lindsey about her dead grandfather and ...

I can't see my keyboard, damn it.

Vonn "gave tribute to the right people from the heart," says Rick Surkamer. "And when she said, 'I just wish my body would let me do this still, because I so love it,' she went to tears. I can't seem to find it. But it's out somewhere in video space."

Doesn't matter, Rick, it's forever in our hearts. Other evidence can be found in the moist lumps of tissues on artifacts once known as the "man chair."

There were days of old, apparently, when "men" had societal roles, codes of behavior and even their own



JAVIER SORIANO/GETTY-AFP

Lindsey Vonn, third in the women's downhill, during the medal ceremony.

leather chairs to watch The Crying Games.

At least the U.S. women's hockey team didn't cry. They kicked Canada's butt. They kicked those maple leafs good. They didn't cry. And the Canadians just pouted.

But tears are common throughout other Olympic sports, not only ice skating and skiing, but also curling, where athletes push and sweep stones on ice.

Once I thought curling was a game invented by bored, drunken Canadians smelling of rye whiskey and Tim Horton's fries with gravy. But stupid me, it's a serious sport.

"The agony of defeat for curling is unbelievable," explained curling fan Gary Radville.

Yes, it's true. Americans weep for curling, too, thanks to NBC, the Nation Be Cryin' network.

NBC has already tried to ruin journalism with fake truck explosions, Brian Williams' embellishments and Katie Couric's sneaky edits of Second Amendment supporters. Now they're pumping so much emotion into their Olympics coverage, they're on the verge of jumping the shark through America's tears.

But emotion has a way of washing logic from the human brain, and so if I hear Katie's perky voice on the TV from another room these days, I still start crying.

Now comes heartbreaking news that a Russian curler has been caught doping.

"Why the hell does an athlete in curling need performance enhancing

drugs?" said Patrick McCubbin. "Every custodian with a broom could benefit now."

But who cares about PEDs anymore? Baseball fans don't, football fans don't, NBA players might smoke weed in their hotel rooms, playing video games in the afternoons on the road, who the heck cares, Mr. McCubbin?

"Crying doesn't have to mean sadness," said Gina Williams. "Sadness and joy are just the opposite sides of the same coin."

Good one, Gina, but what Olympic coin shall we cling to when The Crying Games are over and "This Is Us" returns to NBC?

Here's hoping that mean, chain-smoking Allison Janney drops off an infant Tonya Harding to be adopted by Jack and Rebecca Pearson of "This Is Us." And Tonya becomes the fourth Pearson kid, a criminal who hates her fat sister and feeds her Twinkies.

But, please, don't put your spoilers in my crockpot.

For now, though, we still have the Olympics and NBC is shaping culture as we weep.

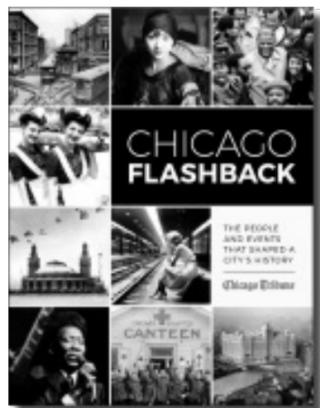
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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



Bollywood star Das recalls his Chicago roots



Das

Bollywood actor and stand-up comedian **Vir Das** moved to Chicago after college graduation and spent about a year working at the Grand Lux Cafe on North Michigan Avenue while interning for Roadworks Productions, a now-defunct Chicago theater company.

Das, 38, returns to town to perform Friday and Saturday at Zanies in Rosemont and Sunday at Zanies in Old Town. One of his bits touches on his 2016 visit to Grand Lux as a customer.

"They had really good steak that I couldn't afford to eat when I worked there and it was about going back to have that steak, sort of a full-circle moment in life," Das told the Tribune by phone.

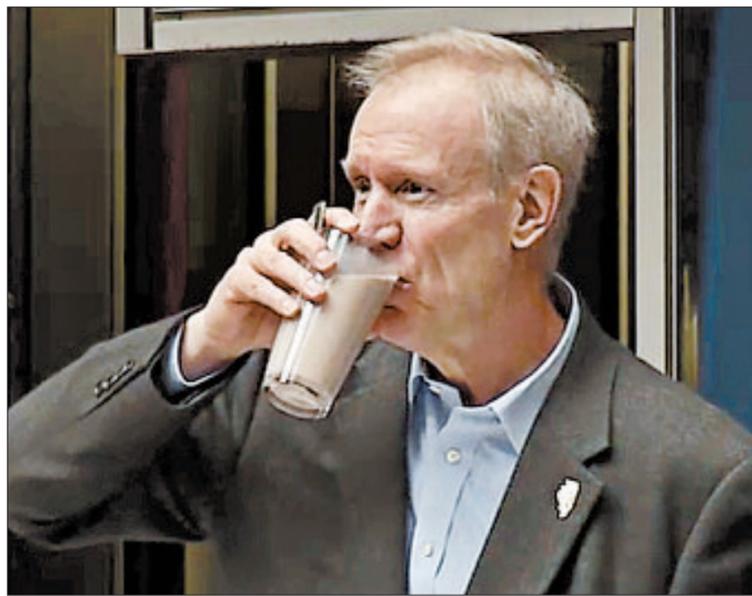
Das was born in India and raised in Nigeria. He attended Knox College in Galesburg, about 200 miles southwest of Chicago, because the college offered him significant financial aid. He graduated in 2002 and is scheduled to give the college's commencement address in June.

He is the first Knox alumnus to serve as commencement speaker since former White House chief of staff and **Hillary Clinton's** campaign manager **John Podesta** (Class of 1971) was awarded that honor in 1998.

"They have committed a huge error in judgment," Das said. "I don't know what persuaded them to do so. They've had **Obama** and **Clinton** and **Stephen Colbert** and **Ed Helms**, and this year it's me. So those are reasonably tough acts to follow."

This will be a busy year for Das, who was the first Indian-born comedian to release a Netflix special — "Abroad Understanding" in April 2017. Das, who is based in Mumbai, said he appears in two Bollywood movies coming out this year and he's developing a new comedy series for Hulu.

— Tracy Swartz



STATE OF ILLINOIS VIDEO IMAGE

Gov. Bruce Rauner goes along with an idea staged by a Hyatt Hotels exec Wednesday.

Rauner drinks chocolate milk, declares 'Diversity!'

In an awkward onstage appearance this week, Gov. **Bruce Rauner** drank a glass of chocolate milk to demonstrate his belief in diversity.

"It's really, really good," Rauner said after taking a sip of the sugary drink. "Diversity!"

The clunky corporate metaphor was the brainchild of Hyatt Hotels diversity and inclusion executive **Tyronne Stoudemire**, who appeared alongside Rauner on Wednesday at the downtown Chicago Thompson Center to discuss workplace diversity at a Black History Month event.

Enlisting Rauner as his lanky magician's assistant, Stoudemire, who is black, poured a glass of milk to represent the white men who lead most organizations (including, um, the state of Illinois).

"This chocolate syrup represents diversity," Stoudemire said, before squirting a healthy dash of brown syrup that immediately sank to the bottom of the glass.

"When you look at most organizations,

diversity sits at the bottom of the organization," Stoudemire continued. "You don't get inclusion until you actually stir it up."

Rauner then stirred the syrup into the milk, turning it brown, and he took a sip and pronounced it good.

"Diversity is the mix, and inclusion is making the mix work," Stoudemire said, concluding his analogy.

Stoudemire told Chicago Inc. he's been using the chocolate milk stunt for 16 years as a simple way to illustrate the lack of diversity at the top of Fortune 500 companies. He typically picks on the most powerful person in the room to be his assistant, he said, adding that Rauner "didn't know what he was getting into."

He declined to comment on Rauner's efforts to improve diversity in Illinois government, but said, "I give him credit for his willingness to step up and put himself out there ... he could have said, 'No.'"

— Kim Janssen



GETTY PHOTOS

Olympic hockey player Hilary Knight holds her gold; Leslie Jones, inset, was thrilled.

Leslie Jones' goal is BFF status with Hilary Knight

Head to the sin bin, Penalty Box Jones. Five-minute major: stalking.

When women's hockey fans think about the Pyeongchang Olympics years from now, they'll probably remember two things: Team USA's gold medal and comedian **Leslie Jones**.

The "Saturday Night Live" star, on assignment for NBC, has been posting pictures and video commenting on games and visited with the players while in South Korea. But her fangirling of Lake Forest's **Hilary Knight** has taken matters to another level.

If Jones isn't screaming "I love you!" to Knight through the TV screen — or in person as Knight and teammates headed onto the ice — then she's calling her a "beast" or dropping F-bombs. In one clip, Jones cries, "We won, you guys! We did it, Hilary, we got a gold! You got a gold!"

And the feeling's mutual. Knight gave Jones the nickname "Penalty Box" and called her a "game changer," adding in a tweet, "I got you tickets." After winning gold, she included Jones in the celebration: "@Lesdoggg we did it!!!! See you in NYC?"

Jones jokes about her singular devotion to Knight in a video Wednesday for NBC, saying, "Hilary Knight, I'm obsessed. (She) has spoke to me in a violent way. She's tall like me."

Jones also expressed appreciation for her nickname.

"Let me explain something to you," she said. "If I did play hockey, that's where I'd be the whole game."

— Phil Thompson

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A cure for winter blues: Just say, 'It's February'



MARY SCHMICH

Some years ago, in search of relief for a blue mood, I went to see my doctor.

The dark depths of December had passed, and so had the brutalities of January, but official spring was still a month away, and my mind felt as dim as the interminably gray days.

My doctor, Jadwiga Roguska-Kyts, was a Polish woman of about 70 who had immigrated to Chicago in the 1950s to study medicine. She had the air I've always associated with old-fashioned country doctors: crisp, kind, practical, generous with her time.

As she listened, I told her I wasn't feeling great, couldn't say exactly why. Maybe — I hesitated, unconvinced — I needed something, you know, pharmaceutical to lift my spirits.

She nodded a couple of times as I talked, asked a few questions and when I was done offered her diagnosis with a Polish lilt:

"It's February," she said. "It's winter."

That's all the medicine I needed. I left her office with a spring in my step, cured by the prescription called "perspective," her words a reminder that moods, like the seasons, come and go.

I think of that encounter every year about now (and mentioned it in a column when she retired), especially when I hear people bemoan their dark winter minds, as if the pall over their lives were destined to be as enduring as the sky itself.

For some people that may be true, and lately assorted public events add to the general gloom, but even in the midst of these trying times it helps to remember: It's February.

I like winter. I like it in the way I like onions and loud music. It's bracing. For a while. But too much is too much, and by February, even for winter lovers, it's enough.

This is the month that Margaret Atwood, the Canadian author of "The Handmaid's Tale," describes in her poem "February":

*February, month of despair,
with a skewered heart in the centre.
I think dire thoughts, and lust for
French fries*

with a splash of vinegar.

(Her experience of a Northern February may be what has made her a master of dystopias.)

Savvy residents of real winter places like Canada and Chicago know that February is the smart time to take a vacation somewhere bright and warm. January is too early. March is too late.

It's in February, the dead heart of winter, that a person needs the medicine of sun and color. Unfortunately, not everyone has the time or money for such a getaway, and so we slog on.

By February, your car is filthy, your coat is filthy, the sidewalks are filthy, and there's no point in cleaning anything that has contact with the outdoors because it will get filthy again.

Anna Quindlen, a New Yorker, describes the month in her novel "One True Thing":

"February is a suitable month for dying. Everything around is dead, the trees black and frozen so that the appearance of green shoots two months hence seems preposterous, the ground hard and cold, the snow dirty, the winter hateful, hanging on too long."

William Shakespeare, too, had bitter words for February in his play "Much Ado About Nothing":

*Why, what's the matter,
That you have such a February face,
So full of frost, of storm, and cloudiness?*

Chicagoans recognize those February faces. We see them at bus stops and on the "L" platforms, scurrying along sidewalks deep inside filthy hoods. We see them in the mirror.

By February, the high-energy resolve of January is likely to have faded, the fresh resolutions of the new year sagging like old tulips.

But on some days, you can smell change coming. You can hear it. The birds tweet a little louder, the days get longer. Every now and then, the air is freakishly warm.

"Have you survived winter?" a friend asked when I ran into him the other day on the sidewalk. It was 60 degrees, but a true Chicagoan knew better than to be duped.

"Survived?" I said. "Past tense?"

That's the kind of question Californians ask, people who think winter is a long, chilly weekend.

But we are surviving. We always do. And if you doubt that you will, repeat after me:

It's February.

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Dart links reform-related releases to extra work, risk

Letter to Preckwinkle faults e-monitoring in gun cases

BY MEGAN CREPEAU | Chicago Tribune

Sheriff Tom Dart says hundreds more gun offense suspects have been released from Cook County Jail on electronic bracelets in recent months as a result of attempts at bond reform, raising public safety concerns.

Dart said Thursday the dramatic increase has overwhelmed the office's electronic monitoring program, leading him to take immediate steps to shore up those efforts: shifting staff, making unannounced searches of the homes of those being monitored, conducting a more thorough vetting process and, if necessary, declaring detainees too risky for the bracelets altogether.

The startling acknowledgment by Dart came in a letter he sent Thursday to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

"... Out of concern for the public safety that I am sworn to safeguard, I have determined that I am neither satisfied nor convinced that the E.M. program, in its current form, offers adequate protections given this recent dramatic increase in violent offenders," the sheriff wrote.

Dart said he was immediately "leveraging existing staff and deploying them" to the community corrections division that oversees the electronic monitoring effort, even though that move "is all the more difficult given budget reductions."

"Moving forward, my office will closely scrutinize all individuals who are assigned to E.M. by carefully reviewing their charges and criminal histories, a process that may take up to 48 hours," Dart wrote. "Those who are deemed to be too high a security risk to be in the community will be referred back to the court for further evaluation."

Preckwinkle's spokesman, Frank Shuftan, said in a statement that the county president's office hadn't yet reviewed Dart's letter or the underlying data.

"In working with all public safety stakeholders, President Preckwinkle has focused on the unnecessary detention of individuals who are charged with nonviolent crimes, who are not a risk to public safety and who are not a flight risk," the statement emphasized.

Dart, along with Preckwinkle and other elected county officials, has been a vocal opponent of the cash-bond system in which judges require defendants to put down money to secure their release from jail while awaiting trial. Critics say the system unfairly punishes the poor and that defendants charged with violent offenses who sometimes have easy access to cash because of gang ties can be back out on the street within days.

In July, as part of the reform push, Chief Judge Timothy Evans announced that judges would be required to set bail only in amounts that defendants could afford to pay in an effort to ensure that people charged with nonviolent crimes weren't languishing in jail simply because they didn't have the cash, sometimes only a few hundred dollars, to post for bond.

Judges have treated felony gun charges in a dramatically different way since the reforms were implemented, according to data from the sheriff's office.

Over a nearly four-month period in 2016, judges gave out cash-based bonds in nearly 96 percent of felony gun cases and released just 2 percent on electronic monitors. In the 10 weeks after the bond order took effect in September, though, the number of cash-based bonds for gun cases plummeted to about 40 percent, while those freed on the electronic bracelets jumped to 22 percent.

The amount set for bonds also sharply fell on average, from nearly \$134,000 in

2016 to almost \$22,000 in 2017, according to the analysis.

By contrast, judges also boosted how often they ordered no bond for those charged with felony gun offenses, to more than 9 percent in 2017, compared with no cases at all in 2016, the analysis showed.

Pat Milhizer, a spokesman for the chief judge's office, noted in a statement that defendants on electronic monitoring are awaiting trial and presumed innocent and that judges do not release those deemed to pose a threat to safety.

The sheriff's office may seek funding from the county for up to 30 extra positions to beef up the division overseeing the monitoring program, said Cara Smith, Dart's chief policy officer.

In addition, the office will more thoroughly review where those released on monitoring plan to stay out of concern that many return to violence-plagued neighborhoods on the South and West sides.

Smith said electronic monitoring was never intended for high-risk defendants in the first place.

Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has long complained that too many repeat gun offenders remain on the streets — a theme he highlighted last week after Cmdr. Paul Bauer was fatally shot in the Loop, allegedly by a four-time felon.

As commander of the Near North District, Bauer had recently spoken out about his frustration over the bond reform effort and the difficulty in keeping repeat offenders off the streets.

"We're not talking about the guy who stole a loaf of bread from the store to feed his family," Bauer said in November, according to the Loop North News. "We're talking about career robbers, burglars, drug dealers. These are all crimes against the community. They need to be off the street."

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A memorial is set up Thursday in front of a home in Chicago's Little Village where 2-year-old Mateo Garcia Aguayo was found dead.

Father charged in boy's brutal slaying

Police say Little Village man nearly decapitated 2-year-old

BY PETER NICKEAS | Chicago Tribune

The father of a 2-year-old boy was charged with murder Thursday for cutting his son's neck to near decapitation because the toddler was making too much noise, according to authorities.

Mateo Garcia Aguayo was found in a trash bag in his family's second-floor kitchen Wednesday afternoon after his father killed him because he could not sleep, police officials said at a news conference.

Rolando Ortiz, 37, was charged with murder in connection with Mateo's death, which was ruled a homicide by incised wounds to the neck in an autopsy Thursday.

Ortiz was arrested in Kankakee within a few hours of the homicide, according to authorities. This was his first arrest in Chicago.

"Mateo wasn't old enough to make a bad decision. Mateo wasn't old enough to take the wrong path in life," Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said. "He was just an innocent kid whose trust and safety was betrayed by one man he should never have to question: his father."



Ortiz

Brendan Deenihan said during the news conference.

"The 2-year-old baby was running around and was keeping him awake. (Ortiz) grabs the 2-year-old in the kitchen and holds him down, (Ortiz) then retrieves a knife, cuts the baby in the throat, causing his death," Deenihan said.

"(Ortiz) realizes he just killed his own son, so he makes a pretty weak attempt to cut his own wrists, eventually results in a couple stitches. After realizing he killed his baby, he found a garbage bag full of clothes, he dumped out the clothes, and placed the baby in the bag."

Ortiz called his wife after killing his son, but he could not reach her. He and his wife work different shifts at the same company. He then called his wife's sister and confessed to her, Deenihan said, and she called relatives who lived on the first floor.

They went upstairs and found Mateo dead and Ortiz bleeding.

"We believe we do have the murder weapon, we believe it was a kitchen knife, but it's not 100 percent corroborated at this time," Deenihan said.

Ortiz fled the scene. The first officers on scene in Little Village were able to get a vehicle description and worked with a joint Chicago Police Department-FBI violent crimes task force to find Ortiz.

State police stopped Ortiz near Kankakee, and an officer there helped with the arrest.

There are other children in the family who will stay with their mother, though none were home at the time, Deenihan said. It didn't appear Ortiz was drunk or high.

Deenihan noted that the gruesome nature of the crime was traumatizing to the boy's family and the responding officers.

"It's obviously pretty difficult to look in a garbage bag and see what they saw," Deenihan said. "The officers gotta respond to this scene, they don't know what they're walking into, including the ambulance guys. The poor family from downstairs had to walk up and find him. ... These guys aren't robots, they're police officers, and they have families."

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Aon Center floats exterior elevator plan

Proposed tower would ferry visitors to observation deck atop skyscraper

By **BLAIR KAMIN, RYAN ORI AND BILL RUTHHART**
Chicago Tribune

The owners of the Aon Center are floating a plan to attach a glass-sheathed elevator tower to the skyscraper's exterior to ferry visitors to and from a new observation deck, according to a city official and others familiar with the plan.

At more than 1,000 feet tall, the exterior elevator tower appears to be unprecedented. The observation deck would take advantage of the Aon Center's proximity to Millennium Park, the city's top tourist attraction.

If enacted, the plan would put the Aon Center observatory in competition with the sight-seeing aeries at Willis Tower and the former John Hancock Center, now called 875 N. Michigan Ave. It also would make Chicago the only American

city besides New York to have three observation decks.

The plan, which would be the most visible in a series of changes that seek to upgrade the 45-year-old skyscraper at 200 E. Randolph St., calls for placing the elevator tower outside the Aon Center's northwest corner. There, the tower and double-deck elevators within would not be visible from Millennium Park or neighboring Maggie Daley Park, though they could be seen from North Michigan Avenue.

The rationale for the exterior tower is that there is no room for an extra elevator shaft inside the Aon Center and using its existing elevators for the observatory would disrupt the building's office tenants. Previous estimates have put the potential annual income from an observation deck at almost \$30 million.

The high-rise's owners, New York-based 601W Cos., declined to comment or release renderings, as did their architects, Chicago-based Solomon Cordwell Buenz.

In a sign of the city's caution toward the proposal, officials asked the owners and architects to seek input from preservation experts, top Chicago architects and nearby residents and businesses about altering Aon, currently the city's third-tallest building.

The proposal is "very early in the approval process," and Mayor Rahm Emanuel's planning department will await the feedback before deciding whether to support the concept, according to a city official familiar with the plans who was not authorized to speak publicly.

"This is an iconic building, and we want to make sure any changes are acceptable from a variety of angles," the official said.

If the plan comes to fruition, the elevator addi-

tion would be a rarity, according to Daniel Safarik of the Chicago-based Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

Safarik said the organization does not keep a list of buildings with the highest external elevators, but added that he's not aware of one taller than Aon's would be.

"This is a pretty unusual move — especially on a building that is as well-established as the Aon Center," Safarik said.

The tallest tower of the multi-building Renaissance Center in Detroit, he said, rises 727 feet, topped by an observatory accessible by an elevator that runs along the exterior. That elevator was built into the structure when the center was constructed in the 1970s.

The 1,135-foot Aon Center, designed by New York architect Edward Durrell Stone and completed in 1973, was originally known as the Standard Oil Building, then the Amoco Building. In Chicago, only the 1,451-foot Willis (originally

Sears) Tower and the 1,389-foot Trump International Hotel & Tower are taller. (The under-construction Vista Tower, projected to rise 1,191 feet, will relegate it to fourth place in the city.)

Despite its skyline prominence, the Aon Center has never attained the critical acclaim lavished on the former Sears and Hancock towers. Preferring their muscular appearance to the "thin man" look of the Standard Oil Building's monolithic shaft, Tribune architecture critic Paul Gapp in 1974 termed the high-rise "perhaps the worst thing that has happened to Chicago's skyline in the last 30 years."

Nature has also battered the building, which originally was sheathed in thin slabs of Carrara marble. Over time, the slabs buckled because they could not withstand Chicago's extreme temperatures. They were replaced, from 1990 to 1992, by thicker slabs of North Carolina granite.

Citing such changes, as

well as the Aon Center's mixed reputation, an architect familiar with the elevator tower plan did not oppose the proposal.

"I think it's hard to say that this building is so precious that it can't be modified," said Chicago architect Jim Goettsch of Goettsch Partners.

The elevator tower originally was to be located at the Aon Center's southeast corner, across the street from Millennium Park, but it was shifted to the northwest corner due to concerns that it would be visually jarring, people familiar with the plan said.

"We agreed that would be too visible," said Lisa DiChiera, director of advocacy at the preservation group Landmarks Illinois, who also has seen the plan.

Ald. Brendan Reilly, in whose downtown ward the Aon Center is located, declined to comment.

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Sen. Bernie Sanders hugs 4th Congressional District Democratic candidate Jesus "Chuy" Garcia at Thursday's rally.

Sanders seeks big win for Garcia

Senator says he needs ally on Hill to battle Trump

By **JOHN BYRNE**
Chicago Tribune

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont brought his progressive star power to town Thursday to bolster Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's congressional bid, telling the crowd at a Little Village rally he needs his ally in Washington to fight for working people and stand up to "pathological liar" President Donald Trump.

Garcia, who's seeking to improve his already strong name recognition across the 4th Congressional District, nodded to Sanders' popularity while introducing him at the historic Apollo's 2000 theater. "The general who works in Washington, D.C., and lives in Burlington, Vt., decided to come review the troops," Garcia said.

Sanders called on Garcia supporters to bring him a resounding victory March 20.

"One of the important things we can do in the next few weeks is to make sure not only that Chuy

Garcia wins, but that he wins big," Sanders said to a crowd of hundreds who cheered and chanted his name throughout his 30-minute speech. "And that he helps bring in a slate of younger people who are running for office as well."

Sanders campaigned in Chicago for Garcia after the Cook County commissioner and former mayoral candidate served as a national Latino advocate for the senator's 2016 presidential campaign. Many of Sanders' talking points Thursday were familiar from his presidential stump speech, with Sanders adding Garcia's name when talking about policies like universal health care, free college tuition and a \$15 minimum wage.

Sanders also went after Trump as "someone who cannot be trusted because he says one thing on Monday and a very different thing on Tuesday."

"All of which takes us to where we are this afternoon, and Chuy Garcia," Sanders said. "Because we need members of Congress who are not only prepared to stand up to Trump and his racism and xenophobia, we need members of Con-

gress who are prepared to take on the billionaire class."

Sanders endorsed Garcia in late November, days after long-serving U.S. Rep. Luis Guterierrez announced he wouldn't run for reelection.

Sanders' backing could be particularly helpful to Garcia in the Northwest Side part of the earmuff-shaped district, which also includes Garcia's political base of power on the Southwest Side around Little Village. Northwest Side neighborhoods like Logan Square and Avondale are increasingly hotbeds for Sanders' brand of progressive politics as more young people move to the hip areas.

Also on hand Thursday was Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy, who posed for pictures and stood in the crowd during Sanders' remarks. Though Garcia acknowledged him from the stage, Kennedy did not join Sanders and other candidates to take a bow at the end of the senator's remarks. Afterward, he said he didn't expect to get waved up.

With Sanders in town and Kennedy present at the

event, Democratic governor candidates sought to proclaim their progressive credentials.

State Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston touted his endorsement from the national Our Revolution organization, an offshoot of Sanders' unsuccessful presidential bid. In January, Biss was backed by the group's Illinois chapter. He has sought to reach out to Sanders' supporters while trying to bill rival candidate J.B. Pritzker as part of the Democratic Party establishment.

Pritzker's campaign issued a statement citing support from Citizen Action/Illinois, the abortion rights political advocacy group Personal PAC and Equality Illinois PAC.

Kennedy was asked to explain how he was able to attend the rally Thursday after skipping a governor debate Wednesday night in Springfield citing a back injury. "I can't sit in a seat, I can't sit in a car," said Kennedy, who indicated he could stand.

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CPS honored for AP course access, scores

By **JUAN PEREZ JR.**
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Public Schools on Thursday was named a nationwide leader in increasing access to Advanced Placement courses and scores on AP exams by the board that administers the tests.

"What Chicago's proving to the rest of the country with its education, is demographics is not destiny," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said during a panel discussion with CPS CEO Janice Jackson and a College Board official at a celebratory luncheon Thursday.

Officials said the "District of the Year" award from the College Board was based on three years' worth of academic data, though CPS provided detailed statistics only on students who took AP tests during its most recently completed school year. Slightly less than half of the roughly 22,800 CPS students who took at least one AP exam last school year scored high enough to earn college credit, according to district data. Students who sat for those AP exams were not necessarily enrolled in the more rigorous courses.

Older CPS data, however, show the number of students who enrolled in AP courses and earned passing grades on related exams has been increasing since well before Emanuel took office.

But the College Board's honor allowed Emanuel to trumpet another marker of CPS academic improvement as he pursues a third term. Jackson's ascendance to the district's top post has coincided with a media campaign to promote positive stories about CPS success and the new CEO's academic credentials — even amid ongoing tension about how well the district is serving its large population of vulnerable students.

Civic leaders have turned to academic markers to declare CPS is a school system succeeding in spite of its immense challenges, which include steep enrollment declines and the use of

expensive short- and long-term debt to raise cash the district needs to operate.

"It's really interesting to have someone come from outside of CPS and really validate what the mayor and I know, what my team knows, what the students and principals who work so hard every day know — is that CPS is on the rise," Jackson said during Thursday's panel.

The College Board administers AP exams and won a no-bid CPS contract worth up to \$8.3 million last year to provide AP exams and other instructional materials to the school district. That contract's expected outcomes included broader student access to AP courses and an increase in students who earn passing grades on AP tests.

Illinois law now requires public colleges and universities to award course credit to students who score at least a 3 out of a possible 5 on an AP exam.

In early 2016, the College Board also won a bid to replace the rival ACT college entrance exam with its SAT test to the state's public school juniors. The College Board and ACT Inc. are now competing for a contract worth up to \$75 million to provide a set of college-admissions-related exams to all ninth-, 10th- and 11th-graders statewide.

CPS has also made regular appearances — like hundreds of other U.S. and Canadian school systems — on a College Board "honor roll" for districts that have expanded access to AP courses and maintained or improved the rate at which students pass subsequent AP exams.

Before Thursday, CPS had not updated detailed public information it once distributed on the number of students who have taken AP courses and their AP exam scores since 2013. CPS data from 2000-13 showed the number of students enrolled in AP courses was already climbing when Emanuel took office in 2011.

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Mom fears racial confrontation may scar son

By **WILLIAM LEE**
Chicago Tribune

A week after a stranger shouted racial taunts and threatened to kill her in front of her young son, Nina Anderson said she can't believe the incident — one more analogous to the Jim Crow era — even happened.

The Dolton mother, who is African-American, said she's concerned that the confrontation with the white man at a suburban bus stop will have a lasting impact on her 12-year-old son, Natrell, who is just starting to form opinions about the world beyond his quiet block and his circle of friends at school.

But more than anything, Anderson, 27, said she's grateful that police arrived

before the tense situation escalated and the man found the object that he kept "fidgeting" for in his coat. Calumet City police said they found a knife on the man when they arrested him.

"It was just a normal day picking my son up from school and it led to a hate crime, getting attacked by a guy I've never seen," said Anderson, a Chicago native and restaurant worker who has lived in the south suburbs for the past two years.

Speaking publicly for the first time Thursday, Anderson confirmed details laid out by prosecutors in a courtroom last weekend: While she and her son had a conversation at the bus stop in the 1200 block of Burnham Avenue, a bearded

stranger went on a tirade.

As Anderson chastised her son for clowning around in his class, the stranger sitting on the opposite end of the bench lashed out at her without provocation, she said. "He said, 'Shut the (expletive) up, you black b---h! I'm tired of hearing your mouth,'" Anderson recalled.

Prosecutors said the man, Robert P. Morris, 54, also flipped the small bench where Anderson's son was seated, causing the boy to tumble backward, hitting his head on a wall behind him and falling to the ground. Anderson said the man then lunged at her. That act prompted Anderson and her son to run to the rear of a nearby auto shop.

But most chillingly for Anderson, the stranger kept motioning toward his coat as if he had a weapon, she said, though he never actually produced one.

"I didn't know that he had a knife at the time of the incident, and that's the most terrifying part," she said. "He kept fidgeting like he was going to pull out something and then he said, 'I'll slit your throat.'"

Anderson said Morris' demeanor changed the moment police arrived.

Morris, of Calumet City, was charged with two counts of felony hate crime. A Cook County judge ordered him held without bail, and he is scheduled to appear in the Markham courthouse next month.

Anderson said she's con-



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A man was charged with a hate crime after threatening Nina Anderson and her 12-year-old son last week.

cerned the incident will leave a negative impression on Natrell, an outgoing, sports-loving sixth-grader.

Still, Natrell encouraged his mom to come forward about her experience.

While Anderson hopes Morris receives jail time, she said she also feels com-

passion for him and hopes he can get psychiatric help. "It's sad and there's something wrong with him. I can see that maybe he had a rough life, a rough (up-bringing), maybe he was raised in a racist house."

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GOP official says his words 'misrepresented'

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saying the discussion was to confront "issues of race and sexual orientation" that "not all Republican voters are comfortable discussing."

"It was in no way meant to be offensive. I honestly left our meeting unaware that our conversation might have made Erika uncomfortable. My apologies to Erika if she was in any way offended," Minor said.

Minor said his meeting with Harold was "greatly misrepresented" by political opponents "to destroy my reputation."

"I intend to discuss those facts and the many issues of importance to the residents of Illinois' 42nd District in the days leading up to Election Day," he said.

Minor's comments to Harold prompted calls across the state GOP for him to drop out, including from Ives. "Minor's alleged comments are inexcusable, indefensible and disqualifying," she said in a statement.

Rauner said he had just learned of the controversy before arriving at an event in Bloomington. "His comments were appalling and disgusting, and if he said those things, absolutely he should drop out," Rauner said of Minor.

Similar calls for Minor to get off the March 20 ballot came from Tim Schneider, the Illinois Republican chairman; House Republican leader Jim Durkin of Western Springs; and Senate Republican leader Bill Brady of Bloomington.

The controversy played out privately in DuPage County GOP circles for months but came out in the open Thursday when state Rep. Peter Breen of Lombard, the House Republican floor leader, issued a letter to GOP colleagues that said Minor "is not fit to serve" in the House.

Breen's letter surfaced the day after the suburban Daily Herald endorsed Minor in the contest, giving him a measure of momentum in the three-candidate primary. Breen is an Ives ally, and Ives is backing DuPage County Board member Amy Grant in the House contest.

Also running is Ryan Byrne of Wheaton. Byrne issued a statement saying Minor's behavior toward Harold "disqualifies" him from holding a legislative seat and said Minor also should step down as township chairman.

More than just local politics is at play. The controversy reflects the more comprehensive fallout occurring inside political parties that are dealing with a rapidly changing environment regarding women's rights, sexual harassment and racial diversity.

Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan has come under fire in recent days over his handling of harassment complaints involving top lieutenants in his vaunted political operation. And Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker has sought to repair damage with African-Americans over government-recorded remarks he made in 2008 to then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich over filling Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat.

In addition, Illinois Republicans were embarrassed when the party failed to recruit a candidate to run in the 3rd Congressional District race, leaving Arthur J. Jones as the sole candidate on the primary ballot.



Attorney general candidate Erika Harold says fellow Republican Burt Minor should end his bid for an Illinois House seat.

The perennial candidate is a Holocaust denier with ties to neo-Nazis and stands to be the GOP candidate for the November general election.

Harold, of Urbana, is seeking the GOP attorney general nomination against DuPage County Board member Gary Grasso, a former Burr Ridge mayor. Harold said she had an "introductory meeting" with Minor in Carol Stream on Oct. 12 during her first trip to DuPage County after announcing her candidacy in August.

"(Minor) was asking me various questions about the campaign and just various topics, and then he said to me, 'Do you have children?' I said 'I don't,' Harold said Thursday. 'He said, 'Are you married?' I said 'I'm not. He said, 'Have you ever been married?' I said no. And he said, 'Well then, are you a lesbo?'"

"I told him I was not. But I also made clear that in our party, someone's sexual orientation should not be used to disqualify them from running for public office. I think he seemed a bit taken aback that I stood up for myself in that way, but it was very important for me to let him know that I thought that line of questioning was inappropriate."

Harold also said that during the conversation, Minor began "discussing someone's use of the N-word, but he said the entire word."

"And that was shocking to me because I haven't heard someone use that word in a very long time. I said, 'No one should use that word.' And he repeated it again, using the full word. And I said, 'No one should use that word.' And he repeated it a third time, and I reiterated that that's an offensive word for anyone to use," she said.

Harold said that after the meeting, she notified local GOP officials of Minor's comments but declined to say who. At the time, Minor was not a candidate for the legislature.

Harold said she considered Minor's comments "shocking" but not necessarily surprising.

"I'm sure if you talk to any woman who's running for office, they would share the fact that when you're a woman running for office, people routinely make comments that are inappropriate and objectionable," she said. "And I'm glad that we're moving to a place politically where that behavior is no longer viewed as acceptable."

It's not the first time Harold has faced such issues. In 2013, the chairman of the Montgomery County GOP in central Illinois resigned after likening Harold to a "street walker" whose "pimps" were Democrats and moderate Republicans. Harold was a GOP congressional challenger at the

time. Minor said he has been an advocate for "a more inclusive and tolerant" state Republican Party.

"Not all Republican voters are comfortable discussing issues of race and sexual orientation. I wish it were different, but it is a reality those of us active in

the Republican Party's leadership confront, not infrequently. My discussion with Erika was an attempt to point out this unfortunate reality," he said in his statement.

"So there is no further misunderstanding, let me be clear, I believe there is no place for racism or intoler-

ance in the Republican Party and the State of Illinois," he said.

Minor went on to suggest that Breen and a Breen aide were trying to "capitalize on this misunderstanding for the benefit of one of my opponents." Minor said the two tried to offer him a government job if he got out of the race. "When I declined the offer, they said they would support my daughter if she were ever to run for higher office," he said.

But Breen issued a statement saying "at no time was any government job offered to Mr. Minor by anyone" and that as for Minor's daughter, "I couldn't pick her out of a lineup."

"Even if I had control over 1,000 jobs, I wouldn't willingly put a person like Burt Minor anywhere near my family, my volunteers, or any of the residents of my district," Breen said.

"Burt Minor should take ownership of his outrageous and offensive statements, apologize for making them, and return to private life away from any public involvement with the Republican Party," he said.

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Disabled return to state-run facility

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according to some group home owners.

Allegations of abuse and neglect reached a record high last year — more than 3,600 cases in fiscal year 2017, according to the state's Office of Auditor General.

State oversight remains inconsistent, a follow-up Tribune investigation found. Some abuse and neglect victims waited weeks before they were interviewed by state investigators, audit records from fiscal year 2017 show. Suspects were not questioned for more than a month in other cases.

A gubernatorial-appointed board tasked with safeguarding residents failed to meet multiple times last year, state records show. Five of seven seats remain empty, including a mandatory position for a person with disabilities.

The Tribune also found that more than half of group homes are not wheelchair-accessible, undercutting state assertions that private residences offer more freedom. Overall, more than 1,600 homes are not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, inspection records show.

Historically, Illinois has shrouded group homes in secrecy. Investigations are not publicly disclosed, including cases of fatal abuse or neglect. Group home addresses are deemed confidential. Even parents are forced to file public record requests to view state reports involving their own children.

The Illinois Department of Human Services, which oversees state developmental centers and group homes, says reforms set to launch this year will address some of those issues.

For the first time, group homes will be ranked in a web-based scorecard, which include inspection results and links to online copies of investigative findings involving abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. However, state officials will black out addresses to protect patient privacy.

Copies of investigative report summaries can be instantly downloaded, spokeswoman Meghan Powers said.

Officials also plan to change state policy so that families of group home residents automatically receive copies of state investigations, Powers said.

Human Services officials don't dispute broad findings about investigations from the auditor general and the Tribune. But the state said that more investigators have been hired, reducing caseload backlogs and eliminated interview delays.

State officials confirmed that 22 new admissions have occurred since July 2016 at the Murray Developmental Center in Centralia. Most came from group homes. New residents will be admitted, state officials said, if the center is deemed the appropriate setting.

A desperate plea

After 16 years at a group home — one with a record of neglect cases and dozens of unexplained injuries — Marjorie Strong slipped toward death from medical complications.

She possessed the intellect of a toddler. She suffered from Phelan McDermid syndrome, which strikes 1 in 8 million newborns, as well as Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy. A cocktail of complications assaulted every-



Mental health technician Sandy Davis, left, works with Marjorie Strong at Murray Developmental Center in January.

Number of people admitted to state-operated developmental centers

Illinois officials targeted Murray Developmental Center for closing in 2012 as part of a botched campaign to steer adults with disabilities into places like private group homes.



Note: Since July 2016, Murray has admitted 22 new residents not fully represented in the data. Most arrived from group homes.

ALL 9 ILLINOIS CENTERS COMBINED*



*Centers: Choate, Fox, Howe, Jacksonville, Kiley, Ludeman, Mabley, Murray, Shapiro

SOURCE: Illinois Department of Human Services census data

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thing from her liver to kidneys.

By early 2016, she had been rushed to an emergency room 30 times in a three-year span, according to medical records.

Marjorie was sometimes left alone for hours on a couch in front of a television, her mother, Peggy, said. On weekdays, Marjorie was transported to a day program where she sometimes sat idle for most of the day.

There were five substantiated cases of neglect involving Marjorie from 2008 through 2016 at a home operated by Five Star Industries in DuQuoin, according to state enforcement records obtained by the Tribune.

In one case, Marjorie was "found in her bedroom, naked without sheets, blankets or pajamas, sitting on her mattress soaked in urine." State investigators concluded that a caregiver had fallen asleep on the job.

Five Star officials self-reported the incident and fired the employee, state records show. Executive Director Susan Engelhardt said the nonprofit agency, founded more than three decades ago, serves 75 children and adults.

Most adults with disabilities prosper in small group homes, she said, but community residences are not generally designed to provide intensive, 24-hour

medical care for those who develop profound problems.

In early 2016, Peggy Strong, a retired middle school teacher, desperately searched for a solution. Impulsively, she contacted the Murphysboro office of Rep. Terri Bryant.

"I expected the worse," Strong said. "I'm a liberal Democrat. Bryant is a Republican. We'd never met. I had no clout. She had no reason to help me."

But Bryant, who knew many families who raised children with disabilities, bonded with Strong, and said, "It became personal, not political."

Bryant recommended Murray as a destination, but Strong resisted. "I agreed to visit, but I had all the stereotypes of a state institution in my mind. That's not what I wanted for Marjorie."

Yet Murray defied stereotypes, Strong said. Nestled on 110 acres, there was a gymnasium and swimming pool, a tropically decorated cafeteria, private rooms, nurses everywhere and long hallways that led to outdoor pathways. Marjorie loved to walk.

In early 2016, Strong filed an emergency admission application with the Department of Human Services. "There is no other safe and healthy option," she wrote. "We have reached a level of desperate neces-



Peggy Strong displays photos of injuries her daughter suffered while living in a group home for 16 years.



Peggy Strong and Rita Winkeler, right, belong to the Murray Parents Association, a fierce supporter of the facility.

sity."

Human Services officials failed to act on the request, according to Bryant.

A secretive deal

Peggy Strong's timing was bad.

Beginning in 2012, Illinois launched a controversial plan to close or downsize state centers. Then-Gov. Pat Quinn shuttered an aging facility in Jacksonville, then targeted the 325-bed Murray center and the jobs of more than 500 union employees.

By early 2016, Murray's doors had been closed to new admissions for four years. More than half of the center's beds were empty. Dozens of residents had been relocated to group homes.

Proponents of Murray's closing argued that state money was better spent on community-based residences. The math was on their side — or so it seemed. The estimated state cost to care for a Murray resident exceeded \$200,000 a year; care for the same resident in a group home, on average, cost half as much.

But savings from group-home care are quickly eroded by patients like Marjorie whose frequent medical emergencies and pro-

longed hospitalizations soar into the high six figures — all covered with public dollars.

In an effort to block the state's closing plan, Murray families countered with a federal lawsuit. A judge later ruled that Illinois had the right to close the developmental center.

But Murray supporters had an unexpected champion in Bruce Rauner, who had defeated Quinn for governor. Rauner held fast to a campaign pledge to preserve Murray.

Nonetheless, a cadre of career Human Services administrators still hoped to close Murray, driven by the belief that state centers were an antiquated luxury, according to state records and interviews with legislators and state employees.

Rep. Bryant turned to Rauner's staff for added political muscle to deal with recalcitrant state officials. After a series of conference calls from Rauner's staff, Human Services officials relented and opened Murray's doors.

Greg Fenton, director of Developmental Disabilities for Human Services, said Marjorie was not immediately admitted because of previous plans to shutter the facility, which had re-

duced staffing and delayed maintenance repairs.

Marjorie arrived in July 2016, suffering from late-stage kidney failure, her esophagus so swollen and damaged that she could only swallow thickened liquids.

Empty beds, new arrivals

A majority of states have shuttered or downsized state institutions, some with histories of abuse and substandard care. Illinois is no exception.

Two state centers have been closed since 2009. And the remaining seven facilities are much smaller than they were. Overall, state centers hold about 1,600 adult residents today, compared with 2,500 residents a decade ago.

Murray shelters about 220 residents, down more than 100 from a decade ago.

The center receives fierce support from family members through a parents association, which was formed in 1971 and evolved into a politically adept grass-roots force.

Many improvements over the years, from an outdoor swimming pool to enclosed courtyards and gardens, were funded by families and the Centralia community. Area seniors arrive by the van loads and volunteer as foster grandparents.

In 2012, several high-ranking state officials maintained that all Murray residents could safely live in a community-based residence like a group home no matter how severe the disability.

But that prediction has been undercut by Illinois' failure to adequately fund group homes, providers told the Tribune. Illinois' ranks among the bottom states for funding community care, federal studies show.

Today, many see Murray as a vital safety valve. Like Marjorie, a majority of new admissions had lived at group homes, state records show.

"I think there is a necessary place for state facilities in our system," said Susan Engelhardt, executive director of the nonprofit agency running the group home where Marjorie once lived.

At Murray, with 24-hour medical care, Marjorie's health has stabilized and improved. For the first time, she drinks ordinary water without threat of choking to death.

Attempts to teach Marjorie sign language have largely failed. During a visit last month, Peggy Strong drilled Marjorie on a single phrase, thank you: a kissing motion as the right hand moves forward from her lips with a downward motion.

"I have this reoccurring dream where Marjorie appears to me and says, 'Mom?' I'm startled and I turn to her. Finally, I'll learn what she's thinking. What does she know? Does she know who I am? Does she know that I'm her mother and that I love her?"

She always awakens before Marjorie reveals anything.

As Strong prepared to leave, Marjorie stood rigid near the doorway of her private room. Marjorie tentatively raised her right hand close to her lips then lowered her arm.

"Did you see that?" Peggy said, hopeful but resigned that she may never really know what her daughter is thinking.

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Legal pot query may be on November ballot

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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois voters could get a say whether the state should legalize recreational marijuana if lawmakers decide to put the question on November ballots.

A state Senate committee advanced the idea Wednesday, but a ballot question would be nonbinding. That means it would work like a statewide public opinion poll and wouldn't legalize marijuana even if a majority

of voters approve. Lawmakers who want to legalize the drug could get a political boost, though, if voters favor it.

State Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, said putting the matter to a vote would "bring the public into the debate" and "give them an opportunity to register their opinion" as lawmakers debate the idea in Springfield.

If the proposed legislation passes the House and Senate, voters would be asked if they support legal-

izing recreational use for those 21 and older, under tax regulations similar to tobacco and alcohol.

In the Senate committee, Democrats supported the ballot question and Republicans opposed it, with the exception of GOP state Sen. Jim Oberweis of Sugar Grove.

Oberweis abstained from the vote and said he was "torn" on the issue. He said he sees "definite merits" in hearing public opinion, but questioned whether putting marijuana in the

same context as tobacco and alcohol would be fair.

In voting against the ballot question, state Sen. Chris Nybo, R-Elmhurst, named property tax reductions, redistricting reform and term limits for party leaders as questions he'd rather see on the ballot.

"Of all of the issues that we as a state are facing and that we have the opportunity to present to our citizens in terms of an advisory referendum, I would frankly put this one very low down the list," Nybo

said.

The vote on Wednesday comes as two legalization bills remain in limbo in the House and Senate. Supporters say legal marijuana could bring millions in tax revenue, reduce prison populations and allow law enforcement agencies to focus on other crimes, but it's unclear they'll push forward this year.

Gov. Bruce Rauner has said legalizing it would be a mistake, and police officials have pushed back too.

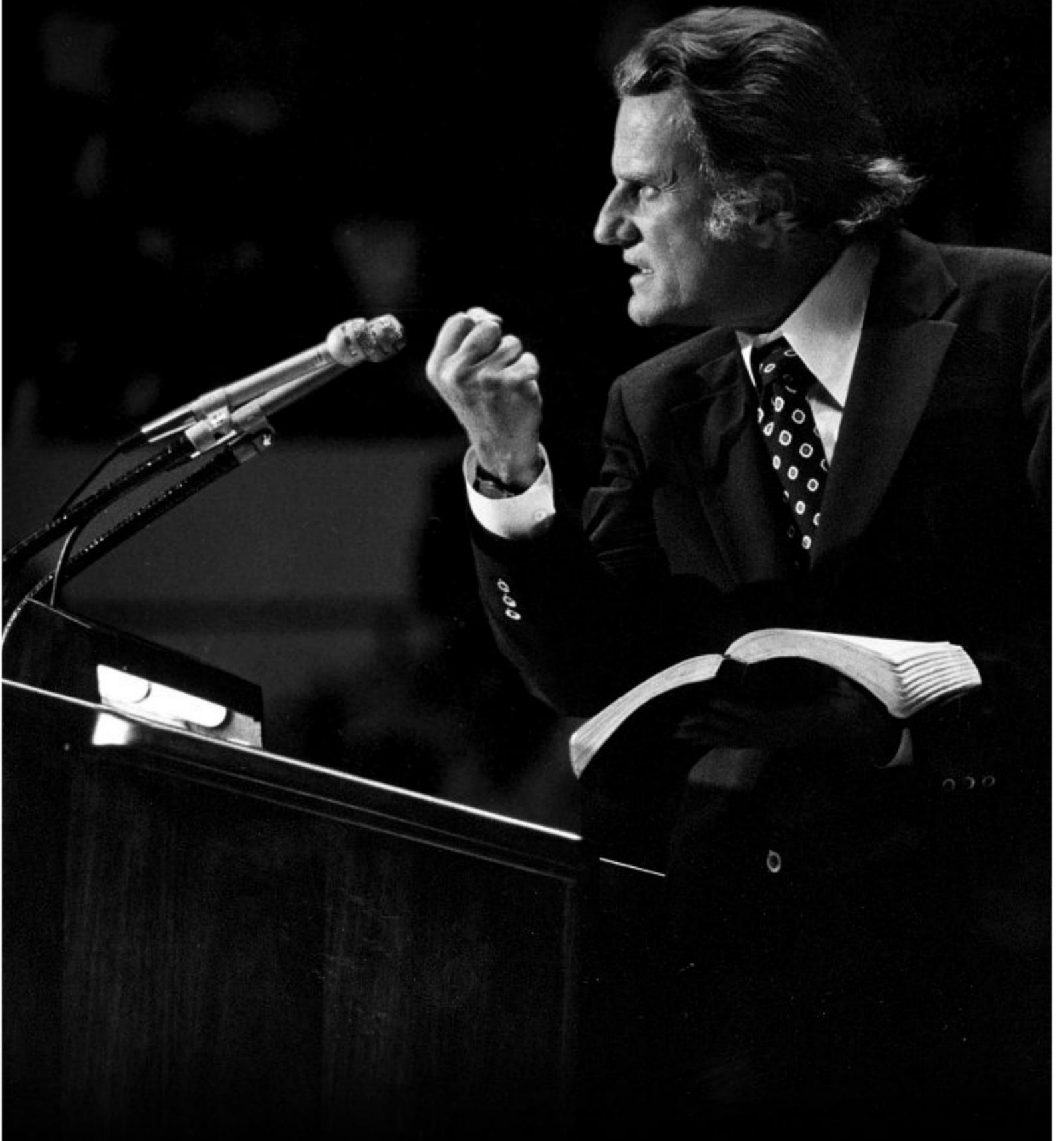
Ed Wojcicki, executive

director of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, said his organization fears recreational legalization could lead to increased accidents and teenage use, adding, "We wonder how that is possibly good for Illinois."

Cook County voters already will get to weigh in on marijuana. Commissioners voted last year to put that question on the March primary ballot.

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Perforated shells found in Spain date to 115,000 to 120,000 years ago, evidence that Neanderthals created art.

As artists, Neanderthals were no Neanderthals

BY MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — From the murky depths of Spanish caves comes a surprising insight: Neanderthals created art.

That's been proposed before, but experts say two new studies give convincing evidence that our evolutionary cousins had the brainpower to make artistic works and use symbols.

The key finding: New age estimates that show paintings on cave walls and decorated seashells in Spain were created long before our species entered Europe. So there's no way *Homo sapiens* could have made them or influenced Neanderthals to merely copy their artwork.

Until now, most scientists thought all cave paintings were the work of our species. But the new work concludes that some previously known paintings were rendered about 20,000 years before *H. sapiens* moved into Europe.

That's a surprise that "constitutes a major breakthrough in the field of human evolution studies," said Wil Roebroeks of Leiden University in the Netherlands, an expert on Neanderthals who didn't participate in the new work.

Now, he said in an email, Neanderthal "ownership of some cave art is a fact."

The second study provided evidence that Neanderthals used pigments and piercings to modify shells some 115,000 years ago, which is far earlier than similar artifacts are associated with *Homo sapiens* anywhere. That shows Neanderthals "were quite capable of inventing the ornaments themselves," said Paola Villa of the University of Colorado Museum in Boulder, who also didn't participate in the new work.

Neanderthals lived in Europe and Asia before disappearing about 40,000 years ago, around the time *Homo sapiens* moved into Europe.

The research, released Thursday by the journals *Science* and *Science Advances*, focused on determining the ages of previously known artifacts.

One team of European researchers concentrated on painted artwork in three caves in northern, southern and west-central Spain.

The other study sought to find the age of shells that had been colored and punctured in another cave, in southeast Spain.



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Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull left Australia on Wednesday. He will meet with President Donald Trump on Friday.

Aussie PM eyes stabilizing U.S. ties with Trump visit

BY TRACY WILKINSON
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was still settling into the Oval Office early last year when he blasted Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull over the phone for what the president called the "worst deal ever."

At issue was then-President Barack Obama's agreement to accept about 1,250 economic refugees who had fled to Australia, mostly from Afghanistan, Myanmar and Pakistan. Taking them, Trump argued, would contradict his vow to ban people arriving from a series of Muslim-majority countries, and to suspend the U.S. intake of refugees.

"I look like a dope," Trump told Turnbull, according to a transcript of the contentious call that was leaked to *The Washington Post* in August. "This is going to kill me. I am the world's greatest person that does not want to let people into the country. ... It makes me look so bad, and I have only been here a week."

With Turnbull sched-

uled to visit the White House on Friday, the Trump administration has accepted up to 170 of the economic refugees, and others are under consideration, according to the State Department. Twenty-two arrived last week in Los Angeles, according to the Refugee Action Coalition, based in Sydney.

In exchange, Australia has agreed to take a number of immigrants fleeing violent countries such as El Salvador and Honduras.

The long-delayed refugee swap has complicated U.S. ties with Australia, long one of America's staunchest allies, and both countries are eager to get relations back on an even keel.

Trump finally nominated an ambassador to Canberra this month, selecting Adm. Harry Harris Jr., who is finishing up a three-year assignment as head of U.S. Pacific Command.

"Mates stick by each other through good times and bad," Turnbull wrote in an op-ed for *USA Today* before his arrival. "Mates have each other's backs."

Trade is another point of contention. Australia con-

demned Trump's decision last year to withdraw from the proposed 11-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which the Obama administration had negotiated in an effort to help constrain China's growing power.

Turnbull is bringing 20 business entrepreneurs, and they will lobby governors and lawmakers to build pressure for a return to the TPP, said Joe Hockey, Australia's ambassador in Washington. Turnbull will make the case when he addresses the National Governors Association winter conference this weekend in Washington.

"I don't think a lecture from Australia about free trade is going to change (Trump's) mind, but there needs to be a buy-in from ... so many small businesses and communities across the United States who are beneficiaries," Hockey said.

Trump and Turnbull also are expected to discuss the president's recent announcement of tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, international efforts to isolate nuclear-armed North Korea, and expan-

sion of the "Indo-Pacific" alliance that seeks to counterbalance China.

"The prime minister and the president are actually quite close and they respect each other," Hockey told reporters in a conference call. "Our prime minister understands New York very well, they share a common transactional business language. ... The combined interests of both countries (weigh) more than the minor differences they might have."

Trump got off to a rocky start with Turnbull, a former Goldman Sachs executive with a strong pro-business bent, during their tense phone conversation Jan. 28, 2017.

But the two met in New York at a ceremony commemorating the Battle of the Coral Sea, a major naval engagement in World War II. They appeared to bury any disagreements.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis were dispatched to Australia the following month to ease tensions and restore normal relations.

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Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort pleaded not guilty to previous charges in the Russian investigation.

Manafort, Gates hit with new charges

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Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller filed a vastly expanded criminal indictment against President Donald Trump's former campaign manager and his partner Thursday, more than doubling the charges they face.

Paul Manafort and Richard Gates were first charged with 12 counts Oct. 30. Both pleaded not guilty, although Gates is expected to plead guilty and testify against Manafort.

The new indictment includes 16 counts related to false individual income tax returns, seven counts of failure to file reports of foreign bank and financial accounts, five counts of bank fraud conspiracy and four counts of bank fraud.

Manafort and Gates had worked on behalf of Ukraine's pro-Russia government, but that work

dried up after President Viktor Yanukovich fled the country in 2014, according to the indictment.

Afterward, the indictment says, they secured more than \$20 million in fraudulent loans by "falsely inflating Manafort's and his company's income and by failing to disclose existing debt."

The alleged scheme lasted through 2016, according to the indictment, but it does not mention their work on the Trump campaign or any cooperation with Russian operatives who used social media, hacking and other tactics to meddle in the U.S. presidential race.

On Tuesday, an associate of Gates pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI in the course of the Russia investigation. Alex van der Zwaan, a former lawyer, admitted to lying about his contacts with Gates.

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World leaders urge Syria cease-fire amid bombing

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BEIRUT — World leaders called Thursday for an urgent cease-fire in Syria as government forces pounded the opposition-controlled eastern suburbs of the capital in a crushing campaign that has left hundreds of people dead in recent days.

The U.N. Security Council heard a briefing from U.N. humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock on what he called "the humanitarian disaster unfolding before our eyes" in the rebel-held suburbs known as eastern Ghouta.

Sweden and Kuwait were seeking a vote on a resolution ordering a 30-day cease-fire to allow relief agencies to deliver aid and evacuate the critically sick and wounded from besieged areas to receive medical care.

But Russia's U.N. ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia, who called Thursday's meeting, put forward last-minute amendments, saying the proposed resolution was "simply unrealistic."

He also accused global media outlets of a massive disinformation campaign that ignored what he claimed were thousands of fighters, including al-Qaida-linked militants, that were shelling Damascus from eastern Ghouta

and taking refuge in hospitals and schools.

Council members said they needed to study the Russian proposals.

"We will try and find a way forward that works for everyone," Sweden's U.N. Ambassador Olof Skoog told reporters, adding that a vote was likely Friday.

Meanwhile, the United States accused Syrian President Bashar Assad of planning "to bomb or starve" opponents of eastern Ghouta into submission — just as Syria did in Aleppo, Hama and Homs.

Kelley Currie, the U.S. ambassador for economic and social affairs, told the Security Council that bombing attacks on eastern Ghouta "have been relentless" and Assad "wants to keep bombing and gassing these 400,000 people."

She said the Syrian leader is counting on Russia, a key ally and veto-wielding member of the council, to make sure it "is unable to stop their suffering."

Currie said Nebenzia asked council members Wednesday to "come up with ways of getting out of this situation."

She said the answer is simple — immediately adopt the resolution sponsored by Sweden and Kuwait.

In eastern Ghouta, medical workers said they hadn't been able to see



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A Red Crescent volunteer darts between buildings Thursday in rebel-held Douma in eastern Ghouta of Syria.

their families for days as they worked round the clock at hospitals, which have been moved underground to protect them from bombing, while their spouses and children stay in shelters.

"You can't be above ground for even 15 minutes," said a nurse in the town of Kafr Batna, who spoke on condition of anonymity to protect the identity of family members still living in government areas. "At any moment I expect to have to treat my relatives for wounds," he said.

A spokesman for the Syrian Civil Defense search-and-rescue group said eastern Ghouta was being targeted for "extermination."

"This is a war against civilians," said the spokesman, Siraj Mahmoud. "The civil defense is being targeted as they rescue women and children, evacuate civilians from targeted areas and put out fires."

Four rescue workers of

the organization, also known as the White Helmetts, have been killed since Sunday, Mahmoud said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said 400 people, including dozens of children, have been killed since Sunday.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said al-Qaida-linked fighters were using civilians as human shields in the rebel-held suburbs outside Damascus.

Al-Qaida's Syria affiliate is not known to have many fighters in eastern Ghouta, and government forces on Thursday concentrated their fire on hospitals, ambulances, apartment blocks and other civilian sites, according to rescue workers.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for a suspension of "all war activities" in the area where he said people were living "in hell on Earth."

NRA chief decries media, gun-control advocates

BY MARK BERMAN
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After a week of media silence following the school shooting in Florida, the National Rifle Association has gone on the offensive in its first public response to the massacre, pushing back against law enforcement officials, the media, gun-control advocates and calls for stricter gun laws made by the teenage survivors of the attack.

The gun rights group — a powerful force in American politics — used a series of statements, speeches and videos to try to blunt an emotionally charged wave of calls for new gun restrictions since a gunman armed with an AR-15 rifle killed 17 people at a South Florida high school. As the teens who escaped the bloodshed in Parkland, Fla., have passionately campaigned for new laws, it appears the politics suffusing the fraught issue of gun control are shifting, with President Donald Trump and some conservative lawmakers expressing a newfound willingness to consider at least modest measures.

While the NRA initially held back from the fray, that changed Wednesday, as a spokeswoman debated survivors of the attack during a heated town hall and then, a day later, Wayne LaPierre, the group's executive vice president, forcefully decried gun-control advocates and the media for its coverage of the shooting.

"They don't care about our schoolchildren," LaPierre said near the start of the Conservative Political Action Conference, the largest annual gathering of American conservatives. "They want to make all of us less free."

LaPierre also restated his belief that more armed



NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre denounced gun-control advocates in his speech Thursday at CPAC.

security would stop school shootings, echoing Trump, while calling on parents and local authorities to beef up security on campuses.

"Evil walks among us," LaPierre said. "And God help us if we don't harden our schools and protect our kids."

LaPierre's statement came even as the police officer assigned to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School resigned Thursday under investigation for failing to enter the building during the shooting.

It also followed the release of an NRA releasing a video claiming that "the mainstream media love mass shootings." This advertisement argued that members of the media benefit from covering mass shootings and use them "to juice their ratings and push their agenda."

Trump has also criticized the FBI for fumbling the tip. Trump echoed the NRA in calling for more armed security at schools, and he has emphasized the idea of arming some teachers as a way to deter future attacks, an idea criticized by some law enforcement officers and the National Education Association, the country's largest teachers lobby.

Trump also has floated actions that would be at odds with some positions of the NRA — a group that

heavily backed him during his campaign for the presidency — including suggesting that the age for purchasing assault rifles be raised from 18 to 21.

"Legislative proposals that prevent law-abiding adults aged 18-20 years old from acquiring rifles and shotguns effectively prohibits them for purchasing any firearm, thus depriving them of their constitutional right to self-protection," Jennifer Baker, a spokeswoman for the group, said in a statement.

The alleged shooter in south Florida had purchased at least 10 guns, all rifles and shotguns, including the AR-15 used in the massacre, according to a law enforcement official familiar with the probe. This official said that the shooter passed all background checks but was unable to purchase handguns because he was not yet 21.

In Florida, a day after high school students swamped the state capital to rally for more firearms restrictions, Republican lawmakers were expected to release legislative language late Thursday or early Friday with proposals responding to Parkland. The bills are expected to include at least one provision increasing in the minimum age for purchasing semiautomatic rifles to 21.

Pence defends Trump's agenda in CPAC pitch

BY ZEKE MILLER
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OXON HILL, Md. — Donald Trump's outsider candidacy rattled the conservative movement. But more than a year into his presidency, the onetime Democrat now holds what seems to be a near-total grip.

The largest annual gathering of conservatives has all the looks of a Trump festival, with Republican critics absent from the event outside the nation's capital.

Republicans are facing a challenging election season, and the Trump administration wants to motivate conservative activists so they will give endangered Republicans another term.

Vice President Mike Pence addressed the Conservative Political Action Conference on Thursday, offering a defense of the Trump agenda and trying to rally activists for the fall elections.

"Your president and I need you to show up," Pence told activists as he urged them to "defend all that we've accomplished."

"It's been a year of promises made and promises kept," he added.

But a year in power has seen some of the enthusiasm around the gathering wane, with large swaths of empty space in a ballroom already narrowed from previous conferences. Conservatives hope it won't bode ill for their November prospects.

Tim Phillips, president of Americans for Prosperity, said Pence's efforts amounted to a "pep rally" for potentially unmotivated conservatives. Echoing Pence's call that the administration's first year was the "most consequential" since at least President Ronald Reagan's, Phillips said, "that's a great point that I hope our base hears."

Past attendees such as



CPAC attendees Grant Shearer and Maureen Moroz pose for a photograph Thursday at the convention in Maryland.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., are skipping the event, as is Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, the libertarian-leaning Republican who once brought massive followings of young people to the CPAC halls.

Even Steve Bannon was absent.

The former White House chief strategist whose falling out with Trump cost him his perch atop the conservative Breitbart website has featured prominently at past gatherings.

"Clearly the interest is: What is Trump doing and what are their policies and what are they doing," said Saul Anuzis, a longtime CPAC gadfly and GOP operative from Michigan.

The hallways were filled with well-dressed attendees adorned with Trump campaign hats and buttons.

Top government officials, Cabinet secretaries, outside allies and conservative media boosters dominate the CPAC agenda, with appearances by Labor Secretary Alex Acosta, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway and White House counsel Don McGahn.

Paired with supportive interviewers, they highlighted the administration's work over the last year and

its future plans.

"Thank you President Trump for bringing us someone as wonderful as Secretary DeVos," said Kay Coles James, president of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, after a friendly interview with DeVos on her overhaul efforts.

Trump was to return to the conference for the second year in a row Friday.

The focus on Trumpism marks a shift for an event that had long held itself up as a resolute advocate for conservative principles.

During the George W. Bush administration, CPAC prominently featured criticism of the president's economic and immigration proposals — particularly sounding the alarm on soaring deficits under his tenure.

There was no such criticism audible Thursday.

Sebastian Gorka, a former White House aide and Trump booster, explained the conversion onstage, saying that "the GOP is starting to understand that this president was only accidentally the GOP candidate."

"He was the rank outsider, he owed nothing to the swamp," he added of Trump, saying the rest of the party is "riding his coattails."



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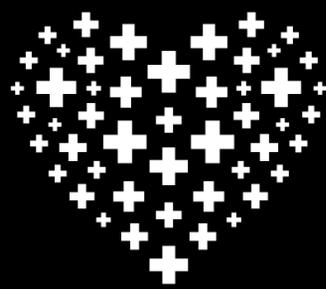
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The NRA posted a statement on its website opposing any increase in the minimum age to buy a rifle or shotgun.

Trump: Armed teachers could stop shootings

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ings. Both offered a rare window into the president's seemingly off-the-cuff thinking on gun policy, one of the nation's most contentious issues.

Trump reserved most of his enthusiasm for bringing concealed-carry permits to American schools, to allow teachers, coaches and other officials to be armed against potential killers.

He repeatedly berated the practice of declaring campuses as "gun-free zones," calling that an invitation to armed attackers.

"We have to harden our schools, not soften them," Trump said. "A gun-free zone to a killer or somebody who wants to be a killer, that's like going in for the ice cream. That's like 'here I am, take me.'"

His exuberance for the idea has seemed to build since a 19-year-old gunman killed 17 students and adults at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., last week. The administration had not previously floated the proposal.

Since his campaign, Trump mainly has limited his talk of gun policy to a staunch defense of an absolute Second Amendment right to bear arms, but the pressure for action since the latest shooting has been intense.

Trump raised the proposal publicly when he met at the White House on Wednesday with the group that included survivors of the Parkland shooting.

When he asked what students, parents and teachers thought of the idea of arming school personnel, a few raised their hands in support and a few against. Since then, however, several have spoken out in opposition.

By Thursday, nonetheless, Trump had turned into a hearty supporter of arming teachers. In four tweets, he advocated for guns in schools, and then espoused several other ideas in other posts, including raising the minimum age for certain gun purchases, bolstering



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Memorials adorn the fence outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., where 17 students and educators were shot and killed by a 19-year-old gunman.

the process of checking backgrounds of potential buyers and banning so-called bump stocks that allow users of semi-automatic weapons to fire at a faster rate.

There was, in fact, an armed school resource officer assigned to protect students at Stoneman Douglas, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said Thursday.

During a news conference, Israel said he suspended School Resource Deputy Scot Peterson, 54, on Thursday after seeing a video from the school that showed Peterson taking a defensive position outside the building while the shooter was inside killing students and teachers.

When asked what the deputy should have done, Israel said: "Went in and addressed the killer. Kill the killer."

Peterson, 54, a resource officer at the school since 2009, resigned after Israel suspended him. Israel said two other officers have been placed on a restricted assignment pending an internal investigation.

In his midday meeting with state and local officials, Trump grew expansive — and occasionally heated — on his ideas.

He said he didn't want "everybody standing there with a rifle" in America's

schools, but rather select, trained personnel with concealed weapons.

"Frankly, you have teachers that are Marines for 20 years, they retire and become a teacher," he said. "They're Army, Navy, Air Force, they're Coast Guard, they're people who have won shooting contests for whatever, this is what they do. They know guns, they understand guns."

Trump suggested without evidence that up to 40 percent of teachers could be armed. He then recommended that "we give them a little bit of a bonus" for bearing arms.

Trump did not address how to pay for the bonuses, school weapons or other proposals he is considering, except to say that the debate "isn't so much about funding, it's about common sense."

With his focus on such ideas, Trump in recent days has steered the national gun policy debate away from more ambitious proposals, notably one to revive a long-lapsed ban on assault rifles.

The gun-control advocates among Parkland's teenage survivors have called for a ban. He opposes one.

Instead, the president has raised some ideas, like new regulations against

bump stocks, that the NRA has expressed willingness to consider, and a few — like the age limit for buyers — that, he says, his gun-rights allies at the NRA can be persuaded to support.

On the NRA's website, a spokeswoman is quoted in opposition: "Passing a law that makes it illegal for a 20-year-old to purchase a shotgun for hunting or an adult single mother from purchasing the most effective self-defense rifle on the market punishes law-abiding citizens for the evil acts of criminals."

For Trump, the group likely would be a powerful ally for any expansion of concealed-carry laws to school employees, though the idea has met with concern from Republicans and Democrats, as well as school and law enforcement groups.

The Senate's Democratic minority leader, Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, expressed doubt that Trump will really push for the proposals that the NRA opposes.

When Trump has talked about gun restrictions in the past, Schumer noted, he "quickly dropped his support once the NRA opposed it. I hope this time will be different."

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Many Illinois teachers reject president's idea

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president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, which represents more than 100,000 teachers and paraprofessional members. "But wait a minute, there's suddenly funding to put weapons of war into the hands of teachers? I think it's insanity."

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson also opposed the idea of arming teachers.

"We need more teachers in schools, more students who are not scared, so that they should be focused on not their fears but their studies," Emanuel said when approached by reporters after an academic recognition award ceremony Thursday. "And it's ridiculous that you have a president of the United States (introducing) the concept that what schools need are armed teachers. I want to make sure our teachers are armed with education and textbooks."

Yet some teachers and school members across Illinois said they supported the idea.

In far downstate Ullin, officials hope to make Century School District 100 the first district in the state to have armed teachers.

School board member and past President Keith Clark said the board supports the idea and is asking the Illinois attorney general's office for legal clearance to do so. The state's concealed carry law prohibits having guns in schools, but state law allows districts to hire employees to carry guns, so officials are hoping to allow teachers and administrators to be armed under that provision, Clark said.

"We protect Brink's trucks and public officials with firearms, but our most valuable resource, our children, we fail to do that," said Clark, a former Illinois Department of Corrections officer. "Logically, this is the right thing to do, but it has to be done responsibly, and selectively, with proper training."

Mike Poehler, a fine arts teacher at Maine West High School with 32 years of experience, said he has heard presentations in recent years by law enforcement officers who made a credible case for arming teachers. It's helped to make him open to the idea.

"Reliance upon someone else to swoop in and protect you on a daily basis isn't practical," Poehler said. "We ultimately are responsible to position ourselves and our families by taking actions needed to mitigate unnecessary risk."

Oak Brook police Chief James Kruger, who is president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, opposed the idea of arming teachers and instead recommended armed police and security officers provide added protection at schools.

"I don't know that's something we want to necessarily throw on the backs of teachers," Kruger said. "To have them trained and armed and have the wherewithal to make those life-and-death decisions is a lot to throw on them."

"We are proponents of a

sworn police officer in every high school and most middle schools. Then districts need to decide whether they should have security personnel in every school building."

With his tweets, Trump echoed solutions he pushed during a "listening session" at the White House on Wednesday that included families of some of the 17 people killed by a gunman last week at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in South Florida.

The president appeared to voice support for raising to 21 the age at which someone could buy an assault rifle, and he doubled down on his idea of arming some teachers as a deterrent for school shootings.

"Highly trained, gun adept, teachers/coaches would solve the problem instantly, before police arrive," Trump said in one tweet.

The National Education Association, the country's largest teachers lobby, also opposes that strategy. In a statement Wednesday, NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia said, "Educators need to be focused on teaching our students."

Illinois Education Association spokesman Bridget Shanahan said its 135,000 members have worked

hard to promote other ways of keeping students and school staff safe. One tactic used already by educators is a "Know Me, Know My Name" lesson plan available to help teachers identify and assist students who are vulnerable or troubled. The union also is pushing for school districts to create comprehensive gun violence prevention plans, which would give schools a threat assessment system and violence prevention program, among other things.

Illinois teachers believe efforts like this would be more effective than asking educators to use guns, Shanahan said.

"Our teachers and support staff members ... want to help students learn and grow, not to become law enforcement," she said.

Chicago Teachers Union Vice President Jesse Sharkey said to put guns in the hands of educators would be "remarkably out of touch with where classroom teachers are at."

Most often, troubled students at Chicago schools are dealing with trauma from violence they have already experienced on the street, and the lingering psychological effects that come with exposure to it.

What the CTU's 25,000 members need, Sharkey said, is more access to social workers for students.

"I don't think it would help the relationship between teachers and students if teachers had a holster and a big piece as we're walking among desks in classrooms," Sharkey said. "Frankly ... weapons going into schools every day is the last thing we need."

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Public standing of FBI deeply concerning, No. 2 official says

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WASHINGTON — The No. 2 FBI official said Thursday that he personally visited the FBI's call center this week as part of a review of how it fumbled a tip on the teen accused of carrying out a massacre at a high school in Parkland, Fla., as he addressed the mounting criticism the bureau is facing over its handling of the matter.

Acting Deputy Director David Bowdich, appearing

at a Justice Department news conference about fraud perpetrated against the elderly, said that while he could not address specific people or organizations criticizing the bureau, he was deeply concerned about his agency's public standing.

The night before, National Rifle Association spokeswoman Dana Loesch had asserted during a CNN Town Hall on gun violence



Bowdich

that she was focusing her "condemnation" on the FBI officials who did not respond appropriately to warnings about the Parkland shooter. And soon before Bowdich spoke Thursday, NRA Chief Executive Wayne LaPierre had called the FBI's leadership "rogue."

"Look, I don't want to get into who says what, but I do want to project out to the

public, is when I look through the prism of risk for our organization, I find the number one risk for our organization is losing the faith and confidence of the American people. Number 1," Bowdich said when asked about the criticism from the NRA and others.

The FBI had previously conceded protocols were not followed when, in January, someone close to a teen named Nikolas Cruz called a bureau tip line to warn of Cruz's "gun ownership, desire to kill people, erratic

behavior and disturbing social media posts, as well as the potential of him conducting a school shooting." The tip was reported to a supervisor in the bureau's West Virginia call center, but it was never referred to agents in the field for further investigation as it should have been, officials have said. Cruz is accused of shooting and killing 17 people at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School last week.

Separately, a Mississippi bail bondsman had tipped

the FBI in September about a YouTube user with the screen name "nikolas cruz" who had commented on a video, "Im going to be a professional school shooter." In that instance, the bureau said it could not connect the account to a person.

Bowdich did not directly address a question about why, specifically, the tip on Cruz was not passed to agents in the field, though he hinted that those in the call center might have made a judgment error.

Survivors under internet assault

Online trolls target students seeking stricter gun laws

BY ALINA HARTOUNIAN
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One student was teased about being a “brown, bald lesbian.” Another was the target of conspiracy theorists who claimed he was an actor. When a group of teens posed for a photo, they were accused of lapping up attention from the news cameras and “partying like rock stars.”

Just days after watching their classmates die, survivors of the Florida school shooting came under a different kind of assault, this time from online trolls who threatened the students as they seek tighter gun laws.

In the face of such attacks, the students have been undeterred, confronting the trolls head-on in television interviews and on social media.

“They see us as a threat. And honestly, that’s kind of entertaining to me. And I love it because it means what we are doing is work-

ing. We are changing the world,” student David Hogg told MSNBC on Wednesday at a rally outside the Florida Capitol in Tallahassee.

Some conservatives have suggested that the teens are being used as political pawns, but the most vicious of the trolls go beyond that, into personal attacks and baseless accusations.

Hogg was the subject of perhaps the most outlandish conspiracy to surface since the Feb. 14 attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that killed 17 people. He was accused of being an actor who was never at the school.

The theory gained momentum in part because Hogg was interviewed by a news reporter last year while on vacation in California. During the trip, he was a witness to a friend’s confrontation with a lifeguard. President Donald Trump’s son, Donald Trump Jr., liked a tweet linking to a story suggesting Hogg was not a survivor of the attack.

But Hogg is no actor.

He recorded a video of terrified students huddled



Hogg



Florida Rep. Sean Shaw leads students as they chant protest slogans Wednesday at the state Capitol in Tallahassee. Students are tackling gun laws after the Parkland massacre.

in a darkened room on the day of the shooting. His classmates responded to the trolls with biting sarcasm.

Hogg “is smart, funny and diligent, but my favorite thing about him is undoubtedly that he’s actually a 26-year-old felon from California,” tweeted classmate Cameron Kasky.

Others latched on to Hogg’s comment that his dad previously worked for the FBI as a means to discredit him. The FBI has acknowledged that agents received a tip about suspect Nikolas Cruz but failed to investigate it.

The students who endured trolling also include

Emma Gonzalez, whose short haircut and skin color drew derision, and Kasky, who complained on Twitter about receiving death threats on Facebook.

Critics also assailed the students for the photos that were taken with a reporter. Trolls said the teens were “laughing uproariously.”

Hoax claims and online vitriol have long plagued survivors of mass shootings and families of the dead. But many of the Stoneman Douglas students faced a new layer of scrutiny after they pivoted from survivors to gun-control activists.

University of Maryland professor Danielle Citron,

who studies online harassment, said such internet mobs are meant “to silence and to intimidate” and to “shut down a social movement in its tracks.”

But Citron said the younger generation, who are steeped in social media, can be resilient.

“My Twitter following has tripled over the past day,” Hogg told MSNBC. “I think that’s in part because of these trolls. So for that, I’m honestly kind of thankful.”

University of Illinois at Chicago communications professor Steve Jones said conventional advice is not to engage with trolls. But he

said he would not presume to tell the students what to do, especially after what they witnessed.

“They’ve been through one of the most horrible things imaginable and whatever they’re doing in response to it is itself an act of bravery,” said Jones, who studies online behavior.

Piero Guerra, a 16-year-old junior, who considered himself a gun-rights supporter before the shooting, said he can understand why some people are angry with the students’ efforts.

“But my main goal is that they see our perspective as well,” Guerra said. “It’s kind of hard to tell people to be respectful on the internet because it’s never going to happen.”

Lenny Pozner, whose 6-year-old son died in the 2012 Sandy Hook massacre in Newtown, Conn., has sought to debunk conspiracy theories claiming mass shootings were staged by the government as part of an anti-gun agenda. He is still harassed online.

Pozner said he’s now advocating for laws that would treat victims of mass shootings as a protected class “so that this kind of targeting would be considered hate speech and a crime.”

“But I’m glad people are not still deluding themselves with saying, ‘Just ignore the trolls and they’ll go away.’ Because they have not gone away,” Pozner said.



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1st lady's parents on citizenship path

But legal status raises questions on 'chain migration'

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The parents of first lady Melania Trump have become legal permanent residents of the United States and are close to obtaining their citizenship, according to people familiar with their status, but their attorney declined to say how or when the couple gained green cards.

Immigration experts said Viktor and Amalija Knavs likely relied on a family reunification process that President Donald Trump has derided as "chain migration" and proposed ending.

The Knavs, formerly of Slovenia, are living in the country on green cards, according to Michael Wildes, a New York-based immigration lawyer who represents the first lady and her family.

"I can confirm that Mrs. Trump's parents are both lawfully admitted to the United States as permanent residents," he said. "The family, as they are not part of the administration, has asked that their privacy be respected so I will not comment further on this matter."

The Knavs are awaiting scheduling for their naturalization oath ceremony, according to a person with knowledge of their immigration filings. Legal residents typically have to maintain residence in the United States for five years before they can obtain citizenship.

It is unclear when the Knavs first moved to the United States, but by late 2007, Viktor Knavs was listed in public records as residing at Mar-a-Lago, Trump's private club in Palm Beach, Fla.



Amalija and Viktor Knavs have reportedly gained legal permanent U.S. residency. The couple are thought to be retired.

Questions over the Knavs' immigration status have escalated since Trump campaigned for the White House on an anti-immigration agenda. Those questions grew sharper last month, when the president proposed ending the decades-long ability of U.S. citizens to sponsor their parents and siblings for legal residency in the country.

In last month's State of the Union, Trump called "chain migration" a threat to Americans' security and quality of life.

Under his plan, the president said, only spouses and minor children could be sponsored for legal residency. Matthew Kolken, a partner at a New York immigration law firm, said there are only two substantive ways Trump's in-laws could gain green cards: through sponsorship by their daughter or an employer. The latter is unlikely, he said, as it would require evidence that there were no Americans who could do the job for which

they were hired.

The Knavs are reportedly retired.

In Slovenia, Viktor Knavs, now 73, worked as a chauffeur and car salesman. Amalija Knavs, now 71, was a pattern maker at a textile factory.

David Leopold, an immigration lawyer and a past president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, said the first lady's sponsorship of her parents appears to be the only reasonable way they would have obtained green cards because the process gives preferential treatment to parents of U.S. citizens.

"That would be the logical way to do it, the preferred way to do it and possibly the only way to do it under the facts that I know," Leopold said.

Foreigners can also petition for refugee status or other humanitarian programs, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

A White House spokesman and a spokeswoman

for the first lady declined to comment.

The revelation that the Knavs have permanent legal residency threw a spotlight once again on questions about Melania Trump's immigration history.

Wildes, her attorney, has said that she first came to the United States from Slovenia in 1996 for modeling work, first on a visitor's visa and then a work permit. In 2000, he said, she sponsored herself for a green card based on her "extraordinary ability" as a model.

However, The Associated Press reported in 2016 that Trump was paid for 10 modeling jobs in 1996 before she received legal authorization to work in the United States.

She has not provided details about how she proved to the U.S. government that she qualified to receive a green card for her "extraordinary ability," a category generally reserved for highly accomplished people such as Nobel Prize

winners.

In 2001, several years after meeting Donald Trump, she received a green card that granted her permanent residency, Wildes has said. She became a U.S. citizen in 2006, the year after she and Trump were married.

"I came here for my career," Melania Trump told Harper's Bazaar in January 2016. "I did so well. I moved here. It never crossed my mind to stay here without papers. That is just the person you are. You follow the rules. You follow the law."

After their daughter moved to the United States, the Knavs joined her, living on and off with the Trumps. As of December 2007, Viktor Knavs was using Mar-a-Lago as his address and had a Florida-based Mercedes-Benz registered in his name, according to public records.

They are not the only family members to join Melania Trump from Slovenia: Her older sister, Ines,

lives in an apartment in a Trump-owned building on Park Avenue in New York, public records show.

Since the first lady and her son, Barron, moved into the White House last summer, her parents have been seen frequently in Washington.

Several years ago, their attorneys contacted the office of Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., now the Democratic minority leader, for help checking on the status of their petition for a green card with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, according to a person familiar with the outreach.

Such efforts are not unusual, and some congressional staffs, including Schumer's, have a dedicated immigration case worker to handle such requests. Schumer's office declined to comment.

In his State of the Union address Jan. 30, President Trump offered a four-point immigration plan that he said "protects the nuclear family by ending chain migration."

"Under the current broken system, a single immigrant can bring in virtually unlimited numbers of distant relatives," he said in his speech. "Under our plan, we focus on the immediate family by limiting sponsorships to spouses and minor children. This vital reform is necessary, not just for our economy, but for our security and our future."

Trump underscored his position in a Feb. 6 tweet.

"We need a 21st Century MERIT-BASED immigration system," he tweeted. "Chain migration and the visa lottery are outdated programs that hurt our economic and national security."

Democrats and some Republicans have opposed that measure. This month, the Senate defeated legislation offered by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and backed by the White House that included Trump's proposal.

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Trump shooting range rattles neighbors

By JAKE PEARSON
Associated Press

WINGDALE, N.Y. — President Donald Trump's two grown sons arrived at this tranquil, rural upstate New York hamlet with a bang.

A company tied to Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump owns a 171-acre hunting preserve that is being used as a private shooting range, where the sound of rifle fire from a wooden tower and exploding targets has riled nearby residents, neighbors told The Associated Press.

One neighbor complained that it rattles the windows of his home; another said it ruins the serenity of the surrounding woods. A third confronted the property's representative over the summer.

"It's like you're in a war zone," said Elisabetta Berghold, who lives on 42 acres down the road from the Trumps' land.

Neighbors said that while they knew there would be occasional rifle fire from deer hunting on the property, the thunderous noise from target practice on a stretch of land closest to other neighbors was unexpected and unwelcome.

"It's bad. It shakes the windows," said neighbor Mike Dougherty.

Four neighbors interviewed by the AP described the shooting. All said it had become less frequent in recent months but peaked on summer weekends.

The de facto shooting range is located on a strip of land on the easternmost border of the Trumps' property, an easement that was cleared of trees years ago for an AT&T Inc. cable. A wooden tower on that stretch is visible from the public road.

The Trumps appear to have acquired the property via limited liability companies that contain some version of the property's address in their names but do not reveal the Trumps' connections. LLCs are often used to buy property or



SETH WENIG/AP

A tower visible from a public road sits among trees on the Leather Hill Preserve, owned by the Trump family.

conduct business in ways that obscure the people behind the transactions.

The entity that purchased the land in 2013, Leather Hill Preserve LLC, lists its agent as a Manhattan company that provides registration services to LLCs across the country.

Incorporation records filed with the state show that the LLC's articles of organization were filed by a Trump Organization executive based out of Trump Tower and that Trump Jr. designated himself in July 2013 as the company's authorized person. In disclosure reports filed with New York City and obtained by the AP under a public records request, Trump Jr. lists himself as the owner of "DT Leather Hill Road LLC" and Eric Trump lists himself as the owner of "194 Leather Hill Road LLC."

A money manager from Connecticut, Jeffrey Ferraro, is listed as the company's organizer and in sales records as a representative for the LLC. He was a state delegate at the Republican National Convention in July 2016 and appears with Eric Trump in a photo posted on Facebook.

Neither the Trump Organization's spokeswoman nor its general counsel acknowledged requests to discuss the property. An email to Trump Jr. about the property was not returned.

Berghold, an active Democrat and no fan of the president, said that after she confronted Ferraro on July

3, he apologized and said they would keep down the noise.

She said when she confronted Ferraro about the shooting, he said that his "partners have the Secret Service coming, and they shoot, too."

A spokeswoman for the Secret Service said the agency had no comment. Ferraro would not discuss whether Secret Service agents shoot on the property.

Ferraro obtained a license from the state's Department of Environmental Conservation granting the property the right to act as a noncommercial shooting preserve for invited guests and relatives only. The license is set to expire in April.

Ferraro said he was the primary person in charge of the company that owns the land. He would not discuss how he knows the Trumps or their ownership of the property and would not discuss the use of exploding targets. He said there was no shooting range on the land and said no one has visited the tract without him being there.

"Who I bring and what I do on my private property, as long as it's within my legal rights, is not a story for anyone," he said. He called the Trumps "private citizens just like anyone else."

"You're not asking me about other guests who are up there who are better known than the names you mention," he said, but declined to elaborate. "Guns make noise. That's all I can tell you."

No complaints about the property have been lodged with the Town of Dover, which governs the hamlet of Wingdale, said Donn Andersen, the town's building inspector.

He said there was nothing in the town code governing the use of exploding targets, and the tower wouldn't require a permit since it's not occupied. The chapter of the town's code on noise makes no mention of guns, shooting or target practice.

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Mo. governor indicted on invasion of privacy charge

Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens was indicted Thursday by a St. Louis grand jury on a felony invasion of privacy charge, according to city officials.

The charges stem from a 2015 extramarital affair and allegations that he threatened to release a nude photograph of the woman if she ever spoke publicly about the affair.

Greitens has acknowledged the affair but denies the allegations, which surfaced last month when the

ex-husband of the woman with whom Greitens had an affair gave St. Louis TV station KMOV an audio recording purportedly of her confessing the affair and accusing the governor of threatening to blackmail her.

The woman involved in the matter has not made a comment.

The recording was made without her knowledge by her ex-husband and released without her consent.

Parents: 101 Nigerian girls missing after militant attack

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — More than 100 girls are still missing three days after suspected Boko Haram extremists attacked their school in northern Nigeria, parents said Thursday, as fears grew that they may have been kidnapped like those from Chibok nearly four years ago.

The announcement came after officials in Yobe state acknowledged that some 50 young wom-

en remained unaccounted for in the Monday attack on the village of Dapchi. There have been conflicting reports, in part because of limited access to the area.

One parent, Bashir Manzo, said the parents gave a list of 101 missing children to the governor.

Boko Haram fighters invaded Dapchi on Monday evening. Authorities initially denied claims that students were seized.

Montenegro police: Attacker at U.S. Embassy a former soldier

PODGORICA, Montenegro — The man who hurled a bomb into the U.S. Embassy compound in Montenegro's capital, and then killed himself with another bomb, was an ex-soldier apparently decorated by former Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic after NATO's bombing of Serbia and Montenegro in 1999, authorities said Thursday.

A police official said the man was Dalibor

Jaukovic, who was identified by a relative.

Jaukovic, 43, had no criminal record and the attack wasn't an act of terrorism, police said.

Police added they were investigating his motives and whether he had acted alone, and that security was beefed up around all foreign embassies.

The U.S. State Department said it doesn't believe the attack "is part of an ongoing threat."



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Meat and greet: Jack Field, left, of the Washington Cattle Feeders Association, and Don Blakemore, of the Washington Cattlemen's Association, cook beef at the state Capitol in Olympia, Wash., for the public and lawmakers to highlight the state's cattle industry.

Mattis expected to back having transgender troops in military

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is expected to propose to President Donald Trump that transgender members of the U.S. military be allowed to continue serving despite the president's call last summer for a ban on all transgender service, according to two officials with knowledge of the issue.

The defense secretary was scheduled to brief the president Wednesday, but the meeting was postponed and will occur soon, officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss policy deliber-

ations. Dana White, a spokeswoman for Mattis, said the secretary will meet with Trump this week and the president will make an announcement at some point afterward.

Officials at the White House and Pentagon declined to comment on the recommendations until Mattis delivers his plan.

Trump surprised many Pentagon officials July 26 by issuing a string of tweets in which he said he was banning all transgender people from the military, despite not having a plan in place. Trump tweeted that he had reached his decision

"after consultation with my Generals and military experts," citing the "tremendous medical costs and disruption" he believed it would cause.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, moved afterward to stop any changes from taking place until a new policy was adopted, and Mattis backed the move. The Obama administration began allowing transgender people to openly serve in the military in June 2016.

It's unclear whether Trump will adopt Mattis' recommendations.

Texas governor spares inmate on death row

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday spared the life of a convicted killer shortly before the man's scheduled execution for masterminding the fatal shootings of his mother and brother.

In sparing the life of Thomas "Bart" Whitaker about an hour before he

was scheduled for lethal injection, Abbott accepted the state parole board's rare clemency recommendation. Whitaker's father, Kent, also was shot in the 2003 plot at the family's suburban Houston home but survived and led the effort to save his son from execution. Abbott com-

muted the sentence to life without parole.

The seven-member Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommended unanimously Tuesday that Abbott commute the sentence. Abbott, a Republican had the option of accepting the recommendation, rejecting it or doing nothing.

Lawmakers in Netherlands: Genocide in Armenia

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Lawmakers in the Netherlands overwhelmingly voted Thursday to label as genocide the mass killings of Armenians by Ottoman Turks more than a century ago. Turkey condemned the move, which is likely to further ratchet up diplomatic tensions between the two countries.

Despite the vote in the lower house of the parliament, acting Foreign Affairs Minister Sigrid Kaag said that the Dutch government wouldn't follow the parliament's lead. Kaag says the Cabinet will "continue to exercise restraint" in the politically charged issue.

Historians estimate up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I. Turkey disputes the description as genocide, saying the toll has been inflated and considers those killed victims of a civil war.

Gov. Ricardo Rossello of Puerto Rico announced Thursday that a team of experts at George Washington University will lead an independent, in-depth review to determine the number of deaths caused by Hurricane Maria. The administration had maintained that 64 people died, but critics have said the toll is much higher.

Mississippi has granted a tax break worth just over \$6 million to a hotel developer affiliated with the Trump Organization. The Mississippi Development Authority approved the tourism tax rebate for a hotel in Cleveland, Miss. The state offers developers a rebate of up to 30 percent of their investment.

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EDITORIALS

For the Illinois Senate

Today we begin endorsements for the Illinois General Assembly. You want change in Springfield? You have to send it.

But look: Of 39 seats up for grabs this election cycle in the Illinois Senate, only five have contested primaries. Eighteen incumbents, many of whom have been in Springfield longer than a decade, have no challengers for the primary or general election. Those incumbents are likely to coast back to Springfield. Again.

The numbers are an indication of the electorate's growing disengagement. Why bother running, or investing energy in those who do? Too often we hear it. And see it. The General Assembly's inability to solve big problems, even in times of financial crisis, foments hopelessness toward state government.

Throughout this endorsement process, we have tried to select candidates — yes, some incumbents included — who demonstrate independence, policy chops and vigor. Change agents. We begin with those contested Senate primaries.

8th District. Sen. Ira Silverstein, D-Chicago, has represented this Northwest Side and suburban district for 19 years. He might have been a shoo-in for re-election. Then a female activist working with him to pass legislation accused him of sexual harassment. A report cleared Silverstein of the charge but also described his conduct as “unbecoming of a legislator.” Yet Senate President John Cullerton still is backing Silverstein. We're not. **Ram Villivalam**, a former legislative coordinator for Service Employees International Union, is policy-proficient, engaged and prepared to push back against the Democrat establishment. He already has. Endorsement runners-up: Caroline McAteer-Fournier, an accomplished, bold community activist who works for DePaul University's career center, and David Zulkey, a thoughtful attorney and lifelong district resident. They're both strong contenders, but Villivalam's policy chops give him the edge.

20th District. Serving in party leadership in Springfield comes with perks. More money. More influence. More access. But the price is steep. Leaders are expected to vote in lockstep, even on godawful bills. That must be the reason Sen. Iris Martinez, D-Chicago, who serves on Cullerton's team, voted repeatedly for budgets that were alarmingly out of balance. That's how this state got in its financial death spiral. While we appreciate Martinez's work on second chances for felons seeking employment, there are too many cases where her loyalty to party surpassed her obligations to taxpayers. **Bart Goldberg**, an attorney and longtime community activist, brings the progressive credentials the district wants and more independence than the incumbent can offer. Goldberg also happens to be one of the sharpest candidates we've encountered this cycle. He is endorsed.

27th District. Two thoughtful Demo-



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Democrat Ram Villivalam, 8th District



GOLDBERG CAMPAIGN PHOTO
Democrat Bart Goldberg, 20th District



GILLESPIE CAMPAIGN PHOTO
Democrat Ann Gillespie, 27th District



PLUMMER CAMPAIGN PHOTO
Republican Jason Plummer, 54th District



HILDENBRAND CAMPAIGN PHOTO
GOP's Tanya Hildenbrand, 57th District

crats with experience in crucial policy realms are competing in this northwest suburban district for the chance to unseat the Republican incumbent, Sen. Tom Rooney, in November. We're endorsing **Ann Gillespie**, of Arlington Heights, who offers an insider's perspective on the need for job creation in Illinois. She oversaw a large pharmaceutical distribution center before retiring in 2016. She also knows health care policy, which would be helpful as the state deals with increasing Medicaid costs. Gillespie faces **Joe Sonnefeldt**, of Mount Prospect, a musician and president of the local school board who brings a strong education background. But in this race, Gillespie gets the nod. If you see her on the campaign trail, ask about her butterhorns. We did. She won the Tribune's 2016 holiday cookie contest.

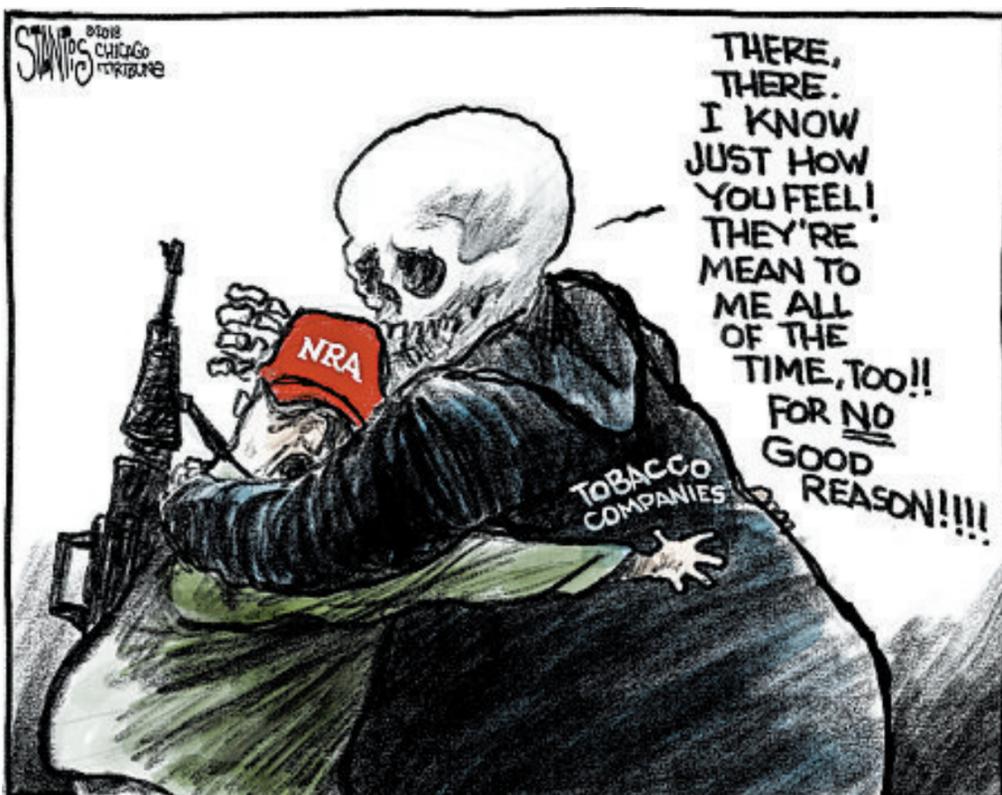
54th District. Sen. Kyle McCarter, R-Lebanon, followed through on a commitment to term limit himself. Four candidates are running for the GOP nomination: George Barber, of

Greenville, head men's basketball coach at Greenville University; Benjamin Stratemeyer, of Centralia, an accountant and former Marion County GOP chairman; **Jason Plummer**, of Edwardsville, businessman and former lieutenant governor candidate; and **Rafael Him**, a military veteran from New Baden. Plummer, who ran for lieutenant governor in 2010 and Congress in 2012, has gotten a bad rap in the past. He is young. He has stumbled on the campaign trail. But now, he is ready. Plummer understands the sabotage that high taxes are inflicting on southern Illinois families and businesses. He lives it as vice president of his family's lumber company. Plummer is endorsed.

57th District. The GOP will have a tough time winning this St. Louis-area seat, which will be open due to the retirement of Democratic Sen. James Clayborne. But two Republicans are running for the nomination. The winner will face Democrat Christopher Belt in the fall. **Bob Romanik**, of Belleville, is a provocative radio talk show host. If you give him 30 minutes, he actually offers compassionate views on the role of government to help the needy and his efforts to do so. But that message is drowned out by shock-jock rhetoric. Not a good fit for public office. The better choice is **Tanya Hildenbrand**, also of Belleville, an accomplished counterterrorism expert who worked for the federal government and now consults. She says reducing property taxes, possibly through school district consolidation, will be her priority if elected. For a region of the state with dozens of small, expensive districts gobbling up tax revenue, her platform sounds about right. She is endorsed.

As the March 20 Illinois primary approaches, you'll find the candidates' answers to our surveys, and our endorsements, at chicagotribune.com/candidates.

SCOTT STANTIS



You want 'this time' to be different? The kids can't do it alone.

Different events awaken different generations, and stir them to action. Because they won't tolerate the status quo.

In the '60s and '70s, millions flooded the streets in the civil rights and Vietnam War protests. More recently, Black Lives Matter and #MeToo have dominated the national stage.

Now, surviving students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High are demanding tighter gun laws after 17 of their classmates and teachers were gunned down. They're inspiring thousands of high school students in the Chicago area and across the nation to protest. Because every high schooler knows the truth: What happened at Stoneman Douglas could have happened at almost any school.

That's why students are mobilizing to march on Washington. That's why a national walk-out is planned for the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting on April 20. That's why students laced into Sen. Marco Rubio in a fiery CNN town hall meeting on gun control.

"The people in the government who are voted into power are lying to us," senior Emma Gonzalez said at a rally last weekend. "And us kids seem to be the only ones who notice and are prepared to call B.S."

Keep it up, students. Keep reminding adults that they have failed for decades in their central duty — to protect the nation's children.

After previous school shootings, many lawmakers have vowed and promised and pledged that *this time* things would be different. They have failed to deliver. From the massacre at Columbine High to the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary to the massacre at Stoneman Douglas High, the only thing that significantly changed is the roster of victims. Most regulations haven't. Most states' mental health laws haven't. Most lawmakers' stances haven't.

Why so? After the Columbine shock, the focus fell mainly on the assailants and the warnings signs in their behavior. The shooting was an aberration, many wrongly believed. Sandy Hook's students were too young to speak out.

This week, though, Stoneman Douglas High students boarded buses to lobby lawmakers in Tallahassee. "This shooting is different from the other ones," Daniel Bishop, 16, told a reporter on a Tallahassee-bound bus. "Sandy Hook, they were elementary school kids who couldn't stand up for themselves. Virginia Tech was 2007, a different time. But this one, I just have a gut feeling — something is going to change."

We hope so. But gut feelings are unreliable. These students and patriots across the country face the same hurdles as others who fight for change: Anger flares, but subsides. The news cycle moves swiftly. The students who lived through the horror of that shooting will never forget. But their voices alone won't be enough.

After 9/11, this nation launched an aggressive effort against terrorism. Gun violence demands the same kind of urgent national response. This is a public health threat, as lethal as any epidemic. Congress should direct the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to evaluate ways to extinguish this festering epidemic.

President Donald Trump has directed Attorney General Jeff Sessions to propose regulations "very soon" to ban so-called bump stocks that turn semi-automatic rifles into machine gun-style weapons, like those used in the Las Vegas carnage. Make it now.

Congress also should require background checks for every gun purchase, including those at gun shows and transactions between private parties. Lawmakers should limit the capacity of magazine clips, forcing assailants to frequently reload. And they should limit access to semi-automatic rifles by raising the legal age of purchase or possession to 21.

One Trump idea that could make things worse: Give guns to teachers with military or special training. Bringing more guns to school increases the danger that they'll be misused.

No single action will eradicate the gun violence in America. But doing nothing guarantees more carnage on campus.

Chicago Tribune

PERSPECTIVE



MICHAEL LAUGHLIN/SUN SENTINEL

At a CNN town hall Wednesday, Marjory Stoneman Douglas student Cameron Kasky asks Sen. Marco Rubio, right, if he'll continue to accept money from the NRA.

It's not NRA money that's the problem, it's NRA voters



ERIC ZORN

With stunning poise and steely confidence, Cameron Kasky, a junior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, confronted U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., live on CNN on Wednesday evening.

"Can you tell me right now that you will not accept a single donation from the (National Rifle Association)?" he demanded. In the arena where the town hall event was held, the crowd of some 7,000 — most of them connected to the school community that was shattered when a gunman killed 17 during a Feb. 14 rampage — stood and cheered for more than 20 seconds.

After a bit of back-and-forth, Rubio answered: "No. 1, the positions I hold on these issues of the Second Amendment I've held since the day I entered office in the city of West Miami as an elected official.

"No. 2," he went on, "No. The answer to the question is that people buy into my agenda. ... The influence

of these groups comes not from money. The influence comes from the millions of people that agree with the agenda; the millions of Americans that support the NRA."

A moment later Kasky pressed the point. "In the name of 17 people, you cannot ask the NRA to keep their money out of your campaign?" he asked. "Are you gonna be accepting money from the NRA in the future?"

Rubio's answer, greeted with jeers: "I will always accept the help of anyone who agrees with my agenda."

My heart is with Kasky, a founder of the nascent #NeverAgain movement promoting stricter gun control laws to diminish the risk and frequency of mass shootings. My heart is also with all the other newly activated students and their supporters who are furious about the NRA's outsized influence on American politics.

It's a radical, paranoid organization that leads the charge against virtually any measure to limit access to firearms or to limit the damage that individual weapons can do. The NRA fights efforts to trace guns and to study the efficacy of various gun-violence reduction methods.

But my head is with Rubio, at least on this point. Evidence suggests that the NRA doesn't buy politicians. It buys passion.

A Center for Responsive Politics chart shows that, of the \$203 million the NRA reported spending on political activities from 1998 to 2017, only a little more than 11 percent went directly to candidates. Most of the rest went for lobbying and issue-oriented advertising designed to fire up the organization's base.

Very few candidates, Rubio included, would feel the pinch if the NRA withheld its contributions — usually comparatively modest donations directed to Republicans who already support their hard-line positions. But many candidates would feel the lash if NRA members and supporters withheld their votes.

Today, in the wake of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre, gun-control supporters are feeling energized, angry and afraid, determined to make noise about this issue, to cast votes based on it, to donate, to protest, to volunteer.

Gun rights supporters feel this way pretty much all the time. That's why they tend to win. That's why measures supported by suffocating majorities of Americans die in legislative bodies and why our lawmakers seem to blithely ignore safety statistics from other, less gun-crazed countries.

You don't close this enthusiasm gap with one week of demonstrations and speeches. You don't close it by shaming politicians into refusing to take NRA money.

You close the enthusiasm gap the same way the NRA created it, with sustained focus and by harnessing a critical mass of voters. You close the enthusiasm gap not simply by being loud, but by remaining loud in the determination to punish elected officials who, say, refuse to close the gun-show loophole, to ban bump stocks, to expand and tighten background checks or to limit the availability of weapons of war.

I became deeply cynical about the prospects for progress on this issue after 20 little kids were murdered by a lone gunman at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012 and no laws or regulations were changed.

But Cameron Kasky and all the other young people around the nation who've spoken with such determination and eloquence have provided a glimmer of hope that this time it will be different.

Winning little PR skirmishes won't get the job done, however. To beat the NRA, they've got to learn to play the long game.

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Trump Jr. may be too much for scandal-weary India

BY MIHIR SHARMA

If you lived in one of India's largest cities, a startling sight would've greeted you when you picked up your morning newspaper Monday: Whole front pages had been replaced by an artist's impression of a skyscraper. There was to be a Trump tower in your town, the ads declared — something you might have already gleaned from the photograph of Donald Trump Jr. that accompanied the advertisement, and perhaps from the fact that the skyscraper in question appeared to be entirely gold-plated.

The advertisement also promised that anyone putting down \$38,000 toward an apartment in that Trump tower would get to have dinner with the U.S. president's son, who is visiting India this week. "Trump is here — are you invited?" the ads teased, though language purists might suppose that a dinner open to anyone who pays \$38,000 involves tickets rather than invitations.

Trump Jr. is also speaking Friday at the "Global Business Summit" organized by India's largest business newspaper, billed immediately below Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He's supposed to talk about a "new era



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Donald Trump Jr.'s visit to India was accompanied by ads in several major newspapers featuring the tag "Trump is here — are you invited?"

of cooperation" in "the Indo-Pacific" — the American government's new term of art for an Asia that doesn't revolve entirely around China. In other words, the son of the U.S. president, on a business trip to a key U.S. partner, is taking time out from selling access to himself to deliver a foreign-policy speech that, in fact, the U.S. government has admitted it knows nothing about.

Even in India, a country where scandals and scams can be breathtaking in their scope, I struggle to recall anyone doing

anything quite so brazen. At the same time, many in India would expect nothing less from property developers like the Trumps. Perhaps there are Americans who think that real estate is a business like any other; in India we know that buying land and putting up buildings requires a very particular sort of intimacy with the government.

Indian real estate regulations are Kafkaesque in their complexity. In fact, they are often so complicated and restrictive that only those with the ability to lobby the

government can get anything built at all.

Consider Mumbai, the densely crowded island city that serves as India's financial capital. Until 2015, the law stated that the maximum "floor space index" for any construction on the island was 1.33, which meant even double-storied buildings should have been rare.

Yet look at Mumbai's skyline, pierced by enough skyscrapers to satisfy anyone not named Trump. How did that happen? Well, 25 "exceptions" were built into the rule, and discretion was granted to politicians and bureaucrats to suspend the norms for particular projects. Every single building in downtown Mumbai that's been built in the past quarter-century has, therefore, required special permission from one politician or another. Is it any surprise that Indians have a fairly jaundiced view of the relationship between builders and politics?

Perhaps that helps explain why India has become the Trumps' largest overseas market, and why they've lent their name to five different buildings here. We don't expect much from our politicians, and we expect even less from our real estate moguls.

India, however, is at least trying to fix this problem. Modi has worked hard to ensure that his administration is perceived as corruption-free; he's almost paranoid about being seen as too close to businessmen.

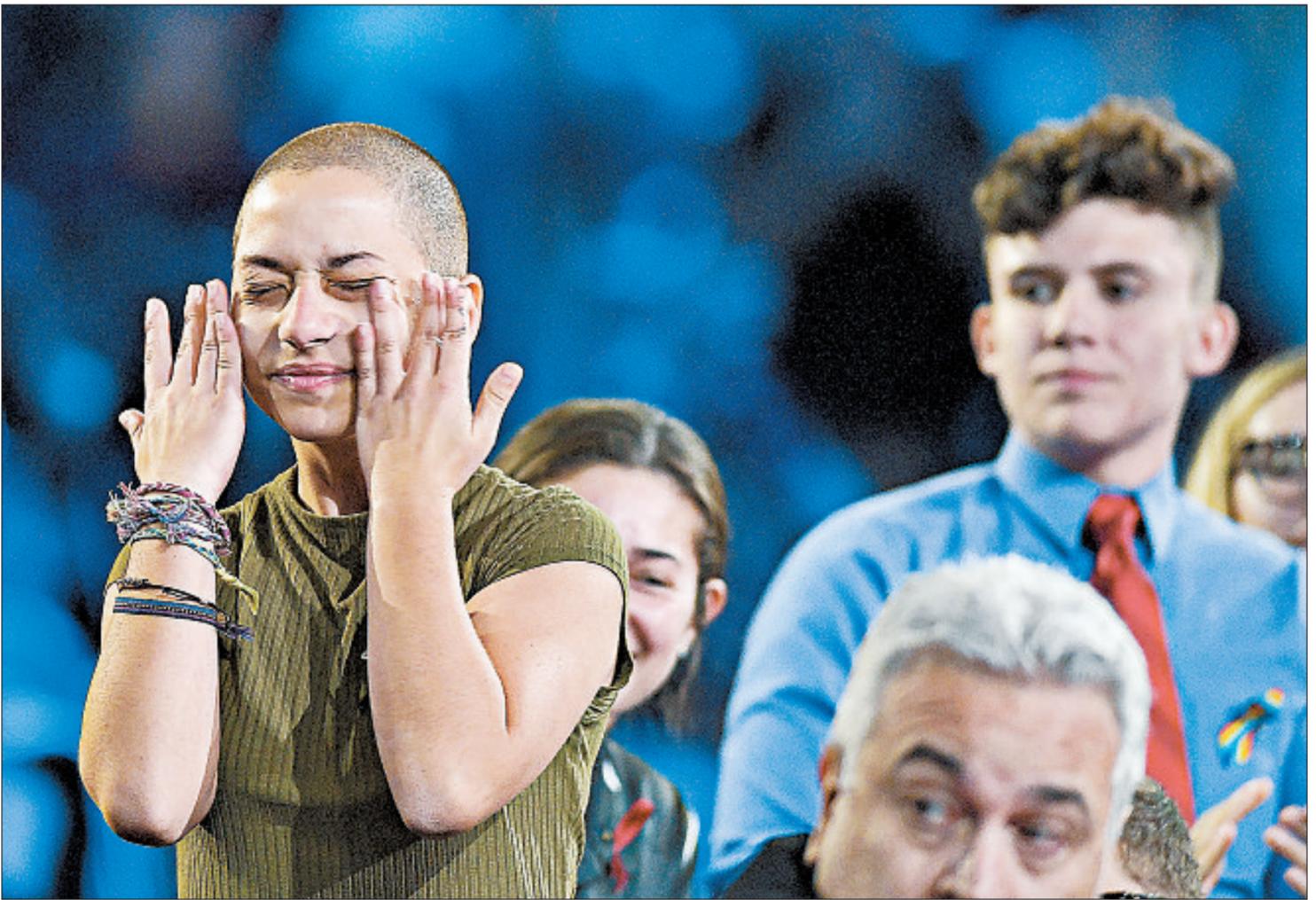
Modi knows that the reputation of India's leading political family, the Nehru-Gandhis, has never recovered from reports that the current Congress president's brother-in-law made a great deal of money in some pretty shady real estate transactions. And although there remains a long, long way to go, a start has been made on cleaning up India's debt-ridden and corrupt property market.

Trump Jr. and his ethics-free visit thus stand out even in today's India; it may be completely out of step with tomorrow's. It's a pity that the U.S. appears to be heading in quite the opposite direction. As one moderately successful real estate developer would say: Sad!

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MICHAEL LAUGHLIN/SUN SENTINEL

Emma Gonzalez, a Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student, reacts at a CNN town hall meeting Wednesday. She and classmates have been the target of mockery.

The sliming of Douglas High students is sickening

BY MARGARET SULLIVAN

When people act like cretins, should they be ignored? Does talking about their misdeeds merely give them oxygen?

Maybe so. But the sliming — there is no other word for it — of the survivors of last week's Florida high school massacre is beyond the pale.

Here is the often-appalling pundit Dinesh D'Souza, outright mocking the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High after they showed their disappointment in a state legislature vote on assault weapons on Tuesday: "Worst news since their parents told them to get summer jobs."

Recall for a moment: These are teenagers whose friends were brutally murdered less than a week ago.

D'Souza, who has a huge social-media following precisely because he sinks so low, so often, also tweeted out his cynical scorekeeping: "Adults: 1. Kids: 0." And he took a shot at what he called their "politically orchestrated grief."

(D'Souza's tweets went viral, and, under attack, he backed off a few steps Wednesday morning, with an apology that said he was trying only to blame the news media. It sure did not sound that way at the time.)

But there was far worse out there. Emma Gonzalez, the Douglas High

student who made an impassioned speech last week, became the object of the worst kind of racism and sexism.

One Twitter user called her a "brown bald lesbian girl" — disparagement that got some approval from a state legislator's aide, the same aide who was fired Tuesday for telling the Tampa Bay Times the students were paid and coached actors.

"Both kids in the picture are not students here but actors that travel to various crisis when they happen," wrote the aide, Benjamin Kelly, speaking of Gonzalez and David Hogg (whom I interviewed last week). That was, of course, a lie.

But the conspiracy theory had already spread far and wide: "This chick was coached," echoed one Twitter user. "Democrats used an innocent girl as a pawn."

The trashing of these students — whose determination and passion are nothing but admirable — removes a rock to reveal several varieties of maggots. One is the "say anything to get attention" crowd that sees nothing as beneath them. You know their names.

Another, though, are those whose shameful reaction has an undercurrent of fear. These students have the potential to create actual change.

It may turn out to be meaningless that President Donald Trump is talking about banning bump stocks, the devices



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Dinesh D'Souza's insulting tweets targeting Douglas students went viral.

that can boost the firing rate of semi-automatic weapons. But he is reacting to the students' powerful messages and their passionate delivery, and that is notable.

Imagine the terror it must provoke in those who are so deeply invested in the corrupt status quo.

D'Souza's apology and the legislative aide's swift firing suggest the wind is blowing in a new direction.

That's encouraging. It would also be encouraging to see news organizations that employ those who spread lies taking some remedial action too.

CNN, for example, pays former U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., as a political commentator. Here is his point of view, as expressed in a tweet: "O really? 'Students' are planning a nationwide rally? Not left wing gun control activists using 17yr kids in the wake of a horrible tragedy? #Soros #Resistance #Antifa #DNC."

A video suggesting Hogg is a paid actor was the top trending video on YouTube on Wednesday morning before it was, thankfully, taken down. Scores of other conspiracy-mongering videos littered the platform and gained traction on right-wing sites that regularly spread misinformation.

Legitimate disagreement over policy issues is one thing. Lies, conspiracy theories and insults are quite another.

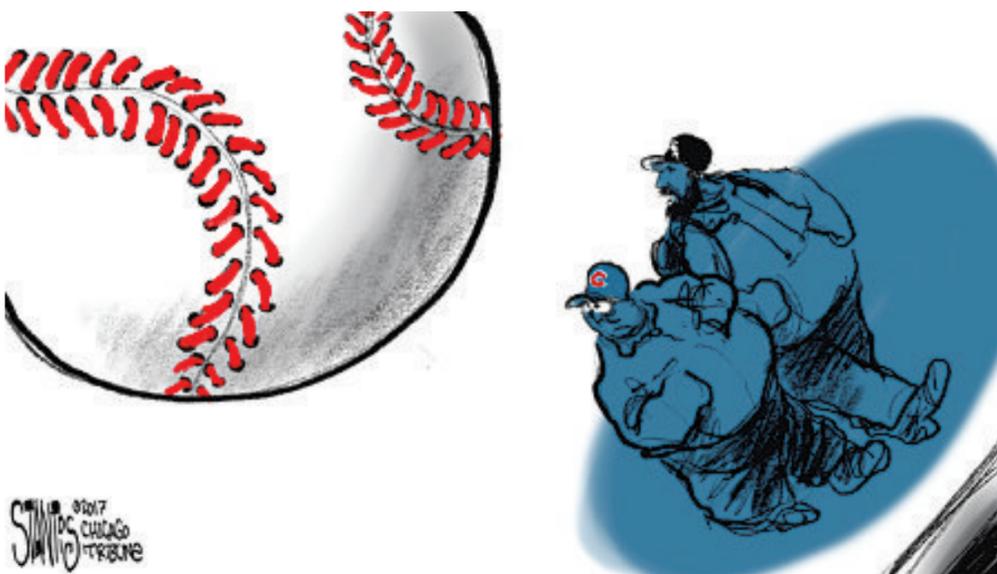
Go ahead and make the case, if you can, that the Douglas students are wrong.

But get out of the gutter first.

The Washington Post

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“We all have this image in our mind of this hearty American citizen, scrappy, that can do anything. That image we keep in our heads is no longer accurate.”

— Retired Army Lt. Gen. Thomas Spoehr, on a nationwide obesity epidemic that has contributed to a shrinking pool of Americans eligible to serve in the military

“I think most people will laugh and be like, ‘What would you possibly need doping for?’ ”

— Madeleine Dupont, skip of the Danish women’s curling team, on whether her sport might take a hit in reputation after Russian curler Alexander Krushelnitsky came under investigation at the Olympic Games for using a banned drug

“No one says, ‘It’s the greatest thing since the cellphone.’ ”

— Ed Douglas, president of Chillicothe’s Slice Bread Corp. in Missouri, on a bill in the Missouri House that would make July 7 officially “Missouri Sliced Bread Day” to honor the local innovation

“It’s kind of cruel what’s going on right now, and the president (Donald Trump) should put these defendants out of their misery. I think he should pardon everybody — and pardon himself.”

— Larry Klayman, conservative legal activist, on special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election

Mr. Trump, I’m Russian and I’m not laughing

By LEONID BERSHIDSKY

“They are laughing their asses off in Moscow,” President Donald Trump tweeted on Sunday as part of his damage control after 13 Russian Facebook trolls were indicted for meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

Really?

Some Russians — including the man who runs the indicted troll factory — are indeed laughing, but I’m one Russian who isn’t. The fallout from the indictment comes too close to a couple of lines, both in U.S.-Russian relations and in attitudes toward free speech, that it would be best not to cross.

The Internet Research Agency, a notorious St. Petersburg outfit specializing in propaganda, disinformation and cyberbullying, has been known to Russians — especially those critical of President Vladimir Putin — since 2013, when the investigative newspaper Novaya Gazeta published the first report about it. The organization had a strict security policy but also high staff turnover, so its vacancy ads and reports from people who have worked there or applied for jobs have been easy to find on the internet. Links to its many websites and the staunchly pro-Putin comments of its employees are a common sight on the social networks (I’ve had my share from them).

The allegations

Now there’s a 37-page indictment detailing how the Internet Research Agency applied the same methods in the U.S., with its employees posing as Americans. Part of it concerns identity theft to open bank and PayPal accounts to enable payments in the U.S. — illegal activities worthy of prosecution. Another part deals with posting stuff on social networks, organizing small rallies and building a cage in which a Hillary Clinton impersonator would sit in a prison uniform — all pretty much their normal modus operandi in Russia and Ukraine (where their real identities are also hidden).

The U.S. has laws that require foreign agents to register and ban foreigners from buying campaign ads. These laws, however, have never been stringently applied — not even during the Cold War, when the Soviet Union did its best to promote the peace movement in the U.S. and beyond. That treatment made sense then.

Writing in *The Christian Science Monitor* in 1982, Dan Southerland — who would go on to become executive editor of U.S. government-funded Radio Free Asia — called President Ronald Reagan’s claim that Soviet secret agents were sent to the U.S. to foster the American nuclear freeze movement “an embarrassment for his administration.”

He also noted that U.S. officials felt that with or without the Soviets, the



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A craft beer displayed in Moscow shows how some Russians view the American president. The supposedly stronger U.S. can afford not to submit to paranoia.

freeze movement “would probably be about where it is today.”

More of the same

The same can be said of its effect on the 2016 election and U.S. politics in general. That’s obvious to Russians like me who do not support the Putin regime and at the same time aren’t paranoid about its capacity to wreak havoc outside Russia. As economist Konstantin Sonin, a University of Chicago professor, posted on Facebook, “I still don’t see a mechanism through which an operation on a \$5 million scale can seriously affect the outcome of a campaign in which one side spent \$600 million and the other more than \$1 billion.”

But when it comes to Americans, it’s somehow left only to Trumpsters to argue that the U.S. is not a gigantic

snowball that can melt from a little Russian trolling. That’s the bit that’s making pro-Putin Russians laugh. Yevgeny Prigozhin, the Kremlin-connected St. Petersburg restaurateur who is named in the indictment as the operation’s funder, mocked:

“Americans are very impressionable people, they see what they want to see. I have a lot of respect for them. I’m not at all upset that I’m on this list. If they want to see the devil, let them.”

My respect for U.S. traditions and values, unlike Prigozhin’s, is real, and it’s rooted in admiration for America’s ability to tolerate the nastiest kinds of public speech. A healthy society should be able to take this sort of thing in stride, as anti-Putin Russian commentators have long done with Prigozhin’s troll factory.

Even if its impact was limited, the trolling campaign documented in the

indictment is egregious for many Americans because it was conducted by foreigners and because the capacity for damage may be greater in the present internet-amplified era. But having lived through the Soviet system, I see a bigger threat than that: Limiting foreigners’ ability to troll U.S. politicians, or even the political process as a whole, could be the first step toward doing the same for Americans. The next time someone rolls out a cage containing an actor impersonating a presidential candidate, it could be seen as a legitimate reason to investigate: What if the Russians (the Chinese, the North Koreans, the Iranians) are behind this? Even such an investigation would have the effect of censoring speech.

One more thing

The other reason I’m not laughing is that the U.S. is on the verge of a misunderstanding that can be dangerous to me as a Russian citizen and to millions of other Russians living, working or just traveling in the West. Prigozhin is known as the funder of arm’s length pro-Kremlin operations, such as the Wagner private military company and the Internet Research Agency. Their links to Putin are intentionally tenuous; that’s why the indictment doesn’t accuse the Russian government of any involvement. Americans are left to draw their own conclusions. The temptation is to believe these freelancers are “Russia,” just as much as the Kremlin itself is.

The Internet Research Agency trolls got visas to travel to the U.S. for personal reasons, but instead, according to the indictment, they “gathered intelligence.” The obvious next step for the U.S. is to decide that, since so many Russians work for the regime in unofficial capacities, all Russians are automatically suspect. Russians, I fear, may face increasing scrutiny when applying for jobs, bank accounts and other attributes of a normal life in the U.S. — and the burden of proof that they are not Kremlin agents will be on them.

My American readers may not care much about that: Serves us Russians right for putting up with Putin. It’s a legitimate view. And yet, as the supposedly stronger nation, the U.S. can afford not to submit to paranoia.

Perhaps the Trump-Russia story won’t lead to any such repercussions for freedom of speech or for Russians in the West. That would be another reason to admire the U.S. I get a sense, though, that the partisan battle around Russian interference in the election will have some nasty, hard-to-reverse consequences.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Under the gun

President Donald Trump and a number of conservative activists claim to have found a solution to the nation’s heartbreaking epidemic of school shootings: arming schoolteachers. Straight out of the playbook of the National Rifle Association and gun manufacturers, this idea offers a particularly disturbing twist on the standard “more guns” lines we’re used to hearing. Not even in his darkest moments of imagination could George Orwell dream of such a thing — a free, democratic society imposing a bizarre pax balistica upon its children.

The primary school in my district, which my 2 1/2-year-old son will attend in a few years,

employs 42 teachers. If each one is armed, that represents 42 opportunities for human error to leave a gun in reach of a child.

That’s 42 opportunities for a depressed child in an emotional moment to have access to a gun.

That’s 42 opportunities for an angry child, in need of counseling and in the midst of an argument, to have access to a gun.

Multiply that for every teacher in every school across the country.

The arithmetic is terrifying. Even if we accept the absurd argument that placing a gun in every classroom would reduce mass shootings, it takes little effort to imagine the gruesome consequences of Trump’s proposal. In place of mass shootings,

childhood suicides and homicides would skyrocket. A grotesque trade-off.

And all that is before we even consider the emotional and psychological impact of subjecting our children to this academic police state. What sort of adults will these children become if they are educated at gunpoint?

Fortunately, the incompetence of Trump and his fellow Republicans is likely to save us from this dystopian vision. It seems unlikely that their bumbling could coalesce into actual legislation. Still, the fact that they have seriously offered such an option demonstrates in the plainest and starkest way possible that they are unfit to hold power in Washington.

— Matthew Gruhn, Glen Ellyn

Hope for the future

For the first time in over a year, I’ve experienced some relief from

the terrible despair I have felt about what is happening in our country. This relief comes in the form of the anguished, but eloquent, voices of the young people of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The majority of people in our country have been looking for leaders they can get behind on the issue of reasonable gun legislation. Some deride the idea of sending “thoughts and prayers” after each of these horrific shooting sprees. Not me. These impassioned young men and women who are demanding change are the answers to all those prayers.

— Peggy McNulty, Highwood

The value of life

In John Kass’ Feb. 21 column about death culture, he addressed the core moral difference between liberals and conservatives: one side values life

more than the other. Liberals want to protect human lives by welcoming more refugees from war-ravaged countries in the Middle East and Central America. Conservatives don’t. Liberals want to protect human lives by ensuring that everyone has decent health care. Conservatives don’t. Liberals want to protect human lives by supporting strong environmental regulation. Conservatives don’t. The list goes on: funding medical research, providing nutrition assistance, using military force, etc. Liberals value life more than conservatives do.

And the clearest example of this difference is on guns. Liberals want to protect human lives by revising laws to make it harder for some people to get guns. Conservatives don’t. Mr. Kass, how about a column praising liberals for being “pro-life”?

— Jim Strickler, Evanston

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Airbnb's new high-tier list launches in Chicago

Home rental service to vet cleanliness, comfort of select properties in 13 cities

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Airbnb is launching a new product in Chicago and a dozen other cities that will feature only listings that meet higher standards set by the home rental company.

Airbnb Plus, as the new tier of properties is called, will focus on quality assurance and work to rid customers of unpleasant surprises during a stay. It starts with 2,000 homes that are now available to

book.

To be listed on Airbnb Plus, properties must meet a more than 100-point checklist covering cleanliness, design and comfort, Airbnb Chief Executive Brian Chesky said Thursday during a Facebook Live event. Airbnb will choose a selection of listings from highly rated hosts and vet the properties, provide professional photos and help the hosts get their listings up to snuff.

The new brand was one of several changes to Airbnb that

Chesky said he hopes will allow it to become more mainstream. Launched out of San Francisco in 2008, the platform now lists more than 4.5 million places to stay in 81,000 cities worldwide, but Chesky said it can go further.

"Airbnb is still an alternative; it's still not for everyone," he said. "Until today."

By the end of the year, 75,000 homes in 50 cities worldwide are expected to be listed on Airbnb Plus, Chesky said. The homes are thoughtfully designed and have fully equipped kitchens, stocked bathrooms, and clean and comfy bedding, he said.

In Chicago, for example, there's



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A home on Campbell Avenue in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood is listed on Airbnb Plus, a new platform that launched Thursday.

an apartment in the Humboldt Park neighborhood available on Airbnb Plus for about \$150 a night. The photos of the full kitchen and living area are light-filled and

vibrant. It lists 12 amenities, including self check-in and a hot tub. "Every one of these homes is

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"Why the hell wouldn't they come to Chicago?"

I don't understand why they're looking at other cities in the first place. — Black Ensemble Theater founder and CEO Jackie Taylor



NEW VIDEO WOOS AMAZON

Independent effort stars Chicagoans — from Bears coach Nagy to Kuma's Corner staff

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH | Chicago Tribune

Chicago's bid to land Amazon's sought-after second headquarters is getting some outside help from the likes of Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy and the staff of heavy metal-themed burger joint Kuma's Corner.

Along with city business and community leaders, they talked up Chicago's virtues in a video assembled by a group of 18 public affairs and communications firms collaborating to help bring Amazon's second headquarters to the Second City.

Amazon launched an unusually public search for the site of its second headquarters in September, when it announced it was seeking proposals from cities interested in landing the project. Earlier this year, Amazon culled a list of 238 applicants to 20, including Chicago.

The city assembled a 600-member committee featuring prominent figures such as United

Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz, former U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker, Loop Capital

Chairman and CEO Jim Reynolds, and Abbott Chairman and CEO Miles White to help woo Amazon

to one of the 10 Chicago-area sites it's pitching.

But the firms behind the group calling itself the People's Pitch wanted to provide a way for residents and organizations that might not be part of the official campaign to voice their support, said David Goldenberg, executive vice president at Resolute Consulting.

"We're very supportive of the bid and want to do our part to be supportive," Goldenberg said.

A video released Thursday shows 16 Chicagoans, including Nagy, the Kuma's team, Little

in a bid to lure Amazon, the People's Pitch's video shows Chicagoans touting the city's virtues.

THE PEOPLE'S PITCH

Village Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jaime di Paulo and LIUNA Laborers' Local 1001 President Nikki Hayes, talking up the city's virtues.

Some nod to factors Amazon said it plans to weigh in its location choice, including an Illinois Insti-

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Southwest to eye rules on support pets

BY MARY SCHLANGENSTEIN
Bloomberg News

Southwest Airlines is reviewing its policies on emotional support and service animals after a young girl was bitten on the forehead on one of its planes.

The dog was in the first row of seats against a bulkhead when the girl, about 6 years old, approached it after the owner had asked her to stay back, said Southwest spokeswoman Melissa Ford. Its teeth "scraped" the girl's forehead as it turned away, breaking the skin and causing a minor injury, she said.

Southwest won't "immediately" be changing its animal policies "because we want to do it right" after reviewing the issue, Ford said. Delta Air Lines Inc. and United Continental Holdings Inc. this year said they



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Southwest Airlines is reviewing its policies after a girl on one of its planes was bitten by another passenger's emotional support dog.

would require more documentation for support or service animals because of a surge in incidents involving them.

The girl was boarding a flight Wednesday from Phoenix to Portland when she was bitten by the dog identified as an "emotional support" animal. She was examined by emergency medical workers, and police interviewed both the dog owner and the girl's family before the flight was cleared to take off. The animal and its owner stayed in Phoenix.

On its website, Southwest says service and emotional support animals must be trained to behave in a public setting, and can be denied boarding "if an animal behaves poorly." While the policies don't specifically require documentation, Southwest employees can "ask some fact-finding questions to ascertain what assistance the animal provides," according to the website.

United recently issued a new policy after it barred a woman and her peacock from boarding.

Disclosure of pay ratios worries some employers

CEO-worker gaps finally being revealed under Dodd-Frank

BY JENA MCGREGOR
The Washington Post

A potentially embarrassing math calculation employers have long hoped to escape — one that pay experts thought was dead after President Donald Trump's election — can no longer be avoided.

In recent weeks, a few public companies have begun disclosing a ratio, required for the first time this year, that compares the pay of their chief executive with the pay of their median employee. At Honeywell, the largest company yet to disclose, the ratio was 333-to-1. At Israel-based Teva Pharmaceuticals, it's 302-to-1. And at the regional bank Umpqua Holdings, it's

about 55-to-1.

As of Wednesday morning, companies had disclosed the figure for only about 20 CEOs, according to the research firm Proxy Insights. But with Corporate America's annual meeting season getting underway — the majority of public companies release their annual reports and proxy voting documents in the coming months — investors, the public and employees are about to get a much closer look at how their pay compares not only with that of their CEO but also with that of their peers.

It's that last comparison that has employers most concerned, say consultants who worked with them on executive pay issues. "I don't think companies are as worried about newspaper articles because they are what they are, and I don't think they're

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State regs stall North Side mixed-use senior housing

Siting independent with care units needs law change

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

A proposed \$60 million affordable housing redevelopment for seniors at the former Ravenswood Hospital site is on life support pending legislation that would allow separate supportive and independent living facilities under the same roof.

The plan, which would turn a vacant 10-story high-rise into 193 units of mixed-use senior housing, was shot down in November by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Current state rules require supportive living facilities to be exclusive to that use.

"This is housing that's needed," said Jeff Rappin, chairman of Evergreen Real Estate Group, a Chicago-based affordable housing developer. "We're not building a 400-unit high-rise for yuppies. This is 193 units of housing for seniors who absolutely need it."

Evergreen has a license to build a supportive living facility 1.5 miles from the site of the former

Ravenswood Hospital, which was shuttered in 2002. That site didn't pan out, and when the 150,000-square-foot high-rise at 4501 N. Winchester Ave. became available, Rappin said it was a "no-brainer" to move the project there.

Rappin entered into a \$9 million purchase agreement for the building and reworked the plans, which include 119 supportive living apartments on the first four floors, and 74 one-bedroom independent living units on the upper floors. The facilities would have separate side-by-side entrances.

The Chicago Housing Authority committed \$24 million for the independent living portion of the project, with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"This is an innovative project that CHA is excited about because it provides the opportunity for 74 independent living units in a strong North Side neighborhood, a priority of the agency," CHA spokesman Matthew Aguilar said in an email Thursday.

The balance of the \$60 million project is funded through equity and debt, using low-income housing tax credits, Rappin said.

Evergreen submitted an

application to move the facility to the Ravenswood site in 2016. While the neighborhood has been supportive of the high-rise, which has fallen into disrepair, the state balked at the mixed-use proposal in November.

Supportive living facilities are licensed by Healthcare and Family Services as an alternative to nursing home care for low-income seniors under Medicaid. Under state rules, such a facility must be exclusively devoted to supportive housing.

A department spokesman did not respond to a request for comment Thursday.

The developers enlisted support to change the rules, with Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, planning to bring House Bill 4223 to the floor in Springfield next week to allow for mixed-use supportive living facilities.

"There are many seniors in Chicago waiting to move into what would assuredly be a beautiful facility but the (Rauner) administration would rather cite outdated administrative rules than attempt to help seniors, and help communities develop," Feigenholtz said in an email Thursday. "I decided to file HB 4223 as a

last resort... to try to protect senior housing before it is too late."

Rappin said the deal is dead without new legislation, as he is not licensed to redevelop the entire 10-story building for supportive living units. Meanwhile, the clock is ticking on the CHA's support of the independent living portion of the project.

"Because of the unpredictable nature of construction costs, there is a time consideration and we are hoping to start construction as soon as possible," Aguilar said.

Rappin has already sunk more than \$1 million into the redevelopment, and he said costs are rising by the day due to ongoing vandalism at the site that, beyond the highly visible graffiti, has "broken down" heating and cooling systems and other building infrastructure.

The bigger cost, he said, will be the loss of affordable housing, which while separate will allow seniors to eventually move from independent to supportive living at the same address.

"It makes no sense to us whatsoever," Rappin said. "This housing is so needed."

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At Crate & Barrel, meet Crate & Kids

40 stores to sell goods from former Land of Nod brand

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
Chicago Tribune

So long, Land of Nod; hello, Crate & Kids.

After shuttering nearly all of its Land of Nod locations earlier this year, Northbrook-based Crate & Barrel said it will consolidate the children's furniture and home goods brand and set up shop inside 40 of its Crate & Barrel locations. The new brand will be named Crate & Kids.

Only some Land of Nod products will be sold directly in those Crate & Barrel locations, beginning in early April; the rest of the inventory will be available online at www.crateandbarrel.com/kids starting March 7.

Crate & Barrel closed most of its bricks-and-mortar Land of Nod stores, including locations in Chicago and Oak Brook, an outlet in Naperville and a stand-alone store in Natick,

Mass., earlier this year. A store and clearance center in California also are slated for closure.

"Both brands have been listening closely to their customers, and Crate & Kids was born from a unique opportunity to deliver a truly differentiated offer that combines Crate & Barrel's modern, elevated style with the heart, lively spirit and energy kids are made of," the company said in an emailed statement.

Company insiders said consolidating the two brands is more efficient and makes the Crate & Barrel brand — which is up against bricks-and-mortar rivals such as Restoration Hardware and Pottery Barn and online-only retailers such as Wayfair — more competitive in the marketplace.

Crate & Barrel closed its 27-year-old Michigan Avenue flagship store in January, making way for a Starbucks roastery set to open next year.

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Pay gaps being revealed

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worried about shareholders," said David Wise, a senior client partner at Korn Ferry, as investors are already closely focused on executive pay issues. "I think they're worried about how their own people will react."

The regulation mandates that companies identify the compensation of the median-paid employee at the firm, compare that with the CEO as a ratio and disclose it each year. As part of the Dodd-Frank legislation of 2010 created after the financial crisis, the rule was finalized in 2015 but met resistance from business groups that said it would be onerous and expensive to calculate.

The rule was thought to be a goner after the 2016 election, when a Republican-controlled Congress and a White House whose transition team had promised to "dismantle" Dodd-Frank came to power. But it has remained unscathed. "Now that these ratios will be published, companies are laser-focused on making sure they get their communications to their employee base right," said Steve Seelig, a senior regulatory adviser for Willis Towers Watson, a human resources consulting firm.

Pay consultants say employees may be bothered not only by how many multiples higher the chief executive is paid but by where they fit in with their peers.

"We all want to be above average. When you're not, that impacts job satisfaction, engagement and performance," Wise said. "That's the part companies are worried about the most — and they should be."

Compounding that concern is timing. The ratios are being disclosed just after corporations received a massive windfall from a corporate tax cut, which could add to questions about inequality. "There may very well be heightened expectations from employees who are paid in the bottom half that incremental tax cut dollars are going to be used to enhance companywide pay programs," Wise said. "That would be a very understandable reaction given the timing of everything."

Last week, Honeywell reported that its CEO, Darius Adamczyk, made 333 times the median worker's \$50,296. In an emailed statement, a company spokesman said Adamczyk's compensation is "tied to performance-based incentives that deliver value only when Honeywell performs well against pre-defined targets," aligning his interests with shareholders and "reflects his strong performance over the past 12 months."

The SEC's regulation permits companies to exclude from the calculation certain non-U.S. employ-

ees, representing up to 5 percent of its total employee base, acknowledging the cost of collecting the data. In its filing, Honeywell said it had excluded workers from 27 countries, such as Brazil, Indonesia and Slovakia, from its figure, slightly less than 5 percent of its workforce. (A Honeywell spokesperson said the exclusions were in line with SEC rules.)

Sarah Anderson, global economy project director for the think tank Institute for Policy Studies, questioned whether companies were doing that to "manipulate the median worker number," making it appear smaller because such countries presumably have lower wages than markets in Western Europe or Japan.

Seelig, meanwhile, said companies may exclude such employees either because it's difficult or costly to get pay data on them or in order to reduce the ratio. Still, "there's reason the SEC chose 5 percent," he said. "It's not going to move the needle very much."

A recent survey of 356 public companies by Equilar, an executive compensation and governance research firm, found that the median CEO pay ratio was 140-to-1. But it also suggested that Honeywell's figure, which is No. 73 on the Fortune 500, would not be that out of line with other similar size companies. Companies above \$15 billion in annual sales had a ratio of 263-to-1, and those with the greatest number of employees (43,000 or more) also had the largest ratio, at 318-to-1. Honeywell had 2017 sales of \$40 billion and has more than 143,000 employees.

Teva Pharmaceuticals, which announced roughly 14,000 job cuts and the suspension of its dividend in December, said in its filing that its CEO pay ratio (302-to-1) would be closer to Equilar's median number if it weren't for a one-time award the CEO received in 2017 valued at \$10.2 million. "Excluding the sign-on equity awards, the ratio would have been 143-to-1," a company spokeswoman said.

Whether lopsided CEO pay ratios will raise the ire of employees or the public is not yet clear. Despite rising populist sentiments and increasing focus on income inequality, high CEO pay does not seem to generate the same outrage it did during the financial crisis, and only time will tell whether juxtaposing the two numbers will have the effect of shaming outlier companies into lower pay for CEOs — or higher pay for workers.

But if unemployment rises or the market faces a correction, it could, Wise said. "The pay ratio becomes an even bigger deal in the court of public opinion if the bottom falls out of the stock market — full stop."

Bank cuts credit cards with NRA brand logo

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The nation's largest privately owned bank holding company will stop producing credit cards for the National Rifle Association in response to customer feedback, a spokesman said Thursday.

The Nebraska-based First National Bank of Omaha will not renew its contract to issue the group's NRA Visa card, spokesman Kevin Langin said in a statement.

"Customer feedback has caused us to review our relationship with the NRA," Langin said.

Langin declined to say when the contract would expire and would not elaborate on what sort of feedback the company had received. The company released the same statement dozens of times on Twitter in response to other users who called on the company to sever its ties with the NRA. Some users who identified themselves as customers pledged to take their business elsewhere.

The announcement came after the progressive news website ThinkProgress listed the bank as a company that supports the NRA. ThinkProgress noted that First National Bank offered two NRA cards, each with a \$40 bonus, and touted it as "enough to reimburse your one-year NRA membership!"

On Thursday, the bank webpage that advertised the NRA card had been disabled. A cached version of the site touted the card as "the official credit card of the NRA" and noted the benefits of membership.

The NRA credit cards are part of a larger business in which the bank issues cards branded with organizations' logos. The NRA has faced intense criticism following the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 people dead, the latest in a string of high-profile mass killings in the U.S.

An NRA spokesman referred questions Thursday to the group's licensing department. A phone message left with that office was not immediately returned.

First National Bank has banks in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.



ERIC RISBERG/AP

CEO Brian Chesky talks Thursday in San Francisco about the new Airbnb Plus listings.

Airbnb lists vetted sites

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specially merchandised to really make the home features stand out," Chesky said. "You notice the details."

The apartment's hosts, Jai Girard and Larry Wayne, earned the designation of "superhosts" since they started hosting in summer 2016. That designation helped them be selected for the Airbnb Plus launch, Girard said Thursday, as she ironed pillowcases for the apartment.

"We just keep the apartment immaculate, where you can kind of just eat off the floor, you know?" she said. "We're super-responsive."

The husband and wife duo is excited to see what visibility the new product brings their unit. Another local host, Syed Lateef, is also anticipating the effects Airbnb Plus will have on his business.

Lateef said he quit his full-time job last year to run his Airbnb management company Hostly.

Several of his listings were put on Airbnb Plus. One listing, owned by his sister and co-founder, Afsha Rashid, is a renovated, two-bedroom apartment right off The 606 trail. That one jumped to the top of Airbnb Plus' Chicago page Thursday.

"At the end of the day, it all matters how you rank on a page," Lateef said. "If more people are viewing, you're going to get more hits and more bookings."

There's a \$149 application fee for hosts to get their properties on Airbnb Plus. If they are selected, the hosts get design consultation and expert photography, and their properties will get top placement on Airbnb's app. The average price of an Airbnb Plus property is less than \$250 per night, Chesky said.

Airbnb also will add new property types to the existing entire home, private room and shared space options and introduce collections of homes that can be booked for certain occasions, like family vacations or work trips.

Glitch by Chase lets others see accounts

For more than two hours Wednesday night, some Chase Bank customers logged into their online bank accounts and instead saw another person's balances.

The technological glitch — which lasted "sporadically" from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Central time — was resolved later Wednesday night, according to Chase Bank spokeswoman Trish

Wexler. The glitch affected a "very limited number of customers" in various regions of the U.S., allowing them to see a different customer's account when they logged in.

"We saw a few dozen social media posts about it and are following up with them," Wexler said in an email. "We would work directly with the customer

if they were to tell us of any negative impact."

It was unclear whether the glitch allowed any customers to conduct unauthorized transactions.

"We haven't seen that yet, but in theory it could," Wexler said, adding that the bank has "a number of security measures for transfers."

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Ford chooses successor to ousted exec

Lincoln chief Galhotra to guide N. American unit

Associated Press

DETROIT — A veteran executive who has led Ford's Lincoln luxury brand will now head American operations, replacing an executive who was ousted this week over allegations of inappropriate behavior.

Kumar Galhotra, 52, will replace Raj Nair as president of Ford North America on March 1, the company said Thursday. Ford Motor Co. said in a news release that Galhotra will lead all aspects of the North American business, the company's primary source of revenue and profits.

Galhotra has been with Ford for 29 years in a number of senior engineering and product strategy positions. He has led the Lincoln brand since 2014 and has also led the company's marketing efforts since



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Kumar Galhotra, who has been with Ford for 29 years, will head Ford North America on March 1. He replaces Raj Nair.

last year.

While the shakeup shocked the investor community and stunned employees, Ford officials said Thursday that the crisis created an opportunity to put a leader in charge of Ford's most lucrative market whose experience is

perfect for these times.

Galhotra is viewed as accomplished, respected and well-liked at all levels of the operation. But most importantly, industry observers said, the mechanical engineer educated at the University of Michigan understands what it means

to transform a company.

Ford announced Wednesday that Nair was leaving the company immediately. The automaker would not discuss the behavior that led to his ouster.

Nair expressed regret in a company statement and declined comment.

As president of Lincoln, Galhotra is credited with the turnaround of a once-stale brand that now has a waiting list of buyers clamoring to pay more than \$72,000 a vehicle.

From the end of 2014 through December of last year, Lincoln brand sales in the U.S. grew nearly 18 percent under Galhotra. Lincoln's global sales were up 13 percent last year to more than 188,000, an 18-year high for the brand, thanks in part to growth in China. One-third of Lincoln's sales were in China last year.

Galhotra will report to Jim Farley, the company's president for global markets. Farley said Galhotra is

a "seasoned leader who knows how to drive a business transformation."

Nair was forced out after the company investigated an anonymous complaint made to the company's 24-hour hotline.

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

On Thursday, Ford said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it was canceling Nair's 2017 and 2018 bonuses, his unvested time-based restricted stock units and his unexercised stock options. He will receive retirement benefits and health care. He also signed a two-year non-compete agreement before leaving the company.

Nair became Ford's executive vice president and head of North America last June. Prior to that, he was Ford's head of global prod-

uct development and chief technical officer.

Michelle Krebs, senior analyst for Autotrader, praised Galhotra as a "solid choice" who has a keen marketing sense and understands how to provide great customer service in a more competitive environment. "Those will be valuable assets in his new role of overseeing the rollout of new products, likely with the renewed emphasis on customer service, and rebuilding the Ford brand."

Joy Falotico, 50, will succeed Galhotra as group vice president of Lincoln and chief marketing officer, also effective March 1. She had been CEO of Ford Motor Credit Co. Falotico has been with Ford Credit for 29 years.

David McClelland, 48, who has been at Ford credit for a quarter-century, will replace Falotico in the credit division.

Detroit Free Press contributed.



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Retailer Lowe's has authorized \$71 billion in stock buybacks, triple the level planned before the tax overhaul.

Investors big winners in tax law

Companies spend most of savings on stock buybacks

BY BERNARD CONDON

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's just what the GOP said we'd hear from a CEO after being handed a big tax break.

But when Charles Scharf announced plans last month to spend his company's tax savings on higher wages and technology, investors began selling.

The Bank of New York Mellon CEO said he had a responsibility to "share the benefit" with workers and build the "company of the future." But investors want to share in the tax bounty as well — through higher dividends and buybacks. By the end of the day, the bank's stock was down 4.4 percent.

The biggest tax rewrite in three decades was sold by its Republican backers as a way to help American workers, and there have been plenty of announcements about bonuses and plans to buy equipment and make other capital investments to improve productivity and raise wages. But much more money has been earmarked for dividends and buybacks.

Retailer Lowe's has authorized \$71 billion in buybacks, triple the level planned before the tax overhaul. Radio giant Sirius XM has increased its program by a fifth to \$12 billion. And

Wednesday, Cisco announced the biggest number of all — a \$25 billion increase to its repurchase program.

Buybacks, in which companies purchase their own shares and retire them, are popular with investors because fewer shares outstanding lifts earnings per share, the most watched barometer of corporate success.

A recent survey by Morgan Stanley showed Wall Street stock analysts expect companies to allocate 43 percent of tax savings to dividends and buybacks. Capital spending and workers will get 17 percent and 13 percent, respectively.

The flood of buybacks could help drive stocks higher during a touchy moment in the market. They've played that role before in the nine-year bull market, as companies step in to lift share prices at crucial moments when traditional buyers like insurers and individual investors turned to sellers.

But critics note that stocks now are more expensive relative to long-term earnings than at any time since the dot-com boom and that the money might be wasted if stocks drop anyway. They also argue that money used for buybacks — trillions of dollars in recent years — is often better spent on improving operations and making workers more productive,

which can lead to "real" wage increases that do more than just keep up with inflation.

"What are you getting from buying back stock? It doesn't generate any growth, any real activity," said James Abate, chief investment officer of Centre Asset Management.

To be sure, the tax overhaul isn't all about buybacks and may end up helping workers, too. The conservative Americans for Tax Reform has been touting its tally of 3 million workers promised bonuses and other compensation gains so far, a number cited by President Donald Trump in his State of the Union address. That's welcome news given the slow growth in wages in recent years.

But economists say to gauge the full impact of tax cuts on workers, look not to bonuses but to how much companies are spending on software and equipment and training to make workers more productive. They say that is the way to permanently raise pay, and there indeed appears to be a pickup in these capital outlays recently.

The day the tax law passed, Boeing said it planned to increase spending by \$300 million on training and infrastructure "enhancement." Defense contractor Raytheon said it will increase spending on factories and big projects by 50 percent to more than

\$900 million this year.

UPS said it plans to use a chunk of its tax saving — as much as \$7 billion — on new planes to ship goods, automation at its warehouses and other capital spending.

Companies could also get a boost from lower taxes, as could their workers, if it leads to customers spending more.

The CEO of homebuilder Lennar told Wall Street analysts early last month that he is hoping for more business from "frustrated apartment dwellers" if new, lower tax rates make it easier to save for down payments. A day later, Delta's president said he expected more people are going to fly because they'll have extra spending money. General Motors is hoping lower taxes for drivers will spark more sales.

For some big companies, it's made sense to hold back on expanding operations and producing more.

Experts say the problem those companies face, with or without the tax overhaul, is the same one they've faced for at least a decade: The world is awash in raw materials and goods, and demand hasn't kept up with this supply.

"If you have a big check, would you go out and buy a new car? Well, not if you don't need it," said David Fried, editor of the Buybackletter.com. "Companies for the most part are rational actors."

Redbox wins round in Disney copyright fight

Judge rejects fast ruling on reselling download codes

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER

Los Angeles Times

A federal judge in Los Angeles has dealt a serious setback to Walt Disney Co. in the studio's ongoing legal battle to stop kiosk movie rental company Redbox from selling digital download codes for its films.

U.S. District Court Judge Dean Pregerson on Tuesday denied Disney's request for a preliminary injunction against Redbox, which has drawn the Burbank, Calif., entertainment giant's ire by selling codes that let customers download digital versions of movies.

Disney sued Oakbrook Terrace-based Redbox late last year, accusing the company of facilitating copyright infringement and breach of contract.

Redbox does not have a licensing agreement with Disney, which has a long history of feuding with the company over its cheap discs rented from thousands of kiosks at drugstores and supermarkets.

Redbox obtains the studio's digital download codes by buying home video combo packs from retailers, which include a DVD, a Blu-ray disc and a piece of paper printed with the numerical code. The company repackages the codes and sells them at its red kiosks for as little as \$7.99.

In its November lawsuit, Disney accused Redbox of reselling the codes in "blatant disregard of clear prohibitions against doing so." Disney noted that its combo packs are marked with the phrase "codes are not for sale or transfer" and that Redbox is violating its terms and conditions.

But Judge Pregerson, in a 26-page order, said that the language on the packaging does not create an enforceable contract between the studio and the buyer. Disney has not demonstrated that its breach of contract argu-



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Oakbrook Terrace-based Redbox, known for rentals, also sells digital movie codes at its machines.

ment is likely to succeed on the merits, the judge said.

"Disney's Combo Pack box makes no suggestion that opening the box constitutes acceptance of any further license restrictions," Pregerson wrote in his order.

The judge also sided with Redbox's argument that Disney was misusing its copyrights by trying to restrict the reselling of copies of its movies after they've already been sold at retail.

However, the judge rejected Redbox's argument that its practice of selling digital downloads is protected by the "first-sale doctrine," a part of copyright law that says anyone who buys a copyrighted work is allowed to resell it or give it away, as long as they don't make their own copies to sell. That's the doctrine that protects used DVD stores and CD shops from copyright claims.

The judge ruled that the first-sale doctrine doesn't apply because no copy of the work exists in the first place when Redbox buys the combo packs.

The next hearing in the case is March 5, where the court will address Redbox's motion to dismiss Disney's case. Redbox has claimed Disney is trying to muscle out competition for its streaming service set to debut next year.

Redbox was acquired by New York private equity firm Apollo Global Management in 2016 after struggling to adapt to the digital market.

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Pence announces plans to support American space commerce

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The National Space Council, headed by Vice President Mike Pence, on Wednesday announced a recommendation to consolidate space commerce responsibilities under the Commerce Department, while creating a sort of space czar — an undersecretary of space commerce to oversee "all commercial space regulatory functions."

In a speech at the Kennedy Space Center, Pence also announced a plan to streamline licensing requirements for rockets that launch and then return, which the industry has been pushing for.

The Commerce Department would also work to cut back on regulations for remote sensing and the way spacecraft approach and interact with each other in space. The recommendations, which would need to be approved by the president, come as companies

such as Planet are putting up constellations of satellites to beam back images of the Earth. And others, such as Space Systems Loral and Orbital ATK, are working to perform maintenance in space, which could extend the life of satellites on orbit.

The moves are designed to streamline regulations and help boost the commercial space industry as it begins to show momentum.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said during the meeting that American industry was competing

"against 70 foreign governments, so they need all the support we can give them." To do that, he said there would be a "new, one-stop shop for space commerce."

"Asteroid mining, space tourism and space habitats are quickly becoming much more than science fiction," he said. "And we need a future-oriented space commerce agenda."

In a speech, Pence likened the emerging space industry to "the railroads that opened up the American West." And he said that

as "captains of industry turn their gaze to the infinite frontier," they would "usher in a new era of American space leadership." But he said companies are too often "stifled" by "outdated regulatory processes."

The council's recommendations follow other wins for the industry, which for years has lobbied Congress to take the sort of hands-off approach that it said would allow it to flourish. More than a decade ago, it pushed for human space flights to be regulated by the

same "informed consent" standards that govern extreme sports such as skydiving.

More recently, Congress passed legislation giving U.S. companies the right to the resources they mine in space — on asteroids or on the moon, for example.

The space council's meeting came a couple weeks after SpaceX launched its massive Falcon Heavy rocket and returned two of the boosters safely to a landing site on Cape Canaveral.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,156.72 Low: 24,854.83 Previous: 24,797.78



| Nasdaq | S&P 500 | Russell 2000 |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| -8.14 (-.11%) | +2.63 (+.10%) | -1.85 (-.12%) |
| Close: 7,210.09 | Close: 2,703.96 | Close: 1,529.99 |
| High: 7,280.92 | High: 2,731.26 | High: 1,548.29 |
| Low: 7,194.84 | Low: 2,697.77 | Low: 1,529.20 |
| Previous: 7,218.23 | Previous: 2,701.33 | Previous: 1,531.84 |

| 10-yr T-note | Gold futures | Yen | Euro | Crude Oil |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| -0.03 to 2.92% | +0.60 to \$1,330.60 | -1.14 to 106.64/\$1 | -0.0019 to .8111/\$1 | +1.09 to \$62.77 |

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 |
| -94 | -64 | -1.00 | -5.42 | -2.71 | -4.76 | +19.95 | +23.56 | +14.39 |

| COMMODITY | AMOUNT-PRICE | MO. | OPEN | HIGH | LOW | SETTLE | CHG. |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| WHEAT (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 18 | 447.75 | 452 | 444.75 | 451.25 | +4 |
| CORN (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 18 | 365.50 | 367 | 364.25 | 366.75 | +1 |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT) | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 18 | 1034 | 1037 | 1027.25 | 1032 | -2.25 |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT) | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb | Mar 18 | 32.09 | 32.18 | 31.90 | 32.04 | -0.03 |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT) | 100 tons- dollars per ton | Mar 18 | 378.00 | 378.60 | 375.10 | 376.90 | -1.10 |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX) | 1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl. | Apr 18 | 61.34 | 63.09 | 60.75 | 62.77 | +1.09 |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX) | 10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu | Mar 18 | 2.657 | 2.670 | 2.607 | 2.634 | -0.025 |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Mar 18 | 1.7516 | 1.7731 | 1.7361 | 1.7657 | +0.0084 |

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 | 58.99 | ... | Equity Commonwh | N | 29.13 | +2.2 | McDonalds Corp | N | 160.66 | +2.02 |
| AbbVie Inc | N | 117.56 | ... | Equity LifeSty Prop | N | 84.44 | +1.99 | Middleby Corp | O | 132.96 | +0.04 |
| Akorn Inc | O | 30.73 | -.65 | Equity Residential | N | 56.17 | +0.30 | Mondlezz Intl | O | 43.51 | -1.11 |
| Allstate Corp | N | 92.80 | -.61 | Exelon Corp | N | 37.24 | +0.18 | Morningstar Inc | O | 85.58 | +1.4 |
| Aptargroup Inc | N | 90.61 | +4.5 | First Indl RT | N | 25.41 | +2.4 | Motorola Solutions | N | 104.73 | -2.26 |
| Arch Dan Mid | N | 41.76 | +3.8 | Fortune Brds Hm&Sec | N | 63.26 | -.02 | Navistar Intl | N | 40.00 | +3.7 |
| Baxter Intl | N | 67.43 | +3.38 | Gallagher AJ | N | 68.13 | -.78 | NISource Inc | N | 23.08 | +2.8 |
| Boeing Co | N | 355.92 | +3.55 | Grainger WW | N | 263.60 | +1.81 | Ntnn Trust Cp | O | 104.12 | -1.26 |
| Brunswick Corp | N | 57.97 | -.71 | GrubHub Inc | N | 98.27 | +7.5 | Old Republic | N | 20.20 | -2.3 |
| CBIO Global Markets | O | 109.96 | -1.34 | Hill-Rom Hldgs | N | 83.44 | -.71 | Packaging Corp Am | N | 118.77 | -4.5 |
| CDW Corp | O | 71.47 | +3.4 | Hyatt Hotels Corp | N | 81.29 | +4.3 | Stericycle Inc | O | 60.63 | -14.28 |
| CF Industries | N | 42.97 | +3.4 | IDEX Corp | N | 138.12 | +1.01 | TransUnion | N | 57.32 | +5.9 |
| CME Group | O | 160.53 | -1.25 | ITW | N | 163.32 | +2.06 | Tribune Media Co A | N | 41.69 | -.91 |
| CNA Financial | N | 52.79 | -.75 | Ingredion Inc | N | 128.03 | +1.01 | USG Corp | N | 33.54 | +1.8 |
| Caterpillar Inc | N | 158.86 | +3.63 | John Bean Technol | N | 120.75 | +1.05 | Ulta Salon Cosmetics | O | 204.05 | +2.81 |
| ConAgra Brands Inc | N | 35.94 | +2.5 | Jones Lang LaSalle | N | 159.10 | -.10 | United Contl Hldgs | N | 66.70 | -3.0 |
| Deere Co | N | 164.16 | +2.07 | Kraft Heinz Co | O | 67.64 | +1.7 | Ventas Inc | N | 49.67 | +3.3 |
| Discover Fin Svcs | N | 77.75 | -.84 | LKQ Corporation | O | 40.05 | -1.53 | Walgreen Boots Alli | O | 69.67 | +0.4 |
| Dover Corp | N | 102.06 | +2.08 | Littelfuse Inc | O | 210.15 | +1.38 | Wintrust Financial | O | 84.97 | -1.71 |
| | | | | MB Financial | O | 41.58 | -.32 | Zebra Tech | O | 135.24 | +14.89 |

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Chesapck Engy | 3.20 | +5.7 |
| Gen Electric | 14.62 | +1.3 |
| Bank of America | 31.59 | -1.8 |
| Snap Inc A | 17.51 | -1.13 |
| Rite Aid Corp | 2.13 | +1.1 |
| Pandora Media | 4.52 | -3.5 |
| Bco Santander SA | 6.95 | +0.3 |
| Sthwstn Energy | 3.69 | +1.9 |
| Twitter Inc | 32.11 | -1.27 |
| Macquarie Infra | 37.41 | -26.21 |
| Ford Motor | 10.63 | +0.3 |
| Am Intl Grp | 59.96 | -.22 |
| Weatherford Intl Ltd | 2.93 | +1.3 |
| Pfizer Inc | 35.74 | -.02 |
| WalMart Strs | 92.77 | +1.25 |
| Brookdale Senior Liv | 7.18 | -1.72 |
| Verizon Comm | 47.87 | -.09 |
| Calpine Corp | 15.22 | +0.7 |
| AT&T Inc | 36.47 | +1.6 |
| Ambev S.A. | 6.82 | +0.1 |
| Devon Energy | 30.41 | -1.6 |
| Wells Fargo & Co | 58.81 | -.92 |
| Marathon Oil | 15.18 | -1.2 |
| Vale SA | 13.98 | +3.2 |

LARGEST COMPANIES

| STOCK | CLOSE | CHG. |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| AT&T Inc | 36.47 | +1.6 |
| Alphabet Inc C | 1106.63 | -4.71 |
| Alphabet Inc A | 1109.90 | -3.85 |
| Amazon.com Inc | 1484.76 | +1.84 |
| Apple Inc | 172.60 | +1.53 |
| Bank of America | 31.69 | -1.8 |
| Berkshire Hath A | 301404 | -1.26 |
| Berkshire Hath B | 200.73 | -2.9 |
| Exxon Mobil Corp | 75.86 | +9.7 |
| Facebook Inc | 178.99 | +1.08 |
| Home Depot | 185.47 | -2.1 |
| JPMorgan Chase | 114.98 | +2.41 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 129.91 | ... |
| Microsoft Corp | 91.74 | +2.5 |
| Source Cap | 41.12 | -1.1 |
| Unitedhealth Group | 227.09 | +1.96 |
| Visa Inc | 120.38 | -.05 |
| WalMart Strs | 92.77 | +1.25 |
| Wells Fargo & Co | 58.81 | -.92 |

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

| FUND | NAV | CHG | 1-YR %RTN |
|-------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|
| American Funds AMCPA m | 32.92 | -.02 | +20.2 |
| American Funds AmnrcnBAlA m | 27.09 | +0.3 | +11.1 |
| American Funds CptWldGrInca m | 62.95 | +0.7 | +20.9 |
| American Funds EuroPacGrA m | 57.58 | +0.7 | +2.8 |
| American Funds FdmntInvsA m | 63.34 | +0.2 | +18.6 |
| American Funds GfAmrcA m | 51.93 | -.02 | +23.3 |
| American Funds IncAmrcA m | 23.17 | +0.3 | +8.6 |
| American Funds InvCAMrcA m | 41.24 | +0.2 | +16.3 |
| American Funds NwPrspctvA m | 44.84 | +0.4 | +2.7 |
| American Funds WAMInvsA m | 46.00 | +0.6 | +16.0 |
| DFA EMKtCorEq | 23.88 | -.06 | +25.9 |
| Dodge & Cox Inc | 13.59 | +0.1 | +2.2 |
| Dodge & Cox IntlStk | 47.07 | +2.1 | +17.4 |
| Dodge & Cox Stk | 206.43 | -.50 | +13.4 |
| DoubleLine TtRetBdl | 10.44 | ... | +1.7 |
| Fidelity 500DxIns | 94.77 | +1.0 | +16.7 |
| Fidelity 500DxInsPrrm | 94.77 | +1.0 | +16.7 |
| Fidelity 500IndexPrrm | 94.77 | +1.1 | +16.7 |
| Fidelity Contrafund | 127.72 | +0.6 | +28.4 |
| Fidelity ContrafundK | 127.56 | +0.6 | +28.6 |
| Fidelity LowPrStk | 54.70 | +0.6 | +16.8 |
| Franklin Templeton Inca m | 2.33 | +0.1 | +3.9 |
| Metropolitan West TtRetBdl | 10.40 | +0.2 | +7 |
| Oakmark IntlInv | 29.30 | -.02 | +25.9 |
| PIMCO Inclnstl | 12.19 | ... | +5.8 |
| PIMCO TtRetIns | 10.05 | +0.1 | +1.8 |
| Schwab SP500Idx | 41.77 | +0.5 | +16.7 |
| T. Rowe Price BCGR | 103.75 | +0.3 | +34.8 |
| T. Rowe Price GrStk | 66.42 | +1.0 | +29.6 |
| Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl | 250.30 | +2.7 | +16.7 |
| Vanguard 500DxInv | 250.26 | +2.6 | +16.6 |
| Vanguard DivGrInv | 26.55 | +0.4 | +13.1 |
| Vanguard HCMAdmrl | 86.86 | +0.1 | +10.2 |
| Vanguard INTTEAdmrl | 13.88 | ... | +2.4 |
| Vanguard InslxIns | 246.90 | +2.7 | +16.7 |
| Vanguard InslxInsPlus | 246.92 | +2.7 | +16.7 |
| Vanguard InsTtSMLnPls | 60.18 | +0.3 | +15.9 |
| Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl | 100.50 | +3.1 | +37.2 |
| Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl | 192.13 | -3.0 | +12.4 |
| Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl | 137.49 | -.06 | +23.9 |
| Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl | 10.52 | ... | +8 |
| Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl | 70.44 | -.04 | +10.3 |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv | 31.35 | +0.3 | +10.1 |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv | 18.51 | +0.2 | +11.6 |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv | 33.73 | +0.3 | +12.9 |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv | 20.79 | +0.2 | +14.1 |
| Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl | 10.46 | +0.1 | +5 |
| Vanguard TtBMDxIns | 10.46 | +0.1 | +5 |
| Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl | 21.58 | +0.2 | +2.4 |
| Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl | 30.83 | +0.5 | +20.9 |
| Vanguard TtInSdxIns | 123.27 | +1.9 | +20.9 |
| Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus | 123.30 | +2.0 | +21.0 |
| Vanguard TtInSdxInv | 18.43 | +0.3 | +20.8 |
| Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl | 67.51 | +0.3 | +15.9 |
| Vanguard TtSMldxIns | 67.52 | +0.3 | +15.9 |
| Vanguard TtSMldxInv | 67.48 | +0.3 | +15.8 |
| Vanguard WngtInvAdmrl | 71.93 | +0.1 | +10.0 |
| Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl | 63.73 | +0.6 | +5.6 |
| Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl | 67.15 | ... | +11.8 |

TREASURY YIELDS

| DURATION | CLOSE | PREV. |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 3-month disc | 1.61 | 1.61 |
| 6-month disc | 1.80 | 1.80 |
| 2-year | 2.25 | 2.27 |
| 10-year | 2.92 | 2.95 |
| 30-year | 3.21 | 3.23 |

SPOT METALS

| | CLOSE | PREV. |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gold | \$1330.60 | \$1330.00 |
| Silver | \$16.579 | \$16.604 |
| Platinum | \$999.40 | \$996.60 |

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) | 19.9442 |
| Australia (Dollar) | 1.2748 |
| Brazil (Real) | 3.2476 |
| Britain (Pound) | 0.7166 |
| Canada (Dollar) | 1.2718 |
| China (Yuan) | 6.3502 |
| Euro | 0.8111 |
| India (Rupee) | 64.977 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.4948 |
| Japan (Yen) | 106.654 |
| Mexico (Peso) | 18.6451 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 3.39 |
| So. Korea (Won) | 1080.44 |
| Taiwan (Dollar) | 29.28 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 31.48 |

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| | | | 15 yr fixed | 3.625 | 0.000 | \$999 | 20% | 3.816 | | |
| | | | 10 yr fixed | 3.500 | 0.000 | \$999 | 20% | 3.775 | | |
| | | | 7 yr fixed | 3.250 | 0.000 | \$999 | 20% | 3.633 | | |
| | | | 5/1 ARM | 3.000 | 0.000 | \$999 | 20% | 3.831 | | |
| | | | 7/1 ARM | 3.500 | 0.000 | \$999 | 20% | 3.937 | | |
| Central Federal Central Federal Savings and Loan Association | 4.484% | Points: 0.000 | 20 yr fixed | 4.000 | 0.000 | \$755 | 20% | 4.147 | www.centralfederalsavings.com | NMLS# 458026 |
| | | | 15 yr fixed | 3.750 | 0.000 | \$755 | 20% | 3.935 | | |
| | | | 10 yr fixed | 3.500 | 0.000 | \$755 | 20% | 3.764 | | |
| | | | 7/1 ARM (30yr) | 3.750 | 0.000 | \$755 | 20% | 4.200 | | |
| | | | 30 yr jumbo | 4.375 | 0.000 | \$755 | 20% | 4.424 | | |

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM J. TOERPE JR. 1931-2018

DuPage election board member 'evenhanded'

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

William J. Toerpe Jr. was a DuPage County Board member before spending almost 24 years as one of three members of the DuPage County Election Commission board.

Toerpe was for almost five years chairman of the Election Commission, which oversees all elections throughout the county.

"He was a big reason that jurisdictions across the country looked to DuPage to see what they were doing in many instances," said Pat Bond, the panel's general counsel during Toerpe's final three years as chairman. "He was keen on making sure that we were one of the leaders in security for voting and one of the leaders in technology."

Toerpe, 86, died Jan. 13 of natural causes at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield after undergoing an operation Jan. 1, said his daughter Tara Shannon. He had been a Winfield resident since 1994, and before that he had lived in unincorporated Wheaton since 1968.

Born in Berwyn, Toerpe grew up in Elmhurst and graduated from York High School. He attended several colleges, including Elmhurst College, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Northwestern University, before being drafted into the Army, serving in Korea during the Korean War.



FAMILY PHOTO

William Toerpe was a salesman at North Safety Products — now Honeywell.

After returning to the U.S. in 1954, Toerpe married and settled in Addison. He began a long career in sales, eventually spending 30 years as a salesman for North Safety Products — now Honeywell — and selling safety equipment to large automotive accounts, his daughter said. He retired in 1999.

In 1963, Toerpe was elected as Addison Township's assistant supervisor and that same year was elected to the DuPage County Board. He resigned both roles in 1966 before moving to Atlanta for a couple of years amid a job change.

In March 1975, Toerpe was selected as one of the three inaugural members of DuPage's Election Commission. He spent almost 19 years serving as the board's secretary before becoming chairman in March 1994.

"He was evenhanded, and there wasn't any poli-

tics about him," said former DuPage County Recorder J.P. "Rick" Carney, who later served on the Election Commission's board. "He just wanted to have a good election commission."

Under Toerpe's stewardship, DuPage's Election Commission embraced technology while also filling the traditional role of hearing challenges to candidates' petitions.

"He had a great deal of respect for institutions and for people generally," Bond said. "And he gave everybody a fair shake and did what the law required and sometimes he might even have been a little apologetic toward a candidate who had collected all these signatures for his candidacy but had made some error. But the law required that candidate to do certain things ... and I think people who appeared before him felt like they got a fair hearing and that he was very respectful of them and their time and the effort that they put into it."

Toerpe retired from the Election Commission's board at the end of 1998.

Toerpe's wife of 60 years, Joyce, died in 2015. In addition to his daughter, Toerpe is survived by a son, William III; another daughter, Tracy Clark; a sister, Jean Robinson; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 23 ...

In 1861 President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office, an assassination plot having been foiled in Baltimore.

In 1883 existentialist philosopher Karl Jaspers was born in Oldenburg, Germany.

In 1904 William Shirer, the former Chicago Tribune foreign correspondent who wrote "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," was born in Chicago.

In 1905 the first Rotary Club service organization was founded in Chicago by Paul Harris.

In 1927 President Calvin Coolidge signed a bill creating the Federal Radio Commission, forerunner of the Federal Communications Commission.

In 1942 the first shelling of the U.S. mainland during World War II occurred as a Japanese submarine fired on an oil refinery in Ellwood, Calif.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima captured Mount Suribachi, where they raised the American flag.

In 1954 the first mass inoculation of children with the Salk polio vaccine began in Pittsburgh.

In 1980 Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan snapped, "I am paying for this microphone" at a debate in Nashua, N.H., which his campaign spon-

sored. (Reagan was responding to an attempt to turn off the microphone when he objected to the exclusion of four other GOP candidates.)

In 1981 an attempted coup began in Spain as 200 members of the Civil Guard invaded the Parliament, taking lawmakers hostage. (However, the attempt collapsed 18 hours later.)

In 1985 the U.S. Senate confirmed Edwin Meese III to be attorney general.

In 1989 the Senate Armed Services Committee voted against recommending the nomination of John Tower to become defense secretary.

In 1990 former Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte died in San Salvador, El Salvador; he was 64.

In 1991 President George H.W. Bush announced that the allied ground offensive against Iraqi forces had begun. (Because of the time difference, it was already Feb. 24 in the Persian Gulf.)

In 1995 the Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 4,000 mark for the first time.

In 1996 the Iraqi News Agency reported that Lt. Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid and his brother Saddam Kamel al-Majid, a pair of defectors who were also the sons-in-law of Saddam Hussein, were killed by clan members after returning to their homeland.

In 1997 scientists in Scotland announced they had

succeeded in cloning an adult mammal, producing a lamb named "Dolly." (Dolly, however, was later put down after a short life marred by premature aging and disease.)

In 2001 Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld ordered an indefinite moratorium on civilian visitors operating military equipment, a possible factor in the deadly collision of a U.S. submarine with a Japanese fishing boat.

In 2004 the Army canceled its Comanche helicopter program after sinking \$6.9 billion into it over 21 years.

In 2006 Japan's Shizuka Arakawa stunned favorites Sasha Cohen of the United States and Irina Slutskaya of Russia to claim the women's figure skating gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.

In 2012 Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holdings Corp. announces it will spin off more than 1,000 hometown hardware stores and Sears outlets and agrees to sell 11 Sears mall stores to generate as much as \$770 million after a fourth-quarter loss of \$2.4 billion. **Also in 2012**, Cook County Commissioner William Beavers, 77, was indicted on charges he failed to pay taxes on tens of thousands of dollars in campaign funds he used to pay off personal expenses.

In 2014 the Winter Olympics ended in Sochi, with Russian athletes winning 33 medals, followed by the United States, 28, and Norway, 26.

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| ILLINOIS Feb. 22 | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Lotto | 02 11 19 22 24 32 / 17 |
| Lotto jackpot: \$5M | |
| Pick 3 midday | 841 / 6 |
| Pick 4 midday | 4739 / 2 |
| Lucky Day Lotto midday | 08 24 28 34 45 |
| Pick 3 evening | 432 / 8 |
| Pick 4 evening | 2425 / 2 |
| Lucky Day Lotto evening | 06 18 19 40 45 |

Feb. 23 Mega Millions: \$204M
Feb. 24 Powerball: \$269M

| WISCONSIN Feb. 22 | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Pick 3 | 836 |
| Pick 4 | 1088 |
| Badger 5 | 10 11 13 14 26 |
| SuperCash | 03 17 18 28 37 38 |

| INDIANA Feb. 22 | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Daily 3 midday | 386 / 0 |
| Daily 4 midday | 1887 / 0 |
| Daily 3 evening | 975 / 1 |
| Daily 4 evening | 2623 / 1 |
| Cash 5 | 10 15 26 35 38 |

| MICHIGAN Feb. 22 | |
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| Daily 3 midday | 849 |
| Daily 4 midday | 7499 |
| Daily 3 evening | 635 |
| Daily 4 evening | 6157 |
| Fantasy 5 | 01 10 22 27 32 |
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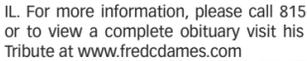
Devoted daughter of the late Louis and Mollie Abramson. Cherished sister of Irving (Doris) Abramson. Proud aunt of 5, great aunt of 12 and great, great aunt of 2. Professional service to the City of Hope for almost 50 years. Loved by all who knew her. Service Sunday 12 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 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.

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Beresky, Thomas P.

Thomas P. Beresky, 95, of Crest Hill, IL, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Funeral services for Thomas Beresky will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 S. Will Cook Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 South Wolf Rd., Hillside, IL. For more information, please call 815-741-5500 or to view a complete obituary visit his Memorial Tribute at www.fredcdames.com



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Calkins, John J. 'Moon'

John "Moon" Calkins, age 89, passed away February 20, 2018. Korean War Army Veteran. Beloved husband for 61 years of Louise, nee Campinose; loving father of Larry (Ellen), Rosey (the late Jim) Moroni, Sue (the late Dan) Hennelly, John, Kevin (Dora), the late Louise, and Tony (Rosie); devoted grandfather of 17; great-grandfather of two; caring brother of 13 siblings; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation will be held Monday, February 26, from 10 am until the time of Funeral Mass at 11 am at St. Giles Catholic Church, 1045 Columbian Ave, Oak Park. Interment private. Arrangements entrusted to Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center. Info 773-774-3333.

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Cohen, MD, Norman Jay

Norman Jay Cohen, MD, age 68, respected orthopedic surgeon at Highland Park Hospital for 30 years; upon retirement, Norm practiced orthopedics at the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico over a five year period; beloved husband and kindred spirit of Jan Cohen, nee Elliott; loving father of Marjorie (Aram Mohamed) Cohen, Julia Cohen, Cheryl (Tim) Julcher and the late Adam Fox; adored Papa of Daniel and Leanna Michniuk; devoted son of the late Abe and Leah Cohen; cherished brother of the late Harvey (Ellen) Cohen; dear brother-in-law of Sherry (late Duane) Blake; treasured uncle, friend and mentor to many. Norman's kind and generous nature left an indelible mark on all who knew him. Graveside service Monday, 11:00 a.m. at Waldheim Cemetery, Gate 37, on the east side of Des Plaines Ave, just north of Greenberg Rd, Forest Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to ADOPT-A-NATIVE-ELDER, General Fund, 328 W. Gregson Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84115, www.aneld.org or Adam Fox Memorial, WIU Foundation, Campus Recreation, Foundation Office, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455, http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/campus_recreation/fitness/freeTrainingGrant.php, please place Adam Fox Foundation in the memo box. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Daley Jr., Daniel A.

Daniel A. Daley Jr., Veteran of WWII, passed away February 18, 2018 at the age of 98. Devoted Father of Maryann Daley, Christine Daley, Richard Daley, Thomas Daley, John Daley, and the late Daniel Daley. Loving Son of the late Daniel Sr. and the late Mary nee Riley. Dear Grandfather of Heather Thuma, Ian Baker, Patrick Martellaro, Daniel Martellaro, Daniel Daley, Bridget Daley, Lauren Daley, Thomas Daley, and Halia Daley. Great-Grandfather of Jessica, Trevor, Bradley, Mason, and Clark. Fond Brother of the late Robert Daley and the late William Daley. Family and Friends are to meet Saturday February 24, 2018 at the Main Office of Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL 60162 at Noon for a follow out to Christ the King Garden Mausoleum for Entombment. Arrangements entrusted to **Russo's Hillside Chapels**. For info call (708)44-5300.



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Durrell, Nellie

On January 30, 2018, at 90 years of age, Nellie M. Durrell departed this life into Eternal Rest. A Funeral Mass celebrating her life will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018, 2:00pm, at All Saints Catholic Church, located at 4051 N. 25th St, Milwaukee, WI.

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Erbach, Daniel Joseph 'Dan'

Daniel "Dan" Erbach 84 of Scottsdale, Arizona passed away on Friday January 19 after a brief illness. A celebration of life service was held at **Green Acres Funeral Home** on January 26th. with his family and friends in attendance.

Dan was born August. 14th, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended and graduated Saint Ignatius High School in 1947, and attended Loyola University. On May 10th 1969 Dan married the former Dorothy Morrison Moyers in Chicago. Dan was in the food and beverage industry for most of his career. He was a huge sports fan and enjoyed the Cubs, Bears, Bulls, and Black Hawks all his life. He always considered himself a Chicagoan even when he retired with Dorothy to Scottsdale.

He is survived by his four stepsons Rich, Don, Nick, and Frank Moyers and his wife Dorothy Erbach of Scottsdale Arizona. Dan had six grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Also brothers Sisters and several nieces and nephews. A veteran of the Army Dan had his coffin draped with the flag.

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Fleege, Marjorie E.

Marjorie E. Fleege, age 89, of Lombard, passed away peacefully on February 21. Beloved wife of the late Marvin. Devoted mother of Sandy (Bob) Fanella, Andrea (Marty) Draths, Mark (Tina), and Christopher (Sarah). Proud grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of 13. Many other family & friends. Visitation Sunday 2-7 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Funeral Services Monday 9:30 AM Prayers to 10 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 114 S. Elizabeth St., Lombard. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

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Gabler, Joseph J.

Please join the family of Joseph J. Gabler to celebrate his life. Sheila Lamb-Gabler and their children Rose Elise, Joseph Graham, and Matt Lamb Gabler invite you to celebrate and remember Joe. Joe was a long time Funeral Director with the Blake Lamb Funeral Home. Funeral services Sunday 7:00 P.M. at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave., (at Derby Rd.), Lemont, IL. Committal services will be private at St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings in Joseph's name may be made to the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, Loyola Hospital, 2160 S. 1st Ave., #112, Maywood, IL. 60153, and will be deeply appreciated. Visitation Sunday 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com

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Green, Robert M.

Robert M. Green died Saturday, February 17, 2018 at home in Chicago, IL after living with cancer for seventeen years. He spent his last days with his children and grandchildren at his side.

Bob, as his friends and family knew him, was a life-long resident of Chicago. He was born June 2, 1929 to the late Charles and Betty (Epstein) Green and lived in the South Shore neighborhood. Bob graduated from Hyde Park High School in Chicago and the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He then attended law school at the University of Chicago on the G.I. Bill.

In 1960, Bob married Susan Gethner (deceased). They were married for forty-nine years and lived in the Lakeview neighborhood for the rest of their lives. They spent many summers together at the Aspen Music Festival, which they both loved.

Bob was a Senior Partner at the law firm, Friedman and Koven, and worked there for much of his career. He was then in-house counsel for Jupiter Corporation.

Bob loved his family, his dogs and travel. Free time was spent at his sons' high school soccer games, walking his dogs in the park by his home and traveling the world with family and friends. He was an avid theater, movie and music goer (and Bears Fan) and one of the original 44th Ward "Lakefront Liberals" - active in local politics. Bob was also a longtime board member of the Gordon Center for American Public Policy at Brandeis University and also on the board of Drexel Home for the Aged. He was active with the Jewish Federation of Chicago and The Epilepsy Foundation.

Bob is survived by his three sons, Peter (spouse: Julia), David (spouse: Jamie) and John and three grandchildren, Liliana, Sofia and Axel. He is also survived by his sister, Dorie Satin, of Los Angeles, CA.

The family is holding a private memorial gathering.

Memorial donations can be made in memory of Robert M. Green to "March For Our Lives" - which is organizing the March 24th march in Washington D.C. and other cities to rally for increased gun control and school safety measures. <https://www.marchforourlives.com/donate>

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Hansen, William H.
William H. Hansen age 61; Passed away peacefully February 19, 2018 with loved ones at his side. Beloved husband of 41 years of Susan; loving father of Gwen (Richard) Wadda and Marion (Adam) Paetznick; devoted Grandpa of William and Andrew Wadda and George Paetznick; dear brother of George P. (Janice) Hansen; fond uncle and friend of many. Owner of George Hansen & Company. Visitation Sunday 3:00-8:00 p.m. and Monday 10:00 a.m. until time of service, 11:00 a.m. at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Interment private. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.theoaksfh.com

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Higgins, Thomas Michael
December 11, 1956 – February 18, 2018
Thomas Michael Higgins, born Chicago, Illinois December 11, 1956; died February 18, 2018. We will miss him. Son of Patricia Ann Higgins-Milstead (nee Sweitzer) and Robert Richard Higgins, survived by his siblings, Cathleen C. (Todd) Werner (nee Higgins), Robert S. Higgins, Richard F. Higgins, Mary P. Higgins, Anne E. Milstead; Santos and Harry Beauchamp, Virginia A. Ireland (nee Milstead), Thomas E. Milstead, and Joyce J. Milstead; nieces Shawna Higgins, Kristina Higgins, Michelle Ireland, Hannah Holly Milstead, nephews Dan Werner and Jeff Werner; Shawn Ireland, Matthew Ireland. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made in his name to the American Heart Association at www.donatenow.heart.org. A memorial visitation will be held March 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the memorial service at 3:00 p.m. at **Oehler Funeral Home** 2099 Miner Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016-4611; private interment at All Saints Cemetery.

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Higgins, Thomas Michael
December 11, 1956 – February 18, 2018
Thomas Michael Higgins, born Chicago, Illinois December 11, 1956; died February 18, 2018. We will miss him. Son of Patricia Ann Higgins-Milstead (nee Sweitzer) and Robert Richard Higgins, survived by his siblings, Cathleen C. (Todd) Werner (nee Higgins), Robert S. Higgins, Richard F. Higgins, Mary P. Higgins, Anne E. Milstead; Santos and Harry Beauchamp, Virginia A. Ireland (nee Milstead), Thomas E. Milstead, and Joyce J. Milstead; nieces Shawna Higgins, Kristina Higgins, Michelle Ireland, Hannah Holly Milstead, nephews Dan Werner and Jeff Werner; Shawn Ireland, Matthew Ireland. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made in his name to the American Heart Association at www.donatenow.heart.org. A memorial visitation will be held March 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the memorial service at 3:00 p.m. at **Oehler Funeral Home** 2099 Miner Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016-4611; private interment at All Saints Cemetery.

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Holzwarz, Antoinette A 'Toni'
Antoinette A. "Toni" Holzwarz (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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Hurd, Judith A
Judith A. Hurd nee: Carmichael age 72. Beloved wife of the late John Hurd III. Loving mother of Jodi (Jim) Ryan, Jill (Todd) Thielmann and Jennie (Michael) Welsch. Cherished grandmother of Jillian, Kelli, John, Jake, Jaime, Devin, Avery, Lily, Tessa and Jude. Dear sister of William (the late Madeline) and the late Robert "Hoagy" (Nancy) Carmichael. Fond aunt and friend of many. Family and Friends will gather Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 11:00 AM to time of Service 2:00 PM at the **Schmaedeke Funeral Home** 10701 S. Harlem Ave. Worth. Interment Private. Service information 708-448-6000 or www.schmaedekefuneralhome.com



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Jacobs-Clark, Kathleen A.
Kathleen A. Jacobs-Clark, nee Fitzgerald. Feb. 21, 2018. Of Bolingbrook, IL. Age 56. Devoted wife of Robert W. Clark. Loving mother of Daniel(Jami) Clark and Dawn(Jason) Dunfrund. Cherished grandmother of Ezra and Elena. Beloved sister of Robin Zaverdas, Scott(Christine) Fitzgerald, and the late Eric Olsen. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews, survived by a host of friends, and will be deeply missed by Baby girl Reeseey. Funeral services Saturday 7:00 P.M. at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave. (at Derby Rd.), Lemont, IL. Committal services will be private. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings in Kathleen's name may be made to the Lurie Children's Hospital. Visitation Saturday 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. 800-994-7600 or www.petkusfuneralhomes.com
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Karabas
See Elaine Yannias notice.

Koutnik
See Antoinette Holzwarz notice.

Lang, MD., Gordon R
Gordon R Lang MD, 81, US Navy, 50 year Chicago resident, passed away peacefully February 20, 2018. Gordon was born on November 15, 1936 in Rochester, NY. He was a senior at Duke University when he discovered his passion for medicine. He completed medical school at University of Buffalo and then completed a Nephrology residency at Rush University Medical Center, the discipline which he continued to pursue for the rest of his life. He and a business partner decided to open their own practice, which they grew to have multiple physicians and dialysis units. After selling the practice, his restless spirit drove him back to his roots and he re-started his personal practice until retirement. In his free time he was an excellent handball player and an accomplished sculler who won many national awards. He is remembered as a self-made man, with a kind heart and a deep compassion for others. Gordon is survived by his loving wife Linda, together for over 30 years; his adoring daughters Courtney and Antje; and his beloved sister Joan (Bob) Gresens. Funeral Services will be 11:00 am Monday Feb 26th at Saint Pauls United Church of Christ, 2335 N Orchard St, Chicago, IL 60614. Visitation 4:00 - 8:00 pm Sunday at Lakeview Funeral Home, 1458 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60657. In lieu of flowers, donations to National Kidney Foundation at <https://team.kidney.org/campaign/Gordon-Lang-MD> would be greatly appreciated. Funeral arrangements by **McMurrough Funeral Chapel** (847) 362-2626. Please sign the guestbook at libertyvillefuneralhome.com
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Lehner, George E.
George E. Lehner, age 88, of Lincolnwood. Beloved husband of the late Caryl, nee Huck; loving father of Kathryn (Phillip) Dermer and the late Victoria Pollans; dear grandfather of Alex; fond brother of Elizabeth (Thomas) Robison. No Visitation. Family and friends will meet for Funeral Mass, Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 10 a.m., at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago. Entombment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum, Des Plaines. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habentfuneral.com.



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Murakami, Shirley Jean
Shirley Jean (nee TABOR) Murakami, age 81, of Chicago, passed away on January 29, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Teruji "Ted". Devoted mother of Lisa Pollock and Linda (Joyce Keldsen) Murakami. Loving grandmother of Ashley (Matt) Zamin and great-grandmother of Mia Zamin. Dear sister of Betty Kabara, Nancy Smothers, Margaret Zuliani, Elizabeth Smith, the late Charles "Buddy", Carroll, Solomon, Jr., and Jack Tabor, Judith White, Charlotte Ramsey and Thelma Thompson. Niece of Eunice Wagner and the aunt of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Macedonia United Methodist Church Building Fund c/o Mrs. Connie Bailey, 12332 Mudfork Road, Falls Mills, VA 24613. Memorial visitation will be on Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 1-3 PM at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, with the funeral service to follow at 3PM. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Shirley's memorial at Smithcorcoran.com.



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Nowak, William A. 'Bill'
William A. "Bill" Nowak. Cherished father of Stefanie (Stuart) Nowak & Angela (Cameron) Speirs. Loving brother of Raymond (Sue) Nowak. Bill will be deeply missed by his four legged "granddogs" Boobear, Yogi & Mickey. Treasured friend of many. Resting at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn where Services will take place Saturday at 11:30 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Saturday from 9:00 am until the time of Services at 11:30 am. Proud NFL fan & devoted animal lover. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500
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O'Connell, John J.
John J. O'Connell, Retired CFD, Air Force Veteran, age 86; devoted husband of the late Jane nee O'Rourke. Cherished son of the late Katherine "Kate" and James P "Nipper". Beloved brother of the late Marie (the late George) Haggerty and James "Nip" (Margaret) O'Connell. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday from 9am until 10:45am at St. Gabriel Church, 4522 S. Wallace St., Chicago, IL 60609, Mass 11am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Retired 30-year Chicago Fire Department Alarm Office Operator. John will be missed by his faithful canine companion Molly. Family wishes to acknowledge and thank Joliet Area Community Hospice for their care and support. For further info RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME, 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.
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Petropoulos, Angie
Angie Petropoulos, 83, (nee Christopoulos), Born in Vlaherna, Arcadias, Greece; Loving wife of the late Constantine "Dino"; Devoted mother, grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt and friend to many. Family and friends will meet Saturday morning, February 24, 2018 at St. John Chrysostomos Monastery 4600 93rd St., Pleasant Prairie, WI. For Funeral service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations to Ascension Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund 1207 N Riverwoods, Lincolnshire, IL. 60069, appreciated. Arrangements by **NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD.**, info: 847-581-0536.



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Soler, Steven A.
Steven A. Soler, age 62, of Northfield. Beloved husband of Andrea, nee Mosele; loving father of Kathleen, Michael (Julia), and Annie Rose; devoted son of the late Sylvester and Josephine; dearest brother of Sandra Talebi Lamore, Patricia (Carlos) Cancio, Michael (Patricia) Soler, and the late Diane Soler, Margo Iniguez and James Soler; dear uncle and great-uncle to many; fond son-in-law of Phyllis and the late John Mosele and brother-in-law of John (the late Joanne), Tom (Beth), Mary Kay (John) Howell, Julie (Guy) Green, Philip (Joan), Elaine Stolpe, Tadd (Jan), Paul (Samantha), Rocky (Patty), Bart (Allison), and Randall (Christi) Wood. Visitation, Friday, February 23, 2018, from 4 to 9 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Additional Visitation, Saturday, February 24, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 10:30 a.m., at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, 1962 Old Willow Rd., Northfield. Interment private. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habentfuneral.com.



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Tabor, Anna
Anna Tabor, age 86, passed away on February 21, 2018. Beloved wife of Stanislaw Tabor. Loving mother of Stanley, Joe (Sophie), Sophie (Bogdan) Marek and Donna (John) Wozniczka. Loving Grandmother of Richard, Christopher, Robert (Jennifer), Jerry (Jennifer), Joseph (Suzie), Jacklyn, Stanley (Dorothy), Christopher (Becky), Monica (Christopher) Heftka, Kathy (Daniel) Brace, Matthew and Sammy. Dear great grandmother of Eloise, Colleen, Zosia, Zachary, Cameron and Isabella. Fond aunt, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Sunday February 25, 2018 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Monday beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and will then proceed to Our Lady Mother of the Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at the graveside at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Info www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708-456-8300.

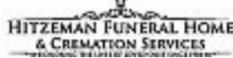


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Tam, Ginger Ellen
Ginger Ellen Tam, 56, Northfield, IL, February 10, 2018 following a brave seven-year battle with lung cancer. Beloved Mother of Amelia; sister Charmaine Tam of Santa Ysabel, CA; brothers Timothy (Lisa) Tam, of Amarillo, Tx.; Monty 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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Teeter-Miller, Alice M.
Alice Mary Teeter-Miller, born in Chicago to parents Joseph and Mary Doherty on June 8, 1937. Passed away peacefully on February 21, 2018 at Providence Nursing Home Palos Heights, IL. Prior to her retirement she was an Office Manager at Travelers Insurance and had been a Clerk in the Pass Bureau of the Illinois Central prior to motherhood. Beloved wife of Earl Teeter until his passing in 1994, she is survived by her heart-broken second husband Robert "Bob" Miller and her three children, Mariellen (Richard) Schackart, Earl (Catherine) Teeter and William (Cindy) Teeter. Proud grandmother of Kyle, Caitlin, Sean, Kevin (Victoria), Billy, Dennis and Jonathan. Great grandmother to Maisie Rose. Caring sister of the late John, Owen, Joseph, Katherine, Mary, Rita, Emmett, Loretta, Dennis and Ellen Beyer. Dear sister in law of Keith, Martha, Loyd (Helga), Dale (Annetta) and June (Al Hellstrom). Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. The family gives all who cared for Alice, including neighbors Christopher, Shannon and Jenny Mathews, their greatest gratitude. Funeral Monday February 26, 2018 9:15 AM from the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 S. Harlem Ave Tinley Park, IL 60477 to St. Mary Church Mass 10:00 AM. Interment in Skyline Memorial Park Monee, IL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org. Visitation Sunday February 25, 2017 from 2-8 PM. For information 708-532-1635 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com
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Thompson, Harry M.
Harry M. Thompson, age 86 of Brookfield. Korean Marine Corp Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Mary F. Thompson; fond father of Jeffrey Thompson, Gregory (Laura) Thompson; dear grandfather of Andrew (Sarah) Thompson, Robert (Griselda) Thompson and Daniel Thompson; great grandfather of Zachary Thompson and Matthew Dean Thompson; brother of Robert (Mary) Thompson, Glenda Padula and the late Marlene (Lee) Olson; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday, February 25, 2018, from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Monday, February 26, 2018 11 A.M. to time of Service 11:30 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.** 9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Interment Bronswood Cemetery. Information at 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Tobin, John F. "Jack"
Beloved husband of Deanna Tobin (nee Wendt). Loving father of Michael and Kenneth. Proud grandfather of Jonathan, Matthew, and Christian. Dear brother of the late Patricia, and Judy Tobin. Caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. Services and interment private. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878
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Womer, Shirley J.
Shirley J. Womer, 93, of Crystal Lake passed away February 21, 2018. She was born in Chicago on May 1, 1924 to Richard and Mabel Tews. Shirley married Dr. Willam O. Womer. They celebrated 70 years of marriage before his passing in December of 2014. Shirley loved the outdoors. She enjoyed golfing, gardening, fishing and spending time at the cabin in Wisconsin. She is survived by her children, Dr. William R. (Cookie) Womer and Barbara (Jerry) Zielinski; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband; daughter, Deborah Mae Kirwan; a brother and a sister. Visitation will be on Monday, February 26, from 10 am until the time of service at 12 pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. (Rte. 176), Crystal Lake. Burial will follow at Windridge Memorial Park, Cary. To leave online condolences for the family, please visit www.davenportfamily.com. For information, call 815-459-3411.



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Woodrow, Paul Carroll 'robert'
Paul Carroll Woodrow of Barrington, Illinois, age 67, passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio, while traveling with his family. Paul was born December 29, 1950 in Richmond, Virginia to Janet (nee Scott) and Carroll Christian Woodrow. He was a graduate of Wittenberg University and the University of Texas at Austin. He is preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother; his wife, Christina (nee Ahrendt); his children, Katherine, Andrew and Aaron; his sister, Beth Woodrow and brother-in-law, Scott Latham; and his cousins, Bruce and Liz Hoebler. Beloved husband, father, brother and son, he will be missed for his love of life and his wonderful sense of humor. Private family services will be held. Arrangements provided by JOHN QUINT TREBONI FUNERAL AND CREMATION CENTER, 1177 West Fifth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Please send condolences through www.johnquint.com.
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Wrobleski, Edward W.
formerly of Chicago, passed away Feb. 21, 2018 in Northampton, MA. Edward was a Korean War, US Army veteran. He was employed for 37 years as an Engineer for the FM Global Protection Mutual Insurance Co., based in Chicago, IL. He was predeceased by siblings Anne Green, Sally Parzych, Phyllis Barber and William Wrobleski Jr. Funeral services with Military Honors will be held Monday Feb. 26, 2018 at the **O'Brien Funeral Home** 17 Clark St Easthampton, Ma 01027. Memorial Gifts can be made to a charity of one's own choice.
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Yannias, Elaine
Elaine Yannias, nee Karabas. Beloved wife of the late Steve C.; loving mother of Don (Tonie) and Tracy (fiance Michael Kuster); proud grandmother of Zoie, Charlie and the late Stevie; dear sister of the late James (Patricia) Karabas and Jean Doumanian (Jaqui Safra); sister-in-law of the late Thomas, the late George, the late James (the late Helen), the late Nicholas (Helen) and the late Ted (the late Mary); proud aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Resting at **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. All to meet Monday at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 601 S. Central, Chicago, IL 60644 for 10:30 a.m. Service. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Donations to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Funeral Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.
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Zingarelli, John Michael
John Michael Zingarelli, age 47, suddenly. Beloved father of Ingrid; loving son of Michael and Janet (nee Sortal) Zingarelli; dearest brother of Michelle and Claresse Zingarelli and Alyssa Zimmerman; devoted uncle of four nephews and two nieces. Funeral Mass Monday February 26, 2018 10 A.M. at Divine Infant Church 1601 Newcastle, Westchester. Visitation at the Church from 9 A.M. until time of Mass. Interment Mt. Carmel Cemetery. **Robert F. Bacigalupo, Director.** Info 773-847-6867.
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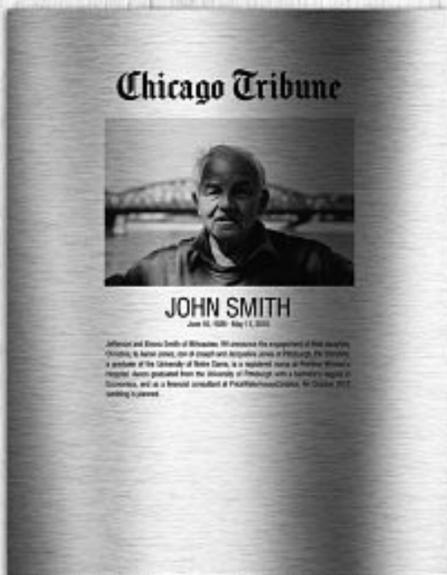
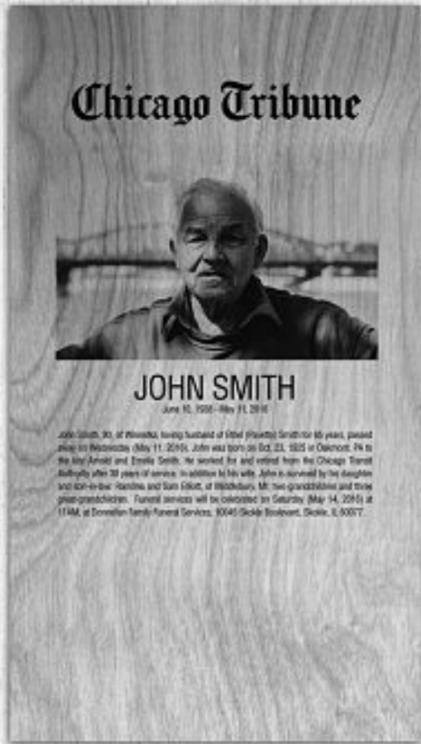


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SPRING TRAINING

Out of thin air, Chatwood hardly Cubs' fifth wheel



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

MESA, Ariz. — Everybody knows the fab four of the Cubs' starting rotation: Yu, Q, Kyle and Jon.

Meet Tyler Chatwood, the fifth Beatle, the No. 5 starter and not-to-be-forgotten member on a staff that

includes three All-Stars and a former league leader in earned-run average. Chatwood expects to help make this season a classic.

"I am just going to sit back and watch those guys on days I don't pitch," Chatwood said. "It seems like a tight-knit group. I know what my abilities are. They signed me for a reason."

The Cubs signed Chatwood to a three-year, \$38 million contract because they believed in his ability to reach a higher ceiling away from the high-altitude of Colorado, where pitchers' careers go to die.

For Chatwood, home was where the heartbreak was as he posted a 5.17 ERA at Coors Field over his five years with the Rockies compared with a 3.18 on the road. Only 14 of Chatwood's 44 home starts qualified as quality starts.

"I'm not going to make excuses but it was hard," Chatwood said of pitching in

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OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom: The Cubs open the exhibition season Friday and have made known their slogan for the season: "Everybody in." It's not quite Michelangelo's David wearing a jockstrap in front of the Wrigley Field scoreboard, but then, what is? **More, Page 2**



PURDUE 93, ILLINOIS 86

Years later, Chief issue lingers in Champaign

Protests continue a decade after mascot's last dance

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — Nearly 100 demonstrators stood outside the main entrance to the State Farm Center chanting, "Down with the Chief," and holding signs demanding a new university mascot before Illinois' final home basketball game Thursday.

Fans wearing symbols of Chief Illiniwek walked by, some thumping the logo on their jackets or waving an orange flag with the image of a Native American wearing a headdress.

A group of fans had designated the game — a 93-86 loss to No. 9 Purdue — "Paint the Hall Chief" in hopes of inspiring the crowd to wear clothing with the logo on it. Many did, and some held up printed orange signs with the Chief's image.

The demonstrators aimed to provide a dissenting voice to the fans who want to bring back the Chief, as well as to urge the university to select a mascot and ban fans from dressing up as the Chief at sporting events.

"I'm here representing who I am as a person," said junior Lauren Kirby, who

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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

DREAM TEEN

Russia's Zagitova, 15, edges friend Medvedeva for figure skating gold; Carpentersville's Tennell finishes U.S.-best 9th in Americans' worst showing of modern era

Olympics coverage, Pages 9-10

Alina Zagitova performs during the women's free skate Friday in Gangneung, South Korea. She won the first gold medal of the Games for the Olympic Athletes from Russia.

TATYANA ZENKOVICH/EPA

WOMEN'S HOCKEY UNITED STATES 3, CANADA 2 (SO)

After 20 years, score finally settled

Americans top rival Canadians for 1st gold since '98, sticking together through challenges

BY HELENE ELLIOTT
Los Angeles Times

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Listening to the national anthem after they had defeated Canada in a six-round shootout to earn Olympic gold, members of the U.S. women's hockey team stood with their

arms around each other and swayed gently to the sweetest song they'd ever heard.

They were together, of one mind and one heart, smiling and crying, after their 3-2 victory Thursday had ended Canada's four-tournament winning streak and halted a 20-year U.S. gold-medal famine.

"It's the greatest moment of our lives," said forward Meghan Duggan, who added gold to the silver medals she won after close losses to Canada in 2010 and 2014. "We worked really hard to put ourselves in position to win this thing. We've come a

long way. We talked about it, our process, our mission. ... I'm just so proud and honored to be here."

They reached the pinnacle of the hockey world after Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson's spectacular stickhandling produced their third shootout goal and 20-year-old goaltender Maddie Rooney thwarted Canada's Meghan Agosta. That stop triggered a sudden downpour of high-flung hockey sticks and gloves as the U.S. players poured

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Quick fix: Call strike zone

It's the strike zone, Rob Manfred. Call it, and bang, end of wild, flailing quest to speed up baseball games.

But no, sorry, not happening. Because Major League Baseball announced this week it just made up a new rule to limit visits to the mound. This is MLB's big idea to speed up games or improve the pace of play or blah, blah, blah.

But the rule limiting mound visits has so many ifs and buts that it reads like a bunch of hummena-hummena-hummena. Each team gets six mound visits in a nine-inning game, but each team gets one extra visit for each extra inning, but manager visits to change pitchers don't count and a team can earn an extra mound visit if it sells 100 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. (Samoas, swoon.)

This resembles the rules on replays, which is to say there are no rules because when the rule says you're supposed to be out of replay challenges, you can ask the umpire real nice and sweet and bring him a freshly baked pie and say please and thank you, and bingo, there's your bonus replay challenge.

Replays help get calls right. Replays make games longer. So baseball. Sometimes it seems baseball wants to emphasize shorter games. Sometimes it seems baseball wants to emphasize more action. Often, baseball swings and misses.

Last season, the average baseball game took 3 hours, 8 minutes. That's an all-time record that broke the all-time record set — ta-da! — the season before.

That's about the length of the average football game in the last decade or so. There's as little action in football as baseball. Both are reduced to spasms of actual play, followed by texting and checking Twitter. But nobody's screaming for shorter football games, except fans of a team coached by John Fox, so in the meantime, baseball gets the criticism that it's slow and boring and nothing happens, like it's the Blackhawks power play or something.

It's not the length of the game. It's what happens during it. Or what passes for action during it.

Limiting trips to the mound seems like baseball has no clue how to speed up games and now is handicapping pitchers in hopes they make a mistake to create more action.

Stop with all the cockamamie ideas and



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If the umpires call the proper strike zone, Albert Almora could be hanging his head more.

just call the strike zone. The full strike zone. From the letters to the knees. Baseball like it used to be. Games will speed up like back in the day, and there's Sandy and Gibby and Fergie, and bang, 2 1/2 hours.

I don't know why baseball instructs ump to do so many things except strictly call the strike zone. If MLB has instructed ump to call the high strike and they won't, then MLB has the wrong ump.

I can hear the argument already: a bigger strike zone means more strikeouts. True fact. But seriously, how can there be more strikeouts? Everybody strikes out in record numbers these days but nobody is ashamed. In 2017, baseball set an all-time record for strikeouts. This is not new. Baseball has set an all-time strikeout record each of the last 10 years. This is the era of three true outcomes — home run, walk, strikeout. The action comes from the home run. Define your launch angle, swing hard, then trot toward first or walk back to the dugout.

So, if players have no shame in striking out and if teams are happy it's a strikeout instead of a double play, then fine, serve up them faster with a bigger strike zone. That

speeds up the games immediately.

I also can hear the next argument: a bigger strike zone would create even less action, and that, too, would be a true fact. For just a while, I believe. Only at the start of this brave new era.

Hitters would adjust, I believe. They have adjusted to defining launch angles for low pitches the way the game has gone for the last decade, so they're smart and technical, and I believe they could adjust again.

If I'm right, which never happens but go with me on this, then we could see a game filled with hitters instead of sluggers. We could see a game where batters rediscover that contact is their friend. We could see a game that's more interesting because it would be filled with a variety of action in a shorter period of time. Isn't that the goal here?

Right now, baseball is just a long-drive contest. Enforce the conventional strike zone and you might turn the game back into golf.

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THE LINEUP



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Rizzo an open (kids) book

Anthony Rizzo has made at least one thing clear about his Sicilian ancestry: He loves Italian food. Other than that — and playing for Team Italy in the 2013 World Baseball Classic — he hasn't said a lot publicly about his culture.

But a Downers Grove couple, one of whom is Italian, attempts to fill in the blanks in his family life in a 38-page children's book released this year called, "Anthony Rizzo Is a Good Italian Boy."

For example, the book, written by **Matt Lynch** and **Amanda ReCupido** and illustrated by Jillian Solarczyk, contains a picture of the Cubs first baseman eating an anchovy pizza while Kris Bryant and David Ross look on, horrified.

"I don't know if he likes anchovies on his pizza but that's a very Italian thing," said ReCupido, 31, a public relations professional. "I'm from a big Italian family and it's all about putting family first. It's all about food and just being good member, not only of your family, but looking at world as a larger family and giving back to your community."

Ross read it and told the Tribune via email, "Great book, I guess I'm the gray bearded guy? (smiling emoji) I bet Anthony would love it." *Phil Thompson*

THE QUOTE

"It's very disappointing. It's heartbreaking. I'm glad it's all coming out. I was disgusted."

— *Dirk Nowitzki on allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct by former Mavericks President Terdemma Usery*

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After appearing in 54 games last season, Yoan Moncada enters 2018 as the Sox's starter at second base.

Watch party: Eyes on 10 Sox prospects

Group of young players aim to use Cactus League as springboard onto club's regular-season roster

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox are ready to move on to the next phase of spring training: games against real competition.

Starting Friday, the Sox are scheduled to play 32 exhibitions in 32 days before taking a quick break in advance of the season opener against the Royals on March 29 in Kansas City.

There are plenty of storylines surrounding a Sox team that continues to rebuild, but here are 10 intriguing players to keep an eye on throughout the Cactus League season:

Micker Adolfo, OF

Signed out of the Dominican Republic in 2013 at 16, Adolfo's development has been slowed by a lack of plate discipline and injuries. Now more selective and finally healthy, he appears poised to start moving up through the minor-league ranks. The 6-foot-3, 200-pounder has looked impressive during batting sessions, crushing balls with consistency. The Sox believe Adolfo's talent is on a par with top prospects Eloy Jimenez and Luis Robert.

Jake Burger, 3B

The Sox's top pick (11th overall) in the 2017 draft can hit a baseball far — very far. While watching Burger deposit balls over the fence, also keep an eye on his work at third base. At 6-2, 210, Burger doesn't look like the prototypical third baseman; many project him to be at first or designated hitter. But looks can be deceiving. Burger has worked to improve his footwork and also has a strong arm, so he figures to remain at third as he works his way toward the majors.

Ryan Cordell, OF

The center-field job appears to be an open competition, and Cordell wants it. A back injury

sidelined him for much of last season, including the entirety of his time with the Sox after they acquired him from the Brewers for Anthony Swarzak on July 26. Cordell didn't start swinging a bat until December but said he is completely healthy. If so, his all-around game — the 25-year-old has above-average speed, power and arm strength — could put him in the mix.

Alec Hansen, P

Hansen will be hard to miss — he stands 6-8. Despite not playing high school baseball until his junior year, the Sox's second-round pick (49th overall) in the 2016 draft features a mid-90s fastball. That, plus his height and sometimes-devastating curveball allowed Hansen to lead all minor-leaguers in 2017 with 191 strikeouts. Hansen made two starts at Double-A Birmingham last season and will begin '18 there, where he will work on his command.

Nate Jones, P

The veteran said he is healthy after missing much of 2017 following July 13 nerve-repositioning surgery — the second major arm injury of his career. Jones was released from his rehab in December and said he is ready to play a major role in the rebuilt Sox bullpen. The 32-year-old right-hander could challenge Joakim Soria for the closer's role. Jones had three saves in 2016 to go along with a 5-3 record and 2.29 ERA.

Michael Kopech, P

The flame-throwing right-hander is considered a future ace. Kopech, 21, can reach 100 mph consistently with his fastball and is working to develop secondary pitches, such as his slider and changeup, to keep hitters off balance and end at-bats. Kopech, who is likely to start the season at Triple-A Charlotte, is scheduled to start Monday's Cactus League

game against the Athletics.

Eloy Jimenez, OF

Those oohs and ahhs being heard have come from fans and team staff watching the Sox's top prospect take batting practice. Jimenez, whom the Sox acquired last summer from the Cubs in the Jose Quintana trade, is a physical specimen and can hit the ball a mile. Jimenez's lightning-quick bat speed allows him to turn around any pitch thrown his way, and his raw power reminds many of Hall of Famer Frank Thomas.

Yoan Moncada, 2B

Moncada has been handed the reins to the Sox's second-base job and will look to build off a strong September that helped him finish with a .231 average, eight home runs and 22 RBIs in 54 games. At 22, Moncada is still a work in progress at the plate and in the field, and the Sox expect him to reach another level in both spots.

Luis Robert, OF

Signed by the Sox to a \$26 million free-agent contract in May, the 20-year-old Cuban is considered the team's future center fielder. Robert's compact swing produces superior bat speed, which translates to impressive power. He also can run and said he is working with Sox instructors to improve the accuracy of his arm.

Charlie Tilson, OF

Injuries have derailed Tilson's path to the majors, but he said he is healthy and ready to take the next step. Tilson, who grew up in Wilmette and played baseball at New Trier, missed all of 2017 with right ankle and foot injuries but said he hasn't lost a step, which is good because speed is his best asset. If Tilson, 25, can make it through the spring without another setback, he could challenge Adam Engel and Cordell for the starting job in center.

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Covey hunting for quick outs

Sox believe pitcher can succeed if he lets his defense work for him

BY CHRIS KUC
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GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox took the fields at Camelback Ranch on Thursday to work on some fundamentals: hitting the cutoff man and backing up bases.

Players will see their first game action Friday when the Sox open the Cactus League season against the Dodgers. On the mound will be **Dylan Covey**, the first of six Sox pitchers scheduled to throw during the game.

"It's just another opportunity to compete and have fun," Covey said Thursday. "I'm happy they want me starting (because) that's where I feel comfortable."

After the Sox selected the right-hander in the Rule 5 draft,

Covey was on the roster throughout the 2017 season and finished with an 0-7 record and 7.78 ERA. The 25-year-old is looking forward to pitching in front of the Sox's hierarchy.

"(Pitching coach **Don Cooper**) has been talking to me lately and ... says (that) I have the stuff," Covey said. "I just need to control the counts and try to get (batters) out in three pitches or (fewer)."

Covey added that his goal Friday and throughout the season is to get "quick outs."

"I throw a sinker (and) get a lot of ground balls with it," he said. "If I can control the count, just make them swing the bat and let the defense work, things usually work out for me."

Also scheduled to pitch against the Dodgers are **Tyler Danish**, **Michael Ynoa**, **Brian Clark**, **Thyago Vieira** and **Connor Walsh**.

Jeanmar Gomez, **Jace Fry** and **Xavier Ceden** will be back-

ups if needed.

'Kind gesture': The Sox will join the other major-league teams by wearing the caps of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Eagles baseball team to honor those affected by the mass shooting at the Parkland, Fla., school Feb. 14.

"We can empathize and sympathize with everything that's going on down there," Sox manager **Rick Renteria** said. "That's a difficult situation. You feel for the parents, friends and family members (who) have lost children in any of these situations."

"For Major League Baseball to recognize and make them aware that we are aware, I think it's a kind gesture."

Still arriving: **Alfredo Gonzalez** and **Jose Rondon** solved their visa issues and arrived at camp Thursday. Still delayed are **Bruce Rondon** and **Jose Ruiz**.

CUBS

Focus in spring not on victories

Team will spend time on strategy, getting to know newcomers

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Cubs fans shouldn't fret if their team struggles throughout the exhibition season, which starts Friday against the Brewers.

From a historical perspective, the 1984 Cubs were 7-20 in spring training — including an 11-game losing streak — before hitting their stride en route to the National League East title.

And manager Joe Maddon admitted Thursday there are virtually no position battles, "save for one or two spots."

So aside from building depth in case of injury, the games will be used to test situational strategy and to give newcomers such as hitting coach Chili Davis time to see his pupils in action.

"If I say I'm going to try to do this, I don't really know because I haven't seen them with runners in scoring position," Davis said. "I'll look at the numbers, but I'm going to need to see it happen before I can approach someone."

"The games are going to tell me a whole lot. It's not going to tell me everything, because this is spring training. But as we go on, they'll tell me enough hopefully to sit with guys and we can talk and help them become better prepared for when the season starts."

Davis, a 19-year veteran known for his run-producing ability, can relate to fellow switch-hitters Ben Zobrist, Ian Happ and Victor Caratini. He also is familiar with Kyle Schwarber because they both came up through the minors as a catcher before switching to the outfield and being demoted briefly to the minors.

"With some players, it comes quicker than others," Davis. "So hopefully all the similarities help."

The Cubs plan to carry 13

pitchers, which should give reliever Justin Grimm some wiggle room after a tough 2017 season. Tommy La Stella will fill a backup role, and Maddon has liked the idea of having a left-handed hitter on the bench. La Stella was 9-for-31 as a pinch hitter last season.

But minor-league options could play some role in the finalization of the opening-day roster. Grimm and Eddie Butler are out of options and would have to be placed on waivers if they don't make the roster. La Stella has one minor-league option remaining.

"Guys who have been here probably have an upper hand, but we're open-minded," Maddon said. "We're probably pretty close to being set. However, stuff happens."

Ian Happ's ability to play multiple positions in the infield and outfield could allow Maddon to use La Stella primarily in a pinch-hitting role. With the Cubs showing caution with Zobrist and his ailing back, non-roster invitee Peter Bourjos has a chance. Bourjos would give Maddon the type of speedy pinch runner and rangy outfielder he likes to employ off the bench.

Maddon is happy to narrow his focus to specific situations and not be consumed with multiple roster battles, which is what he encountered during his first couple off seasons with the Rays in 2006-07.

"Often times when you're a pretty good ballclub, that is the case," Maddon said.

"When you're not so good, you have auditions during spring training. So I think what the (front office) has done is build a nice cache in case things were to happen. The depth is outstanding, so you could probably narrow it down and find out who you think is going to be 25, and I won't argue that. Stuff happens. That's the part we're prepared (for)."

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Pitcher Eddie Butler is out of minor-league options, which might be a factor in deciding if he stays with the Cubs after spring training.

CUBS NOTES

Maddon: Lester looks ready for the real-deal

But despite veteran's form, no call yet on opening-day starter

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Manager **Joe Maddon** didn't hide his thoughts after watching **Jon Lester** pitch impressively Thursday during a batting practice session.

"I said, 'You could have been pitching the first game of the season with the way you looked,'" Maddon said.

But Maddon was reluctant to name Lester the Cubs' opening-day starter March 29 in Miami, even though several signs point to Lester facing the Marlins.

The Cubs' spring pitching groups are set up so that Lester and **Yu Darvish**, who would seem like the other strong candidate to pitch the opener, pitch on consecutive days. Also, aligning Lester to face the Marlins would allow the Cubs to start three right-handed pitchers — Darvish, **Kyle Hendricks** and **Tyler Chatwood** — against the right-handed dominant Brewers lineup in a four-game series April 5-8 in Milwaukee.

Lester has started two of the Cubs' last three openers, but Maddon said he wasn't ready to tab Lester this year, "even though it's logical."

"We have to talk to everybody," Maddon said. "Even if (Lester) were to be the No. 1 guy, you have to talk to everyone and let them know where they're going to be before you announce the No. 1 guy."

Lester, 34, is entering the second half of the six-year, \$155 million contract he signed before the 2015 season. Maddon said he has observed a more comfortable and assertive left-hander than three years ago, when Lester arrived with big expectations and suffered left arm fatigue midway through spring training.

"He's definitely good in his own skin," Maddon said. "It's probably the best version of Jon that I've witnessed as a person, how he goes about his business."

Maddon noticed Lester "speaking from the heart and gut sincerely" during the pitchers' meeting with catchers.

"That's where he's at," Maddon said.

Extra innings: The Cubs will wear Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School caps before and during exhibition games Friday and Saturday in honor of the victims of the Feb. 14 mass shooting at **Anthony Rizzo's** alma mater in Parkland, Fla. ... Six of the Cubs' top seven prospects ranked by MLB.com are pitchers, led by top prospect **Adbert Alzolay**.

BASEBALL

Chatwood looks to be consistent

Haugh, from Page 1

Denver for the Rockies. "I'm heavily reliant on my sinker. One of them would sink and the other would cut. It would get frustrating. You had to change who you were as a pitcher, so that made it tough."

Two Tyler Chatwoods emerged: The tentative right-hander who felt a heavy burden to pitch perfectly every time he took the mound in Colorado and the right-hander with ace-quality stuff whenever the Rockies went on the road. Over the last two seasons, only the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw (2.16) had a road ERA lower than Chatwood's 2.57. That span included two victories at Wrigley Field, where Chatwood limited the Cubs to one run and six hits in 13 innings. Suffice to say, Cubs President Theo Epstein noticed.

"Obviously, you don't want drastic splits like that," Chatwood said. "I need to be more consistent with my stuff. I knew what my ball was going to do on the road, every time. I threw more breaking balls with conviction and confidence. I didn't feel handcuffed like I did at home."

Joe Maddon isn't a meteorologist but a baseball lifer who has traveled enough to know not to discount the impact of the atmosphere on a pitcher's arsenal. Maddon knew the stuff he saw from Chatwood in back-to-back seasons against the Cubs was better than his 4.69 ERA and league-high 15 losses in 2017 suggested.

"Colorado baseball, west Texas baseball, New Mexican baseball, Pacific Coast League baseball — it's just different than sea-level baseball," Maddon said. "But we've also done our own work with things we think we can help him with — the mental application of what he does, usage, planning. Without getting too deep into it, we feel following a different script will be helpful for him."

It once was hard to imagine Chatwood's script including a happy ending. As a 16-year-old sophomore at Redlands (Calif.)



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Pitcher Tyler Chatwood, center, with fellow starters Kyle Hendricks, left, and Yu Darvish, right, helps give the Cubs one of baseball's deepest rotations.

East Valley High School, Chatwood underwent Tommy John surgery to repair his torn ulnar collateral ligament in his throwing arm. Rehabilitation involved leaving his house with his mom many mornings at 5 to make the 90-minute trek to see Dr. Frank Jobe outside Los Angeles.

"It was definitely tough but I always knew this was what I wanted to do and luckily my family put in the time," Chatwood said.

Returning to baseball as a junior was conditional on Chatwood playing shortstop, where he developed into a dangerous hitter. Coincidentally, one of the hardest-throwing area prep pitchers Chatwood recalls was Matt Davidson, the White Sox third baseman who was Chatwood's neighbor but attended rival Yucaipa High School.

"Yes, he had good hair back then too," Chatwood kidded.

Chatwood returned to the mound as a senior and saw his velocity rise to 94 mph and command improve enough to impress UCLA, which signed him as part of a 2007 recruiting class that included Gerrit Cole. But in 2008, the Angels — Chatwood's favorite team growing up in Southern California — drafted him in the second round. His professional arc began.

The trajectory carried Chatwood to the Angels, where he enjoyed a promising 2011 rookie season before his phone rang one day. On the other end was his real hello to professional baseball.

"They told me I was traded,"

he said.

In Chatwood's fourth start in his third season with the Rockies — April 29, 2014 — history repeated itself at Chase Field in Arizona. Trainers led Chatwood off the mound in the sixth inning with an ulnar collateral ligament tear that required a second Tommy John surgery.

Throwing more sliders increased the strain Chatwood's elbow couldn't take. This time, noted Dr. James Andrews inserted a ligament from one of Chatwood's hamstrings through the same holes from the first procedure. After another grueling 14-month rehab, Chatwood showed no signs of the second surgery other than the scar on his arm.

The Cubs had no qualms about investing in a pitcher who won't necessarily make people forget Jake Arrieta, but represents an upgrade from John Lackey. As free agency unfolded, the chance to compete for a World Series in the same summer he and his wife, Veronica, are expecting a son made the Chatwoods believe something was in the air in Chicago.

"This is where we had our hearts set the whole time," Chatwood said. "They didn't have to sell much. They are the Chicago Cubs."

And they have one of baseball's deepest rotations, thanks to a fifth starter people likely won't overlook for long.

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BASEBALL NOTES

Rays cut payroll, send Dickerson to Pirates

Tribune news services

The Rays traded All-Star designated hitter **Corey Dickerson** to the Pirates on Thursday for relief pitcher **Daniel Hudson**, minor-league infielder **Tristan Gray** and cash.

Dickerson, 28, was designated for assignment Saturday. He was the AL's starting DH in last summer's All-Star Game but struggled at the plate the second half of the season. The trade lets the Rays shed Dickerson's \$5.95 million salary.

Hudson, 30, went 2-7 with a 4.38 ERA in a career-high 71 appearances in 2017. He's 37-30 with a 3.98 career ERA over eight seasons with the Pirates, White Sox and Diamondbacks.

Hudson has 59 career starts but has been used primarily as a reliever since returning from a second Tommy John surgery in 2015.

Dickerson batted .282 with 27 home runs and 62 RBIs last season. Gray was a 13th-round pick in 2017 and spent his first pro season with Short-A West Virginia, batting .269 with seven homers and 37 RBIs in 53 games.

Wilson tries pinstripes: Seahawks quarterback **Russell Wilson** is set to join the Yankees' spring training camp Monday.

The Yankees acquired the former minor-league infielder from the Rangers on Feb. 7 for future considerations.

Wilson will spend a few days with the Yankees but won't play in any games. He was assigned No. 73; his football jersey is No. 3, long retired by the Yankees for Babe Ruth.

"As a quarterback, leadership, obviously, huge role for him," Yankees manager **Aaron Boone** said. "He's developed a reputation of being a tremendous leader. So, any time we can get people like that around our guys, it's something we welcome."

Wilson's locker is next to newly acquired third baseman **Brandon Drury**, who grew up in Grants Pass, Ore., and made the seven-hour drive to Seattle



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Former White Sox pitcher Daniel Hudson will head to the Rays in a trade for Corey Dickerson.

to watch Seahawks games.

"The guy's a winner," Drury said. "To pick a guy's brain like that, I know he's really smart. I'm excited getting to know him, for sure."

Wilson was selected by the Rockies in the fourth round of the 2010 amateur draft and was acquired by the Rangers in the minor-league phase of the 2013 winter meeting draft. He participated in Rangers spring training workouts in 2014 and '15.

In 93 career games between rookie-level Tri-City and Class A Asheville in the Rockies' system, Wilson hit .229 with 19 stolen bases, five homers and 26 RBIs.

Extra innings: Padres manager **Andy Green** said newly acquired 1B **Eric Hosmer** won't play in at least the first two spring games. Hosmer agreed late Monday to an eight-year, \$144 million contract. His first workout with the team was Tuesday. ... RHP **Chris Tillman** and the Orioles finalized a one-year, \$3 million contract that allows him to earn an additional \$7 million in performance bonuses. He was 1-7 with a 7.84 ERA in 19 starts and five relief appearances last season.



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76ers center Joel Embiid rejects a shot by Cameron Payne, playing his first game for the Bulls on Thursday.

A night of 1sts

But several changes to lineup can't keep Bulls from 38th loss

By K.C. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

For the first time this season, Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen played together with none of them on a minutes limit.

Cristiano Felicio started for the first time this season. Cameron Payne played for the first time.

And in the spirit of player development — and, wink, some increased chances for draft ping-pong balls — Robin Lopez and Jerian Grant didn't play for the first time this season. Justin Holiday sat for just the second time.

After all those firsts, the Bulls lost for the 38th time, blowing a five-point lead in the final minute to fall 116-115 to the 76ers at the United Center.

Ben Simmons, a 56.5 percent foul shooter, sank two free throws with 5.6 seconds left after being fouled by Denzel Valentine, whose inbound pass to LaVine had been stolen by Joel Embiid.

"Embiid made a hell of a play on the ball," Valentine said. "I should have called timeout. I have to be smarter in key moments."

After a timeout, Dunn's inbound lob to Bobby Portis led to Portis missing a left-handed shot over T.J. McConnell in the post with Embiid coming to help. Valentine missed a rushed put-back attempt at the buzzer.

"I should have just gone up and not dribbled," Portis said. "If I could go back, I would just go up

THE BOX SCORE

| PHILA. | MN | FG-A | FTA | REB | A | PF | PTS |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----|
| Covington | 29:32 | 3-9 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Saric | 32:10 | 5-11 | 2-4 | 0-8 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| Embiid | 34:32 | 11-17 | 5-8 | 2-13 | 5 | 2 | 30 |
| Redick | 31:19 | 4-13 | 3-4 | 0-3 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| Simmons | 34:12 | 13-18 | 6-11 | 3-7 | 11 | 1 | 32 |
| Bellinelli | 25:03 | 1-5 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| McConnell | 24:02 | 4-7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| Booker | 15:42 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Johnson | 13:28 | 0-0 | 3-6 | 2-4 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 42:82 | 21-35 | 8-41 | 25 | 17 | 116 | |

Pts: FG 512, FT 600. 3-pointers: 11-29, 379 (Embiid 3-3, Redick 3-8, Covington 2-7, McConnell 1-2, Saric 1-3, Bellinelli 1-5, Booker 0-1). Team rebs: 10. Team turnovers: 9 (21 PTS). Blocks: 5 (Embiid 4, Simmons). Turnovers: 9 (McConnell 2, Saric 2, Simmons 2, Embiid, Johnson, Redick). Steals: 7 (Embiid 3, Bellinelli, Covington, McConnell, Simmons). Technical fouls: Saric, 4; 26 second; Booker, 0; 16 third.

| BULLS | MN | FG-A | FTA | REB | A | PF | PTS |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----|
| Markkanen | 32:37 | 1-8 | 1-2 | 4-8 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Nwaba | 33:10 | 9-14 | 0-0 | 2-9 | 2 | 6 | 21 |
| Felicio | 11:55 | 2-3 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Dunn | 27:57 | 2-11 | 1-2 | 0-4 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| LaVine | 31:07 | 7-16 | 4-7 | 0-3 | 4 | 3 | 23 |
| Portis | 33:35 | 15-26 | 2-3 | 4-8 | 2 | 4 | 38 |
| Valentine | 25:33 | 3-7 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Payne | 20:03 | 3-9 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 7 | 1 | 7 |
| Vonleh | 16:58 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-7 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Zipser | 7:05 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 44:97 | 9-15 | 11-48 | 27 | 26 | 115 | |

Pts: FG 454, FT 600. 3-pointers: 18-34, 529 (Portis 6-9, LaVine 5-7, Nwaba 3-3, Valentine 2-3, Vonleh 1-1, Payne 1-5, Dunn 0-1, Markkanen 0-5). Team rebs: 14. Team turnovers: 13 (18 PTS). Blocks: 4 (Felicio, Markkanen, Nwaba, Payne). Turnovers: 13 (Felicio 2, LaVine 2, Payne 2, Valentine 2, Dunn, Markkanen, Nwaba, Portis, Vonleh). Steals: 5 (Dunn 2, Nwaba, Payne, Valentine). Technical fouls: Portis, 0; 16 third.

| Philadelphia | 33 | 34 | 26 | 23 | -116 |
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| BULLS | 29 | 40 | 22 | 24 | -115 |

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the first time off the glass."

Simmons finished with a career-high 32 points and 11 assists for the 76ers, who won their sixth straight. Embiid added 30 points and 13 rebounds.

As to be expected with so much rotational upheaval, the Bulls' on-court product produced a mixed bag of good and bad.

Portis provided the biggest highlight, sinking a career-high six 3-pointers en route to a career-high 38 points.

"I worked hard over the break," he said. "I didn't really take a break. I was trying to find my shot, tune my game back up."

David Nwaba, returning to his December form, also posted career highs with 21 points and three

3-pointers while adding nine rebounds before fouling out late.

The Bulls tied a franchise-record with 18 3-pointers, with LaVine's giving them a five-point lead with 62 seconds left. But the Bulls, who trailed by 18 early and got 23 points from LaVine, didn't score again.

"These are learning opportunities," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "I couldn't be happier (with) the way we competed. A lot of guys played well. There are a lot of positives to take from this game."

The core chemistry can't fully form when two members of "The Burgeoning Three" — they can't be a "Big Three" yet — struggle.

Markkanen missed all five of his 3-pointers and is now 4-for-25 this month from beyond the arc. He also had his streak of 21 straight games scoring in double figures snapped. Dunn added just five points on 2-for-11 shooting.

The night also featured the first extended minutes for Noah Vonleh, acquired from the Trail Blazers at the trade deadline. He finished with three points and seven rebounds in 17 minutes.

"We're still learning what he can do," Hoiberg said. "I didn't know until (Wednesday) he has the third-biggest hands in the league ... good physical tools."

For those wondering, Hoiberg said Boban Marjanovic and Andre Drummond have bigger hands than Vonleh. And the Bulls actually lost to the Blazers by 16, not 100, on Jan. 31.

Hoiberg is forgiven. Even less than a month ago, that represents a different era.

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BLACKHAWKS

DeBrincat made the right decision

Rookie once flirted with playing goalie but chose otherwise

By PAUL SKRBINA
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Alex DeBrincat was peeling off his pads at his locker stall after a recent practice at the United Center when goalie Jean-Francois Berube happened to walk by.

DeBrincat, a 20-year-old rookie, paused for a moment during a casual conversation and began reminiscing about his house- and roller-hockey days.

When he began playing hockey, DeBrincat tried his hand at playing goalie. He recalled that on one of his youth teams, players took turns at the position.

"No one else wanted to play, so I played it a little more than anyone else," the 5-foot-7, 175-pound winger said with a grin.

DeBrincat played a little goalie in ice hockey, too. But after a short while, his father talked him into being a skater full-time.

His 22 goals — second on the Blackhawks behind Patrick Kane and tied for second among NHL rookies — and 17 assists prove that father knew best.

But that doesn't mean those memories of playing goalie have died — even if the reality of it happening again are nil.

DeBrincat said he never has faced an NHL shot, not even messing around during practice. And it's not a vocation he would be interested in on a full-time basis.

"But I wouldn't mind going in there," he said. "I don't really care. I think it's fun. I don't think I would want to be goalie every day. The goalies always want to be players."

DeBrincat dabbled in baseball while attending Lake Forest Academy. As part of the school's policy that athletes play two sports, DeBrincat was on the junior varsity team, for which he played shortstop.

DeBrincat's scouting report was self-deprecating: Couldn't hit. Couldn't field.

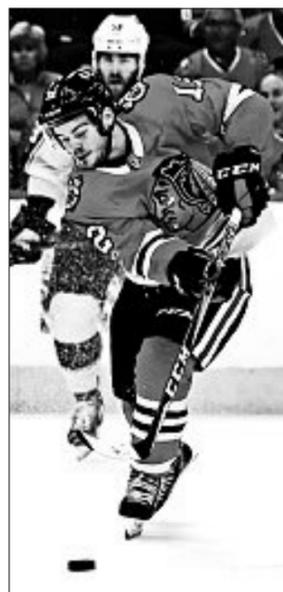
"None of it," he joked. "I liked to think I could hit."

But all he really wanted to do was play hockey, a sport he has been a part of his life since before he can remember. He said he was skating soon after he learned to walk.

Now that he's settled in with the Blackhawks, he's become more comfortable with talking — some trash that is, with Kane, who leads the Hawks with 23 goals.

The two go back and forth about who might be the most goals this season.

"A little bit," DeBrincat said.



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Rookie Alex DeBrincat, above, ranks second on the Blackhawks behind perennial All-Star winger Patrick Kane with 22 goals.

"He's always saying, 'Race to 30.' It's a little fun between us, but I would put money on him getting there first."

There is no monetary wager in place this season.

But Kane, who has four inches, 12 pounds and 10 years of experience on DeBrincat, is betting that DeBrincat will be an asset for the Blackhawks for years to come.

"He has been a goal-scorer his whole life," Kane said. "It's pretty impressive how he works at his craft. ... He probably has been counted out his whole life with his size ... and he has come in and played a huge role for our team. He has a great future. He will be a fun one for the fans to watch for a long time."

Kane isn't the only one DeBrincat has impressed.

Hawks coach Joel Quenneville pegged DeBrincat a question mark even to make the team out of camp, a pleasant surprise in a season littered with let-downs.

"When I say everybody's not up to par, he has been the one guy for us (who has exceeded expectations)," Quenneville said. "I would give him credit. I don't want to talk about too many other guys, but certainly he has done a real good job."

A job DeBrincat is happy to have — one that requires him to shoot pucks rather than stop them.

"I can't remember a day I wasn't playing hockey," he said.

And he never will forget the days he once played goalie.

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

3-on-3 overtimes right in Kane's wheelhouse

By PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Patrick Kane prefers 3-on-3 ice time over 1-on-1, though the Blackhawks forward has thrived in both settings.

Kane's four 3-on-3 goals are the fourth-most since the league began using the overtime format in the 2015-16 season.

His 38 goals when going against a goalie man-to-man during a shootout are the seventh-most among active players. Those scores came in 95 chances, putting his career percentage at 40, tying him for 24th highest.

"I don't miss them," Kane said after the Hawks played just their second shootout of the season Wednesday, a 3-2 victory over the Senators. "I'd rather play 3-on-3 all day. That's more fun for me. Three-on-3 has been a great addition to the game."

Hawks coach Joel Quenneville is no fan of shootouts, either, except when he's a fan.

"I don't get excited about them," he said. "I don't mind watching them in other games, but our games ... I'd like to be better in overtime."

The Hawks are 1-1 in shootouts this season and 5-7 in games decided during overtime.

Good first impression: Rookie defenseman Carl Dahlstrom has made an favorable impression on Quenneville.

The 23-year-old, who was a Hawks second-round pick in 2013, has two assists in seven

SHARKS AT BLACKHAWKS

TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Friday;

WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Sharks, who played the Predators on Thursday, are 5-2-4 in the second game of back-to-backs this season. Six of their last seven such games went to OT.

Trending: The good news for the Hawks is they have won two of three. The bad news: Those are their only two victories in their last 11 games.

games since he was recalled Feb. 9 from Rockford.

"Dahly's been pretty good for us," Quenneville said. "In the prospect category, he had a long way to go. ... I like how he thinks the game, sees the game, positions himself."

He said it: "Yeah, a little bit. Kind of just go with your go-to moves, trust them and got a little bit of a lucky bounce there. It's good to see one go in." — Nick Schmaltz on whether he had a read on Senators goalie Mike Condon before scoring the winning goal in the seventh round of the shootout Wednesday.

One-timers: Quenneville coached his 1,600th career game Wednesday, which is third all time. He is seven behind Al Arbour for second. ... Anton Forsberg picked up his second career shootout victory Wednesday and his first since his first NHL win Jan. 2, 2016 with the Blue Jackets.

BULLS NOTES

Lopez's string of starts gets stopped

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Just last month, Robin Lopez said it would "be cool" if he played in all 82 games for the fourth time in his career, a feat of which he would be "pretty proud."

Durability, however, is no match for draft-pick desire.

With Bulls management wanting to look at a big-man rotation of Cristiano Felicio and Lauri Markkanen as starters and Bobby Portis and Noah Vonleh as reserves, Lopez landed on the inactive list Thursday against the 76ers after being the only Bull to start the first 57 games.

"It was rough for me, but I get it," said Lopez, who answered affirmatively when asked if he's disappointed. "(But) I'm going to stay connected with the squad."

"All my teammates, whether they've been playing with me or sitting on the bench and not dressing, they've supported me. I

don't think I'd be too good a person if I didn't do the same."

With executive vice president John Paxson saying these new-look lineups will be used for "blocks of games" and have a fluid rotation, Lopez chose to sit now.

"Me stepping aside opens up a few more minutes for those guys," Lopez said. "That's best."

Lopez missed only one game last season, a league suspension following an altercation with the Raptors' Serge Ibaka.

"This is where Robin's leadership comes into play," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "He's such a great teammate. He has been a great mentor to guys (such as) Bobby and Kris in the early stages of their career."

"I can't say enough about who he is as a person. You can't have enough guys like Robin in your locker room."

Laugh track: The affable Lopez lost his streak but not his sense of

humor.

"Hopefully I won't get as many technicals," he cracked.

Lopez said management talked about his starting role likely returning next season — if he's not traded in June.

"It seems they still like me," he said. "How could they not?"

Layups: Former No. 1 overall pick and Bulls Rookie of the Year Elton Brand attended as general manager of the 76ers' Gatorade League team, the Delaware 87ers. Brand played with Hoiberg for two seasons. "That was one of my best years (in 1999-2000) because he got double-teamed the whole time," Hoiberg said. "Not many rookies in this league average 20 (points) and 10 (rebounds)." ... **Zach LaVine** added color commentary for TNT during the slam-dunk contest at All-Star weekend. ... Swingman **Paul Zipser** didn't play in the second half because of a sore left foot.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ROUNDUP

Arizona's
Trier
ineligible

Tribune news services

The NCAA declared No. 14 Arizona's Allonzo Trier ineligible for the reappearance of the banned substance that led to a 19-game suspension last season.

The school said the NCAA notified the Wildcats on Thursday that the junior guard had a trace amount of the substance from a drug test late last month. Arizona did not specify the drug, saying only it was a banned substance.

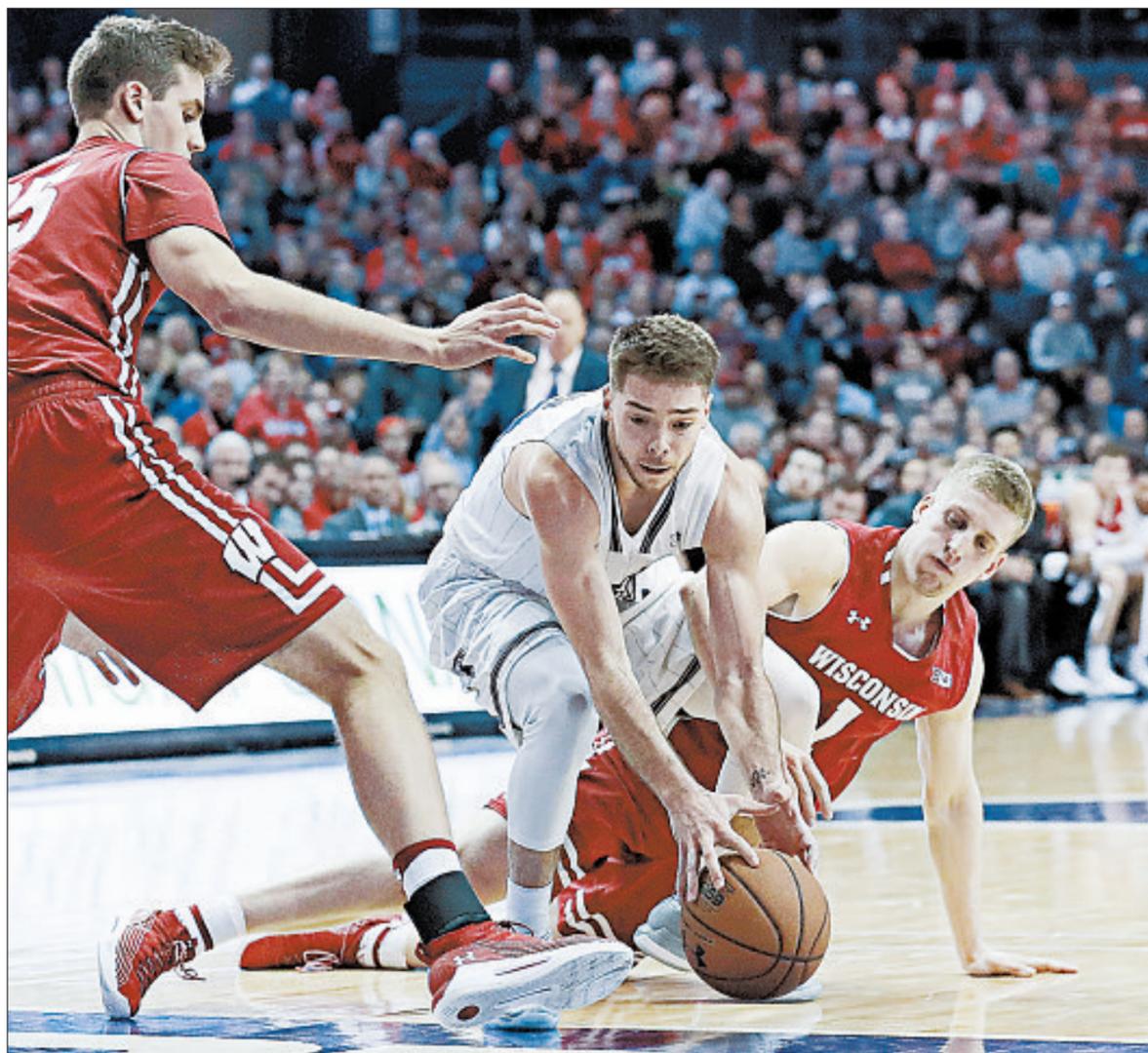
Arizona is appealing and hoping Trier will regain his eligibility soon.

Without Trier, the Wildcats (22-6, 12-3 Pac-12) escaped with a 75-65 overtime victory at Oregon State behind Deandre Ayton's 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Top 25: Killian Tillie scored 17 points and Rui Hachimura added 16 points and eight rebounds as No. 6 Gonzaga (26-4, 16-1 WCC) rallied for a 77-72 victory at San Diego. ... Gary Clark scored 17 points as No. 11 Cincinnati (24-4, 13-3 American) shook off consecutive losses by beating visiting Connecticut 77-52. ... Jordan Ford had 18 points and 10 rebounds as No. 22 Saint Mary's (26-4, 15-2 WCC) rolled to a 75-61 home win over Pepperdine. ... Jimario Rivers and Raynere Thornton each scored 21 points as host Memphis (17-11, 8-7 American) defeated No. 23 Houston 91-85.

State: Isaac Johnson had 29 points and 10 rebounds to lead host Western Illinois (12-14, 3-10 Summit) to an 82-74 win over North Dakota State. ... Terrell Miller Jr. had 20 points and 12 rebounds as Murray State (23-5, 15-2 OVC) beat host Eastern Illinois 76-66. Mack Smith scored 22 points for the Panthers (10-18, 6-11). ... Sidy N'dir scored 15 to lift host New Mexico State (23-5, 10-2 WAC) past Chicago State 78-67. Fred Sims' 30 points and nine 3-pointers led the Cougars (2-27, 0-12), who were tied 42-42 before the Aggies went on a 16-0 run. ... Chris Porter-Bunton had 23 points as Austin Peay (17-12, 12-5 OVC) held off host SIU-Edwardsville 86-82. Jalen Henry's 26 points led the Cougars (9-19, 5-12).

Layups: Missouri freshman F Michael Porter Jr., who has played two minutes all season before back surgery, was fully cleared to resume basketball activities, FanRag Sports reported. ... West Virginia coach Bob Huggins was reprimanded by the Big 12 for comments about a 35-2 free-throw disparity after the Mountaineers' 77-69 loss at Kansas on Saturday. ... Tramaine Isabell had 29 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists and made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left as host Drexel rallied from 34 down for a 85-83 victory over Delaware, a record for the biggest comeback in a Division I game. The Dragons (12-18, 6-11 Colonial) trailed 53-19 late in the first half.



NAM Y. HUH/AP

Northwestern guard Bryant McIntosh battles for a loose ball against Wisconsin forward Nate Reuvers, left, and guard Brevin Pritzl.

WISCONSIN 70, NORTHWESTERN 64

Senior send-off a sad one

In final home game for group, Cats suffer 5th straight defeat

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN
Chicago Tribune

In the early going, Wisconsin found so many open shooters against Northwestern's zone, you half wondered if the Wildcats were playing 4 on 5. The Badgers scored 21 points on their first 11 possessions.

Would Senior Night turn out to be a bummer for Bryant McIntosh, Scottie Lindsey and Gavin Skelly?

Short answer — yes. But not before McIntosh and Lindsey did some terrific things in Northwestern's final game at Allstate Arena, a 70-64 loss.

Lindsey scored a game-high 26 points, earning nine trips to the foul line and not subbing out a single time.

McIntosh, playing with an injured right shoulder, finished with 18 points and six assists.

"Bryant couldn't really lift his arm up the last two weeks," coach Chris Collins said.

"He said to me: 'I have to get out there (on Senior Night), but I don't know if I can take a shot.' It shows his heart; he played his butt off."

Said McIntosh: "Adrenaline is an incredible thing, isn't it?"

As for Skelly, well, he did not miss a field-goal try. He went 2-for-2, finishing with an equal number of points (four) and fouls.

Vic Law, a fourth member of Collins' first recruiting class, missed the game with a right toe injury that necessitated him wearing a walking boot. The redshirt junior might not be done, though. He will try to play Sunday at Iowa and next week in the Big Ten tournament at Madison Square Garden.

"We'll see how he's feeling," Collins said. Northwestern officials allowed McIntosh, Lindsey and Skelly to determine when the Senior Night ceremony would be held (after the game, given the early tip-off time) and to design special jerseys that included a silhouette of the Chicago skyline, the signatures of the seniors and the Northwestern purple stripe angled up to "symbol-

ize the upward trajectory of the program."

Northwestern (15-15, 6-11 Big Ten) lost its fifth straight in this lost season. Collins told the seniors this season does not diminish their legacy — bursting last year's NCAA tournament bubble.

"It's just sad to know it's my last home game," McIntosh said, "and to know I have just a handful left ... two handfuls, hopefully."

The Badgers (14-16, 7-10) got 19 points and seven rebounds from Ethan Happ, who stole passes from McIntosh and Skelly in the game's final four minutes. Brevin Pritzl essentially iced the victory by nailing a 3-pointer with 29 seconds to play.

But from a Northwestern perspective, the game ball went to McIntosh and Lindsey, who combined for 44 points for a depleted team.

"I'm sure you're not happy they're graduating," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said. "But we are. They have been difficult to guard."

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Protests highlight divide over Chief Illiniwek

Illinois, from Page 1

said she is from the Alaskan Athabascans. "I am not a mascot. I am not a symbol. That's why I am here today."

The Chief issue has been roiling at Illinois for decades.

The school banned the Chief Illiniwek mascot in 2007, two years after the NCAA ruled that teams using potentially offensive Native American imagery would be banned from hosting postseason play.

In October, the homecoming parade came to a standstill for about 10 minutes when a group of anti-Chief protesters

blocked a car carrying Chancellor Robert Jones. They protested the entry in the parade of the Honor the Chief Society, which included a student dressed up as Chief Illiniwek.

In a drizzle outside the State Farm Center before tipoff Thursday, anti-Chief demonstrators chanted and offered cards to fans that explained the NCAA ruling and why they say the Chief exploits Native Americans.

"Chief is racist," demonstrators chanted. "No Chief in our town. Shut it down. Shut it down." Students and faculty held signs that read, "New mascot now" and "Let the

Chief go."

Fans wearing Chief logos proudly showed off their gear as they walked by.

One fan walked back and forth several times in front of the row of demonstrators, patting the Chief logo on his orange and blue jacket. Another man yelled, "Long live the Chief." Two fans walked by and shouted, "Make America great again."

"These students are naive and don't know what's going on," said Dick Barker, who said he graduated from the university in 1961 and has been a longtime Illinois fan. "It's Native Americans looking to get something out of it. ... It's only the Native American people who could gain something by fighting the university. They'll try to get extra benefits from them. There's 200,000 alumni who grew up with the Chief and think he's terrific."

University officials asked the demonstrators to move farther from the main entrance, and they said they were told, per university rules, they could not protest inside the arena.

Several pro-Chief fans entering the arena declined to provide their names to the Tribune. One stopped to chat with demonstrator Rahul Raju, a student senate chairman. They talked about various tribes and the mistreatment of Native Americans throughout U.S. history.

"We're trying to convey a real sense that the continuing presence of the Chief — even unofficially — does lasting damage," Raju said. "Inaction itself is painful. That the university's tacit condoning of practicing of the Chief (is wrong)."

The university has been seemingly stuck in limbo on this issue for more than a decade. Earlier this season, it banned the "War Chant" from being played at sporting events.

There have been discussions about implementing a mascot, most recently in 2016 with an exploratory committee, but the issue has been shelved recently. The student government this year passed a resolution that the university must remove the Chief symbol from facilities.

The Chief Illiniwek name and image are university trademarks, so student groups can't officially use them. But the tension — and the image — is present at most games.

After the playing of the "Three-in-One" song at halftime, fans bellow, "Chieeeeeef?" Many fold their arms in stereotypical Native American mimicry. At a few games each season, a student from a group not sponsored by the university emerges from an upper concourse into the view of fans, dressed in stereotypical Native American costume with a headdress and "war paint" and bows to the fans with a stoic expression as music plays.

That student, who is elected as part of the Honor the Chief Society, was expected to make an appearance at halftime Thursday but did not. As the "Three-in-One" played, fans held up jackets with the Chief logo and pointed to it on their shirts. Some folded their arms in front of them. Some in the Orange Krush student section yelled a stereotypical Native American "whoop, whoop, whoop" cry.

At a speech to university employees found online, Jones said of the Chief, "Its legacy today throws disruptive shadows across every aspect of our mission and divides our university community."

He added: "Symbols and mascots are meant to bring university communities together. It is very, very clear this one is tearing us apart. We aren't going to get through this by assigning blame or pointing fingers ... or trying to do the math to pretend this thing can simply be reduced to a minority-versus-majority issue."

Jones also expressed concerns about potential violence erupting.

Athletic director Josh Whitman declined to comment about the Thursday's protests at State Farm Center. An athletic department spokesman said this is a university issue, not an athletic department issue.

Asked after the game about the demonstrations, Illinois coach Brad Underwood said he was unaware of them until informed shortly before tipoff.

"If you think for one second I've even thought about that ..." Underwood said. "I've had about eight hours of sleep in the last three days. ... I guess I need to dive into my history a little bit. I'm worried about our basketball team."

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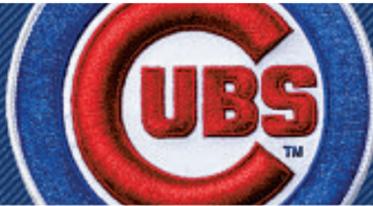
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FRIDAY ON TV/RADIO

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| Noon | Nationals vs. Astros | MLBN |
| 2:05 p.m. | White Sox at Dodgers | WGN-AM 720 |
| NBA | | |
| 7 p.m. | Timberwolves at Rockets | ESPN |
| 9:30 p.m. | Mavericks at Lakers | ESPN |
| BASKETBALL WORLD CUP QUALIFYING | | |
| 10 p.m. | Cuba at U.S. | ESPNU |
| MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Central Michigan at Toledo | CBSSN |
| 6 p.m. | Dayton at Rhode Island | ESPN2 |
| 6 p.m. | Harvard at Princeton | ESPNU |
| 7 p.m. | Ohio State at Indiana | FS1 |
| 8 p.m. | Western Michigan at Ball State | ESPN2 |
| 8 p.m. | Manhattan at Iona | ESPNU |
| GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE SEMIFINALS | | |
| 11 a.m. | 1A, Okaw Valley vs. Stockton | NBCSCH |
| 12:45 p.m. | 1A, Lebanon vs. Danville Schlarman | NBCSCH |
| 5:30 p.m. | 2A, Harlan vs. Eureka | NBCSCH |
| 7:15 p.m. | 2A, Marshall vs. Teutopolis | NBCSCH |

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| 2 p.m. | PGA Honda Classic | Golf Channel |
| Midnight | LPGA Honda Thailand | Golf Channel |
| 4 a.m. Sat. | Qatar Masters | Golf Channel |
| COLLEGE GYMNASTICS | | |
| 8 p.m. | Nebraska at Iowa | BTN |
| NHL | | |
| 6 p.m. | Wild at Rangers | NHLN |
| 7:30 p.m. | Sharks at Blackhawks | WGN-9, WGN-AM 720 |
| COLLEGE HOCKEY | | |
| 5:30 p.m. | Minnesota at Penn State | BTN |
| 7:30 p.m. | Denver at St. Cloud State | CBSSN |
| MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE | | |
| 4 p.m. | North Carolina at Johns Hopkins | ESPNU |
| MOTORSPORTS | | |
| 4 p.m. | NASCAR Cup qualifying | FS1 |
| 6 p.m. | NHRA qualifying | FS1 |
| WINTER OLYMPICS | | |
| 5:40 a.m. | Men's hockey semifinal | NBCSN |
| 7 p.m. | Bobsled, skiing, speedskating, snowboard | NBC-5 |
| 11 p.m. | Cross-country skiing | NBCSN |
| BUNDESLIGA SOCCER | | |
| 1:20 p.m. | Wolfsburg at Mainz | FS2 |
| TENNIS | | |
| 10:30 a.m. | ATP Delray Beach, Rio de Janeiro | Tennis (more, 6:30 p.m.) |

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| 11 a.m. | Marquette at DePaul | WCIU-26.2, WSCR-AM 670 |
| 11 a.m. | Seton Hall at St. John's | FOX-32 |
| 11 a.m. | Michigan at Maryland | ESPN |
| 11 a.m. | Baylor at TCU | ESPN2 |
| 11 a.m. | Tulane at South Florida | ESPNU |
| 11 a.m. | Providence at Georgetown | CBSSN |
| Noon | Louisville at Virginia Tech | CBS-2 |
| 1 p.m. | Illinois State at Loyola | ESPN2 |
| 1 p.m. | Wichita State at SMU | ESPN |
| 1 p.m. | LSU at Georgia | ESPNU |
| 1 p.m. | Patriot League TBA | CBSSN |
| 1:30 p.m. | Villanova at Creighton | FOX-32 |
| 2 p.m. | Notre Dame at Wake Forest | WCIU-26.2 WMVP-AM 1000 |

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| 3 p.m. | Kansas at Texas Tech | ESPN |
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| 3 p.m. | Indiana State at Bradley | CBSSN |
| 5 p.m. | Syracuse at Duke | ESPN |
| 5 p.m. | Iowa State at West Virginia | ESPN2 |
| 5 p.m. | Kansas State at Oklahoma | ESPNU |
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| 11 a.m. | Seton Hall at St. John's | FOX-32 |
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| 11 a.m. | Baylor at TCU | ESPN2 |
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| Noon | Louisville at Virginia Tech | CBS-2 |
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| NBA | | | | |
| Atlanta | 1 | 0 | | |
| Charlotte | 3/2 | 0 | | |
| Milwaukee | 2/2 | 0 | | |
| Miami | 5 | 0 | | |
| San Antonio | 8/2 | 0 | | |
| Portland | off | 0 | | |
| Phoenix | 4/2 | 0 | | |
| Dallas | 3/2 | 0 | | |

| TEAM | W | L | PCT | GB |
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| NHL | | | | |
| San Jose | +113 | | | |
| N.Y. Rangers | +137 | | | |
| Carolina | +100 | | | |
| Winnipeg | +109 | | | |
| Vancouver | +224 | | | |

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| Eastern Conference | | | | |
| Central Division | | | | |
| Fort Wayne | 22 | 15 | 59% | |
| Grand Rapids | 20 | 18 | 52% | 2 1/2 |
| Windy City | 17 | 20 | 45% | 5 |
| Wisconsin | 17 | 21 | 44% | 5 1/2 |
| Canton | 15 | 23 | 39% | 7 1/2 |

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| Western Conference | | | | |
| Central | | | | |
| Manitoba | 32 | 14 | 70% | |
| Iowa | 26 | 16 | 62% | 15 1/2 |
| Rapids | 28 | 19 | 60% | 17 1/2 |
| Wolves | 27 | 17 | 61% | 18 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 25 | 21 | 55% | 21 1/2 |
| Rockford | 25 | 22 | 53% | 22 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 17 | 27 | 34% | 34 1/2 |

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| Friday's Result | | | | |
| San Diego | 9 | 1 | 90% | |
| Caliente | 9 | 1 | 90% | |
| Friday's Schedule | | | | |
| Windy City | 7 | 0 | | |
| Fort Wayne | 6 | 0 | | |
| Grand Rapids | 6 | 0 | | |
| Greenboro | 6 | 0 | | |
| Maine | 6 | 0 | | |
| Wisconsin | 6 | 0 | | |
| Rio Grande Valley | 6 | 0 | | |
| Austin | 6 | 0 | | |
| Northwestern | 6 | 0 | | |

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| Utica | 6 | 0 | | |
| Cleveland | 6 | 0 | | |
| Providence | 6 | 0 | | |
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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

FIGURE SKATING

Zagitova takes gold medal

Russian teen edges friend, countrywoman Medvedeva; Canada's Osmond takes 3rd

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — The Russians finally have a gold medal at the Pyeongchang Olympics, thanks to a 15-year-old who beat the fellow teen who inspired her to become a figure skater.

Alina Zagitova won one of the games spotlight events Friday, edging her friend and training partner 18-year-old Evgenia Medvedeva. That ended the gold drought for the Olympic Athletes from Russia — the designation given to the nation's competitors after the IOC banned the nation because of a doping scandal. Zagitova and Medvedeva tied in the free skate, a rare occurrence, but Zagitova had won the short program Wednesday.

Bronze went to Kaetlyn Osmond, giving Canada four overall medals in figure skating.

Medvedeva seemed well on her way to Olympic gold as she went unbeaten for two seasons. But she battled a cracked bone in her right foot this season and Zagitova emerged, eventually surpassing Medvedeva.

When Medvedeva set a world mark in the short program, her countrywoman beat it a few minutes later. The difference in the short program wound up being the margin between gold and silver.

On Friday, Zagitova went first, greeted by loud chants and cheers from the Russian fans desperate for that first gold.

She nailed everything with fluid flair and technical brilliance. Zagitova earned 156.65 points for her program to "Don Quixote," laying down the challenge for her countrywoman.

Medvedeva matched it, but that was not enough.

"We are friends first and rivals second, because you have to have competitiveness in sport," Zagitova said before the event. She has called Medvedeva an inspiration for her figure skating career.

So much of an inspiration, apparently, that Zagitova handed "Zhenya" her first defeat in two years at the European championships.

"Zhenya and I are friends," Zagitova said. "There's no ill feeling there, but there is a competitiveness in our training sessions which spurs us on."

Seriously.



Russian Alina Zagitova competes in the free skate. The 15-year-old won gold in the event.

ARIS MESSINIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

In Thursday's practice session, Zagitova did more jumps than the other four skaters on the ice combined. At one point — just fooling around, perhaps — she nailed a triple lutz-triple loop-triple loop-triple loop-triple loop series. Nonstop.

Medvedeva wasn't quite so energetic — or over-the-top flashy. Then again, she has some catching up to do.

"We have a real human relationship, we talk a lot, and we spend almost the whole day together," Medvedeva said. "I see how much she works and it makes me want to work harder."

Working hard might be Zagitova's forte now, but a few years ago she nearly was thrown out of her training group by coach Eteri Tutberidze, who also works with Medvedeva.

The daughter of a hockey coach in Izhevsk, a Russian city best known for its weapons industry, Zagitova was 11 when

Adelina Sotnikova won Russia's first women's gold in figure skating at the Sochi Games in 2014. Later that year, she joined up with Tutberidze, but things didn't go well initially.

"I was very disappointed and I cried and I was going to travel home," Zagitova said. "I spent three or four days exercising on the ice and really understood how much I love figure skating. But it seemed too late to change anything."

"We went to Eteri to say that we were going back to Izhevsk and I'm going to quit figure skating, and Eteri told me, 'Let's try it one more time,' and I was so, so happy ... butterflies in my stomach. If that moment hadn't happened, then nothing else would have. I wouldn't be at the Olympics."

Zagitova has also had to deal with a broken arm and foot she suffered in separate accidents three years ago. And, as one of the younger athletes in Tutberidze's

group, she was once required to skate in a costume that Medvedeva had rejected as uncomfortable.

Medvedeva is more outgoing. Then again, she's three years older than Zagitova.

Medvedeva enjoys making videos of herself dancing to the South Korean pop band Exo during her time off.

She was nearly unbeatable in the previous two seasons, winning two world titles and pushing aside more established skaters such as Sotnikova and 2015 world champion Elizaveta Tuktamysheva, neither of whom came close to making the 2018 Olympic team.

"There's really so, so many young skaters and some of them are doing such difficult elements," Medvedeva said.

She didn't mention Zagitova by name, but she didn't really have to.

James Ellingsworth contributed.



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A North Korean fan cheers at the Olympics, though the country's athletes fared poorly.

NORTH KOREA'S OLYMPICS

Medals? North Koreans bring home none to Kim Jong Un

BY ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Unprepared and outclassed, North Korea's 22 athletes wrapped up their competition at the Winter Olympics on Thursday without a finish higher than 13th.

North Korea wasn't expected to participate until an announcement by Kim Jong Un on New Year's Day that he wanted to send a team. That set off a flurry of North-South diplomatic machinations allowing the delegation to cross the border.

With few athletes prepared, the North sent more than 140 musicians, a demonstration taekwondo team, a 229-woman cheering squad and 21 journalists, though the sporting aspect of the Olympics has gotten virtually zero coverage in the North. Their athletes' lack of experience and preparation showed.

The sentimental highlight of the North's participation was the joint Korean hockey team, which featured players from North and South for the first time. Although it was ranked below the Olympic qualifying level, South Korea won a hockey berth in the Games because it was the host nation. South Korean President Moon Jae-in championed the effort to allow 12 North Korean players to join the team.

The concept won emotional support from many South Koreans, but it was also controversial because it took slots away from more talented South Koreans who had trained hard for the Olympics. The team ended up losing every game it played,

giving up 28 goals and scoring only twice in their five matches.

Not counting the mostly South Korean hockey squad, the North's best result came from figure skaters Ryom Tae Ok and Kim Ju Sik, who finished 13th in pairs.

They were the only North Koreans who actually qualified for the Olympics, though the North missed a registration deadline and the two had lost their slot until politics intervened on their behalf.

Here's how the remaining North Koreans fared:

■ Short-track skater Jong Kwang Bom, 16, stumbled and fell at the start and was last in his 500-meter heat. The North's other short-track competitor, Choe Un Song in the 1,500, took a hard fall in practice and was also last in his heat.

■ Alpine skier Kim Ryon Hyang was 54th of 54 finishers in the women's slalom and 67th of 67 finishers in the giant slalom. Choe Myong Gwang and Kang Song Il went 74th and 75th among 75 finishers in the men's giant slalom. In Thursday's slalom, Choe was again the final finisher, while Kang failed to complete his second run.

■ In cross-country skiing, Ri Yong Gum finished 89th of 90 in the women's 10-kilometer free race, while Han Chun Gyong was 101st and teammate Pak Il Chol 107th in the 15-kilometer free. There were 116 men in that race.

North Korea has participated in nine Winter Olympics, starting at Innsbruck in 1964. It has won two medals: a silver in speedskating and a bronze in short-track.

ROUNDUP

Only head-to-head matchup with Vonn goes Shiffrin's way

Associated Press

Mikaela Shiffrin already was assured of earning her third career medal when Lindsey Vonn propelled herself out of the starting gate as the final starter in the final race of her Olympic career.

The slalom portion of the two-leg Alpine combined would be the first — and only — time Vonn, 33, and U.S. teammate Shiffrin, 22, would compete against each other at any Olympics.

Could Vonn possibly summon a slalom performance from somewhere in her past to make her lead from the downhill portion stand up?

Could Shiffrin hold on to her silver?

The answer came quickly. Vonn's slalom lasted all of about 10 seconds before she went off course, leaving Shiffrin in second place Thursday between two women from Switzerland: gold medalist Michelle Gisin and bronze medalist Wendy Holdener.

Shiffrin ranked sixth in the downhill, 1.21 seconds slower than Gisin, and was unable to make up that large a deficit in her forte, the slalom, which was a much shorter track. The downhill took about 100 seconds, the slalom about 40. Shiffrin added the combined silver to her giant slalom gold.

"It's really nice to be at the end of it and know that I do have two medals," Shiffrin said.

With her slalom gold from the 2014 Games, Shiffrin joins Bode Miller and Julia Mancuso as the only Americans with a medal in each of at least three Alpine disciplines.

"It's incredible what she's been able to accomplish," Vonn said.

Surprise in slalom: Andre Myhrer of Sweden won the men's slalom, taking advantage of favored Marcel Hirscher's failure to finish the race.

Myhrer finished 0.34 seconds ahead of Switzerland's Ramon Zenhausern. Bronze medalist Michael Matt of Austria was 0.67 behind Myhrer's two-run time of 1 minute, 38.99 seconds. Matt's brother Mario won gold four years ago.

Hirscher went out midway through the first run. He was seeking a third gold medal at these Olympics.

U.S. curlers sniff gold: The U.S. will compete for gold in men's curling after knocking out Canada 5-3 in the semifinals. The U.S. will try for gold against Sweden, which beat Switzerland 9-3.

The Americans haven't reached the podium since winning bronze in 2006. Canada had won the last three golds.



MICHAEL PROBST/AP

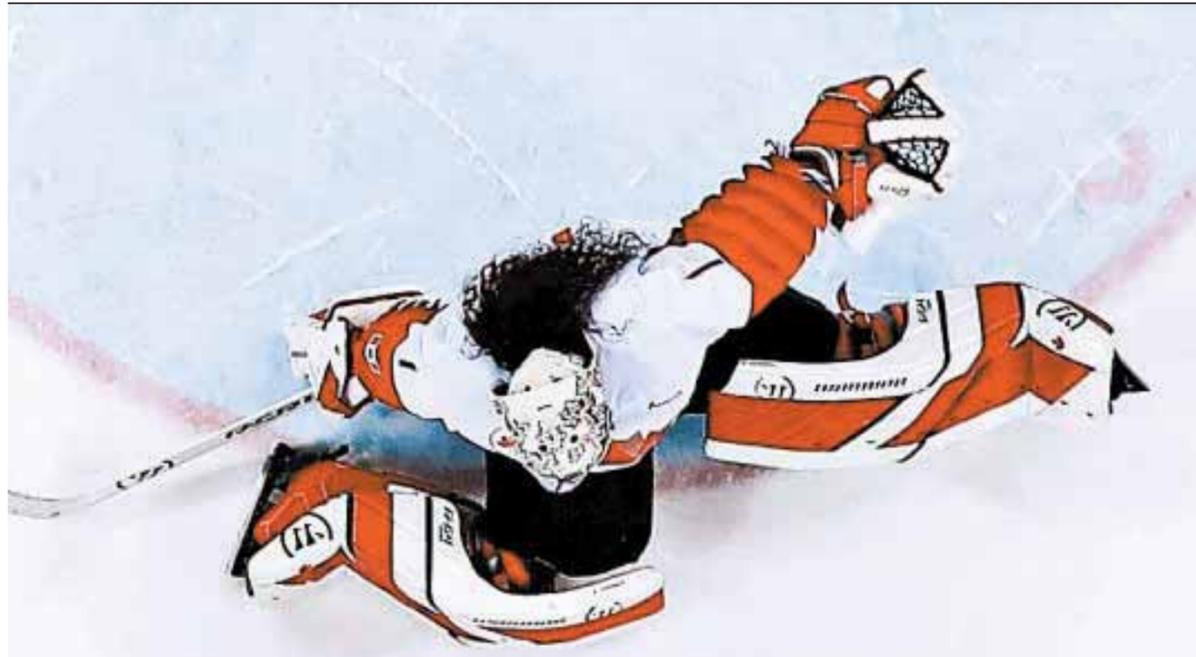
Mikaela Shiffrin of the U.S. finds reason to smile after taking the silver medal Thursday in women's Alpine combined.

BY THE NUMBERS

| MEDAL COUNT | | | |
|---|---|--------|-------|
| NATION | G | S | TOT |
| Norway | 13 | 12 | 10 |
| Canada | 10 | 8 | 9 |
| Germany | 13 | 7 | 5 |
| U.S. | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| Netherlands | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| France | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| OA Russia | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| Austria | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| South Korea | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Japan | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Sweden | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Italy | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| China | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| Czech Rep. | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Britain | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Finland | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Belarus | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Slovakia | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Australia | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Poland | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| New Zealand | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Spain | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Hungary | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Ukraine | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Kazakhstan | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Latvia | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Liechtenstein | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Through 88 of 90 medal events | | | |
| FIGURE SKATING: Women's Free | | | |
| Alina Zagitova, OA Russia | 239.57 | | |
| Eva Medvedeva, OA Russia | 238.26 | | |
| Kaetlyn Osmond, Canada | 231.02 | | |
| Bradie Tennell, U.S. | 192.35 | | |
| Mirai Nagasu, U.S. | 186.54 | | |
| Karen Chen, U.S. | 185.65 | | |
| FRESTYLE SKI Women's Ski Cross | | | |
| Kelsey Serwa, Canada | | | |
| Brittany Phelan, Canada | | | |
| Fanny Smith, Switzerland | | | |
| THURSDAY'S RESULTS | | | |
| ALPINE SKIING Men's Slalom | | | |
| Andre Myhrer, Sweden | 1:38.99 | | |
| Ramon Zenhausern, Switz. | 1:39.33 | | |
| Michael Matt, Austria | 1:39.66 | | |
| David Choudoussky, U.S. | 1:40.84 | | |
| Mark Engel, U.S. | 1:49.31 | | |
| Nolan Kasper, U.S. | DNF | | |
| Women's Combined | | | |
| Michelle Gisin, Switz. | 2:20.90 | | |
| Mikaela Shiffrin, U.S. | 2:21.87 | | |
| Wendy Holdener, Switz. | 2:22.34 | | |
| Alice Merryweather, U.S. | 2:26.90 | | |
| Lindsey Vonn, U.S. | DNF | | |
| BIATLON Women's 4x6 Relay | | | |
| Belarus | 1:12:03.4 | (0+9) | |
| Sweden | 1:12:14.1 | (0+12) | |
| France | 1:12:21.0 | (0+14) | |
| NORDIC COMBINED Large Hill | | | |
| Germany | 46:09.8 | | |
| Norway | 47:02.5 | | |
| Austria | 47:17.6 | | |
| SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING | | | |
| Men's 5000 Relay | | | |
| Hungary | 6:31.971 | | |
| China | 6:32.035 | | |
| Canada | 6:32.282 | | |
| Women's 1000 | | | |
| Suzanne Schulting, Neth. | 1:29.778 | | |
| Kim Boutin, Canada | 1:29.956 | | |
| Arianna Fontana, Italy | 1:30.656 | | |
| SNOWBOARD Women's Big Air | | | |
| Anna Gasser, Austria | 185.0 | | |
| Jamie Anderson, U.S. | 177.25 | | |
| Zoi S. Snyott, N. Zealand | 157.5 | | |
| Julia Marino, U.S. | 93.25 | | |
| MEN'S CURLING | | | |
| Tiebreaker: Switzerland 9, Britain 5 | | | |
| Semis: U.S. 5, Canada 3 | | | |
| Semis: Sweden 9, Switzerland 3 | | | |
| ICE HOCKEY | | | |
| Women's Gold Medal | | | |
| U.S. 3, CANADA 2 (SO) | | | |
| TM | GOALS | SHOTS | |
| Can | 0 | 2 | 0 (2) |
| U.S. | 1 | 0 | 3 (3) |
| 15:1 | U.S., Marie-P. Poulin (Meghan Agosta, Melodie Daoust), 19:34 | | |
| 2ND: | 2, Can, Haley Irwin (Blayne Turnbull), 2:00 | | |
| 3, Can, Marie-Philip Poulin (Meghan Agosta, Melodie Daoust), 6:55 | | | |
| 3RD: | 4, U.S., Monique Lamoureux-Morando (Kelly Pannek), 13:39 | | |
| SO: | U.S. 3 (Gigi Marvin G, Hannah Brandt NG, Emily Pfalzer NG, Amanda Kessel G, Hilary Knight NG, Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson G); Can 2 (Natalie Spooner NG, Meghan Agosta G, Marie-Philip Poulin NG, Melodie Daoust G, Briane Jenner NG, Meghan Agosta NG) | | |
| GOALS: | Can, Shannon Szabados 42:39; U.S., Maddie Rooney 31:29 | | |

Short-track wrapup: Hungary won its first short-track speedskating medal ever with a gold in the men's 5,000-meter relay. The U.S. team of J.R. Celski, John-Henry Krueger, Thomas Hong and Aaron Tran won the B final. ... Wu Dajing of China broke his own world record, winning the 500 meters in 39.584 seconds. ... Suzanne Schulting of the Netherlands won the women's 1,000 meters.

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OLYMPIC HOCKEY

Stamp out the shootout



Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson beats Shannon Szabados for the shootout winner. But it's an awful way to decide a game.

BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY

Authentic Canadian can't accept losing — or her silver medal



KEVIN WILLIAMS

The silver-medal-shunning Canadian hockey player, Jocelyne Larocque, is pure.

Not since Belgian cyclocross rider Sanne Cant's "anywhere but here" podium face has there

been a more elegant, eloquent depiction of the war that is sport, the rage and dejection of the vanquished.

Sportsmanship? Forget it. Does the antelope congratulate the lion?

A former cycling teammate talked about finishing second and running up to his coach, thrilled, only to have the coach say, "Hooray. You're first among the losers."

We forget that sport is war because participation trophies and the like have inured us to the reality of athletic endeavor. Nobody loses. Thanks for coming, everyone.

The Canadian women's hockey team worked hard. For four years. For that game, that moment.

"(It was) just hard," said Larocque, who nevertheless apologized Friday.

Social media was mixed in its reaction to her yanking off the medal just after it was placed around her neck — but the mood was mostly negative. "Sportsmanship" was the word most often used. Her nation is proud, and she should be too. Why? Her team lost 3-2 after a gut-wrenching shootout against its fiercest rival, the United States.

We forget what sport at that rarefied, Olympic level is: Athletes who are at the peak of their fitness train for their whole lives. They sweat, strain, lift, deal with injury and pain, go through agony so that when the moment comes, they will be physically and mentally strong enough to get the job done, to win the war. It isn't pretty, it isn't friendly. It's nasty, and it is supposed to be.

When at the end of all that, someone gives you the glittering symbol of your failure, what are you supposed to do?

Many — most — would say smile bravely, take your bauble and be "sportsmanlike."

Yet sport is never more human than in



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Jocelyne Larocque, left, holds her silver medal after Canada lost to the U.S.

WHAT TO WATCH FRIDAY

If you're up before the sun, you can watch Shani Davis in likely his last 1,000-meter speedskating race. If you're up past midnight, you can watch the U.S. men face Sweden for curling gold. And Ester Ledecka, who won the women's super-G, switches to her snowboard for parallel giant slalom.

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moments of failure, especially right after the competition. In the men's 15-kilometer mass-start biathlon, eventual winner Martin Fourcade crumpled in a heap at the effort of the final sprint but had just enough energy to shatter his pole in rage.

He thought he had lost in a photo finish for the second straight Olympics. What a moment. Most spectators have no idea what that feels like. These Olympics have made me, the athlete-turned-spectator, cry exactly twice: in empathy with Fourcade, and at the unfettered delight of Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall entwined in a giddy heap after winning gold in the cross-country skiing team sprint. Do non-athletes experience sport differently as they watch at home? Almost certainly.

Larocque's was the expression of a proud, strong athlete.

Our athletes aren't perfect. They're human. Disappointment and failure brings out the worst in us. Why? They lost. It hurts.

That silver medal must have burned as it would a vampire, as it would a champion.

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Annoying contrivance sullies result, especially when game is for gold



STEVE ROSENBLUM

Dear Stupid (and you know who you are, International Olympic Committee):

Stop deciding gold-medal hockey games with shootouts. It's dumber than three-on-three overtime. It's cheap and ridiculous. Nuts.

I mean, the biggest medal in that particular competition is decided by a carnival game? Is this the Olympics or clown college?

This goes for men's and women's competitions, but this rant is borne of the United States' six-round shootout win over Canada on Thursday. Championship games should be won on goals scored the way the game was meant to be played. Skate until one team scores a goal, an honest goal, a goal created in the pace and passion of a team game, not a skills competition.

Look, as an American and as someone who covered the first Olympic women's hockey tournament in 1998, which the Yanks won, and as someone who described how Downers Grove's Cammi Granato became the first woman to wear an Olympic gold medal for ice hockey, I'm thrilled. Go, us. Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson's move was Patrick Kane-like. Maddie Rooney's calm in the crease was Patrick Roy-like perfect. Red, white and beautiful.

But it was lunacy. The way something supposedly that treasured is decided is stupid. Cut-rate. To steal a phrase from Mario Lemieux: It's garage-league stuff. It can't be that big a deal, after all, if you're forced to resort to gimmicks.

Cut it out, IOC. Stop the stupid. Let 'em play. Make 'em play. Decide a winner honorably.

Oh, and when you're done, pass this along to FIFA. Tell those slimeballs running international soccer to eliminate the idiotic penalty kicks to decide things like World Cups. Or, at least, tell the FIFA guys when they get out of jail.

HOME TEAM

Tracking local Olympians competing in Pyeongchang



Hilary Knight
Hockey/Lake Forest

Knight, who lived in Lake Forest from 6 to 14, won silver medals at the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. On Thursday, she finally got her gold as the U.S. beat Canada in a dramatic shootout. Knight put the U.S. up 1-0. "They should make a movie on it," she said. "We had all the drama. It's sort of a storybook ending to an incredible series of accomplishments."



Kendall Coyne
Hockey/Palos Heights

The 25-year-old, making her second appearance for Team USA, scored the winner in the team's first game. On Thursday, she got gold as the U.S. beat Canada in a shootout. Coyne played 27 minutes, 21 seconds in the final and had two shots on goal.



Bradie Tennell

Figure skating/Carpentersville
Tennell, born in Winfield, earned her first national crown and punched her ticket to Pyeongchang. She won bronze in the team competition. On Thursday night, her free skate of 128.34 placed her ninth overall, making her the highest-finishing American.



Shani Davis
Speedskating/Chicago

A four-time Olympic medalist, Davis, 35, finished 19th in the 1,500 meters last week. "I felt good," Davis said. "It's just that I didn't have the snap and drive. I really feel that I'm more geared toward the (1,000) now. I really hope that this got all the cobwebs out and I can refocus." Next: 1,000 meters, Friday



Brian Hansen
Speedskating/Glenview

The 2009 Glenbrook South graduate finished 15th in the 1,500. "I was just happy to have the chance to go out there and compete and do the best I could," Hansen said. "But there's a couple changes I would have made. That's just how racing goes, so I've got to accept that moving forward." Next: Mass start, Saturday

Medal winners:

- **Gold:** Hilary Knight (Lake Forest), Kendall Coyne (Palos Heights) for hockey
- **Bronze:** Alexa Scimeca Knierim (Addison) for team figure skating
- **Bronze:** Bradie Tennell (Carpentersville) for team figure skating

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

Dubnyk keep his focus on sharpening his eyes

BY CHRIS HINE
Minneapolis Star Tribune

If you see Devan Dubnyk staring off into space before a game, know the Wild goaltender hasn't lost his mind. He's just focusing — literally focusing.

If it seems as if he has fallen into a trance, he's actually exercising his eyes. First, he will focus on something far away, like the lettering on a teammate's stick. Then he will shift, focusing on something close, like his own fingerprint.

"Then you look up again and try to focus as quickly as you can on something far away," Dubnyk said. "Your eyes go in and out. It's like a warmup. They're muscles so you have to warm them up."

Dubnyk, 31, recognizes he is mortal and in the near future, his athleticism will deteriorate. If he wants to make a living as a goaltender for as long as possible, Dubnyk realized he has to do something to gain even the slightest edge.

Dubnyk thinks he found the answer — in his eyes.

"As you get older, you're not going to add a bunch of different athleticism or skill to your game," Dubnyk said. "You certainly continue to work on it and continue to stay sharp on it, but you have to find ways to continue to improve, and this is certainly one of them."

To improve his eyes, Dubnyk doesn't have to look too far — only to Edina, Minn., where a local company called True Focus Vision keeps his sight in line.

His True Focus

True Focus shares an office building with a few other businesses, and it is not some futuristic, clandestine facility that magically fixes eyesight that you might picture from a science fiction movie. Inside, it looks like an athletic training facility. There's an area to lift weights and artificial turf to hold workouts.

One of the few clues this place has something to do with eyesight is in an office — the T-shirt of owner Josh Tucker, a former goaltender and hockey coach. Tucker's shirt has an eyeball with arms that are flexing well-defined muscles.

Tucker, 36, took ownership of True Focus from its creator, Jim Nelson, who founded the company to help children better their reading ability by improving the tracking of their eyes. But the methods the company uses can also help athletes, especially in hockey, where the eyes have to allow a player to react quickly and focus on objects near and far in a short amount of time.

The logo is a comical way of driving home Tucker's point about True Focus' vision — which is to improve yours.

"A lot of people when they ask what I do, they don't know what it is," Tucker said. "Most people start with their 20/20 score and they say, 'All right, I've got 20-20 vision. I'm great.'"

"But there's more to it than that."

The eye is controlled by muscles that people can train to improve, regardless of vision quality when reading an eye chart. Tucker said most NHL clients — he said he has trained players on 12 teams — walk in the door with good vision. It's hard to play hockey and advance to the pros without it, he said. Dubnyk said he had "terrible" eyesight growing up but had two laser surgeries.

"As you get higher up and higher up, any weakness — your skating, your passing, your visual system, your strength — if you're not there, you'll get weeded out," Tucker said.

So his goal is to strengthen the eye muscles to react easier to the fast-pace NHL game. Dubnyk said that's essential, especially late in a game when other parts of the body may be worn out.

"You don't know what (part of your body) is going to be tired," Dubnyk said. "You try to do as much as you can, so you're as prepared as possible to play your best."

Working out the eyes

Tucker runs Dubnyk through a number of exercises. One is the lightboard, which isn't much different than Wack-a-Mole. The black lightboard is lined with dozens of small buttons that will randomly illuminate. "You just hit them with both of your hands as fast as you can," Dubnyk said.

Tucker tracks Dubnyk's reaction time and accuracy in various quadrants of the board to see where Dubnyk needs to improve. To make the task more difficult, a number may pop up in the center of the board, requiring Dubnyk to either say the number, or, if Tucker feels like punishing him that day, add the numbers together while hitting the buttons that light up. The purpose is to improve Dubnyk's periphery vision by having him focus on the center of the board and using his periphery to hit the buttons.

"It's fun (competition)," Dubnyk said. "That's an important part of it too — you want to work with somebody you enjoy working with."

A second exercise involves even more competition between Tucker and Dubnyk — with the addition of special glasses. Dubnyk will get in front of a net as if he's tending goal. Tucker will then fire tennis



JIM MONE/AP

To sharpen his vision, Wild goaltender Devan Dubnyk does eye exercises at a facility called True Focus Vision in Edina, Minn.

balls or racket balls from behind Dubnyk off a piece of wood, so Dubnyk doesn't know where the balls are headed until they hit the board in front of him.

"Once in a while I'll sneak one or two by him," Tucker said. "But once we go through this progression, I have to ice my shoulder when I'm done. I'm throwing so hard."

The catch is catching them while wearing special "shutter" and "strobe" glasses. The shutter glasses cut off Dubnyk's periphery, and make him follow the balls into his hands. The strobe glasses make the room seem like a nightclub, with everything in your sight blinking. This simulates a puck going through traffic — one moment it may disappear from Dubnyk's sight line, then reappear.

"Very few people get the view that I do, where I get to watch him right here doing this," Tucker said. "There's an easiness about the way he moves in the net that makes things quite simple — the speed where his hand just goes and gets it — this like weight training for your eyes."

The difference is immediate.

"You increase the difficulty and at the end you take the goggles off, do it with nothing on and he'll be rifling the balls off there and you catch everything," Dubnyk said. "It's great to see that change."

Repetition, maintenance

Dubnyk doesn't get in to see Tucker as much as he did in the past. Last year, he was going "a couple times per month."

"It's hard when you got the growing family, the days off become important to spend time with them," Dubnyk said. "The nice thing is Josh gave me a bunch of stuff to use at home and in my hotel room to stay sharp."

Like what Dubnyk does to help his eyes converge and diverge more easily. At True Focus, Tucker has a series of slides that feature images, like a person riding a horse or bowling, shown twice and in different colors. The person viewing the slides tries to use his eyes to make the two duplicate images converge. Tucker then asks a series of questions about the new, melded image. After doing it for a while, the task gets easier.

This is what Dubnyk is doing when he is zoned out before a game — training his eyes to converge and diverge easier.

"Sidney Crosby might get a breakaway against you first shift. Is your body ready to do the splits? But also: are your eyes ready to make a fast save?" Tucker said. "Something like this, it's like a weighted bat. You do that and the bat feels light. You do this, now the ball seems slow or the puck seems slow."

It's hard to quantify how much this helps Dubnyk. They can track his reaction time, but it's hard to say how that improves his goaltending abilities. It's all about how Dubnyk feels, and he said he plays better when he's confident in his eyes.

"I'm not going to start telling you that hitting a lightboard is going to stop a puck for you. That's certainly not the case," Dubnyk said. "I think the most important thing is staying sharp, keeping your brain sharp as your career goes on. I'm just being honest, you get older and you have to work harder to stay sharp with everything."

His eyes are one thing Dubnyk can keep sharp, even if other skills begin to dull.

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Eighteen members of the U.S. Figure Skating team were among the 72 people aboard Sabena Flight 548 who died Feb. 15, 1961, when the plane crashed near Brussels, Belgium.

Crash victims' legacy has benefited figure skaters

BY KELYN SOONG

Washington Post

On a chilly Valentine's Day evening, the 16-year-old, newly crowned "queen of United States figure skating" boarded a flight in New York with the rest of the team, headed for the 1961 World Figure Skating Championships in Prague.

The day before, Laurence Owen had graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, under the tagline "America's most exciting girl skater."

With a megawatt smile, unmatched style on the ice and an athletic pedigree from her Olympian mother, Maribel Vinson-Owen, Laurence (pronounced Lo-rahns) had just won the 1961 U.S. Figure Skating Championships and been dubbed the country's new "queen" by the Associated Press.

Owen, a high school senior, was on the verge of becoming a breakout star in a country that had a storied history in the sport.

"Laurence also has great presence," *Sports Illustrated's* Barbara Heilman wrote in her cover story. "When she is on the ice, it is Laurence one watches, however little she may be doing. Her smile alone is worth the 5 a.m. trip to the rink."

But Owen and her teammates would not make it to the world championships. Their plane, Sabena Flight 548, was circling the runway in Brussels, where it was scheduled to make a stopover, when it suddenly crashed Feb. 15, killing 73 people, including one on the ground. All 18 members of the U.S. figure skating team died.

Those on board included Owen's mother, an accomplished coach; Owen's older sister, Maribel, and Maribel's pairs skating partner, Dudley Richards; 1958 U.S. champion

Rhode Lee Michaelson; and coaches Edi Sholdan and Daniel Ryan.

The tragedy led the front pages of U.S. newspapers, and the athletes were mourned across the nation.

"Our country has sustained a great loss of talent and grace which had brought pleasure to people all over the world," President John F. Kennedy said in a statement issued from the White House. "Mrs. Kennedy and I extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of all the passengers and crew who died in this crash."

F. Ritter Shumway, then the vice president of U.S. Figure Skating, predicted that it would require "two to four years" for the United States to recover its international standing in the sport.

Fifty-seven years later, as the U.S. women compete at the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, the legacy of that crash is present on the ice.

A memorial fund was set up in honor of the victims, and it has distributed more than \$15 million in financial help to thousands of skaters. Some of the biggest American names in the sport today have been beneficiaries, including Adam Rippon and Ashley Wagner.

Rippon was part of the bronze-medal-winning team in PyeongChang. Wagner won team bronze in Sochi four years ago.

"If it wasn't for the memorial fund or people who contribute to it, I wouldn't have been able to continue my training," Rippon said in a U.S. Figure Skating video last year. "Through some really generous people I'm able to pay my coaches, continue my training and keep pursuing my dream."

Americans dominated figure skating in the Olympics in the years after World War II. Dick Button won the men's singles gold

in 1948 and 1952, and Tenley Albright claimed the first U.S. women's singles gold in 1956.

At the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley, Calif., David Jenkins won the men's singles gold. Americans took two of the three medals in the women's singles competition, with Carol Heiss winning the gold and Barbara Roles Williams taking the bronze.

No American women medaled in the individual event at the 1964 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria.

Williams was home in California when she learned about the crash from a reporter. She had roomed with Owen and Heiss at the 1960 Olympics, and many of her close friends and mentors were on the flight.

After winning bronze at World Championships in Vancouver later that year, Williams retired from the sport to have her first child. She believes she would have been on Sabena Flight 548 if she had not been pregnant.

"I was saved, and I felt it was for a reason," Williams, 76, said in an interview with *The Washington Post*. "That's one of the reasons I needed to give back (to) the competition and also, when I started coaching, continue to coach at a high level."

Her daughter, Shelley, was born June 24, 1961. Williams had a son in 1962 and named him "Ronald Dean" in honor of her mentor, Deane McMinn, who died on the plane.

U.S. Figure Skating officials convinced Williams to come out of retirement to compete in the 1962 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, which she ended up winning. She went on to place fifth at the World Championships, the highest of any American woman.

At that time, a skater had to place at least

fifth at the World Championships for the country to send three skaters the following year, said Williams, who still gives private figure skating lessons in Las Vegas three days a week. (Disclosure: Although I've never met Williams, I am a friend of her granddaughter, Kirstie Boatright.)

In 1968, Peggy Fleming became the first American woman after the crash to win the Olympic singles gold medal, but it wasn't until Scott Hamilton in 1984 that an American man won.

Both skaters benefited from the memorial fund.

"These athletes, coaches (and) parents (who) never got to experience that (Olympic) dream come true, but they were a springboard for everyone (who) came after them," Hamilton said in the 2011 documentary, "Rise," that commemorated the 50th anniversary of the 1961 crash.

"I wouldn't skate in the Olympic Games in 1980 or 1984 without the memorial fund. My dream would not have come true. They made it possible. So all of us (who) came after represent their promise and their dream."

Olympic silver medalist Michelle Kwan also credits those on the plane for her success. Frank Carroll, the famed figure skating coach, was in Kwan's corner for much of her career.

Carroll grew up in Winchester, Mass., where his own coach was a nine-time U.S. figure skating champion. Her name? Maribel-Vinson Owen.

"The discipline, precision and technique she ingrained in him were ingrained in me," Kwan said in the 2011 documentary. "In a way it was through him that I became her student. And it is through both of them that I became world champion."

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 MOVIES



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Sally Field stars as a cotton mill worker who organizes a union in the face of strong opposition in the 1979 film "Norma Rae."

LABOR ISSUES TIMELESS

Workers' struggles change, but films feel vital as ever



NINA METZ
Chicago Close-up

A young textile worker in the 1963 film "The Organizer" wakes up in the pre-dawn hours. The setting is northern Italy in the 1890s and there's no running water. When he goes to pour a jug of

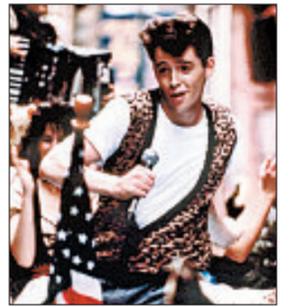
water into the basin to wash his face, he finds it's frozen solid and has to use a broom handle to break it into chunks. Then he shrugs, figuring a dirty face is better than a freezing one. Somewhere in the apartment one of his relatives complains that the coal won't light: "The coal man pisses on the coal!" she says.

There are slivers of comedy here and there in writer-director Mario Monicelli's film, but it is primarily a drama about Italian factory workers who strike for better working conditions. The movie was reportedly a favorite of Studs

Terkel, the Bard of Workers himself. Clearly it's a favorite of Facets as well, which brings the movie back every so often, including a screening Monday as part of its Teach-In movie discussion series.

I've been thinking about unions quite a bit lately with regard to Amazon. We click a button and two days later a package arrives, but at what cost to those who work in the company's fulfillment centers? Earlier this week, the Tribune's Ally Marotti wrote about Amazon's

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Matthew Broderick plays Ferris in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

What's Illinois' best movie?



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Talking Pictures

Here's your chance to vote for anything besides "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" for the No. 1 movie in our state's history! Or you can vote for Ferris. If you must.

The state we call home or, more formally, "Illinois," turns 200 on Dec. 3. To commemorate the Illinois bicentennial, and to circulate the hashtag #IllinoisProud, a new online poll launched by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, in conjunction with Springfield's State Journal-Register and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission, will choose one film, above all others, to represent the state.

The overall goal of the poll, which can be found at www.illinoistop200.com, is to select the top Illinois musicians, athletes, books, historic sites and so on. In all there'll be 200 people, places and things that "make us #IllinoisProud," Stuart Layne, executive director of the Governor's Office of the Bicentennial, said in a statement.

The voting opened this week with 18 candidates vying for the Top Illinois Movie title.

Some you expect: "Ferris Bueller" (Illinois as a haven for entitled white male wisecracks, high school division); "The Blues Brothers" (Illinois as demolition derby); "Barbershop" (one of the tastiest comedies ever made here); and "The Fugitive" (Harrison Ford on the run).

Some candidates were set in Illinois but photographed nowhere near it: "Chicago" (filmed on Canadian soundstages) and "His Girl Friday" (a Hollywood studio job, and my personal favorite), for example.

The list also includes films shot outside Chicago but set elsewhere ("In the Heat of the Night," filmed in Sparta, Ill., but set in Sparta, Miss.); the sole short comedy made by Charlie Chaplin during his three-week Chicago residency ("His New Job"); Haskell Wexler's 1968 time capsule "Medium Cool"; and the only documentary on the poll list, "Hoop Dreams."

"We tried to give the list some geographical diversity along with a diversity of subjects," said Christopher Wills, the Lincoln museum's communications and public affairs director.

Voting closes at noon March 2. Go to www.illinoistop200.com to do your part. It's a shame they couldn't make room for a 19th candidate. My editor's dream vote goes to "Beginning of the End," the 1957 schlockbuster with the locally infamous shots of massive grasshoppers swarming the outside of the Wrigley Building.

Maybe next year?

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'GAME NIGHT' ★★ 1/2

Murder mystery party enlivened by real drama

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

The modest but legitimate payoffs in the new action comedy "Game Night" owe everything to the comedy and not much to the action.

Most of the truly great action pictures (this isn't trying to be one of them) are spiced with wit. A lot of our best comedies (and "Game Night" is not trying to be one of those, either) move like crazy and take the pursuits and evasions seriously, or at least mock-seriously, so that the audience can too.

So where does this ensemble effort, led by two extremely adroit leading performers, fit into the equation?

We'll get to that shortly. Premise: Max (Jason Bateman) and Annie (Rachel McAdams) host a weekly couples get-together over charades and the like. These two are well-matched; the prologue nicely establishes the moment they knew it was love, years ago, during a trivia contest at a local pub.

Their life is pleasant, though they've been coping with infertility and Max is semi-dreading an upcoming reunion with his



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Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams star in "Game Night," a murder mystery party night that doesn't quite go as planned.

highly competitive brother, Brooks (Kyle Chandler). True to form, Brooks bigfoots the weekly game night with an elaborate staging of a faux kidnapping and murder mystery, involving hired actors, fake blood and a race to

see which of the three couples involved can crack the case first. Then Brooks is kidnapped for real, for reasons we learn according to screenwriter Mark Perez's

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Michelle Wolf, of "The Daily Show," will host the White House Correspondents' Association dinner on April 28.

Correspondents pick host: Michelle Wolf

WASHINGTON — Michelle Wolf, a contributor to "The Daily Show with Trevor Noah," will be the featured entertainer at this year's White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

The dinner will be April 28. "I'm delighted to announce 'Nice Lady' Michelle Wolf as our featured entertainer this year," said Margaret Talev, president of the association. "Our dinner honors the First Amendment and strong, independent journalism. Her embrace of these values and her truth-to-power style make her a great friend to the WHCA. Her Pennsylvania roots, stints on Wall Street and in science, and self-made, feminist edge make her the right voice now."

Wolf is hosting a new show on Netflix, and she recently premiered her hourlong special, "Michelle Wolf: Nice Lady." The dinner, however, promises to give her high-profile exposure before an audience of thousands of D.C. media figures and politicians.

This will be her first time as the event's featured entertainment, which is a difficult assignment as the comic traditionally follows the president's remarks.

This year, President Donald Trump has not yet said whether he plans to go, but he plans to attend another Washington media dinner, the Gridiron Club event March 3.

Last year's entertainer was Hasan Minhaj. Trump skipped that event, and the association instead featured other speakers, such as Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

— Variety



CHARLES SYKES/INVISION 2017

Haddish to host MTV awards: Tiffany Haddish is set to host the 2018 MTV Movie & TV Awards. The network announced Thursday that the "Girls Trip" breakout star will host the ceremony in Los Angeles on June 18. The 38-year-old actress and comedian also helped announce Academy Award nominees last month and will appear on the Oscars telecast March 4.

A star for Hamill: Mark Hamill, who rose to fame as Luke Skywalker in the "Star Wars" series, will receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on March 8. "Star Wars" creator George Lucas and Hamill's co-star Harrison Ford will help emcee the event.

Brennan named "Face the Nation" anchor: CBS News has named Margaret Brennan as moderator of the Sunday morning political talk show "Face the Nation," replacing John Dickerson. Brennan has been one of the substitute moderators, along with Nancy Cordes and Major Garrett, since Dickerson left the Washington-based show to join "CBS This Morning." Brennan, who will leave her White House correspondent position but continue reporting on foreign affairs, officially takes over "Face the Nation" this Sunday.

Feb. 23 birthdays: Actor Peter Fonda is 78. Actress Patricia Richardson is 67. Musician Brad Whitford is 66. Actress Niecy Nash is 48. Actress Kelly MacDonalld is 42. Actor Josh Gad is 37. Comedian and actor Aziz Ansari is 35. Actress Emily Blunt is 35. Actress Dakota Fanning is 24.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mom wants family heirloom back

Dear Amy: This is about my daughter-in-law and a family heirloom I gave to her.

My youngest son and daughter-in-law were very close with me until several years ago. I have no idea what happened between us, but they became very distant. I asked if I had done something wrong, and they didn't answer.

When my son told me they were getting engaged, I said that I would love it if they would accept the engagement ring that I received from my grandfather when I was 18. My grandfather gave me a diamond, which I put in a setting. I wore that ring for 29 years.

When they officially announced their engagement I noticed she was wearing a different ring. I asked my son why he didn't give her my ring. He said that she simply wanted her own.

Well, eight years later, I have never seen her wear it. I have asked about it a few times. My son asked me to leave it alone.

Well, Amy, this is driving me crazy and I cannot leave it alone.

My oldest son and his wife are blessed with five boys and one girl. My princess granddaughter has just turned 13, and is going to her first cotillion ball. I would love for this child's father to give the ring to her as a promise ring to stay a virgin until she gets married, when another man would put another ring on her finger.

Of course, if I ever saw my daughter-in-law wearing the ring, I wouldn't ask for it back. Can you help me ask for it back?

— Sad Heart

Dear Sad Heart: I'm not going to pass judgment on the idea of a father giving his daughter a "promise ring" to somehow magically guarantee her virginity until another man claims her.

Except wait — the judgment is bubbling up and, like you, it is driving me crazy and I cannot leave it alone.

A "promise ring" sends such backward messages to a girl — it says that she can't be trusted to make choices concerning her own body, so that her father basically holds her virginity until another man comes along to take it. Promise rings don't work. Education and empowerment do work.

When it comes to this heirloom ring, you gave it to someone. You didn't ask her if she wanted it or if she would wear it. You gave it to her, and now you are trying to attach strings to the gift. Your relationship with your daughter-in-law is so poor you have nothing to lose by asking her if she would be willing to pass this ring along to your granddaughter (her niece). Otherwise, you might follow in your grandfather's footsteps and give a special stone to a special grandchild, and renew the tradition.

Dear Amy: A wedding invitation we received has this footnote: "Your joining us on our special day is a gift in itself — please don't worry about wedding gifts." Amy, what does this mean? If the couple really did not want guests to bring wedding presents, they could have said "please do not bring any presents" or "no wedding

presents, please."

Does this vague language mean that gifts are optional? We'd be embarrassed to bring a gift and find we were the only guests to do so or to not bring a gift and find we were the only guests arriving empty-handed.

What should we do?
— Flummoxed

Dear Flummoxed: This is not really all that vague. "Please don't worry about wedding gifts" means "please attend our wedding without worrying about bringing a gift." Some people will bring a gift, some won't. The couple are telling you that they're not keeping score.

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Dear Amy: "Tired of Listening" was bothered by a friend's constant complaining. I had a sister that used to do this several times a week. The calls always ended in tears. I finally sat her down and explained she needed professional help that I was not comfortable providing. The only mistake I made was doing it in a restaurant. She did seek help and our relationship improved.

— No Longer Tired

Dear No Longer: Your response was perfect.

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Films focusing on labor issues often hit close to home

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interest in equipping its employees with wristband tracking devices which, even if they "don't use GPS tracking, they could tell a company if a woman is taking longer bathroom breaks than co-workers or whether a disabled employee is moving more slowly."

There has never been a shortage of movies about unions and labor issues, the two most significant being 1979's "Norma Rae" starring Sally Field as a North Carolina cotton mill worker who organizes a union despite major pushback, and the 1976 documentary "Harlan County USA" from director Barbara Kopple, about a violent 1973 coal miners strike in Kentucky.

Both films were big players at the Oscars — Field won best actress; "Harlan County" won best documentary — but I can't think of a labor film in the years since that's broken through into the mainstream in quite the same way.

"Why did those two films kind of hit home? I think it's really interesting that one of them is made by a woman and one of them is about a woman," said Marilyn Ferdinand, a Chicago-based film writer who

blogs at ferdyonfilms.com.

That's an interesting observation, because so often when we talk about unions and labor organizers the subtext is that it is a very male space. And yet women — of all races and ethnicities — have had prominent roles in these stories. Next month PBS' "Independent Lens" will broadcast the documentary "Dolores" about Dolores Huerta, who was as instrumental in forming the farmworkers union as Cesar Chavez — even though his is the name most people know.

Reviewing "Dolores" for rogerebert.com, Matt Zoller Seitz noted, "One of the film's more provocative aspects is the way it links U.S. opposition to labor organizations with the legacy of slavery, linking the treatment of predominantly Mexican-American farmworkers in California to the plight of African-Americans from Reconstruction to the present. In an arrangement reminiscent of slave plantations and post-Civil War sharecropping, many of them lived with their extended families on property that they served while performing stoop labor for base-meat wages. As older veterans of early 20th century



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"Harlan County USA" is a documentary about a 1973 coal miners strike in Kentucky.

farm labor tell the filmmaker, physical and even sexual abuse were rampant on some of these farms."

That last part? We've been hearing about a lot of those stories in various contexts lately. Consider this recent report from Sports Illustrated investigating the front office of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, where a hostile work environment "ranging from sexual harassment to domestic violence" was an open secret.

Closer to home, just this week women employed at a Chicago Ford plant told their stories of sexual harassment at a City Council committee meeting, and what's important to note is

that sometimes even when there is a union in place, problems can persist. One woman said she called the company's harassment hotline and reported it to her union, the United Auto Workers, but said nothing was done to help her.

A film that captures a similar sense of limbo is Paul Schrader's "Blue Collar" from 1978 starring Richard Pryor, Harvey Keitel and Yaphet Kotto as a trio of Detroit autoworkers getting squeezed by management on one side and their union on the other.

When Pryor complains to his union rep that his locker in the break room has a jagged edge that

keeps cutting his finger, he's told to settle down. Pryor just scoffs: "That's all you talk about is the plant. Everybody knows what the plant is — the plant's just short for plantation." With its bluesy soundtrack, the film captures the look and feel of the greasy and sweaty factory floor, but also the perils of selling out and the inequities that emerge when race is factored in. All of this serves to drive a wedge among the three friends.

A real-life autoworkers strike in Flint, Mich., in 1937 is the subject of the little-known but tremendously entertaining documentary "With Babies and Banners" (available on

YouTube) which focuses entirely on the efforts of wives and other women in the town to support the sit-in, which lasted well over a month. Forty years after the strike, filmmaker Lorraine Gray sat down with a number of the key players, and it's their memories of their own factory jobs that stand out.

Here's one anecdote: "I love machines, any kind of machine," a woman says. "But my husband, when I left (for the job interview) said, 'Now if they want to offer you a job and put you on one of the big machines, don't take it: I didn't answer him because I knew I was going to take anything I could get because back then, he didn't have a job. You know, either work or starve.'"

"That's right," someone off camera says.

Or this story: "There was no safety equipment of any kind. On the press I was on, the day girl lost two fingers. And they told everybody, 'Don't tell Nellie when she comes in, don't tell Nellie.' But about 15 told me before I got through the gates! When I went in, there was the fingers still laying on the press."

Another tells of sexual harassment so pervasive, they "found out one whole department was being treated for venereal disease. And that was just because the foremen were using the girls, and holding it over their heads — that if they didn't do what they wanted, they wouldn't have a job."

The more things change, the more they stay the same. "The Organizer" screens at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Facets, followed by a conversation led by Julia Berkowitz, a postgraduate historian at the University of Illinois at Chicago with a focus on labor; she also works as an electrician for the CTA. Go to www.facets.org.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Quiet side of Dana Hall's art on display

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

In most contexts, Chicago drummer Dana Hall emerges as a center of gravity and energy.

The question on Wednesday night was how all that sound and intensity would play in a trio setting — and in an intimate room that generally favors mainstream singers performing the Great American Songbook, rather than explosive drummers rattling the house.

Not surprisingly, Hall once again commanded attention leading his trio at Winter's Jazz Club, a space that — judging by this performance and others — genuinely has developed into a bona fide listening room. The hushed character of the place only served to magnify Hall's contributions, whether he was playing brief solos or restlessly accompanying figures.

Though Hall had plenty to say, he stayed just this side of providing too much sonic power for the room and for his bandmates. One easily might have concluded that Hall had to expend nearly as much energy restraining himself as he

typically does expressing himself.

Even so, every brushstroke and cymbal riff resonated crisply, reaffirming that a drummer widely admired for power and expansiveness could elegantly recalibrate his art for a more buttoned-down idiom. Is there no form of jazz percussion that Hall cannot finesse?

True, the trio at large proved less persuasive than particular parts of it. Yet there was no question that Hall, who's director of jazz studies at DePaul University, was its *raison d'être*.

He opened the evening with the standard "Invitation," the drummer's taut phrasings and carefully articulated attacks establishing the framework for this piece and others yet to come. Though Hall kept his solos to four-bar interchanges with colleagues, his rhythmic thrust and copiousness of ideas made each statement a tightly compressed discourse.

If Hall was the driving force of this trio, bassist Dennis Carroll emerged as its most ardent melodist, his lines carefully shaped throughout. On occasions when Carroll brought forth



Drummer Dana Hall, shown in 2016, led his trio at Winter's Jazz Club on the Near North Side on Wednesday.

his bow, as in the Gershwin's "Love Walked In," the ardor of Carroll's phrasing was matched by the warmth of his tone. Hall's brush work here proved a model of artful understatement.

Pianist Ben Waltzer at first was pleasant to hear in the aforementioned "Invitation" and in Billy Strayhorn's "Chelsea Bridge." Waltzer's less-is-more approach certainly addressed the ear gently and suited the aesthetic of the room. But as the evening pressed on, one yearned to

hear more from the pianist, who in some instance nearly vanished from the ensemble sound.

By the time the band took on Hoagy Carmichael's "Skylark," Waltzer's decorative little figurations here and there seemed inconsequential at best. And in Gershwin's "I Loves You Porgy," from "Porgy and Bess," Hall's and Carroll's fervent music-making rendered the pianist's statements practically transparent. He needs to step up.

Still, any chance to hear

Hall is worth seizing, his work in "Chelsea Bridge" underscoring the point. For here his solos unfolded as lyric lines.

Speaking to the audience about Winter's, Hall said, "It's a room that features vocalists. Luckily, you will not be hearing me sing tonight."

But we did — through the drums.

The Dana Hall Trio plays at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court; \$15; 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com.

Jazz note

"A Celebration of the Musical Life of Willie Pickens" will start at 7 p.m. April 18 in the Studebaker Theater, 410 S. Michigan Ave., according to his daughter, pianist Bethany Pickens. Willie Pickens — a Chicago piano titan who died in December at 86 — would have turned 87 on that date.

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MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Nina Ganet, from left, Birgundi Baker and Dyllan Rodrigues-Miller in "The Burn."

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Burn' ★★

Drama out of sync with this moment's teenagers

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Through no fault of its own, Philip Dawkins' "The Burn" has not turned out to be well-timed.

Set in a Chicago public high school and focused on a well-meaning teacher (Erik Hellman) and four students (all well-played by Birgundi Baker, Nina Ganet, Phoebe Gonzalez and Dyllan Rodrigues-Miller), the world premiere play from Steppenwolf for Young Adults is centered on the destructive power of bullying and online shaming, and on the pervasive teenage fear of difference.

Dawkins is a gifted and empathetic writer and the piece has some real strengths, not the least of which is how it reminds its target audience that teachers are, in fact, imperfect adults with actual challenges of their own (in this case, Hellman's drama teacher is a recovering alcoholic). And in one moving scene, the student Mercedes, who comes from a religious family that denies her access to computers, is asked if she knows what people are saying about her online. "I feel it," she says, with the fine actress Gonzalez expressing an under-acknowledged truth: When you're being savaged online, there is no balm to be had by refusing to log in and read. You feel it. This is true, even if you are an adult.

But it felt strange to

watch a play about disunity and the fractured nature of high school alliances at a moment when teenagers are unified and focusing their anger, not on each other but on the adult world that has failed to protect them in school.

One of the acts of cyberbullying in this work of fiction involves a simulated school shooting, which also felt strange to watch; on Wednesday morning, the kids around me were looking at each other, as if wondering what each other was thinking. (It might have been wise to make some minor changes.) It's always tricky, as the director Devon de Mayo finds out here, to stage the online interactions that now have consumed so much of teenage life, and the piece, my seatmates knew, was not always clear as to what is happening in a school and what is occurring on social media. In the final analysis, the teens in the show, for all their teen language and exuberance, seemed more designed to

When: Through March 10

Where: Steppenwolf Upstairs Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.

Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

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represent a type or a point of view than living, breathing, teenage complexity.

That, of course, is the dilemma of any play that wants to make a moral and pedagogical point, rather than merely exploring life as it is lived. You have to have characters who represent different points of view. And while Dawkins is too fine a writer to devolve into archetype, and bullying born of insecurity won't disappear anytime soon, "The Burn" somehow lacks the current heat of truth.

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Mystery party veers sideways

Game, from Page 1

steady stream of revelations and reversals.

The trouble behind the trouble is full of plotty little MacGuffins, notably a priceless Faberge egg and various determined thieves and thugs out for themselves. Max and Annie scramble to rescue Brooks and save their own hides, while the other couples learn the truth behind the game at different junctures. Lamorne Morris and Kylie Bunbury play Kevin and Michelle, together since middle school but not without a fling (hers) and its attendant, rampant, nattering jealousies (his). The resident himbo is handled with a clever sense of doltishness by Billy Magnussen; Sharon Horgan is his quasi-not-really-date for the evening, Sarah, an executive co-worker.

The crucial supporting player: Jesse Plemons. The actor with the granite stare and the neat slab of forehead goes to town as the sullen, humorless neighbor recovering uneasily from a divorce and frozen out socially by Max, Annie and company. He takes an increasingly prominent role in the increasingly chaotic and bloody events of a long night.

"Game Night" itself is not a long night; it's reasonably snappy. But co-directors John Francis



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Kyle Chandler plays Jason Bateman's highly competitive brother and escalates the drama in "Game Night."

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Running time: 1:33

Daley and Jonathan Goldstein place a misjudged emphasis on keeping the violence and the action "real," so at its most routine and generic, the movie forgets it's supposed to be a comedy. (The washed-out cinematography and drab Atlanta locales don't help.)

And yet the contraption actually holds together, thanks to Bateman and McAdams. Bateman, Daley and Goldstein collaborated on the first, pretty good "Horrible Bosses"; more problematically, Daley and Goldstein were also responsible for the 2015

reboot of "Vacation," a low point in recent American movies and, in fact, recent America. In "Game Night" Bateman's sly way of staying one step to the left of the center of the action extracts an additional layer of humor. McAdams, meantime, does all she can to activate the screwball fizz amid the improbabilities. I find her terrific in just about everything, and after so many so-so romantic comedies ("Morning Glory," et al.) it's about time she got ahold of some truly inspired material.

This isn't it, but it isn't bad.

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A pair of Moorish idols swim Tuesday in a Shedd Aquarium tank. The species will be in the "Underwater Beauty" exhibit.

Next at Shedd: 'Beauty'

Exhibition will display allure beneath waves

BY STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

"Underwater Beauty" will be both the title and the ambition of Shedd Aquarium's next big special exhibition, the aquarium announced Thursday.

The exhibit, which will open May 25, will showcase extraordinary colors, patterns and movements from the world of aquatic creatures and will occupy the space held by the recently closed "Amphibians" and before that by the extremely popular "Jellies," said officials who provided an advance look at the planning this week.

A key difference is that

there will be no upcharge for this exhibition under the new all-in pricing policy at the aquarium, which now includes all exhibits except movies, even on free admission days. The attraction draws nearly 2 million visitors to its Chicago lakefront home annually.

Still, plans suggest an ambitious combination of shimmering and undulating species, interactive activities and a design that guides visitors through several distinct environments in the institution's narrow special exhibition space.

"The main message is that life underwater shimmers with beauty," Kris Nesbitt, senior director of exhibits and experience development, said during a tour of the under-construction space Tuesday.

The pathway through

the exhibit will include a rainbow of animals under the heading Color, with appropriate lighting overhead, for instance. Some of the other sections will highlight Patterns and Rhythms.

Toward the end, there will also be three habitats for jellies, the amorphous, pulsating blobs that are so entrancing when lit well in a tank rather than approaching you in beach shallows.

"It's kind of like a 'Best of 'Jellies'' approach," Nesbitt said, a reprise of the previous Shedd hit.

The multispecies show, grouping animals according to aesthetic considerations, is a shift from the more species- or genus-focused approach of the preceding special exhibits.

It will allow designers to experiment with ap-

proaches that would be out of place in the scientifically guided main galleries: mirrors in a shrimp tank, for instance, or surroundings meant to highlight an animal's color rather than let it blend in as it might in nature.

And then there are some of the species, which have Director of Fishes Exhibit Development Mark Schick excited. "You ever hear of the mantis shrimp before?" he asked. "If there is an alien on this Earth, this is one of them."

The length that "Underwater Beauty" will be up is unspecified, but if its predecessors are any guide, it will likely last at least two years. "Amphibians" was up for 2½ years, "Jellies" for nearly four.

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'HALF MAGIC'
★★ 1/2

Heather Graham flips the script

BY AMY NICHOLSON
Variety

"I'm not saying I'm against women's rights, I'm just saying there's no market for their films," insists vainglorious action star Peter (Chris D'Elia) to his miserable development assistant and girlfriend Honey (Heather Graham).

He's a ridiculous man and it's a ridiculous line, but one suspects that Graham, here making her writing and directing debut after decades as eye candy, has heard similar riffs during her career. Her Wiccan romantic comedy "Half Magic" is one part wish fulfillment, two parts justified fury. When Peter sneers, "Your directing career hasn't gotten off the ground yet because you look like a big-booby dummy," it's too easy to picture Graham going home from yet another lousy meeting to furiously type out frustrations.

The question is: Can Graham prove powerful people like Peter wrong? She's made a proudly feminine film about three friends — Honey, unhappily divorced fashion designer Eva (Angela Kinsey) and bubbly mystic Candy (Stephanie Beatriz) — who meet in a self-actualization seminar where they tickle each other with peacock feathers and honor their "bodacious tatas." Imagine "The Craft" if the girls



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Heather Graham, Angela Kinsey and Stephanie Beatriz in "Half Magic."

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Running time: 1:40

Opens: Friday

wasted 20 years on yoga before before switching to stronger magic. By the flicker of Candy's spell-casting candles, the trio form a casual coven to welcome good vibes and expel bad ones, i.e., unworthy men.

With rare exception, every guy who strolls onto Graham's set is a fiend. Men barge in simply to mansplain what women are doing wrong. Eva's ex Darren (Thomas Lennon) dumped her for a teen, and Candy's spent two years casually seeing a dude (Alex Beh) who expects her to do his laundry while he dates other women. The fellows are aware the culture is changing. Peter boasts his next film is going to include more female characters ... and his working title is "Kill the Sluts."

"Half Magic" is hobbled by a debut director's desire to be liked. But Graham's passion is sincere, even if her tone and rushed pace — the by-product of cramming in every idea in case she doesn't get a second chance — teeters on sitcom.



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Patricia Clarkson, left, and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Sally Potter's "The Party."

'THE PARTY' ★★★

Dinner, politics, dark sides

BY ALAN ZILBERMAN
The Washington Post

Assembling a dinner party is a bit like putting together a meal: The ingredients need to be in the right proportions. In addition to food-and-wine pairings, you want your guests to complement one another too. If friends famously butt heads, for example, it might be a good idea to keep them apart.

In Sally Potter's delicious new black comedy, "The Party," the acclaimed English filmmaker deliberately flouts such convention, gathering a cast of smart, veteran character actors — each one embodying a different set of values — and setting them in conflicts that obliterate the line between the political and the personal. This is a film that encapsulates the anxiety of the present moment, complicated by friendships that lean, at times, toward outright hostility.

As the film opens, congratulations, it seems, are in order: Janet (Kristin Scott Thomas), a member of an unnamed opposition party under the U.K.'s Tory government, has just been named shadow health minister. As she prepares a small meal to celebrate with friends, her erratic husband, Bill (Timothy Spall), gets drunk.

Janet's guests — each of whom seems to have some secret — include April (Patricia Clarkson), a cynic who can't hide her contempt for her New Age boyfriend, Gottlieb (Bruno Ganz), and Tom (Cillian Murphy), who arrives with a pistol and a stash of co-

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caine. As for Janet, she clutches her BlackBerry, texting her lover. Inevitably, bitter confrontations ensue, as the dinner guests find themselves rethinking their core beliefs.

Potter's black-and-white cinematography (a format she has not used since 1997's "The Tango Lesson") serves a dual purpose here. It recalls the tradition of classic dinner-party-from-hell tales — such as "The Exterminating Angel" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" — where words are used as weapons, and the setting becomes increasingly tense. Also, with the absence of color, viewers can better focus on individual, finely tuned performances. Although the action never leaves Janet's house or backyard, the camera is always dynamic, framing the actors in unconventional medium shots that are halfway between letting the actors breathe and claustrophobic.

The dialogue — literate without feeling overwritten — begins with an exchange of compliments that devolves into gentle jokes, then mean-spirited ones and finally outright arguments. In addition to Janet's big news, there are more announcements: Jinny (Emily Mortimer) is having triplets with her partner, Martha (Cherry Jones), while Bill drops a

bombshell that is downright shocking.

Potter skewers modern political mores by allowing each character to filter these revelations through his or her values — creating a stew of contemporary feminism, identity politics and the age-old clash between radicalism and conservatism. The film's greatest strength, however, is how each character adapts core values to a changing situation: Even those who appear to be hard-liners are rarely absolutist, surprising us, in moments of duress, with unexpected behavior.

Part of the thrill of "The Party" is watching the actors bounce off one another. Clarkson is the scene-stealer: April has a dry sense of humor, and her withering put-downs get the biggest laughs. Ganz's Gottlieb could not be more different, with the live-and-let-live tolerance of the free spirit, gently pushing the others apart when they're at each other's throats. Other actors — Thomas and Murphy in particular — embrace a more theatrical approach.

To the extent that "The Party" has a fault, it lies in Potter's affection for her characters. Too often, she lets them off the hook, abandoning the exaggeration common to satire. Potter's cast never overstays its welcome, giving us plenty to think and talk about in a scant 71 minutes. Unlike at many soirees, these guests don't need to be told when it's time to leave.

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'HANNAH' ★★★

Next-level loneliness for woman left behind

BY GUY LODGE
Variety

Pity the luckless fellow students in the amateur dramatics classes attended by the title character in "Hannah": They might try their best, but week after week, they have to go up against Charlotte Rampling. Sixteen years after Francois Ozon's "Under the Sand" appeared to offer the actress her definitive later-career showcase, she shows no signs of artistic complacency in Italian director Andrea Pallaoro's close, piercing character examination. Rampling's low-pitched but emotionally unstinting performance must implicitly fill in many of the blanks in an enigmatic story of a respectable, retirement-age woman gathering (or perhaps gradually disassembling) her life after her husband is arrested and imprisoned on uncertain charges.

Oblique to a fault but near-immaculate in its construction and imagery, "Hannah" unfolds in a similarly spare stylistic register to Pallaoro's auspicious 2013 debut "Medea," but it is even more artfully chiseled.

Stricken and palpably aching inside and out, she works almost as stoically hard for our hearts here as in 2015's "45 Years" — another story of a quiet autumnal marriage riven by unsolicited truth. No direct explanation is given when, in the film's early stages, Hannah's elderly husband (Andre Wilms), a frail man in cozy, unassuming knitwear, is extracted from their quiet middle-class life in what appears to be suburban Brussels and placed in prison. Our limited knowledge of the circumstances, however, dovetails neatly with her state of extreme denial, as she continues to live her life as if it hadn't been seismically interrupted — her psychic pain outwardly



PARADE DECK FILMS

Charlotte Rampling plays a woman trying to cope after her husband is imprisoned in "Hannah."

No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:33

Opens: Friday at the Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St., www.siskelfilmcenter.org. In French and English with English subtitles.

emerging only at the acting classes she continues to attend, where she can cathartically release her anguish while disguising it as performance.

Yet the more Hannah tries to remain in the normal world, the more it conspires to freeze her out of her own life, at levels both drastic and trivial: Family members coldly cease contact, her gym membership is revoked without explanation, while even her lone remaining companion, a cuddly King Charles spaniel, seems to go on a hunger strike. (It's unclear whether Hannah's social life was always this staid or diminished after the fact, but pervasive loneliness echoes through every scene as if in an unfurnished house.) Pallaoro's storytelling lets these incidents and insults accumulate with dispassionate patience, our understanding of the apparent depth and collateral devastation of the inciting crime building all the while, as Rampling progressively sheds Hannah's grin-and-bear-it discipline — which was never, let it be said, that heavy on grinning to begin with.

The film's measured mise en scene charts the

growing distance between Hannah and the lives of others, with Rampling, already occupying practically every shot, increasingly isolated within the frame, or sometimes melting into the background hue.

Chantal Akerman's "Jeanne Dielman, 23, Quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles," with its obsessive, minutely detailed interest in domestic process, would appear to be something of a touchstone work here — reverentially acknowledged via the Bruxellian setting of this Belgian-Italian-French co-production, and even certain decorative details of Hannah's apartment. It goes without saying that Pallaoro can't quite live up to such matchless reference points: By the final reel, as the full extent of the tragedy locks into place, "Hannah" seems a shade too pleased with its ellipses, while the insertion of a grand natural metaphor for Hannah's decay clashes clunkily with the film's predominant understatement.

Notwithstanding such overreaches, this is an impressively rigorous exercise, in which the director's sober formalism finds a kindred spirit in his leading lady's studied, secretive restraint. When Rampling, for her part, breaks form to go big, she doesn't miss: A sudden scene of uncontrolled, near-possessed crying in a public bathroom, her pain-saturated sobs pouring out until she practically chokes on them, gets viewers squarely in the gut.

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Josh Gates

"Josh Gates' Destination Truth" (8 p.m., TRAVEL): The series opens its third season on Travel Channel with "Giant Anaconda," which finds host and explorer Josh Gates trekking through the depths of the Brazilian jungle and down the mighty Amazon River, all part of a quest to find a giant anaconda. And not just any such snake, mind you: This beast is said to be more than 100 feet long.

"Wreck-It Ralph" (7 p.m., ABC): A video-game villain (voice of John C. Reilly) escapes from the contest to prove he's not such a bad guy — and unwittingly sets loose a much greater danger, which he then has to recapture — in this fanciful, animated 2012 Disney fantasy. There are plenty of fun nods to classic characters as Ralph attempts to show he's not just the nemesis of the more-embraced Fix-It Felix (voice of Jack McBrayer). Jane Lynch and Sarah Silverman also are heard.

"Married to Medicine" (8 p.m., 9 p.m., Bravo): After getting back home from Barbados, Heavenly hopes she can make up for her failed couples' therapy with a DNA reveal party in the new episode "D.N.A. D-Day." Jackie includes a surprise stipulation when she agrees to let Curtis move back into their house. Greg and Quad meet with their marital focus group, but afterwards they're in even worse shape than before.

"The Paynes" (8 p.m., OWN): After bending over backwards to make excuses for Nyla's (Stephanie Charles) thoughtless behavior toward them, Ella and Curtis (LaVan Davis, Cassi Davis) are nearing the end of their rope. Ultimately, they are forced to face facts and decide that her thoroughly disrespectful words and actions have reached a point where she has worn out her welcome in their home.

"Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (8:30 p.m., CW): As Detective Clive Babineaux on "iZombie," actor Malcolm Goodwin has proven he knows his way around a joke, whether he's hitting it himself or setting up a gag for a scene partner. How is he, though, when he's working without a script — or a net? This episode finds the talented Goodwin joining improv aces Ryan Stiles, Wayne Brady, Colin Mochrie and special guest comic Gary Anthony Williams for some off-the-cuff comedy. Aisha Tyler hosts.

"Strike Back" (9 p.m., 10 p.m., Cinemax): Mac (Warren Brown) and Dr. Markov (Daniel Cerqueira) both are being held captive outside of Budapest, in a remote Magyar Ultra survivalist camp in the new "Episode 4." It's a dire situation that sends the Section 20 team on a frantic rescue mission. They know that their chance to retrieve both their comrade in arms and the Russian chemist is shrinking every minute, and all will be lost if Lowry (Katherine Kelly) reaches the men before they do.

TALK SHOWS

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Journalist Anderson Cooper; actor Maz Jobrani; Margo Price performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Saoirse Ronan; actor Kyle Chandler; Joey Dosik performs.*

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'ANNIHILATION' ★★ 1/2

Special team must traverse an extraterrestrial's domain

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

In the popular culture and various corners of our own lives, we confront the unknown in one form or another, learning something about our own fears and desires. The examples defy rational explanation. The Monolith in "2001: A Space Odyssey." The Mist in Stephen King's novella. The Smoke Monster in "Lost." The Great Boy in Henrik Ibsen's "Peer Gynt." The line at the Department of Motor Vehicles, its shape and duration endlessly mutating into something beyond human comprehension.

"Annihilation" adds a nervy but frustrating chapter to this encyclopedia of metaphor.

Director Alex Garland adapts "Annihilation" from the first in a 2014 trio of books by Jeff VanderMeer collectively known as the Southern Reach Trilogy. Its place on the bafflement spectrum lies midway between the Mist on one end, and the Monolith on the other.

The plot sounds like a straight-ahead "Predator" scenario, but with a weirder variety of predators and a predominantly female ensemble. An extraterrestrial life form crash-lands by a lighthouse somewhere along the Florida coast. The resulting, amorphous phenomenon, called "The Shimmer" ("Area X" in VanderMeer's novel), invites exploration and human intervention, since it may well destroy Earth as we know it. A dozen separate teams on a dozen separate missions, however, have gone missing once inside the translucent Shimmer.

Natalie Portman leads the latest mission. She plays Lena, an ex-Army biologist whose husband (Oscar Isaac) has disappeared,



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Natalie Portman, right, and Gina Rodriguez star in "Annihilation," a sci-fi drama from filmmaker Alex Garland.

MPAA rating: R (for violence, bloody images, language and some sexuality)

Running time: 1:55

Opens: Friday

along with so many others, inside The Shimmer on previous forays. Jennifer Jason Leigh portrays the mission overseer, a psychologist who knows more than she's telling — a Jennifer Jason Leigh specialty.

The Shimmer has put the whammy on its little corner of earthly, swampy paradise, remaking the ecosystems on a cellular level, causing species of flora and fauna to mutate, while making conventional time and human psychology its plaything. The tone is somber, grief-shrouded, yet there are glimmers of wonder as the women find themselves transformed by the world inside the aurora borealis blob.

And yet it doesn't quite fall together in that transporting way of top-flight science fiction. The occasional jolts are jolting, all right, as the mission en-

counters a speedy, hungry albino alligator and, later, a mutated bear-beast (the latter makes for a particularly grueling attack sequence). But the movie feels torn between styles and intentions. It's trippier than "Ex Machina," and Garland makes a valiant go of its concerns, but "Annihilation" feels like a short-story amount of story pulled and twisted into feature length.

Here's a peculiarity, though: The Shimmer itself? It looks sort of blah. The sight and presence of the alien jellyfishy thingie should be an omnipresent source of dread, wonder or a mixture of the two. As realized in "Annihilation," it's oddly ordinary. Some big ideas, metaphorical or not, are very hard to realize on screen. I will try this movie again sometime. And I wonder if a stranger, more persuasively boggling director's cut might someday emerge from the swamp.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 23): Growth comes through studies, travel and exploration this year. Team coordination fulfills shared dreams. Savor fun with beloved people this summer, and they help you navigate changing circumstances. After reflection, new energy infuses your physical work and health. Regular practice strengthens your heart.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Focus on the job at hand. Read the fine print before signing anything. Ignore rumors or gossip. Forgive miscommunications, but keep written records.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Income and expenses can fluctuate. Grab a chance to make some extra cash. Minimize financial risks, and hold off on something you don't really need.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Keep personal dreams to yourself for now. Save energy for existing responsibilities and keep plotting. Pamper yourself with small pleasures like hot water and bubbles.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. Lay low and recuperate. Finish your work in private. Learn a valuable trick. Take things slow, as the possibility of error is high.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Support a friend who's going through a rough patch. Pull together in a community effort. Have patience with misunderstandings.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Keep taking care of business, one step at a time. Let go of a preconception. Look at the situation from a different perspective.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Adapt to current circumstances. Avoid extra expense or hassle. Proceed with caution; traffic or obstacles could cause delays. Listen to the news for updates.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Review the actual numbers before making a decision. Don't believe everything you hear. The sales pitch may not match the true quality.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Compromise is necessary to get anything done. You won't have to defer gratification forever. Listen to a variety of views before choosing.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Get out and move your body to grow your heart stronger. The workload or chaos factor could increase. Rest well, and nurture your health.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Prioritize fun with family and someone attractive. Anticipate some disagreement. Old assumptions get challenged. Forgive small transgressions and insensibilities. Apologize whenever appropriate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 5. Relax at home with family. Household duty calls. Don't take on any new challenges yet. Postpone travel. Decrease stress every way you can.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

North
 ♠ 10 9 8 6 5 3
 ♥ A K 6
 ♦ J 6
 ♣ J 8

West
 ♠ Void
 ♥ 9 7 5 4 3 2
 ♦ K 9 5 4
 ♣ Q 7 3

East
 ♠ Void
 ♥ Q J 10
 ♦ A 10 8 3 2
 ♣ A K 6 4 2

South
 ♠ A K Q J 7 4 2
 ♥ 8
 ♦ Q 7
 ♣ 10 9 5

It is possible that you would have found a different bid on the South cards in today's deal.

South was Australian expert Jim Wallis, who prides himself as one who plays the game with flair. Wallis knew that both opponents were void in spades. It was inconceivable to him that East-West were not cold for a game. He reasoned that, should he fail to take a single trick in a three no trump contract, his score would be better than the score the opponents would achieve in their best contract.

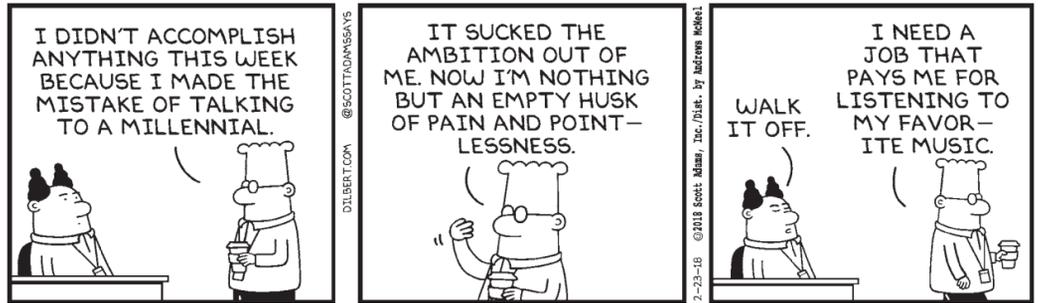
The bidding:
 North East South West
 2♠ 3♣ 3NT All pass
Opening lead: Three of ♣

contributed the 10 of clubs under the ace and West "unblocked" the suit by playing the queen! South's nine of clubs took the third round of the suit and Wallis scampered home with 10 tricks and a huge result. Note that East-West have an easy 11 tricks in a heart contract.

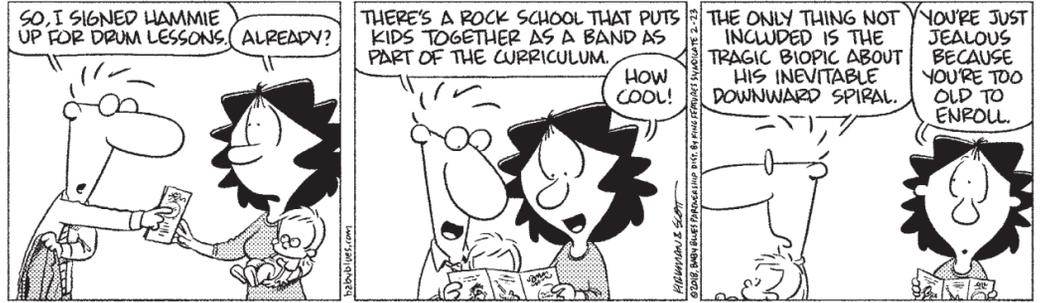
We would love to have a transcript of the East-West conversation after this deal was played. The struggle for courtesy must have been immense. East's ace of clubs at trick two, rather than a low club, might have been necessary had South started with a doubleton queen. West's unblock catered to partner having a six-card club suit without the ace of diamonds. It likely ended with East making a solemn vow that he would double with his hand in the future rather than making an overcall. We hope it didn't end their partnership.

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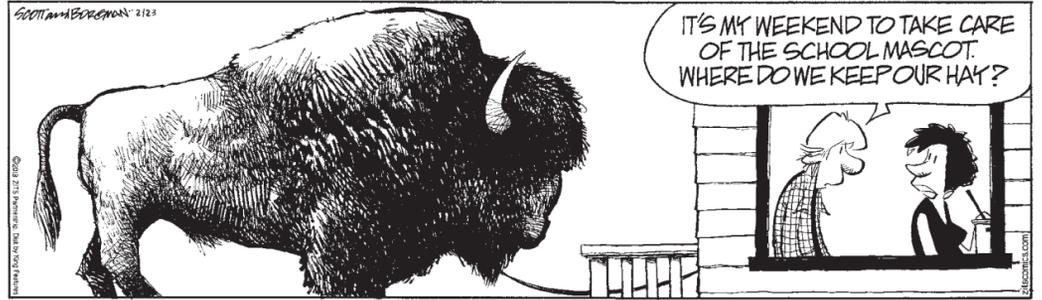
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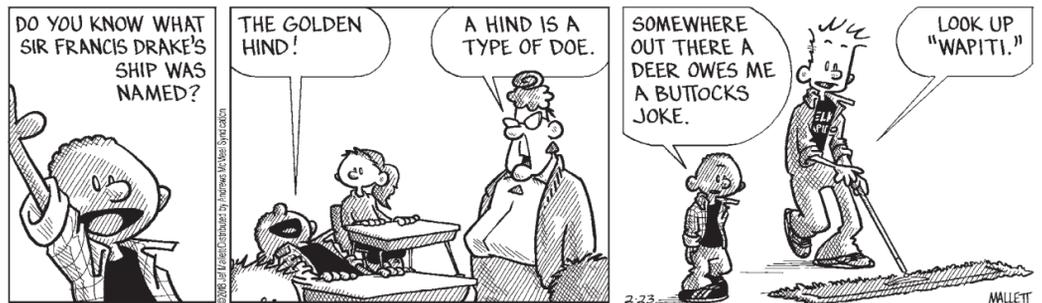
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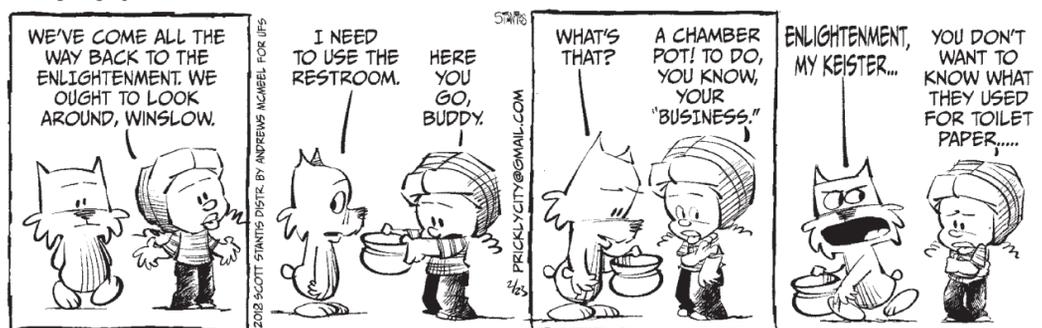
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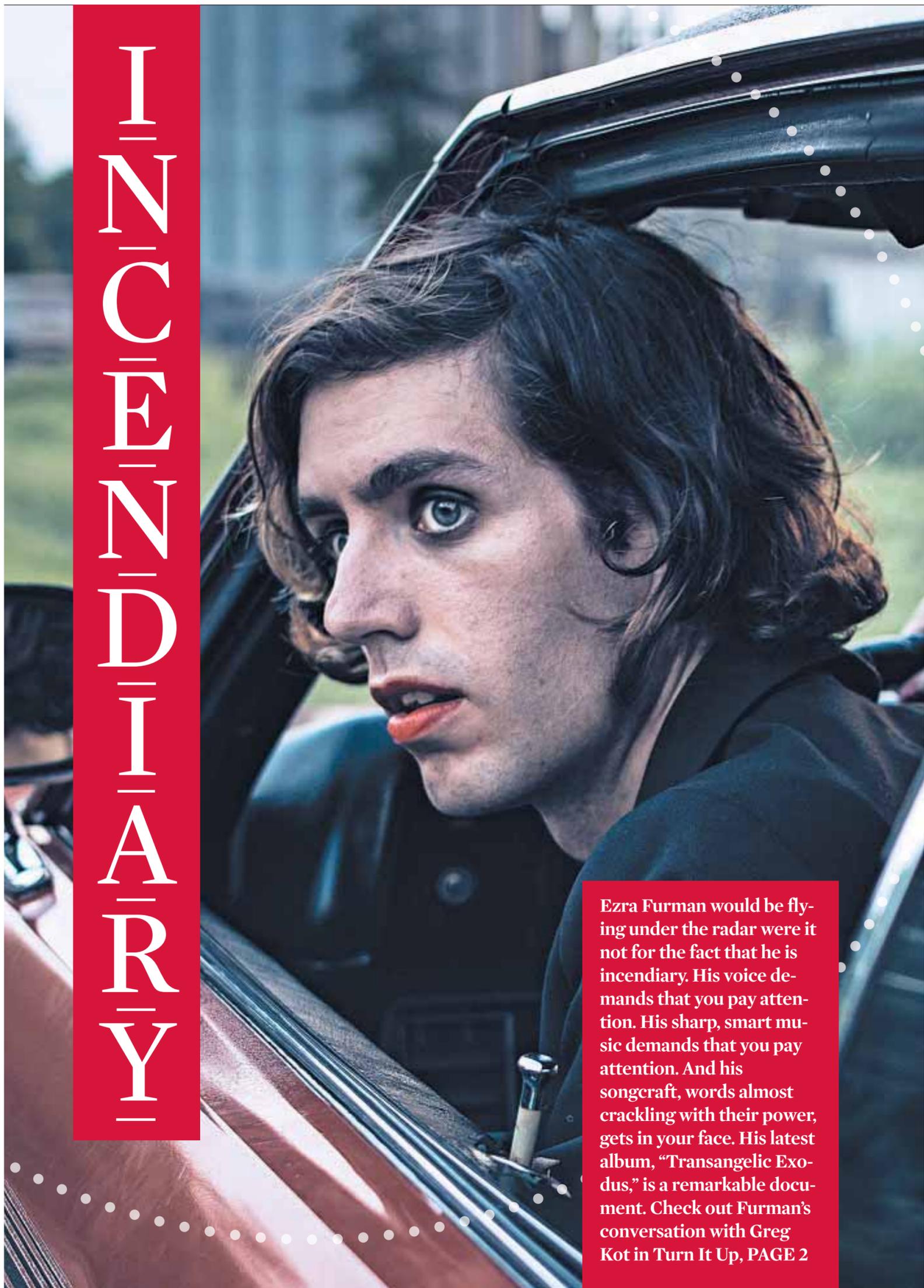
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INCENDIARY



Ezra Furman would be flying under the radar were it not for the fact that he is incendiary. His voice demands that you pay attention. His sharp, smart music demands that you pay attention. And his songcraft, words almost crackling with their power, gets in your face. His latest album, "Transangelic Exodus," is a remarkable document. Check out Furman's conversation with Greg Kot in Turn It Up, PAGE 2

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TAKE 10

By JESSI ROTI | Chicago Tribune

1 Winter Onesie Party: Bump & Grindcore presents a night of R&B, sleep-over attire encouraged (especially onesies for free entry before 11 p.m.). \$5, 21 and older. 9 p.m. Friday. Beauty Bar, 1444 W. Chicago Ave. tinyurl.com/y9hbslt4

2 Pancakes & Booze Art Show: Over 100 artists, live painting, performances and free pancakes. \$10-\$15, 21 and older. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reggie's Rock Club, 2105 S. State St. tinyurl.com/y8zx3c95

3 16th Annual Flamenco Festival: Flamenco masters from across the country on Friday kick off the five-week fest, which includes nine performances, workshops, film screenings and more. Complete details at tinyurl.com/ydeutvgz

4 "Told": Improv show from music, spoken word, stories and simple truth-telling — promising a night of authentic exploration. \$16. 8 p.m. Friday. Mission Theater at iO Chicago, 1501 N. Kingsbury St. tinyurl.com/ydgl77tq

5 Ashanti & Ja Rule: From "Mesmerize" and "Always on Time" to "Happy," these two are just better together than apart. \$65, 18 and older. 8 p.m. Saturday. Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave. tinyurl.com/y8n2ch2n

6 "Blame It On Bianca": Season 6 winner Bianca Del Rio brings her brand of tea and shade (insult comedy) to Chicago. \$40. 7 and 10 p.m. Saturday. Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. tinyurl.com/y8yz8qag



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The Lunar New Year Parade will celebrate the Year of the Dog on Sunday in Chinatown.



THE PABST THEATER GROUP
Bianca Del Rio performs Saturday at The Vic.

7 Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds: The more consistent Gallagher brother channeled nu-wave and gave into pop on his new record; guaranteed to pack a punch live. \$42-\$77. 8 p.m. Saturday. Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. tinyurl.com/yd9jtm8j

8 Hooligan Mag Four Year Art Collective: Local DIY magazine offers up a mini-festival Saturday featuring live music, art and vendors celebrating

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TURN IT UP

BY GREG KOT



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Ezra Furman uses sprawling orchestral- and electro-rock arrangements on his new album "Transangelic Exodus," with a storyline of oppression and resilience that ties it all together.

Ezra Furman confronts fear

Evanston native addresses the plight of the marginalized, with a bolder sound

On his latest album, "Transangelic Exodus" (Bella Union), Ezra Furman decided to go for broke. He crafted what he calls a "queer outlaw saga" — a series of vignettes that addresses police-state oppression of minorities framed by sprawling orchestral- and electro-rock arrangements. Yes, that's a whole lot of ambition packed into 13 songs.

It's also the most liberating album in a career that stretches back a decade, when Furman emerged out of north suburban Evanston with a band that played earnest, high-intensity guitar rock steeped in the music of an earlier era, from the Velvet Underground to the Violent Femmes. But as he became more public about who he was as a person — he identifies as a "feminine-representing bisexual male" — his music grew bolder.

"I was in a band that was writing love letters to 20th-century music," he says. "We'd done it well, but we'd peaked, and I wasn't sure where to take it. We were making music styled after bands who recorded on four tracks, but we're recording on computers with limitless capabilities. It seemed silly not to use that technology to expand, especially when you're listening to (Kendrick Lamar's) 'To Pimp a Butterfly,' the Weeknd, Beck."

That mindset was forged over years of struggling to find an audience that matched the critical acclaim his albums would routinely bring. "I won't be confined to total obscurity," Furman says. "I feel like we have a more significant role to play. I wanted to throw my hat in the ring with the great minds of 21st-century music. I wanted to be part of that conversation."

The members of Furman's latest band, the Visions (formerly the Boy-Friends), have been willing accomplices, and the songs have expanded beyond the guitar-bass-drums format to incorporate electronic textures as well as cello, saxophone and keyboards. It led to the broader reception accorded his 2015 album, "Perpetual Motion People," and "Transangelic Exodus" ups the ante.

"I started out writing a record about coming out of the closet, issues of having a public identity, a clear identity, and then something else arrived," he says, describing the first part of the song that would open the album, "Suck the Blood from my Wound." "It was like having a dream. It implied this whole world to play in. I tried to ignore it at first — 'I'm not trying to write a rock opera, am I?' 'Where is this coming from?' But it ended up tying in

with the stuff I'd been writing about, the fear and solidarity that vulnerable people are having. It became about a marginalized person, someone who feels threatened."

In today's America, "someone who feels threatened" could describe a lot of citizens — women, immigrants, people of color, members of the LGBTQ community, schoolchildren. "And we have people in the highest office legitimizing that," Furman says. "It's terrifying, and it's disappointing. It's for sure a reason that I would suddenly be visited with this idea of writing songs about fleeing some kind of authoritarian regime with a stigmatized body. It showed up in my subconscious, but it was because it was in the air in 2016. It's part of American life right now. Everybody has to deal with fear, and how vulnerable people are feeling. Somehow it's a debate whether those fears are legitimate. I find myself asking on the album and in my own life: How frightened is it reasonable to be? Am I being overly paranoid or not paranoid enough?"

The loose concept of oppression and resilience that ties together the songs on "Transangelic Exodus" is rooted in Furman's family history. He grew up in a Jewish household, and his

When: 8:30 p.m. Monday

Where: Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

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grandparents were immigrants who escaped the Holocaust. "I grew up wondering: Could that happen here? What would it look like? Would I be prepared to leave my home in the middle of the night if necessary, or if some part of the population was being systematically threatened, could I stand up for them? Those nightmares have been aggravated by the rise of the people in power right now. It's a fearful, paranoid record, but I hope in the end it has to do with solidarity — threatened people finding solidarity in each other."

The storyline could also be read as an elaborate metaphor for Furman's life. "It was a messy and fearful process," he says about coming to terms with the truth of who he was as a person. "There's a part of me that's skeptical of the narrative of coming out. I took a none-of-your-business attitude for a long time. At some point it started to corrode within me that I was hiding myself to make other people feel more comfortable."

Yet the decision, while liberating, was also not without heartache. "I feel myself judged by strangers walking down the street, a lot, and sometimes it makes me fearful because they look like they might get violent," he says. "But for me, it is still worth it."

Coming out has made him less afraid as an artist, as well. The boldness of his new album is no accident. "I have noticed in the years since I've been more out of the closet, it has gone with a lot more artistic confidence," he says. "You get some of the trash of insecurity out of the way, and you get down to writing about what really matters."

When told that it appeared he always wrote about what mattered to him, he retraces his steps. "I guess that's right, but I have the syndrome of being most excited about my most recent record and dismissing my older records," he says. "It's not really fair to my old records, but I'm addicted to moving on."

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Get ready for the stylings of Sahar Habibi

BY BRITT JULIOUS
Chicago Tribune

Sahar Habibi is the next big thing.

Just ask Soulection, the uber-popular music label, artist collective and online community that has added her to its already impressive international lineup. Or ask her thousands of SoundCloud followers, who eagerly share each new drop by the young artist with their friends. Habibi's "Force of Nature" compilation from 2017 has amassed tens of thousands of streams, no small feat for a streaming platform with an international coterie of performers.

For Habibi — a singer, songwriter and DJ — music has been something of a personal endeavor and passion project.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Habibi grew up listening to her parents' Persian music as well as Michael Jackson and Amy Winehouse. Before heading to school each day, she often watched music videos, immersing herself in the sights and sounds of a variety of artists.

"I feel like I kind of raised myself when it comes to music," she said.

But it wasn't until she got older that she began to truly branch out tastewise. Habibi credits SoundCloud as the catalyst for diversifying her music interests. "There's not very many diggers



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out there, at least during the time I was living out there," Habibi said about her time in Indianapolis. "(SoundCloud) was a whole different world of music school, and I kind of just got lost in that."

This new musical immersion sparked Habibi's desire to branch out, and she transferred to Columbia College Chicago her junior year.

"I just felt like I was different than everyone else I was surrounding myself with in Indy because no one understood or realized what this music was," Habibi offered. "Everyone was so radio-based. It just made me want to re-create my own sound or do my own thing."

At Columbia, Habibi took a DJing class and practiced at

home, refining her sound.

"For me, it's always about being authentic within your own sound," Habibi said. The uploads on her SoundCloud page hint at a DJ not-so-secretly in love with throwback R&B, hip-hop and soul edits. Habibi makes slow edits to songs by changing the tempo or just the sound of the artist's voice, creating a production tone that

When: 8 p.m. Saturday

Where: 1st Ward at Chop Shop, 2033 W. North Ave.

Tickets: \$15, **www.reactpresents.com**

sounds familiar yet fresh. It's groove-heavy music perfect for long, late nights lounging.

Now, Habibi is on tour with her labelmates at Soulection, an experience she can't help but gush about over the phone. She first connected with the label in 2015 at SXSW and stayed in touch as they each grew creatively and musically. "My relationship with them has been nothing short of amazing. That's family right there," she said.

Habibi calls the touring experience amazing, allowing her to connect with people in five cities with that same curious spirit for music discovery she had as a young listener.

"The energy is incredible and they show mad love," she said. "They're so receptive to new music and new sounds, and it's so cool to connect with other people who encourage you to keep doing what you really love."

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Pianists hope to put audience into 'Trance'



HOWARD REICH
Jazz Scene

What happens when two of the world's greatest jazz pianists share a stage, 20 remarkably skilled fingers working 176 keys?

And what happens when both of those pianists happen to come from an island that long has produced instrumentalists of colossal technique and deep erudition?

Those questions, and others, will be answered Friday evening, when 76-year-old master Chucho Valdes and 54-year-old hyper-virtuoso Gonzalo Rubalcaba play Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center. Each has performed in Chicago periodically through the years, but never have we heard these two leonine keyboardists alone together in concert.

Considering each musician's stature in jazz and their shared cultural lineage, it's a wonder they haven't toured together before.

"We played a couple times in the past," says Rubalcaba, referring to sets in Athens, Greece, Istanbul and Havana dating to the 1980s. "Those concerts (were) the vision of some promoters."

"But Chucho moved — about a year or a year and a half ago — to Florida, and we are neighbors. He lives three or five minutes from my house."

It didn't take long before they found themselves spending hours in each other's company playing two-piano jazz.

"At the moment we visited together, we said: 'Wow, we are together, let's do it,'" says Valdes, speaking through an interpreter, of the tour they envisioned.

"We both have the common root, which is the Afro-Cuban music," adds



Cuban pianists Gonzalo Rubalcaba, left, and Chucho Valdes are scheduled to play together Friday night at Orchestra Hall.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

When: 8 p.m. Friday

Where: Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.

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Valdes. "He has the jazz roots, too — we're common with that. But we are different, because we are from two different generations of musicians."

Valdes stands as a monumental figure, having built boldly on the Cuban jazz experiments that Dizzy Gillespie, Chano Pozo, Machito, Mario Bauza and others conceived in the mid-20th century. By further linking Afro-Cuban music with American jazz techniques, Valdes influenced generations to come, including a prodigious young pianist named Rubalcaba.

"I was about 10 or 11 years old, maybe less, when

I heard about Chucho and also his (musical) environment, with different orchestras and different kinds of groups and bands he worked with during a few periods in Havana," recalls Rubalcaba. "He was the reference for many pianists and other musicians in Cuba."

"But one of the most important works he has done is creating consciousness in Cuban musicians to work with Afro-Cuban roots. Cuban music has been influenced by the African rhythms and melodies forever. ... But we didn't hear such a high level of musical construction containing those elements until Irakere came up," adds Rubalcaba, referring to the groundbreaking ensemble Valdes established in the early 1970s.

"I think Chucho was responsible for bringing all these African traditions to a more virtuoso, more high-level music with Irakere."

Valdes remembers the young Rubalcaba as "a great student ... very talented," he says. "I was fascinated to see the things he could do with the instrument."

Flash-forward a few decades, and, in retrospect, it seems practically inevitable that these two Florida neighbors would want to deepen their bonds via a concert tour, which they have titled "Trance."

Why? "It's very linked to the presence of African elements, but also the religious part too," says Rubalcaba. "It's common to see some religious activity in Cuba. Since we were kids, we saw a lot of different expressions of those moments when the people are really entranced, totally focused and into something spiritual."

"So we wanted really to bring that term to what we are doing. I believe every musician, in some way, is getting to a trance when we

go to the stage and play. ... Even when I'm working at home with the piano, this is the only moment that I get my mind totally out of the common or the regular things we do."

We listeners go to concert halls, of course, for much the same reason: to be lifted from the mundane.

For Valdes and Rubalcaba, the "Trance" tour has been enlightening.

"I have learned a lot from him, from his way of playing," says Valdes, referring to Rubalcaba. "His playing is more contemporary. I am having a lot of influences from him."

Says Rubalcaba, "The most valuable (insight) for me is to see Chucho, at this moment in his life, and the love he feels for the music, the love and the interest he feels and shows and continues looking for new ways to play, exploring new ways to interpret the music."

"It's beautiful to see that, and it must be a real exam-

ple for the young generations. Don't believe, ever, that when you get some success or laurels, you get some people following you, people love something you did — an album or a concert — don't think that there's nothing else beyond that to do."

"There's always a new door to open, a new window to see through."

Rubalcaba and Valdes believe they're opening up to just such a vista via the "Trance" tour.

Valdes considers their partnership "a dialogue — it has never been a competition," he says. "It's more like a conversation and exchange of ideas."

The goal, echoes Rubalcaba, is "finding the space, finding the moment to create the conversation."

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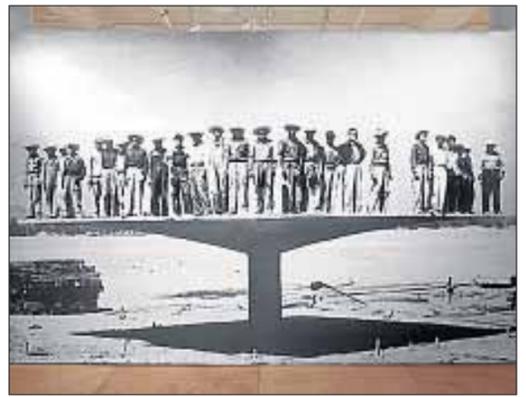
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Engineering memory between Chicago, Mexico

When architect Felix Candela retired from teaching at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1978, he left behind a career steeped in political turmoil, exile and innovation. Highlighting this winding, international narrative is "Felix Candela's Concrete Shells: An Engineered Architecture for Mexico and Chicago" at Gallery 400. While the majority of Candela's projects reside in Mexico, his advanced geometric designs have a clear effect on this city's structures, one communicated via photographs, architectural models and plans scattered throughout the exhibit.

Born in Spain in 1910, Candela developed some serious mathematical and design chops as he bounced between his studies in Madrid and Germany. The Spanish Civil War interrupted his work in 1936, when Candela fought against Franco's Nationalist, totalitarian regime and was imprisoned in the Perpignan concentration camp in France.

When the war ended and Franco assumed power in 1939, Candela was forced to exile in Mexico, where his architectural legacy began to take shape. "In the 1950s, 10 years into his practice in Mexico, Candela debuted his experimental signature shell structures by designing a continuous curved surface of minimal thickness," according to the show's news release. "His designs evolved as feats of architectural engineering, using hyperbolic paraboloid geometry to create numerous reinforced concrete shells. These curved and cantilevered forms were not only structural advancements but also brought new textural and atmospheric qualities to the social and communal spaces they shelter."



GALLERY 400

Felix Candela's lasting impact on Chicago's architecture is drawn upon in an exhibition at Gallery 400.

As the exhibition's programming moves forward, artists like Emilio Rojas are presenting their own work as part of the curation. With "Luminous Intensity, Growing up with Fire and Dancing in the Springs," a performance that took place Saturday, Rojas used an autobiographical approach to Candela's output, recalling his own childhood and adolescence among Candela's buildings in Mexico City while evoking the memories of his family, many of whom also have deeply personal relationships with Candela — think baptisms, weddings, daily rituals and falling in love. *Through March 3, Gallery 400, 400 S. Peoria St. (MC 034); gallery400.uic.edu*

— KT Hawbaker

The migratory patterns of past and present

When Berlin's Tempelhof Airport shut down in 2008, its field became a recreation space before, in 2015, the buildings became the largest refugee camp in Germany — a paradox given the airport's former life as a center of Nazi transportation. These issues of migration past and present are at the heart of artist Ellen Rothenberg's "ISO 6346: ineluctable

immigrant" at the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership.

In the show, Rothenberg digs into her on-the-ground research conducted at Tempelhof, a now legally protected monument with strict regulations that dictate its use. Because no permanent alterations can be made, Rothenberg views the current refugee camp as "permanently ephemeral," paralleling the site to issues of global migration.

"Her work — architecturally scaled installations, public projects, performance, collaborations and writing — uncovers histories embedded in the present," the curatorial notes read, "adding layers of meaning beyond the conventions of historical objects."

It fits in with the rest of Rothenberg's projects, which are concerned with quotidian politics and the "formation of communities through collaborative practices." She believes that the iconography of social movements and their ephemera should be used to interrogate the "mechanisms underlying contemporary political engagement and social dialogue."

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MUSIC PREVIEW

Fight for country spotlight

'Next Women' tour features Evans, RaeLynn and Shorr

BY ALLISON STEWART
Chicago Tribune

The latest edition of CMT's "Next Women of Country" tour comes as women in country music are battling on several fronts: They struggle to get signed to major labels and to get played on the radio.

In country music, radio is still the key to everything — to having a hit, to getting a slot on a great tour — and in the era of bro-country, radio is notoriously reluctant to play songs by women.

Sara Evans, the tour's veteran headliner, is struggling to adjust to this new reality. Even if a woman lands a hit, "You're starting over with each single," says Evans, who is touring to promote her 2017 release "Words." "It's like 'Groundhog Day.' It's as if they never knew me. It's like, 'Remember me? I had a hit? Last month?'"

Also on the CMT tour: RaeLynn Woodward, a former contestant on "The Voice," who landed at No. 1 on Billboard's Country Albums chart with her 2017 debut, "WildHorse," and Kalie Shorr, a member of the Song Suffragettes (a weekly showcase for female artists in Nashville) who just independently released a new EP, "Awake."

In separate phone interviews ahead of their tour, which hits the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet on Sunday, RaeLynn, Evans and Shorr (the last on her first tour ever) talked about #MeToo, Tomatogate and the enduring awesomeness of Reba McEntire.

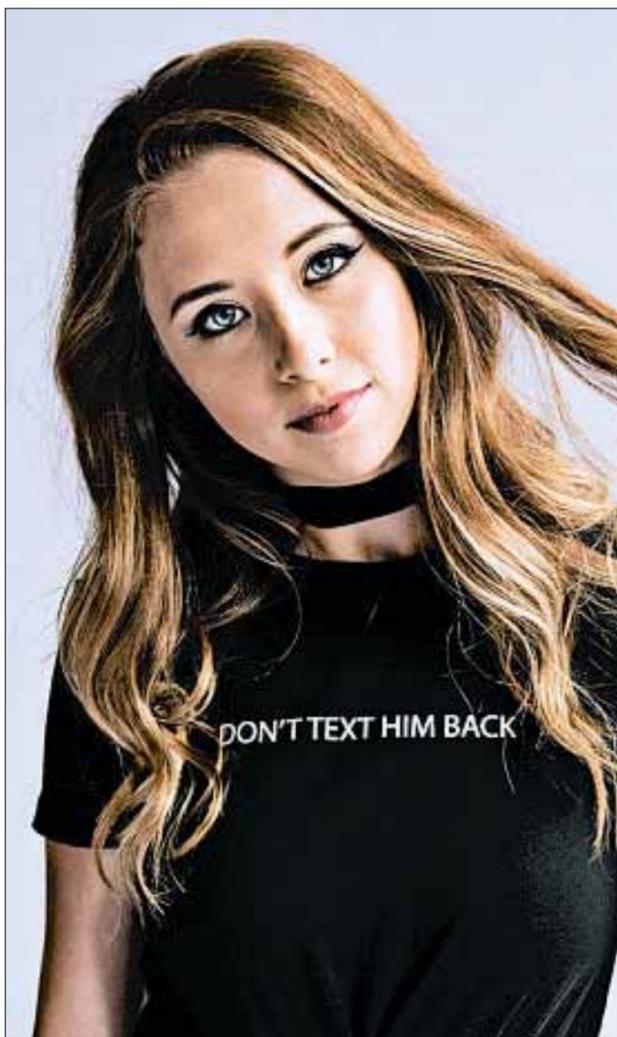
The following are excerpts from that conversation, edited for length and clarity:

On the challenges they faced in their early days in the industry:

RaeLynn: I was Top 12 (on "The Voice"). I'm really glad I didn't win. There's different parameters when you win. ... I always remember that a lot of artists on singing reality shows, a lot of times those who didn't win do better. I had to remind myself of that, so I'd feel better.

Evans: When I came on the scene, it was close to (gender parity). It was me and Martina McBride and the Dixie Chicks and Faith Hill and Lee Ann Womack and Trisha Yearwood, Patty Loveless. Now it's just nobody. When you're not being played on mainstream country radio or pop radio, it changes your career drastically.

Shorr: I had someone who was the head of a major label, one of the top four, say, "Sorry, we're just



JOHN SHEARER PHOTO

Kalie Shorr, on tour for the first time, will be in Joliet on Sunday.

When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday

Where: Rialto Square Theatre, 102 N. Chicago St., Joliet

Tickets: \$43.50-\$63.50; 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com

really burned out on women right now." I went and looked at their roster, and they had maybe five solo women and 22 men. Men have it easier, especially when it comes to getting on a label. But at the end of the day, I don't want to have to talk somebody into working with me.

On whether they've experienced a #MeToo moment:

Shorr: I've definitely had to use the whisper network as a resource. Honestly, sometimes it's people in meet-and-greet lines. It's like, "Hey, you might see that person at your show tonight, and they might be a little bit handsy." I've definitely been in a meet-and-greet with someone who calls themselves a fan, but if they do that, they're not a fan.

Evans: You have to go out and have drinks and have dinner and schmooze (radio people), because you're selling your product, you're a salesman for yourself. ... But as far as anything inappropriate, no. Nothing like that ever happened to me. I never felt threatened or hit-on or anything like that, and I always had somebody from my record label with me. There wasn't one negative experience like that, it was always really professional. And then they played my records.

On their relationships with other female country stars:

Evans: I remember when I went on the (2001) Girls' Night Out tour with Reba McEntire and Martina McBride. I only had a couple of hits and I was super nervous, and every time I was around Reba, I acted like an idiot. I was so in awe of her. I try to be



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RaeLynn Woodward is also part of the "Next Women of Country" tour.



Evans

to (RaeLynn and Shorr) like Reba was to me. She was so welcoming.

RaeLynn: I met Dolly Parton and I cried. She was congratulating me for being nominated for the (Academy of Country Music Awards). She was a really awesome person, very sweet.

Shorr: Even just in the 4 1/2 years I've been in Nashville, I've seen a big climate change for how women treat each other. Me and a bunch of girls in country music have this big group chat, **Kelsea Ballerini** is in it, and **RaeLynn** and **Carly Pearce**. We keep up on how everyone's doing, and we have wine nights. Even if it's just asking what makeup bag to use on the road. ... There's so few people who do our job, period, so we have to look out for each other. Just being women in a male-dominated genre is really difficult, and having each other to express that frustration to, we feel

a little bit less alone.

On the near impossibility of a woman getting played on mainstream country radio stations:

Shorr: I wrote the song "Fight Like a Girl" about Tomatogate. (Radio consultant) **Keith Hill** said men are the lettuce of the country salad, women are the tomatoes. You put a couple on top, but any more than (19) percent is too much. That's literally almost a direct quote. Me and my two really good friends got pissed off and wrote a song, which I think is the best way to handle being pissed-off.

Evans: They don't play women on country radio anymore, that's part of the reason we're doing this (tour). It's an issue that has changed my life and my career. It's very disheartening, very depressing. I want it to change. It has to change.

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POP MUSIC PREVIEW

Tight Phantomz maintains ghostly presence on TV

BY STEVE KNOPPER
Chicago Tribune

Mike Lust recorded his song "Black Seas at the Crib" late at night, by himself. He considers it dark and moody, almost impossible to play on the stage where he rocks like Kiss and Van Halen. But not long ago, his Chicago trio Tight Phantomz's seventh drummer, Mike Johnson, wondered why they weren't practicing the slow-burning rocker that appeared on a 2010 episode of "Breaking Bad." "We were like, 'Ah, we've never played that song,'" Lust says. "But we're making an attempt to play it this time, because kind of by default, it became our hit. It was a weird one-off from the album."

Lust recorded "Black Seas" and the rest of Tight Phantomz's 36-song opus, "Silk Prison," over a long period at his Humboldt Park studio Phantom Manor. "There was every kind of instrument lying around and every kind of inspiration. I was up there making songs all day and night," Lust says, in a phone interview from his Chicago home. "It took years for those songs to marinate and see how they would fit together and how I was going to release them. After five years of working on that, I could sort of see the story arc."

"Silk Prison," a guitar album

When: 8:30 p.m. Saturday

Where: Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.

Tickets: \$10; 773-276-3600 or www.emptybottle.com

that rambles all over the place, from the heavy-riffing "Seek Thunder" to the subdued, acoustic strum-along "Part of the Machine," didn't come out until 2012. Long before that, Tight Phantomz had signed a deal with an aggressive new company, Ghost Town, to place songs from the album in the hockey movie "Goon," the horror series "Hemlock Grove" and, yes, "Breaking Bad." "Not a lot of people bought 'Silk Prison,' or know about 'Silk Prison,' but it was a highly licensed record," Lust says.

Lust's history as a recording engineer begins with a devastating tragedy. His mother died of lung cancer when he was in his early 20s, and his father died a year later, "sort of from a broken heart," as the singer and guitarist recalls. His family reluctantly had to sell its childhood home in Berwyn, but out of the sadness came opportunity — Lust was able to study sound engineering at Columbia College Chicago and open his studio in the early 2000s. "I wouldn't have the life I have now if something tragic didn't happen," he says. "I



JOHN STURDY

Pete Croke, from left, Mike Lust and Stephen "The Kid" Howard are Chicago trio Tight Phantomz.

don't know if I would have the (courage) to do it if something tragic didn't happen."

At Phantomz Manor, which closed a few years ago, Lust spent part of his time recording local musicians and the rest concentrating on his instrumental band Lustre King. When that band split up in 2002, he and drummer Jay Dandurand were listening to ZZ Top one night on a Division Street bar's jukebox and came up with the vision for Tight Phantomz. The band has ebbed and flowed over the years but, Lust clarifies, has never broken up.

"It gets harder to put all your time and energy into it when you're just toiling in obscurity. Life takes over and so do responsibilities," says Lust, who today runs Manor Mobile Recording

and is hoping soon to finish an album he has been working on for seven years. "You know how time flies — before you know it, another year has gone by, and I might have helped other people with their records but didn't do much for my own."

Lust discovered rock 'n' roll at age 3, watching a Kiss Halloween special on TV; his parents bought him an electric guitar when he was 12, essentially because they were frustrated that they couldn't turn down the volume on his drum set. After they died, and he was running his own studio, he began to develop a fictional persona, a hedonistic, David Lee Roth-type character who was only a little bit like Lust in real life.

Lust's given name is Michael

Boltz — "a pretty ... cool name!" he says. But everybody who walked into Phantom Manor began to address him as "Mike from Lustre King," which eventually was rendered into the shorthand "Mike Lust." Lust learned early on not to resist. "It went from a nickname to a professional name to, now, my family members call me that. There's no getting away from it," he says. "I have a new girlfriend, she was getting plane tickets from Miami: 'What's your real name?' This is someone who's been dating me four months! It's taken on something ridiculous that I never thought it would."

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WEEKEND DINING

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Veggie Grill's new Lakeview location, its first in Chicago, looks like an assembly-line setup, though its plant-based food is made to order.

Veggie Grill expands to Chicago

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune

Chicago's vegetable-focused diners will soon have more options for casual dining, thanks to Veggie Grill's entrance into the marketplace. Founded in 2006, the Irvine, Calif.-based fast-casual chain opened its first Chicago location in Lakeview last week, one of at least six planned city locations, staking its claim in a fast-growing sector of the restaurant business.

And while the thought of plant-based, vegetarian or vegan food may conjure stereotypical images of unflavored tofu, dry lentils and chalky rice-and-black-bean veggie burgers, Veggie Grill hopes to change that. "When you say 'vegan,' it can be polarizing," says Leah Smith, chief marketing officer for the

29-location chain. "Our audience is veggie-centric, but we want to be inclusive and make sure that even meat eaters can find something they like on the menu."

The menu is entirely vegan, with no dairy, eggs or animal products in any item, but the restaurant avoids the label, opting instead for the burgeoning "plant-based" moniker. Burgers are made using the Beyond Burger brand's soy- and gluten-free, plant-protein patty that aims to mimic the texture of traditional beef patties. The regular-rotation burgers sound as if they can be found on any pub menu, like the chorizo queso-drowned Super Rica, or the gouda and caramelized-onion Lucky Star, but that's the point, Smith says. "How do we get nonvegans to try something

new? We're not boxed in with a single cuisine."

Enter Veggie Grill's other menu categories: sandwiches, salads, ever-popular grain bowls, even tacos. The buffalo chick'n is a customer favorite, says Smith, as is the Sonoran bowl, made with quinoa, avocado, roasted carrots, red pepper sauce and black beans. Tacos, meanwhile, feature gochujang-coated chick'n, black beans, avocado, arugula and onions, or kung pao chick'n, cashews, cabbage slaw, Fresno chiles and a nondairy crema. While the standing menu remains largely the same across multiple locations, the restaurant offers a number of seasonal items that change quarterly.

The Lakeview location looks like an assembly-line setup, though food is made to order.

The design is a new one for the company, says Smith, and is meant to expedite ordering. And while it's the first location in Chicago, it won't be the last. The chain, with most of its restaurants on the West Coast, hopes to double its national locations in three years, says Smith. In March, a Loop location will open its doors, followed by four more by year's end. Following Chicago, Veggie Grill has its sights set on entering Boston's market.

"It'll be interesting to see how a meat-and-potatoes town like Chicago greets us," Smith says. "We're excited to be here."

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— Grace Wong

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Recent restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. No stars indicates a restaurant has been profiled but not reviewed, and does not reflect on quality of dining.

CITY

Booth One ★★★ Helmed by veteran chef Doug Psaltis, Booth One is something of a resurrection of the famed Pump Room. Scan through the menu, and you'll find such nods to the past as steak Diane, seven-vegetable salad, salmon asiatique and curried 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 with jalapeno crema) that might have been viewed as sacrilege years ago. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday through Friday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$43. 1301 N. State Parkway, 312-649-0535. — Phil Vettel

Cafe 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. Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave., 773-904-7660. — 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

Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar ★★ Chef Guy Meikle is out to take the mystery, and sticker shock, out of caviar. 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. Dinner daily, brunch weekends. Entrees \$16-\$35. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577. — P.V.

Marisol ★★ The cooking team behind Lula Cafe (chef Jason Hammel, chef de cuisine Sarah Rinkavage) are working similar magic in this restaurant inside the Museum of Contemporary Art, occupying a space that connects to the museum artistically as well as physically. Coffee and pastries are served in the early hours, and there are full lunch, brunch and dinner menus, where the chefs' penchant for vegetable-forward plates and sometimes-incongruous ingredients matches (stuffed prawns roasted in walnut oil, for example) are on full, enjoyable display. Alison Cates' desserts, including a beautiful pain d'epice and an artfully deconstructed tres leches cake, never fail to impress. Closed Mondays; no dinner Sundays. Entrees \$16-\$38. 205 E. Pearson St., 312-799-3599. — P.V.

Mi Tocaya Antojeria ★★ Diana Davila, the opening chef at Cantina 1910, is back with her own Mexican restaurant, serving 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. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Small plates \$8-\$13, large plates



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H Mart With grocery aisles stocked with items from Filipino ice cream to Taiwanese powdered milk tea, H Mart is a pan-Asian dream, but the food court offers a number of choices for newbies. Izakaya Yume is a little market stall serving sushi burritos, poke bowls, ramen and grab-and-go items, while SGD Tofu House & BBQ Restaurant is more traditional, serving such Korean dishes as bulgogi, bibimbap and Japanese-style bento boxes, hardly Korean but no less delicious. Open: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. 711 W. Jackson Blvd., 312-966-4666. — Grace Wong

\$24. 2800 N. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947. — P.V.

Portsmouth ★★★ New England native Nate Hensler 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. Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — 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 mezzal 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.

Sol's on Sheridan ★★ Sol's, a low-key Korean barbecue restaurant, is your destination for excellent bulgogi, among other dishes. Try the spicy pork gimbab, featuring the meat, custardy egg, yellow radish, kimchi and spinach wrapped in rice and seaweed. Usually Korean barbecue requires a group, but here, the portions are reasonable if you're dining solo or as a couple. The prices are reasonable too. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$16. 4715 N. Sheridan

Road, 773-961-7109. — M.N.

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 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. Entrees \$23-\$55. Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — 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.

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 trendy. 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.

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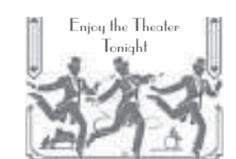
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BY CHRIS JONES



Huff's 'Six Corners' based on true story

Writer helped CTA worker who had been shot in head

Sometime in the mid-1980s, writer Keith Huff found himself at what is now the Brown Line station near Lawrence and Western avenues. As he was walking up the stairs to the platform, he heard a loud pop.

When he arrived, he saw that a CTA worker had fallen onto the tracks. He was sitting on the rails, swaying.

At this point in Huff's story, told to me over an unusually dramatic lunch the other day in this writer's usual low-key way, he started talking a little more quickly.

"I jumped down onto the tracks," Huff said. "I didn't know if he was drunk, or if maybe he'd had a stroke."

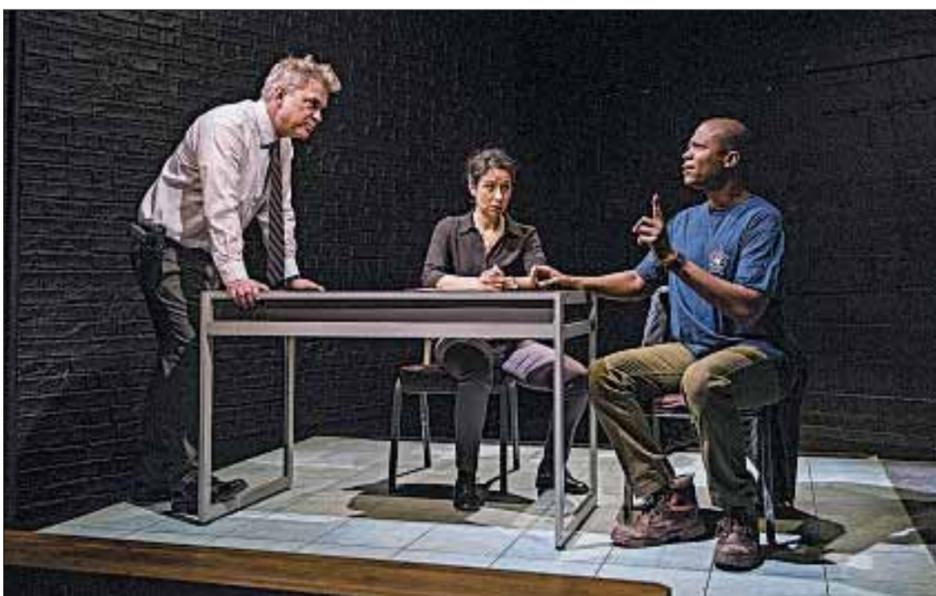
Wasn't he worried about the third rail?

"I just didn't think," Huff said.

There was a woman on the platform; Huff coaxed her into helping him, and the pair carried the man up and over to the warming light, those miserable oases of comfort in coldness. Once there, they found what was wrong.

"The man had a bullet hole in his temple," Huff said. "He was drooling blood. It was pooling on the platform."

A train finally arrived (this was before cellphones) and the operator called 911. But it was too late.



Peter DeFaria, left, Monica Orozco and Manny Buckley star in "Six Corners" at the American Blues Theater.

"We were all crying," Huff said. "Then the man lifted his arms as if to embrace us all. He said, 'Shhh, it's OK.' And then, maybe 30 seconds later, he died. There was silence."

Huff stared back at me. "I've always wondered what those words meant," he said.

Well, if you wonder about stuff and you're a writer, you usually write what you wonder, and the new play coming to the American Blues Theater this weekend, "Six Corners," is the result. You can see it at Stage 773.

Actually, "Six Corners" is more about what happened in the hours after the man died, but before I explain that, hang on for a second and note this.

Huff, who lives in Chicago's Edgemoor neighborhood with his family, has long been one of the city's most successful dramatic writers. He is the author of "A Steady Rain," which sold every ticket on Broadway with Hugh Jackman and Daniel Craig in the lead roles, and "The Detective's Wife," which premiered at Writers Theatre in Glencoe. He has

done stints in the writer's rooms of "Mad Men" and "House of Cards." Most recently he has worked on "American Crime Story" for the FX network. He's currently working on Martin Scorsese's project to build a TV show from "Gangs of New York," and on a potential dramatic adaptation of "American Pharaoh," the biography of the late Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, as penned by Adam Cohen and former Tribune literary and magazine editor Elizabeth Taylor. He doesn't like living in Los

Angeles ("you get skin cancer"), but he is far busier than most who do.

In other words, he doesn't have to be handing his world premieres to American Blues Theater, but he likes the company and it allows him to work again with director Gary Griffin, who helmed "The Detective's Wife."

But back to that night in the 1980s.

After the police came, Huff and the unknown woman were taken to the police station at Belmont Avenue and Western. The police had no idea what had happened, of course, and there were no other witnesses, and the pair were covered in blood, so they were put in separate holding areas and questioned, presumably in an attempt to see if their stories matched.

"I looked out from the room," Huff said, "And I could see that the detectives were arguing. I decided they were trying to construct a narrative from two different points of view."

So that's the genesis of a play that asks a few questions: Do the police tell us the truth about what is going on? Or do they manipulate their own data to tell us the city is safer than we think? Is that telling a noble lie?

And what if one of these police officers, these watchmen and watchwomen, looks out and sees nothing but the darkness?

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THEATER OPENINGS

Sunday

"Anna Karenina": A world premiere adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's 1877 novel, about a woman torn between two worlds, opens at Lifeline Theatre. *Through April 8 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., 773-761-4477 and www.lifelinetheatre.com*

"Hail, Hail Chuck: A Tribute to Chuck Berry": Black Ensemble Theater's latest revue features Berry's rock 'n' roll hits like "Roll Over Beethoven" and "Johnny B. Goode." *Through April 1 at Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St., 773-769-4451 and www.blackensembletheater.org*

"Steel Magnolias": The Louisiana beauty shop made famous in the 1989 film opens for business in Munster, Ind. *Through March 25 at Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, 219-836-3255 and www.theatreatthecenter.com*

Thursday

"Mary Stuart": Chicago Shakespeare Theater stages Friedrich Schiller's classic drama about two queens playing a game with deadly consequences. *Through April 15 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, 312-595-5600 and www.chicagoshakes.com*

CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"Blind Date" ★★★
Rogelio Martinez's "Blind Date" is a world premiere drama that returns us to the 1985 meeting in Geneva between President Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev, the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Martinez writes with affection for all sides; "Blind Date," which is directed by Robert Falls, may well be the only play I ever have seen that treats Reagan sympathetically. *Through Feb. 25 at the Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., \$20-\$75 at 312-443-3800 and www.goodmantheatre.org*

"Blue Man Group" ★★★ 1/2
"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20 years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St., \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"Cabaret" ★★★★
Kelly Felthous, who plays Sally Bowles in the Paramount Theatre's "Cabaret," did not get a lick of applause opening night at the end of the show's famous title number. It wasn't frostbite, the audience was just that moved. In director Katie Spelman's production in Aurora, Felthous' Sally is closer to what John Kander and Fred Ebb first had in mind, I think, a modest talent addicted to the attention and the party. *Through March 18 at the Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora, \$36 to \$64 at 630-896-6666 or www.paramountaurora.com*

"Dream Freaks Fall From Space" ★★★
A sleep-deprived woman heads into a Brookstone. "What about a demo of this white noise machine?" asks the African-American salesman. "I don't have one black friend, I have two..." That chance for everyone to laugh at race got a huge response at Second City,

where the terrific new revue "Dream Freaks Fall From Space" (directed by Ryan Bernier) is a return to form for the storied Chicago company. *Open run on the Second City Mainstage, 1616 N. Wells St., \$29-\$46 at 312-337-3992 or www.secondcity.com*

"Fantastic Super Great Nation Numero Uno" ★★★ 1/2
"Fantastic Super Great Nation Numero Uno" is an inclusive and warmhearted new e.t.c. Theater show, directed by Ryan Bernier, that takes a broad view of the moment. *Open run in Second City e.t.c. Theater in Piper's Alley, 1608 N. Wells St., \$19-\$46 at 312-337-3992 or www.secondcity.com*

"Five Mile Lake" ★★★ 1/2
If you like the plays of Annie Baker, I suspect you'll appreciate "Five Mile Lake," a thoroughly wintry and rather gorgeously written little play in which not much happens. With their true feelings and emotions hidden in subtext, Rachel Bonds' characters just lead their lives of quiet coffeehouse desperation. *Through Feb. 24 by Shattered Globe at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., \$35 at 773-975-8150 and www.shatteredglobe.org*

"Franklinland" ★★★
Of all the Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin probably did the most to spread the enlightened idea of America. But there's another part of his legacy — an illegitimate son, William Franklin. Their relationship is explored in a play by writer Lloyd Suh called "Franklinland." Penned in a breezy, anarchic style (a la "Hamilton") and over in just 70 minutes, it zeroes in on the difficulty of having an overachieving dad, especially one who proves persistently difficult to please. *Through Feb. 24 at Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway, \$30 at www.jackalopetheatre.org*



Jackson Evans as Alan Zweibel and Dana Tretta as Gilda Radner in "Bunny Bunny: Gilda Radner, A Sort of Love Story" at the Mercury Theater.

HOT TICKET

"Bunny Bunny: Gilda Radner, A Sort of Love Story" ★★★
From the moment he first met her behind a potted plant in 1975, comedy writer Alan Zweibel loved Gilda Radner. This play by Zweibel now at the Mercury Theater makes that very clear. Radner, who died in 1989, was one of the original cast members of "Saturday Night Live" and one of the funniest and most influential women in American comedy. That's made very clear by Dana Tretta, who plays Radner in director Warner Crocker's production. Tretta captures the essence of Radner by homing in on her vulnerability and emotional openness, not her wacky bombast. Her performance is really one to see. *Through April 1 at Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave., \$30-\$55 at 773-325-1700 or www.mercurytheaterchicago.com*

"Hamilton" ★★★★
This Broadway show has given Chicago a Chicago-style production, in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a democratic experiment. *Open run at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Hatfield & McCoy" ★★★
The famously warring Hatfields of West Virginia and McCoys of Kentucky are usually portrayed in popular culture as yahoos with rifles, though their rivalry was actually rooted in Civil War allegiances. The House Theatre of Chicago, known for original works with mythic underpinnings, clearly hears Shakespearean echoes in their story. There's a stand-out performance from Haley Bolithon as Rose Anna, the Juliet of the Tug

Fork river and the youthful conscience of the show. *Through March 11 at the Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., \$30-\$50 at 773-769-3832 and www.thehousetheatre.com*

"The Light" ★★★ 1/2
If you judge a world premiere by the reaction it elicits from its audience — and why not? — then Loy Webb is a potent new voice. "The Light" is Webb's intense new drama from the New Colony, a story about a young Chicago couple and at once a love story and a cautionary tale. That is, when a painful memory of sexual violence comes roaring back to the present. Over 80 minutes in a studio theater in Wicker Park, I saw tears flow, Kleenexes emerge from pockets, couples move closer together and further apart. *Through Feb. 25 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$20 at www.thenewcolony.org*

"Merrily We Roll Along" ★★★
Director Michael Weber's Porchlight Music Theatre production of "Merrily We Roll Along" sits very smugly within the Ruth Page Center. His interpretation doesn't range stark and dark enough for me, but let's stipulate that the abyss is impossibly wide in this Stephen Sondheim musical. Franklin (Jim DeSelm) is a gifted composer who likes money. Charley (Matt Crowle) is a gifted lyricist who believes in art. "Charley," asks Franklin at one point, "why can't it be like it was?" The show's point — made over and over in some of Sondheim's most devastating lyrics — is that life beats the nice out of you. "You and me," says Charley, "we were nicer then." *Through March 17 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St., \$33-\$60 at 773-777-9884 and www.porchlightmusictheatre.org*

"She the People" ★★★
"She the People" is a new revue at Second City featuring five women and the subtitle "A Girlfriends' Guide to Sisters Doing It For Themselves." *Through April 1 in the UP Comedy Club at Second City, 230 W. North Ave., \$26-\$41 at 312-662-4562 and www.secondcity.com*

"Skeleton Crew" ★★★
Playwright Dominique Morrisseau's "Detroit Project" is a three-play cycle made up of "Detroit '67," "Paradise Blue" and "Skeleton Crew," the last of which you currently can see at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie. Set in a Detroit auto plant on the brink of closure, "Skeleton Crew" is told through the eyes of Faye (Jacqueline Williams), a worker on the brink of retirement. Williams inhabits the conscience of the play, a really fantastic performance. *Through March 3 at Northlight Theatre, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, \$30-\$81 at 847-673-6300 and www.northlight.org*

"Traitor" ★★★
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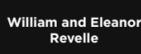
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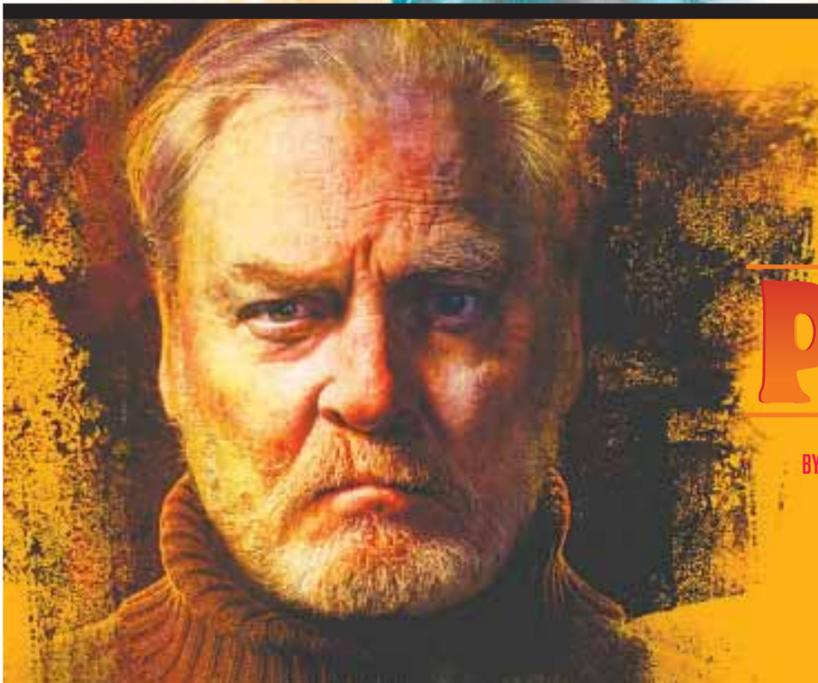


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Mazda Skyactiv-X: Exciting tech for an ordinary ride

It's been a long time since I've sat in a science lecture, but I recently experienced what felt like one at Mazda's Research and Development facility in Irvine, Calif. In a converted garage, several engineers took turns dropping phrases like "stoichiometric air-fuel mixture" and "ideal combustion profile" while walking reporters through Mazda's latest innovation: the Skyactiv-X, a new type of gasoline engine that Mazda says pushes the envelope — and possibly the shelf life — of the internal combustion engine further ahead. After that, it was time to take Mazda's science experiment for a spin to see how it does in the real world.

Mazda has never been afraid to be different, and though most companies think that the automotive future lies in electrification, Mazda disagrees (for the time being). There are no hybrids in the Mazda lineup; it's all gas (or gas and diesel abroad). And as stated during the presentation by Senior Vice President Special Assignments Robert Davis, Mazda's efforts are focused on making gas engines more efficient because "our goal is to make all of our cars efficient, not just a few of them hyper-efficient."

The primary innovation of the Skyactiv-X engine is that it is still a gasoline engine, but it uses compression ignition — or something very close to it. If compression ignition sounds familiar, that's because it's used in diesel engines, and it's partly what makes them more efficient. Diesel engines lack spark plugs and rely on the spontaneous ignition that results naturally from the heat generated as an air-fuel mixture is compressed.

The simplified explanation of how Skyactiv-X works is this: The engine has a much higher compression ratio than a regular gasoline engine — roughly 16 to 1 in the prototypes — that allows it to create the conditions for compression ignition in each cylinder. The higher compression allows for a much leaner air-fuel mixture, meaning that the ratio of fuel to air is lower. (Leaner mixtures represent greater efficiency but notoriously resist combusting, even in spark ignition engines.) As the piston comes up, the air and fuel are compressed while a sensor in the cylinder monitors the temperature and pressure in real time.

What has held back other companies that have tried to develop gasoline compression engines in the past is switching between compression and spark ignition as needed, which is hard to do smoothly. But Mazda claims to have engineered a way to iron out the kinks in the transition.

Mazda is targeting a 20 percent improvement in fuel economy and emissions for its gas engines while maintaining or exceeding the same level of performance. Because the Skyactiv-X engine design runs so much more efficiently at higher rpm, it can be paired with shorter gearing that allows cruising at higher engine speeds that put it closer to the power and makes it more responsive.

How did it drive? Pretty normally. Acceleration from a standstill was smooth and felt very close to driving a current-gen Mazda3. The Skyactiv-X engine will begin to arrive in Mazda vehicles in late 2019.

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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
Aaniyah Wallace AKA Aaniyah Russett

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Akeysha Russett (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00788**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 14, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/15/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Alexis Drayton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Edna Drayton (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00912**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **George Bound**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 7, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/15/2018, at 10:30 AM** in CALENDAR **9 COURTROOM I**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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February 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jahmar L Burns

A MINOR
NO. **2017JD02236**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Tameka Burns (Mother)** and **Jahmar Burns (Minor Respondent)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **December 26, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/09/2018 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
February 23, 2018

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kamarion Russel

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Akeysha Russel (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00787**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ronald Reed (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 14, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/15/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 23, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2018:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois property tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2018 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

EVANSTON
Identified also as Area(s) 05,10,11, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is March 26, 2018.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 23rd day of February, 2018.

JOSEPH BERRIOS
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nicholas Samudio

A MINOR
NO. **2018JD00119**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Joseph Samudio (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 22, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia Mendoza** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/09/2018 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **53 COURTROOM 4**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
February 23, 2018

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

NOTICE

Take notice that an application for a retail Liquor License had been filed by
NICK CECOLA
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For:
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Any objections to the granting of said license shall be made to the President of the Board of Commissioners and Deputy Liquor Commissioner, in writing, signed by the objector, within ten days of the date of this notice, stating specifically the grounds of the objection. Any objections should be mailed to: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1160, Chicago, Illinois 60602

Zahra Ali
Deputy Liquor Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals
Location: 118 N Clark St., 22nd Floor, Chicago, IL
Date & Time: 3/7/2018 at 1:00pm

Cancellation Notice

Reference: SU 18-01
Subject Property: 16629 Orange, Orland Park, Illinois
Special Use Request for a Planned Unit Development to construct a new single family home in an environmentally sensitive area.

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Shakuanzah J Crisp

A MINOR
NO. **2017JD01780**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Easter Laramore AKA Laramore Easter (Mother)** and **Shakuanzah Crisp (Minor Respondent)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **October 3, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/09/2018 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
February 23, 2018

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
Bergner Excavating Contractors, Inc. is seeking IDOT approved DBE, WBE, VSOB subcontractors, material suppliers, & trucking companies for the 3/9/18 IDOT State Letting for item numbers 134 and 135. Plans and specs are available at www.dot.state.il.us or at our office from 7am - 5pm daily. Call (847) 526-5457 for appointments. An Equal opportunity employer.

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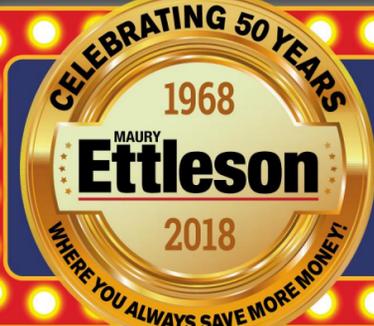
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