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\$8.5B 'BIG DEAL' TO GROW O'HARE

City, airlines in last stages of talks for massive airport overhaul



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel speaks at the opening of a new runway at O'Hare International Airport in 2015. When airfield construction is complete, there will be eight runways at O'Hare.

BY BILL RUTHART

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago's airline carriers are in the final stages of negotiating a blockbuster \$8.5 billion deal to dramatically expand O'Hare International Airport with a state-of-the-art global terminal, dozens of new gates and several additional concourses, the Chicago Tribune has learned.

The eight-year plan would be the single largest and most expensive terminal re-

vamp in O'Hare's 73-year history. The goal is to vault the airline hub long known for its gridlock and delays into the 21st century by growing its sluggish number of international flights and creating more room for its domestic carriers.

Emanuel is seeking to leverage the May expiration date of the airlines' 35-year lease to secure higher fees and charges from the carriers that would help bankroll the ambitious project. The Aviation Department would borrow against the future airline fees to pay for the construction,

which city officials said would not require taxpayer dollars.

The 55-year-old Terminal 2 would be torn down to make way for a new "Global Terminal" with wider concourses and gates to accommodate the larger aircraft that

embark on international flights to places like Hong Kong and Dubai. Terminals 1, 3 and 5 would be renovated, while two new satellite concourses would be constructed to the west of the existing terminals and connected to the new Global Terminal by an underground pedestrian tunnel.

All told, more than 3.1 million square feet of terminal space would be added — a 72 percent increase over the current 4.3 million square feet.

The amount of space for planes to park at airline gates would increase by 25 percent, and the total number of gates would jump from 185 today to roughly 220 upon the project's completion in 2026, Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans confirmed in an exclusive interview with the Tribune.

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DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL: The expansion would mark the single largest and most expensive terminal revamp in O'Hare's 73-year history. **Graphic in Chicagoland, Page 6**

New focus on fetal alcohol effects

Families hope report increases awareness of 'invisible' disease

BY KATE THAYER

Chicago Tribune

Six-year-old Macy runs throughout her Naperville home, toting her plush Hatchimal toy. In her basement play room, she dangles from the monkey bar rings her dad affixed to the ceiling and then turns to her art supplies. Minutes later, she's dressing in costumes — first a parrot, then a veterinarian.

When she was a toddler, Macy's nickname was "the Energizer Bunny," said her



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Erica Okrzesik and adopted daughter Macy, 6, who has been diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

mom, Erica Okrzesik, because "she was always on the go."

Today, Macy, whom the Okrzesiks adopted as an

infant, seems like a typical, lively first-grader. But she has what her parents call an "invisible" affliction.

Last year, Macy was diag-

nosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, or FASD, which she acquired after her birth mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, Okrzesik said.

"We were just in utter shock and disbelief," she said. "It's hellish. It's really difficult. It's just an ugly disease."

The Okrzesiks say there are few services available to them, despite the disability's potential to severely impair those who have it.

The parents whose children struggle with the disorder say they hope new research published this month in the Journal of the American Medical Association leads to increased

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NRA shuns Trump age-limit proposal

BY LAURA KING
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Amid an increasingly passionate nationwide debate over gun safety, the National Rifle Association on Sunday rejected President Donald Trump's call for a federal ban on rifle sales to those under 21, but a spokeswoman for the group sought to play down the disagreement, suggesting Trump could change his mind.

The exchange illustrated the ways in which both allies and opponents of gun-law reform will have to maneuver gingerly when dealing with a president known for fluidity in his

policy positions, especially matters on which the majority of public opinion appears at odds with the traditional views of his Republican party.

NRA spokeswoman Dana Loesch, interviewed on ABC's "This Week," said the gun lobby does not believe the age for purchases should be raised from 18.

"You do not want to raise the age?" interviewer George Stephanopoulos asked.

"That's correct," Loesch replied.

But she swiftly sought to minimize any policy differ-

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Protester Lamon Reccord, 16, chants at City Hall following a speech by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to the City Council in 2015.

Black Lives Matter youths still fighting to have voices heard



DAHLEEN GLANTON

The young people of Black Lives Matter are hurt. And they have every right to be.

When they were protesting in the streets of cities across America, much of the country didn't bother to listen to their message. They were not embraced by the mainstream for their bravery, their determination or resolve to bring attention to reckless police killings that disproportionately impact young African-Americans.

Some labeled them troublemakers, even terrorists. And in the aftermath of the student uprising over the mass shooting in Parkland, Fla., they are taking to social media to vent their disappointment.

It isn't that they want to take any credit away from the courageous young people in Florida. Indeed, their vigilance in standing up for tighter gun control measures is admirable and welcomed.

In a tweet last week, Oprah Winfrey said the inspiring youths in Florida reminded her of the "Freedom Riders of the 60s who also said we've had ENOUGH and our voices will be heard." She pledged to match George and Amal Clooney's \$500,000 donation to the youths' March for Our Lives planned for March 24.

We should all applaud these teens for having the guts to stand up to lawmakers in the way that adults have failed to do for too long. We stand with them in the struggle to make our schools and our nation safer from mass killers who strike indiscriminately with semi-automatic weapons.

But shouldn't we also pay attention when young people express their pain

and frustration over the violent killings of unarmed African-American children and adults at the hands of unscrupulous police officers?

In response to Oprah's tweet, Charlene Carruthers, national director of Black Youth Project 100, one of the groups involved in the protests that sprung out of the 2014 police shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., tweeted this:

"I promise y'all. I'm happy for these young people. I just know how so many young people have put their lives on the line over the past five years. We're rarely compared to Freedom Riders and recipients of such public support. I shouldn't be bothered, but I am."

Some of the young Black Lives Matter activists are asking why the responses have been so different.

These mostly African-American young people already know the answer, though. We all do.

It is because in America, black lives often don't matter. But that's a subject to be addressed at another time.

There also are some practical reasons why Black Lives Matter hasn't attracted a more far-reaching audience. To join a movement, people must first agree that the cause is justifiable. Mainstream America doesn't see police shootings that way.

In the backs of a lot of people's minds, including some African-Americans, there is always the nagging question of whether people like 12-year-old Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Philando Castile and Alton Sterling did something to provoke their deaths.

It is difficult for most Americans to identify with the issues that people in urban neighborhoods often face. But the ability to imagine oneself in an oppressed situation isn't required in order to express empathy.

The Freedom Riders who went to Mississippi during the civil rights movement to register blacks to vote

included lots of white students from the North whose rights never had been violated. But they fought on behalf of African-Americans in the South anyway, because they understood that our country could not thrive with one set of protections for one race and another set of rules for another.

Preventing mass shootings, particularly those in schools where the lives of innocent children are lost, is something most Americans can wrap their hearts around. To hear the stories of young victims — children who could have been any of ours regardless of race — has a natural way of bonding kindred spirits.

But more than that, the latest shooting in Florida was America's tipping point. After years of experiencing such brutal slayings, many of us have had enough. Perhaps it is because young people are demanding that we take action, so this time we are obligated to listen.

America isn't yet at its tipping point with police brutality. The issue doesn't come wrapped in a neat little package that the mainstream can feel comfortable with.

The Black Lives Matter movement is extremely marginalized. It is specifically about protecting African-American lives. It will take much more effort to get the rest of America on board with that cause.

But if the young people involved in Black Lives Matter are as smart as I think they are, they will not be silenced. If they are vocal enough, America will eventually reach its tipping point on the senseless police killings.

In the 1960s, America was forced to its tipping point over voting rights and segregation. There is no reason that young people can't force mainstream America to at least act as though black lives matter.

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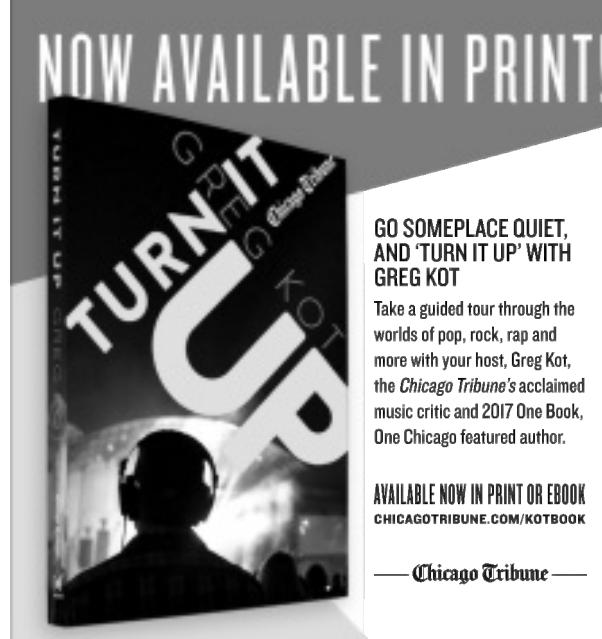
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CTA gives safety tips to young riders

With 135,000 children riding buses and 'L,' agency offers lessons



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Chicago Transit Authority safety worker Ronnie Phipps, wearing a bright yellow vest, tried to stump a classroom of second- and third-graders on transit safety this month.

It wasn't easy — the kids at Genevieve Melody Elementary School in West Garfield Park knew their stuff.

Why shouldn't you go on the tracks?

"It might sting you," said a boy in a red shirt.

What if your backpack falls on the tracks?

"Don't get it!" cautioned a girl in braids and glasses. "Ask for help."

The children were taking part in a new campaign called "Be Safe on CTA." The agency is sending workers to Chicago public schools to give safety classes, which include a video, activity books and classroom posters.

There were some silly multiple-choice questions — such as, is the CTA rail system called "Spongebob Trainpants," the "Chicago Choo Choo" or the "L"? — to loosen the kids up and get them laughing. But there was also serious discussion about how you can die from contact with the third rail. There was even advice on how to apply for a CTA job — once the children grow a bit taller and can pass all the requirements.

The agency had offered the program a few years ago, and decided to bring it back because of all the young people who use the transit service — about 135,000 students ride the buses and the "L" on schooldays, out of a total of about 1.6 million weekday riders, CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said. Most, or about 107,000 children, ride the bus. During school fare hours, students age 7 and over ride for 75 cents on the bus or "L," and younger kids ride free.

Though the CTA did not have exact numbers, the agency knows that many children ride the train without an adult. When the second- and third-graders were asked how many have ridden the bus or train alone, about a third raised their hands.

"I ride the bus by myself because it's safe to ride the bus," said one third-grader. The girl said she has her own Ventra card to ride to and from school. "When you walk home, it's really dangerous."

Chase said the CTA has not had a problem with children getting hurt or behaving unsafely



Dwyer Pyrz, 11, left, and his friend Alan Ward, 11, ride the Red Line Friday to go to school in Lakeview. The CTA is offering safety lessons at Chicago public schools for students who ride the "L" and buses.

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on trains and buses — that's typically the province of unruly adults. But she said the CTA hopes this program will help children be safe now, and teach them to be safe, responsible transit riders in the future.

The tips include never running in front of the bus and remaining seated when the bus is moving. On the "L," the children were cautioned never to try to jump over the turnstile or go under it, don't push or run, don't go under or around the crossing gates, and stay behind the blue ledge until the train stops.

So adults, take note.

Metra also has a program to teach train safety. The commuter railroad's "Operation Lifesaver" gives about 950 safety presentations annually, primarily to preschool through high school-age children, but also to community groups, emergency responders and other organizations, said spokesman Michael Gillis. About 75 percent of the programs are given in schools.

Who gets the VW money?

The state's Environmental Protection Agency is expected to release a first-round proposal on Monday about how to spend \$108.7 million from a national settlement Volkswagen reached with the U.S. government over the German automaker's emissions scandal — and it's already raising eyebrows.

That's according to environmental advocates, though the timing could not immediately be confirmed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which has the job of putting a plan together and distributing the funds. Those who've been briefed on the so-called draft proposal say they're not too happy, because

the agency is not holding public hearings to discuss how the money should be spent, like other Midwestern states have done.

"People in Illinois were harmed by the pollution that resulted in the VW settlement," said Jennifer Walling, executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council, who learned about the plan from IEPA Director Alec Messina last week. "By taking away the opportunity for people to comment in public hearings, it takes away their chance to participate and say how they should be paid back for what was done to their health and the environment."

VW agreed to pay more than \$15 billion in settlements after admitting to installing secret software that allowed U.S. vehicles to emit up to 40 times the legally allowable level of pollution. Some of that money is going to states for clean-air programs.

Environmental groups want 15 percent of Illinois' share of the money, or about \$16.3 million, to go to plug-in charging stations for electric vehicles. They want the rest to go toward replacing diesel school and public transit buses with electric versions, to reduce diesel pollution.

But the IEPA instead plans to spend up to 15 percent of the money on administrative costs, and most of the rest on "off-road" technology, Walling said. This could mean rail or boats. A small percentage of the total could go to electric school buses, Walling said.

Walling said she was concerned that some money will go to private interests and/or replacing older diesel vehicle engines with newer ones. While newer engines would be less polluting, this would not cut nearly as much diesel pollution as buying electric buses and providing electric

charging infrastructure, advocates argue.

"It provides no structural kick in the pants," said Allen Grosboll, legislative director for the Environmental Law and Policy Center, an advocacy group. He said Messina told environmental groups last May that the agency would have public hearings around the state.

But Walling now says there's no commitment to public hearings.

Other states have gathered public comments and held hearings for more than a year and are close to finalizing their plans — Minnesota, for example, had 13 public hearings, Environmental Law and Policy Center officials said.

Kim Biggs, spokeswoman with the Illinois EPA, countered that the agency conducted a "very open process," which has included meeting with interested parties upon request. She said the agency also will be doing a survey to get feedback.

"The agency has provided for a slightly different approach than some other states, all of whom vary in approach," Biggs said.

Once the IEPA submits its final plan, it can start accessing settlement money in 30 days, and it can be spent within 10 years, said Policy Center representatives.

New Tollway head

Elizabeth "Liz" Gorman, a former Republican Cook County commissioner, will become executive director of the Illinois Tollway starting Thursday.

Gorman replaces Greg Bedalov, who left the job earlier this month to head the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority.

Gorman, of Orland Park, will oversee the state's 294-mile Tollway system and \$1.45 billion

annual budget. Her salary is still to be determined. She has most recently worked in the private sector; as director of state and local government at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Gorman told reporters after last week's board meeting that she is known for being able to cut through red tape and work both sides of the aisle. "And I plan on bringing that same collaborative spirit on the Tollway," she said.

New-old Metra locomotives

Metra has lost riders, but is gaining some locomotives. The railroad is buying up to 21 used diesel locomotives from Amtrak that will be newer, more fuel-efficient and less polluting than most of the commuter railroad's aging fleet, Metra officials said.

The railroad plans to buy the F69PHI engines for \$1.3 million each, which is almost half the cost of overhauling one of Metra's current locomotives. The 1998 Amtrak locomotives all have been overhauled within the last five years, said Kevin McCann, Metra's chief mechanical officer, at a board meeting last month.

New locomotives cost \$6.5 million to \$7.5 million each, Metra officials said.

The used machines will gain 10 to 25 percent in fuel savings over Metra's most common locomotive type, the F40PH2, said McCann. Metra could get the first locomotives in July or August.

Metra officials also told the board that the number of passengers riding the trains is down 4.4 percent over the last four years, and 2.2 percent between 2016 and 2017.

Metra cited fare hikes, low gas costs and the popularity of telecommuting as possible factors behind the ridership decline from 83.4 million passengers in 2014 to 78.6 million last year.

The CTA and other transit companies nationwide also have seen ridership losses, which have been attributed to lower gas costs and competition from ride-share companies.

Transportation song quiz

Last week's quiz asked what band took the name of one form of transportation, then changed it to another. The answer is Jefferson Airplane, which became Jefferson Starship. Erika Schnure of Oak Park was the first with the right answer.

Today's question goes deep into the vault, with a piece of music that focuses on the history of flight. It was first narrated by someone who promised to sell no wine before its time. What's the music, who wrote it and who's the narrator? The first person with the answer gets a Tribune notebook, and glory.

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Historian Timuel Black celebrates school's past

Black History Month event features 1937 grad's take on legacy of DuSable High students

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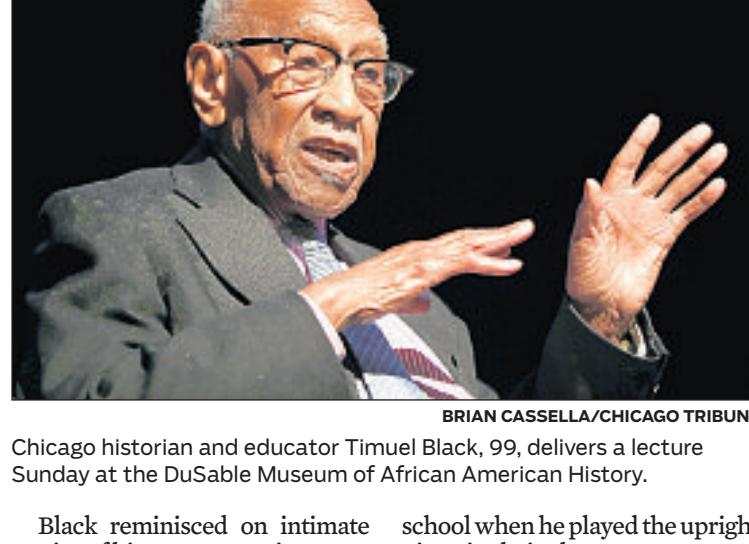
Since DuSable High School opened its doors in 1935, the inconspicuous, three-story building in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood has cultivated the beginnings of many prominent names in Chicago and beyond.

The tan brick schoolhouse at 49th Street and Wabash Avenue fostered some of the most iconic jazz musicians, including legendary singer-pianist Nat "King" Cole.

Schoolteachers fawned over the meticulousness of John H. Johnson, the prolific businessman who owned Ebony and Jet magazines and became the first African-American on the Forbes 400.

Comedian John "Redd Foxx" Sanford also graduated from DuSable.

They were all classmates of 99-year-old educator and historian Timuel D. Black, a 1937 graduate, who led a discussion Sunday on the legacy of DuSable alumni at the DuSable Museum of African American History in celebration of Black History Month.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago historian and educator Timuel Black, 99, delivers a lecture Sunday at the DuSable Museum of African American History.

Black reminisced on intimate stories of his peers spanning more than 80 years.

Long before Jet or Ebony, Johnson founded the Negro Digest, a local magazine that was later renamed Black World.

Though Black couldn't recall how Sanford got his stage name, he said his classmate was a bandleader whose music was well-received in Europe before Foxx became a comedian.

In homeroom, Cole sat in the desk behind Black and would attract students from across the

er of the DuSable Museum, was a DuSable grad.

The father of former first lady Michelle Obama, Frazier Robinson, attended DuSable and is pictured crafting a sculpture in the 1953 yearbook.

Black, after graduating from DuSable, earned degrees from Roosevelt University and University of Chicago.

He worked as a social worker and became involved in the civil rights movement, inviting the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to Chicago to speak.

Black also became an adviser to then-community organizer Barack Obama well before his political career took him to the Oval Office.

Because of an incredible sense of community, the school overcame social and economic challenges to become an incubator for future leaders, said Black, who also taught at DuSable. Greats such as W.E.B. DuBois and Paul Robeson held soap-box-style talks at Washington Park to engage young people.

"All those people would come to talk to us young people about their experiences all over the world and the need for us to be successful academically, not to forget our heritage, not forget the South Side, not forget our school," Black said. "... They would encourage us because they felt a sense of

responsibility to us, who they felt could be as successful as they were.

"It was a solid community where education was not only provided but was demanded," he said.

In 2005, DuSable was reorganized into three smaller high schools that operate in the same building: DuSable Leadership Academy High School, a four-year charter school; Bronzeville Scholastic Academy High School, a four-year college preparatory school; and Daniel Hale Williams Preparatory School of Medicine, a four-year magnet school.

The high school, named for Chicago's first non-native resident, Haitian-born Jean Baptiste Point DuSable, was landmarked by Chicago in 2013.

At Sunday's event, Grace Dawson, president of the DuSable High School Alumni Coalition for Action, called for a rejuvenation in education across the city of Chicago. One of the foremost actions should be to bolster the history curriculum, she said.

"If you don't know anything about your history, your legacy, your tradition, your heritage, your people, you think nothing about yourself," Dawson said. "You must know who you are to be successful."

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Kole Talaga, 15, talks to his mother, Brandi Talaga, at their Roselle home. Kole, adopted from Russia as a baby, was diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder two years ago.

Study: Fetal alcohol syndrome widespread

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awareness, more services, improved diagnostic methods and ultimately prevention. The study shows that FASD could be up to five or 10 times more prevalent than previous studies showed, making the disorder at least as common as autism in the U.S., researchers say.

"I hope this raises awareness from families to pediatricians to obstetricians," said Christina Chambers, one of the study's authors and professor of pediatrics at University of California at San Diego. "This is not something they could see only once in a blue moon."

Okrzesik said she and other parents in the tightknit FASD community think the study "could really be a turning point" for shedding light on the disorder. "I try to educate people who interact with my child, but I can't do it on my own."

In the study, researchers evaluated thousands of first-graders in four communities across the U.S., including questioning birth mothers when available. Given their findings of FASD among the sample of children in the study, they concluded the overall prevalence of the disorder could be as high as 5 percent using conservative estimate methods, and up to 10 percent using less conservative estimations. Most of the children who were determined to have FASD hadn't received that diagnosis in the past, the report said.

The results illustrate how often the disorder is misdiagnosed or missed altogether, said Philip May, a research professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and another author of the study, which was funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. For children with less severe cases, "most of (their parents) never thought FASD might've been the problem."

Others criticize the study's methods, and the authors of the study recognize limitations, specifically geographic constraints. Chambers noted the sample was not meant to represent the entire U.S. population, but still believes the findings show FASD is more common than once thought.

Susan Astley, director of the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic and Prevention Network at the University of Washington, said while she agrees FASD is often overlooked, she questioned the methodology of this study. In some cases, she believes the numbers are overestimations, while others could be underestimations.

She points out that the researchers did not know whether the mothers drank for nearly half of the students evaluated because they were not questioned. Plus, schools are not the right environment to do such a study, Astley said, because those most at risk likely wouldn't agree to participate.

"Of course they're not wanting to ... say they drank during pregnancy," she said. "There's just too great a stigma associated with FASD."

No safe amount

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognizes three disorders on the fetal alcohol spectrum: fetal alcohol syndrome, which is the most severe, alcohol-related neurodevelopmental disorder and alcohol-related birth defects. They cause varying levels of cognitive and developmental delays and behavioral problems.

Children often have memory and learning difficulties, and struggle with judgment and impulse control. There can also be physical symptoms, including facial abnormalities and impairment of hearing and vision.

The U.S. surgeon general, the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the



Macy Okrzesik, 6, was diagnosed last year with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, which she acquired after her birth mother drank alcohol during pregnancy, her adoptive mother says.



Naperville residents Erica and Jeff Okrzesik say there are few services available for helping Macy. "I'm constantly fighting for her," Erica said.

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have long said no amount of alcohol is safe during pregnancy and advise pregnant women to abstain from drinking. Two years ago, the CDC went a step further and issued a controversial recommendation that all women who could get pregnant and are not using birth control also avoid alcohol because of the frequency of unintended pregnancies, and because some women do not realize they are pregnant in the early weeks that are crucial for a developing fetus.

When a pregnant woman drinks alcohol, so does her baby, said Dr. Susan Mitchell, a Downers Grove OB-GYN. A fetus cannot metabolize alcohol like an adult can, she said, and when the alcohol is processed, it's

excreted directly into the surrounding amniotic fluid, repeatedly exposing the fetus in utero. "Some doctors describe it as marinating your baby in alcohol."

Dr. Whitney You, a Northwestern maternal-fetal medicine doctor, said pregnant patients sometimes ask: "It's OK to have a glass of wine at a baby shower, right?" I tell them no. No amount is safe because we don't know."

While the message of "no alcohol" is clear in the medical community, You said, it's important to make sure patients understand why they're hearing that message.

"The way I approach it is, we have so little control over so many things in life. This is the one thing you have control over," she said.

Damage done

For Macy, the FASD manifests itself in several ways. Okrzesik said her daughter is socially more like a 3-year-old child. She doesn't understand certain social cues, can be aggressive toward peers and needs constant supervision.

Okrzesik and her husband, Jeff, first noticed Macy was hyperactive around age 2. Then Macy started doing things they hadn't seen in other children. If Macy got excited, she'd lick a wall or the driveway, her mother said.

When guests arrived, she'd bark at them alongside the family dog. And while tantrums are typical of toddlers, Macy's seemed severe, Erica Okrzesik said. "They'd leave us in tears."

By her fifth birthday, Macy had a smattering of diagnoses — ADHD, sensory processing disorder and autism spectrum disorder. Despite treatment, the issues remained.

Then, a physician suggested FASD, given that Macy had some of the facial features and smaller head size associated with the disorder.

Now Macy receives several different therapies to address symptoms of FASD. But "no matter the best efforts, the (brain) damage is already done," said Erica Okrzesik, who said she is still coming to terms with her daughter's diagnosis.

To remind herself to stay "fierce," she has that word as a tattoo on her left forearm. "I'm constantly fighting for her."

Ajeet Charate, a licensed professional counselor who treats Macy and other children with FASD, called the study "long overdue" and hopes it will put FASD into the public eye.

"There has to be conversation in the community," Charate said. "This condition can totally be avoided."

There also needs to be more support for alcohol addiction, said Tom Donaldson, president of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. "If we really want to get at this, we need to do a better job of getting treatment for alcohol abuse," he said. "Most women stop (drinking); some can't."

Life changing

Like many adoptive parents of children with FASD, Brandi Talaga said she wishes the public knew more about the disorder and is surprised drinking during pregnancy "is still a question."

Talaga and her husband adopted Kole, now 15, from Russia when he was about 18 months old. About two years ago, after several misdiagnoses, the family finally got the answer to Kole's violent outbursts, troubles at school, sensory issues and other problems — FASD.

"A lot of traumatic things happen," said Talaga, who described chasing Kole down the street as he tried to hurl himself into traffic. To protect Kole, she locks up the kitchen knives with the sugary snacks in a teal plastic bin in their family room.

Kole said he knows he's "not your average kid. I feel like people aren't going to accept me because I'm different." But he's made friends at his therapeutic school and enjoys some of his classes. He looks forward to a summer camp with other FASD kids and enjoys the camaraderie there.

Talaga said she's had to adjust the dreams for her son, but hopes he learns skills at his school so that he can get a job after graduation.

"There's a favorite quote I've come across," she said. "Instead of preparing the child for the world, you have to prepare the world for your child."

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A 'game changer' for the city?

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"There comes a time where you just can't live in your grandmother's terminal anymore, and truthfully, we're living in our grandmother's terminal," Evans said. "You snooze, you lose in this business. Our competitors are out there investing, adding capacity, and we have got to do the same."

While O'Hare consistently is listed as one of the world's best-connected and busiest airports, Evans said those rankings lean heavily on Chicago's large number of regional jets and have provided the city with a false sense of security. She said Chicago's failure to add gates at O'Hare during the last quarter century has left it vulnerable to competition, noting that Los Angeles International Airport passed O'Hare last year in the number of passengers, moving into the No. 2 spot behind Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

In the coveted category of international passengers, Chicago lags even further behind.

"When you look at the international numbers, you say, 'Wait a minute. We have half the international passengers that Miami and LAX do? We have a third the number of JFK?'" Evans said of New York's largest airport. "We have more industry, more global trade, more imports from China than LA and Miami, why should Chicago be half? We're at 10 or 11 million international passengers and they're at 21 or 22 million. Really? Come on."

Emanuel declined an interview for this story. Privately, however, he has told business leaders and confidants that the O'Hare overhaul would be a "game changer" for Chicago, a move he has predicted could become one of his top achievements as mayor.

A project of this scale also could be a reputation changer for O'Hare, which for years ranked among the worst for on-time arrivals and departures, leaving thousands of travelers with their own unique tales of lengthy Chicago delays and canceled flights.

"Given O'Hare's place in the airport system — and their place is an enormous one — the fact they haven't been able to increase their gates in 24 years has been important," said Kevin M. Burke, president and CEO of the Airports Council International North America, an organization that represents airport governing bodies.

"People know from traveling around the country, if Chicago is clogged, the rest of the country gets clogged. If they don't have enough gates for aircraft, the rest of the country suffers for it," Burke said. "So, when I see a project like this going off at O'Hare, it is good for the entire U.S. airport system."

The deal would cover \$8.5 billion worth of improvements at O'Hare, according to sources familiar with the project's details who were not authorized to speak publicly. Once finalized, Emanuel is expected to introduce the agreement at Wednesday's City Council meeting.

For more than a year, Evans and her team have been at the negotiating table trying to strike a deal that finally would substantially boost O'Hare's gates. Evans and Emanuel's office declined to discuss specifics of the talks, including how much the airlines are willing to pay for the improvements. But a memo from airline negotiators to city officials obtained by the Tribune through an open records request shows that airline executives have signed off on a price tag of between \$6 billion and \$8 billion.

Representatives for United and American declined to comment Sunday on the project's price, scope or details, citing ongoing negotiations between the carriers and the city.

The airlines' incentive for the big spending? More business and better customer service.

United and American, for example, would be located in the Global Terminal with



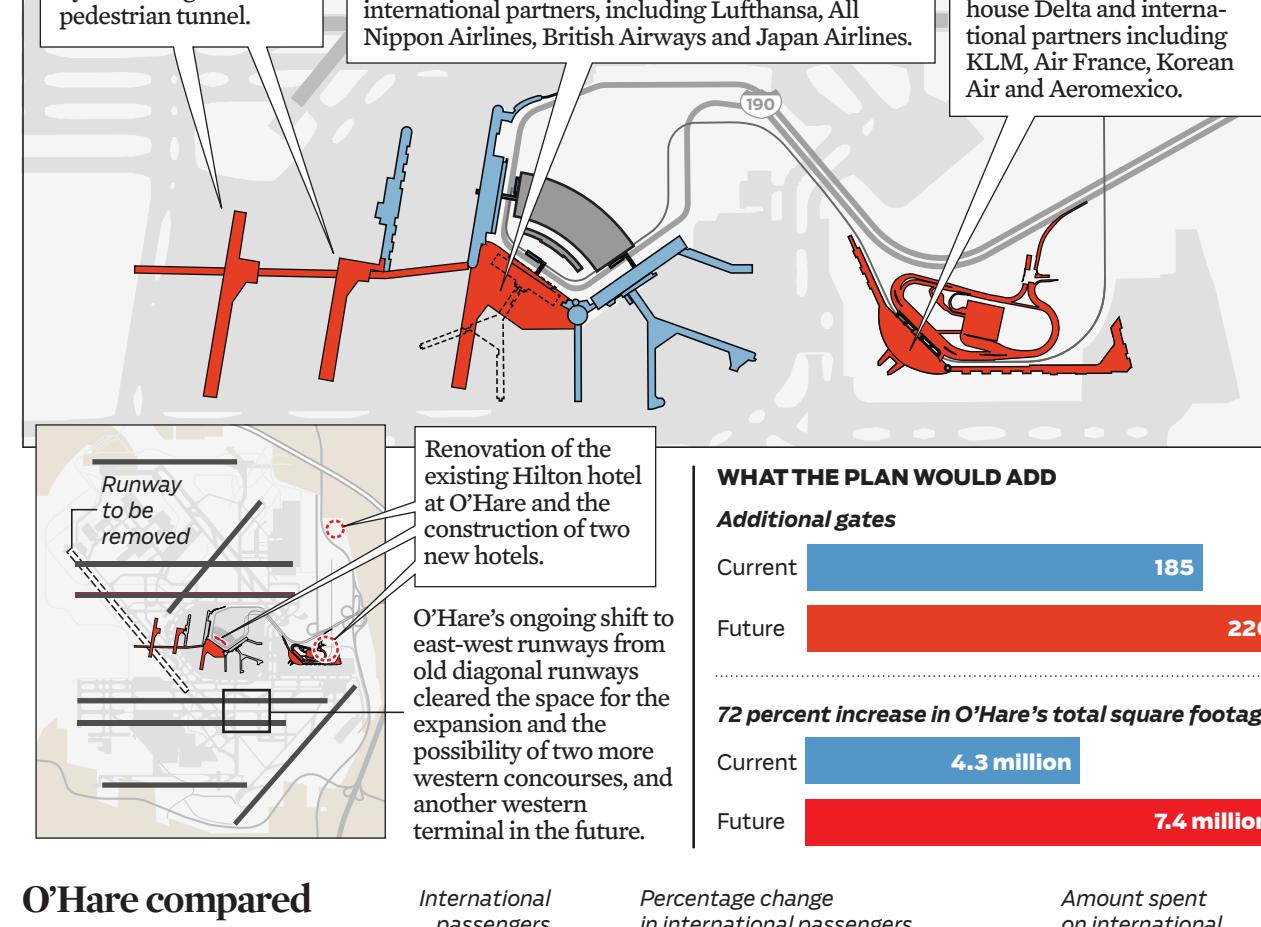
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As part of the overhaul, the 55-year-old Terminal 2 would be torn down to make way for a new "Global Terminal," which would have gates big enough to accommodate the larger aircraft often used on international flights.

O'Hare overhaul: Details of potential blockbuster deal

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration and Chicago's airlines are close to reaching an \$8.5 billion deal that would dramatically expand O'Hare International Airport. The proposal would mark the single largest and most expensive terminal revamp in O'Hare's 73-year history. The city would fund the overhaul by borrowing against future fees and charges paid by the airlines. The wide-ranging project would take eight years to construct, wrapping up in 2026.

WHAT PHASES OF THE CONSTRUCTION WOULD INCLUDE



O'Hare compared

Airport	International passengers in 2015	Percentage change in international passengers, 2005-2015	Amount spent on international terminals, since 2002
New York (JFK)	29.4 million	62%	\$4.7 billion
Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	7.5 million	57.9%	\$1.5 billion
Miami (MIA)	20.2 million	44.1%	\$4.4 billion
San Francisco (SFO)	10.8 million	40.7%	\$3.4 billion
Los Angeles (LAX)	20.2 million	20.3%	\$2.1 billion
Chicago (ORD)	11.4 million	7.4%	\$0

SOURCES: Chicago Tribune reporting, Chicago Department of Aviation

major international partners Lufthansa, All Nippon Airways, British Airways and Japan Airlines. Some "spoke" carriers like Delta, for example, would relocate to what's now international Terminal 5, where customers easily could connect to KLM, Air France, Korean Air and Aeromexico.

"The non-hub airlines get their own space in Terminal 5, their own entrance, their own hotel, more club room, more paid space, they will be closer to the city. They love that," said a source familiar with the negotiations who was not authorized to speak publicly. "And American and United essentially get a better internationally connecting complex, because to send passengers over to or from Terminal 5 is a pain in the ass. Nobody likes that."

"So, in the end, American, United and the other non-hub airlines all agreed," the source said. "It gives everyone sort of what they want."

Long on the runway

If the airlines sign off, the deal would represent a landmark breakthrough at O'Hare, where American and United long have held great control over the airport's operations, often refusing to go along with much-hyped plans for addi-

tional gates, concourses or a new terminal. The two industry giants viewed those projects as the city charging them to pay for changes that largely would benefit their smaller competitors.

Adding new gates at O'Hare to expand the airport's passenger capacity has been bandied about City Hall for at least two decades. For much of that time, it didn't amount to much more than talk. The airport had been hamstrung by its archaic layout of six intersecting runways. Even if O'Hare added gates, the airfield and runways couldn't handle the increase in flights because of the timing delays involved with alternating takeoffs and landings on the crisscrossing runways.

So in 2001, then-Mayor Richard M. Daley embarked on what became known as the O'Hare Modernization Program. The effort included using eminent domain to acquire 400 acres while razing more than 500 homes and commercial buildings and forcing the relocation of a Bensenville cemetery.

The city spent nearly \$10 billion (including \$1.1 billion from the federal government) to seize the land and build three new parallel east-west runways and extend a fourth existing one, bringing the number of east-west runways to five.

The last of those runways was only built after then-President Barack Obama's administration ponied up an extra \$155 million and, along with City Hall, convinced United and Ameri-

cant to drop a lawsuit that sought to block Daley from borrowing for further construction.

In January 2016, Emanuel rebooted the airport expansion plans with a program he dubbed "O'Hare 21."

His first announcement was a \$1.3 billion deal to build O'Hare's sixth and final east-west runway, de-icing pads to allow planes to take off more quickly and new taxiways to speed up the pace of planes going to and from far-flung gates.

The new runway is ex- pected to open in 2020 while the de-icing pads will go into operation this year, city officials said.

Emanuel secured \$345 million from the Obama administration for the runway, which Evans said was a critical step toward the multibillion-dollar O'Hare expansion now being finalized.

The sixth east-west runway allows O'Hare to shut down a second diagonal runway on the air-

field's west end, clearing room for construction of the larger global terminal and two satellite concourses, Evans said.

"That old runway blocked off acres of valuable

real estate that we couldn't use," Evans said, pointing to one of several maps spread out on a conference room table in her 17th floor Loop office.

"Now, when we get rid of it, we have something that no other airport in North America has: more than 400 acres of developable land."

'Sell the heck out of it'

When the airfield construction is completed, O'Hare will operate six east-west runways and two diagonal runways. As the added runway capacity ramps up, dozens of new gates will come online over the next eight years, according to the city's latest plans.

Some already are in the works.

United will add one gate to an existing concourse later this year. American will open five more gates on Terminal 3's L concourse. A \$300 million Terminal 5 extension is underway, with nine new gates planned in addition to the current 25.

Under the potential deal with the airlines, one of the major steps would be to build an expensive pedestrian tunnel westward from what's now Terminal 2. Evans declined to offer a cost estimate for that work.

Two new concourses — currently dubbed Satellite 1 and Satellite 2 — also would

be built. Satellite 1 would connect to Terminal 1, while Satellite 2 would be built farther west, according to city plans provided to the Tribune.

As the new concourses and gates are built, flights that arrive and depart from Terminal 2 would be relocated to the satellite concourses and an expanded Terminal 5. That would clear the way to tear down the aging Terminal 2 without hindering the airport's overall capacity and operations, Evans said. The details of exactly which airlines move, in what order and to where is still the subject of intense negotiations, city officials said.

Beyond the 35 additional gates, 40 other gates in Terminal 2 would be torn down and replaced with new ones.

While United and American have declined to discuss the project's cost, the two airlines sent an August memo to Evans indicating they backed the city spending up to \$8 billion on the O'Hare overhaul. The Tribune obtained the memo through a Freedom of Information Act request.

"A major capital program is needed to maintain and refresh existing facilities and support growth at ORD," wrote Michael Minerva, American's vice president of government and airport affairs. "The hub airlines' proposal is in line with the city's stated investment target of \$6-8 billion."

To pay for it, the city would issue bonds backed by future higher fees the airlines will be charged under a new O'Hare lease. Evans said taxpayer money would not be used and travelers should not see an increase in airfare since airlines are global companies that absorb lease increases and other fee changes.

"They price on demand. Fuel prices will have a lot bigger impact on ticket prices than rent," said Evans, who added that airport costs are about 5 to 6 percent of an airline's total operating costs.

In addition to the two new satellite concourses and global terminal, the expansion would include a new western parking and security screening facility for airline employees, a Terminal 5 parking garage and three new baggage systems considered key to the airlines' support of the expansive project.

Not included yet are three new hotel projects at the airport — the renovation of the existing Hilton, along with a new hotel at Terminal 5 and another new hotel to be built at a multimodal facility with rental cars, buses and parking that's under construction.

Evans said the airlines have agreed in principle to the new hotels, but plans won't be finalized until later this year when more cost estimates are completed.

If Emanuel's administration and the airlines ink a deal, the massive expansion will change the look, feel and operations at O'Hare.

New concourses would be 150 feet wide, dramatically larger than current ones. Terminals 1, 3 and 5 would get architectural upgrades. Passenger amenities would get a boost, with United and American opening 50,000-square-foot club lounges in the new Global Terminal.

"Some of the terminals at O'Hare date back to the dawn of the jet age," said Henry Harteveldt, a San Francisco-based travel industry analyst and president of Atmosphere Research Group. "The concourses choke. Good God. If you're at O'Hare at rush hour, even on a good day, it resembles one of the circles of hell. The city, the passengers flying to and through O'Hare and the airlines serving the airport all deserve a lot better, and they're going to get it."

The biggest operational change: O'Hare no longer will have just a single international terminal.

Terminal 5 would welcome Delta and other "spoke" carriers at O'Hare, and they'll share the terminal with several international carriers, many of

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whom have partnerships with Delta. A Delta representative declined to comment Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Global Terminal would be home to the two hub airlines and their international partners. For United, that means being located side by side with its Star Alliance partners, including Lufthansa and All Nippon Airlines. For American, that means easy connections with One World partners British Airways and Japan Airlines.

In the airline industry, having domestic and international airlines in the same terminal is known as a "global alliance hub," Evans said, pointing to London's Heathrow Airport and Tokyo's Narita International Airport as the standard. O'Hare would become the first such global alliance hub in the U.S., Evans said.

"My boss, the mayor, has this thing: 'I don't just want O'Hare to be bigger, it has to be the best,' and this is one of the ways we're going to leapfrog over the other U.S. international terminals," Evans said.

Burke, the airports council CEO, said becoming the nation's first global alliance hub would be a significant coup for O'Hare, especially given that the nation's domestic travel in recent years has been relatively flat, with much of the growth coming from international flights.

"It's good to be first when it's the right thing to do, and this seems to be the right thing to do," Burke said. "Other airports will be looking at what Chicago is able to accomplish, because if you're a large airport hub and you want to grow your international traffic, you want to work with your airlines to make sure the customer experience is a great one."

Plus, it's a big win for the airlines, which save money with faster connection times and can offer a more seamless travel experience for customers, Evans said. City Hall predicts the moves should drive a steady increase in the city's total number of passengers, from



With the changes planned for Terminal 2, O'Hare would become the first in the U.S. with a "global alliance hub" — domestic and international airlines in the same terminal.

78 million in 2016 to around 100 million by 2026.

"My ultimate goal is to get the airlines to rethink Chicago in their system, rethink how they use O'Hare. Quite frankly, we're after that international service. That's what we need and that's what we deserve," Evans said. "And if we make it really customer friendly, the airlines can sell the heck out of it."

A United representative would not comment on specifics of the project or the negotiations, but expressed optimism of reaching a final deal with the city.

"We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively in order to finalize an agreement that will mean continued investment at O'Hare and a world-class airport for the traveling public and people of Chicago," United spokesman Charlie Hobart said.

American spokeswoman Leslie Scott said the airline looked forward "to sharing the details about our opportunities to grow in Chicago once the negotiations are completed."

'Childish' games

Under Emanuel and Evans, the city has changed its approach to adding gates and a new terminal at O'Hare.

While the new concourses will march westward from the existing Terminal 2, Daley's O'Hare Modernization Plan called for the construction of a western terminal on the airfield's far edge. That required Daley to acquire hundreds of acres of land from suburban Elk Grove Village and Bensenville.

A new western terminal, paired with new western highway access to O'Hare, would generate economic development opportunities for the nearby suburbs, the city argued at that time. The highway portion is still being built, but the lack of a new western terminal means suburban officials aren't likely to see the type of economic development they hoped for, at least for now.

Evans points to the new western employee garage as a commitment to keep building gates and concourses in that direction. The city's long-term planning calls for the addition of Satellite 3 and Satellite 4 concourses and the construction of a new western terminal, but those facilities are likely 10 to 15 years off into the future, according to a City Hall source familiar with the plans.

"When people bug me about the western terminal, I say, 'you don't build the farthest gates first,'" Evans

said. "You have to build into it. We'll get there, and we'll absolutely need that."

The 50-gate western terminal Daley proposed was mothballed long before Emanuel took office, thanks to the power of United and American. The two hub airlines opposed the concept, arguing that they paid the majority of the fees at the airport and their money would go to build a terminal that would only benefit their competitors.

One of the reasons they could kill the project: The 35-year lease agreement they've been operating under gives the two hub airlines veto power over virtually every decision and project at the airport that isn't considered vital to safety or security, Evans said.

"It is enormously important not to let this very old lease — which is definitely the strongest airline control lease in the national system — continue," Evans said. "It just was not in the city's interest to let that kind of extreme airline control continue. ... In 1983, they gave away the store, gave away the farm."

United and American's stranglehold over O'Hare — and their frequent infighting — often ground improvements or investments to a halt, city officials have said. One famous example

took place eight years ago, Evans said, when a security checkpoint had to be shut down because a roof on United's terminal was leaking.

Security systems had to be covered with tarps after American repeatedly had shot down requests to repair the roof, arguing United should have to cover the entirety of the expense because of poor architectural design, she said.

"One airline won't want money they pay to fix something that helps another airline. Even though it's childish, they play games," another city official familiar with the airport's operations said of the two hub airlines. "That really caused O'Hare to be under-invested in over the course of decades."

That practice, city officials argue, left O'Hare falling behind nationally.

Over the last two decades, O'Hare has not made any major upgrades to its international terminal while airports in New York, Miami, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas and Atlanta spent a combined \$18 billion on international terminals, according to Aviation Department figures.

In making the case to the airlines for expansion, Evans pointed to Chicago's international passenger numbers remaining virtually flat over those 20 years while business at five of those other airports grew by 4 to 5 percent each year.

Harteveldt, the travel analyst, said United and American have enjoyed dominance over the airport, and it will be best for consumers if city airline officials use the expansion as an opportunity to open up more gates for other domestic and international carriers.

He noted that Virgin and Spirit airlines both previously have complained about not being able to get more gate access at O'Hare.

"I'm sure United and American are going to try to make a land grab and gobble up as many gates as they can possibly get," Harteveldt said. "It's really going to be up to the Chicago Department of Aviation to be the

advocate for the non-hub airline, both U.S. and foreign flag, to ensure those carriers have adequate access and adequate number of gates. It's in the airport's best interest to limit United and American."

Under the new lease the city is negotiating, the airlines' unilateral veto power over projects will disappear, Evans said. So, too, will United and American's right to so-called exclusive-use gates, which stay in their possession no matter how much they're using them.

The Federal Aviation Administration now prohibits such arrangements in new leases at airports that receive federal funding, noting that the practice locked up gates and allowed airlines to restrict competition and access to a market by other carriers. Under the new O'Hare lease, which is expected to span 15 years, the city will annually evaluate how often airlines are using gates and reallocate them based on use, Evans said.

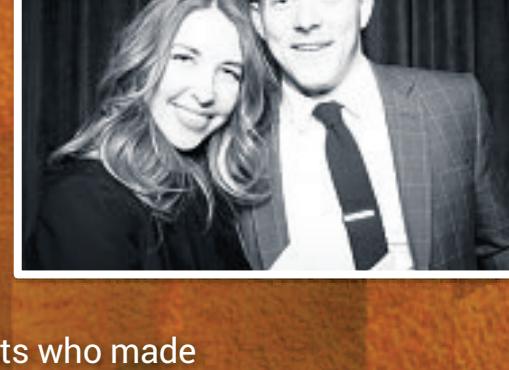
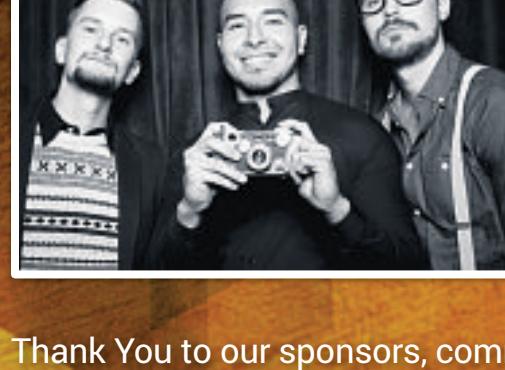
While that practice might foster more competition, United and American will remain as the undisputed heavyweights at O'Hare, with plenty of say over the details of how the airport expansion is planned and constructed. As such, the two airlines are receiving preferential treatment and placement at the new facilities included in the plan, city officials stressed. United, Emanuel often notes, is Chicago's largest private sector employer.

However the individual airlines will benefit, Harteveldt predicted. The expansion would be a major driver of new jobs, more flights and increased tourism for years to come.

"This is a very, very big deal and it is a good big deal, not a bad big deal," Harteveldt said. "This assures Chicago will remain a premier hub in the U.S. This protects that position, and it's not just about it being a point of pride for Chicago — it really needed to be done."

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S. Fla. sheriff defiant as scrutiny increases

State lawmaker calls for his removal in aftermath of massacre

BY DREW HARWELL AND MARK BERMAN
The Washington Post

Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said Sunday he should bear no responsibility for the missed warning signs before the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 students and faculty dead.

"I can only take responsibility for what I knew about," said Israel in an interview on CNN's "State of the Union." "I've given amazing leadership to this agency."

Israel has faced intensifying questions about the agency's response to the massacre following the revelation that an armed deputy on the scene did not enter the school while the shooter was inside. That deputy, Scot Peterson, retired last week after being suspended.

Israel said Sunday he should not be faulted for Peterson's actions. "You don't measure a person's leadership by a deputy not going in," he said.

Republican state Rep. Bill Hager sent a letter to Gov. Rick Scott on Saturday attacking Israel for "neglect and incompetence" and calling for his removal. Israel said Sunday, "Of course I won't resign" and said the letter was "shameful" and "politically motivated."

National Rifle Association spokeswoman Dana Loesch, speaking Sunday on ABC's "This Week," accused the sheriff's office of "dereliction of duty" and said Israel should face in-

creased scrutiny.

"I wish that as much attention were given to the Broward County sheriff and their abdication of duty as trying to blame 5 million innocent law-abiding gun owners all across the country for this," Loesch said. "I want to see as much attention on the Broward County sheriff, the FBI, the two FBI tips and the numerous calls. ... Families and neighbors called the Broward County Sheriff's Office to report this individual, and they did not follow up."

David Hogg, a senior at the school, called Israel "a good man" during an interview on ABC's "This Week" and said "he cares about the people." But Hogg said there were breakdowns in procedures. "Were there mistakes made? Absolutely."

More than a dozen calls were made to authorities with warnings about the accused shooter, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, before the attack. Israel said Sunday that most of them were handled appropriately but that in two of the calls "we're not sure if deputies did everything they could have or should have."

Israel said an internal investigation into the agency's handling of the shooting is ongoing. "We will investigate every action of our deputies, of our supervisors," he said, "and if they did things wrong I'll take care of business in a disciplinary matter, just like I did with Peterson."

During a six-minute rampage inside the Parkland high school, police say, Cruz fatally shot 17 students and faculty before blending in with fleeing teenagers and escaping the campus. He was taken into custody later



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Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said Sunday on CNN that "I've given amazing leadership to this agency."

that afternoon.

He faces a potential death sentence.

Police from the neighboring city of Coral Springs have said three other Broward deputies besides Peterson were waiting be-

hind cars outside the school when they responded to the shooting. Israel said Sunday that only Peterson, then the school resource officer, was at the school during the shooting.

A spokeswoman for Isra-

el's office, in a statement released late Saturday, insisted there was "no confirmation, at this time, other deputies did not enter the school when they should have." She said this claim continues to be investi-

gated.

The Coral Springs police said in a statement that they were "aware of media reports" but were not going to comment due to the ongoing investigation.

The Washington Post has been unable to reach Peterson, who has not spoken publicly.

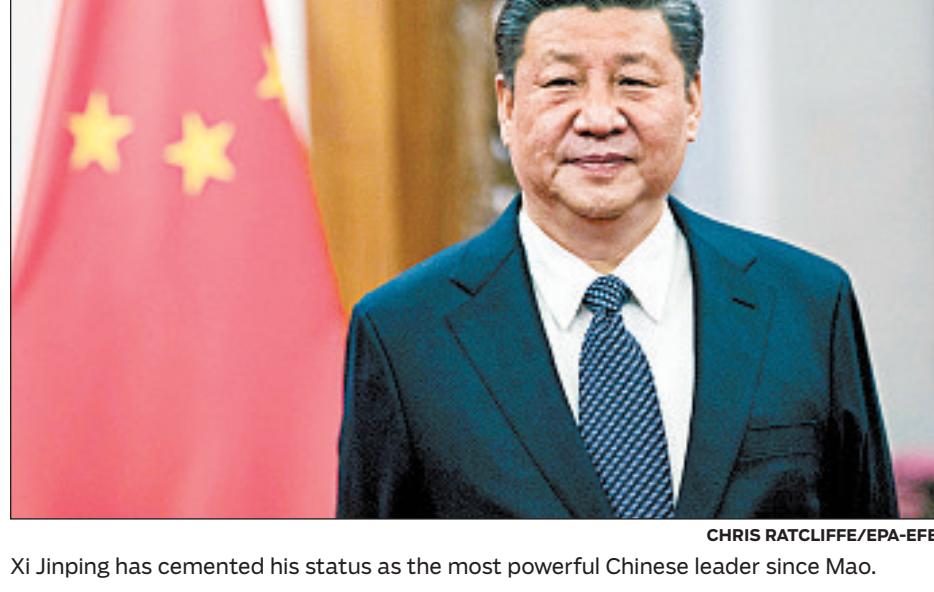
Andrew Pollack, the father of Meadow Pollack, one of the students who died in Parkland, addressed Peterson during an appearance on Fox News Sunday morning.

"There is a one deputy that worked there. Peterson. He worked there and he's a coward," Pollack said. "He stood by the door. I know for a fact that he could have made it to the third floor ... if he wasn't some little ... Words can't even describe the way that I think about him. But I am not trying to think about that stuff because that's just negative and it's just going to make me toxic."

Some survivors of the attack have said they understand Peterson's reluctance to go inside given that he may have been afraid, while others have expressed frustration at the warning signs missed over the years.

But they also said most students are focusing their anger on pushing for new gun control laws rather than blaming anyone for failures leading up to or during the shooting.

"I'm not angry; I understand that things happen," said Carly Novell, a 17-year-old senior who survived the massacre. "But really the only way that it could have been prevented is gun control. It all leads back to the gun. He couldn't have killed all these people if he didn't have a gun."



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Xi Jinping has cemented his status as the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao.

Communist Party paves way for Xi to extend rule in China

BY GILLIAN WONG

Associated Press

BELJING — China's ruling Communist Party has proposed scrapping term limits for the country's president, the official news agency said Sunday, appearing to lay the groundwork for party leader Xi Jinping to rule as president beyond 2023.

The party's Central Committee proposed to remove from the constitution the expression that China's president and vice president "shall serve no more than two consecutive terms," the Xinhua News Agency said.

"Xi Jinping has finally achieved his ultimate goal when he first embarked on Chinese politics — that is to be the Mao Zedong of the 21st century," said Willy Lam, a political analyst at the Chinese University in Hong Kong, referring to the founder of communist China.

Xi, 64, cemented his status as the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao in the 1970s at last year's Communist Party congress, where his name and a political theory attributed to him were added to the

party constitution as he was given a second five-year term as general secretary.

It was the latest move by the party signaling Xi's willingness to break with tradition and centralize power under him. Xi has taken control of an unusually wide range of political, economic and other functions, a break with the past two decades of collective leadership.

"What is happening is potentially very dangerous because the reason why Mao Zedong made one mistake after another was because China at the time was a one-man show," Lam said. "For Xi Jinping, whatever he says is the law. There are no longer any checks and balances."

Xi is coming to the end of his first five-year term as president and is set to be appointed to his second term at an annual meeting of the rubber-stamp parliament that starts March 5.

The proposal to end term limits will likely be approved at that meeting.

Term limits on office-holders have been in place since they were included in the 1982 constitution, when lifetime tenure was

abolished.

Political analysts said the party would likely seek to justify the proposed removal of the presidential term limit by citing Xi's vision of establishing a prosperous, modern society by 2050.

But Hu Xingdou, a Beijing-based political commentator, said the country is unlikely to return to an era of lifetime tenure for heads of state.

"President Xi may be in a leading position for a relatively long time," Hu said. "This is beneficial to pushing forward reforms and the fight against corruption, but it's impossible for China to have lifetime tenure again."

"We have drawn profound lessons from the system of lifetime tenures," Hu said, referring to the turmoil of Mao's 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution.

Xi's image dominates official propaganda, prompting suggestions that he is trying to build a cult of personality, and evoking memories of the upheaval of that era. Party spokespeople reject such talk, insisting Xi is the core of its seven-member Standing Committee, not a lone strongman.

South Korea: North expresses desire for 'dialogue' with U.S.

BY MATT STILES

Special to Los Angeles Times

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The diplomatic thaw created on the Korean Peninsula by the Winter Olympics showed vague signs Sunday that it could extend past the Games — and perhaps even include talks between the United States and North Korea.

The South Korean presidential office said the totalitarian state might be open to dialogue.

The potential for any discussions, which remains vague, came after a high-level delegation from North Korea visited Pyeongchang, South Korea, for the closing ceremony of the Games.

"The North Korean delegation also expressed its desire for DPRK-US dialogue," said a statement from South Korea's presidential office, using the diplomatic acronym for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. "They, too, thought that North-South relations and DPRK-US relations should advance together."

The Olympics helped restart stalled dialogue between the North and the South after the two sides agreed to a joint march together during the opening ceremony and to field a combined women's hockey team. The South also opened its nation to a sizable delegation from the North, including an orchestra and cheerleading squad, as a sign of goodwill and cultural solidarity between the two nations.

The potential talks between the United States and North Korea came two weeks after another delegation from the North — this one involving Kim Jong Un's sister, Kim Yo Jong — invited South Korean President Moon Jae-in to a summit in Pyongyang.

Uncertainty among Korean security experts re-

mained high on Sunday about whether the diplomatic hints, which came as President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump attended the closing ceremony, might amount to substance later.

Trump sat in the same box with Kim Yong Chol, vice chairman of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party Central Committee. They did not appear to interact when Moon shook hands with dignitaries.

North Korea and the United States remain at odds over the nation's nuclear weapons program, which has progressed in recent years despite international condemnations and economic sanctions.

The White House issued a statement Sunday that seemed to set denuclearization as a precondition of talks. "The maximum pressure campaign must continue until North Korea denuclearizes," the statement said. "We will see if Pyongyang's message today, that it is willing to hold talks, represents the first steps along the path to denuclearization. In the meantime, the United States and the world must continue to make clear that North Korea's nuclear and missile programs are a dead end."

Observers have said North Korea is unlikely to commit to denucleariza-

tion, especially as a precondition to any dialogue.

"The reality is that there is still a large gap in the positions of both sides," said James Kim, a research fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. "Without some answers to these questions, I am not sure how the two sides would come together for any serious dialogue or discussion."

That uncertainty was echoed by others who follow the tensions between the North and the United States, which threatened to escalate to armed conflict last year as the North tested three intercontinental ballistic missiles and conducted an underground nuclear test.

The Trump administration last week announced even more economic sanctions against the North, focused on its economy through shipping.

The statement about potential dialogue came amid the hype about peace and the Olympics. It occurred Sunday after an hour-long discussion involving the North's delegation and the South's president, Moon.

Moon's office said the discussion included the South's national security and intelligence chiefs, among others.

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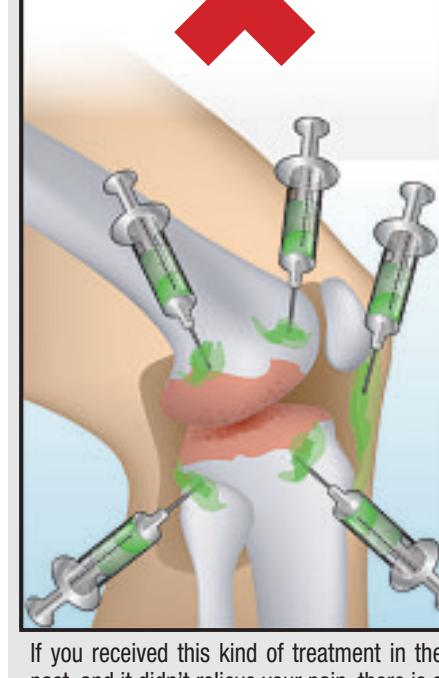
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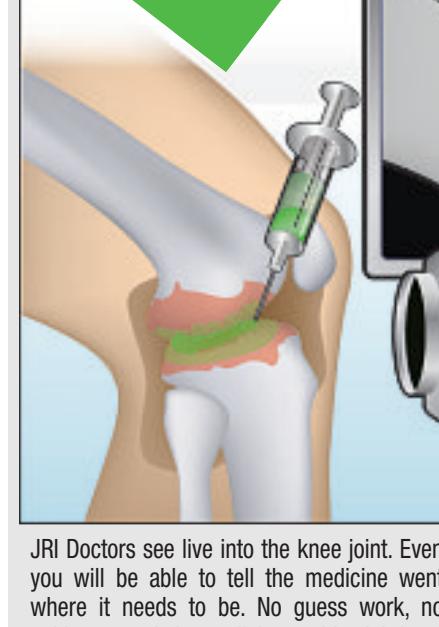
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The National Rifle Association's Dana Loesch addresses the Conservative Political Action Conference last week.

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NRA shuns Trump age-limit proposal

Guns, from Page 1

ences with the White House, saying: "I know that people are trying to find daylight between President Trump and 5 million law-abiding gun owners."

Raising the age requirement, Loesch said, was only a step that Trump was mulling, not a hard-and-fast commitment. "These are just things that he's discussing right now," she said.

Federal law includes several different age limits for

gun purchases. Licensed gun dealers cannot sell a handgun to a person younger than 21 but can sell a rifle to anyone 18 or older. Unlicensed sellers, such as those at gun shows, can sell handguns to those 18 or older and rifles regardless of age.

The older age limit for handgun purchases was put into law in 1968, when concealed handguns were the focus of gun control efforts and sales at gun shows had not yet emerged as an issue.

"It should all be at 21," Trump said Thursday, predicting the NRA would support that limit. He has repeated that call several times.

The suspect identified by authorities as having shot and killed 17 people, mostly teenagers, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school in Parkland, Fla., is 19. Authorities said that a year ago, he legally bought the AR-15-style rifle used in the attack.

The debate in the after-

math of that shooting has left the NRA on the defensive amid a widening boycott campaign aimed at businesses with ties to the group. The latest companies to end their ties with the NRA were Delta and Chicago-based United Airlines. Both said Saturday they will no longer offer discounted fares to NRA members to attend their annual meetings.

Politicians, too, have been called out by a movement spearheaded by student activists, including some survivors of the mass shooting.

Among those young activists is David Hogg, a Parkland student who in the wake of the shooting has emerged as an ardent and highly visible gun-safety advocate.

Interviewed Sunday on ABC's "This Week," Hogg said the NRA seeks to put forth the false impression that elected officials who receive campaign donations are not beholden to it.

"It's just disgusting. They act like they don't own these politicians. They still do," Hogg said. "They've gotten gun legislation passed before in their favor, in favor of gun manufacturers."

A few elected officials whose positions have long aligned with those of the NRA, including Trump and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, have expressed newfound support for raising the age limit for gun sales, either nationwide or at the state level.

"I'm an NRA member, a supporter of the Second Amendment, and the First Amendment, and the entire Bill of Rights for that matter," Scott said Friday in announcing his support for a package of gun control measures, including the age limit.

"I'm also a father, and a grandfather, and a governor," he said. "We all have a difficult task in front of us balancing our individual rights with our obvious need for public safety."

Some governors interviewed during the National Governors Association's winter meeting in Washington said that for the most part that they did not have proposals ready to take to their legislatures and said that, with limited time in legislative sessions, action might not be speedy.

But they suggested that the horror of the killings in Florida could force changes in the future.

Trump said Sunday that the shooting is the top issue he wants to discuss with governors. He planned to solicit input from them during meetings Monday at the White House.

A number of governors said they opposed arming teachers.

"Putting more guns into the mix is not something I believe is an answer," said Michigan Republican Gov. Rick Snyder.

But some congressional Republicans have gotten behind Trump's suggestion that some teachers should be issued weapons and trained in their use, an idea that has drawn strong criticism from educators.

"What you need is some of the teachers who are armed," Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., said on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday.

In the interview, Massie also voiced strong opposition to weapons-free zones in and around schools, and likened calls for more stringent background checks to putting "lipstick on a pig." He added that background checks and similar measures offer "false sense of security."

Another Republican lawmaker, Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, said he doubted the efficacy of raising the minimum age to buy a gun.

Toomey said on NBC that the "vast majority" of people between the age of 18 and 21 were "law-abiding citizens who aren't a threat to anyone."

Family members of some of those slain in the Parkland shooting vowed to keep up the pressure. Andrew Pollack, whose daughter Meadow was among the dead, told "Fox News Sunday" that "my daughter's death cannot be in vain."

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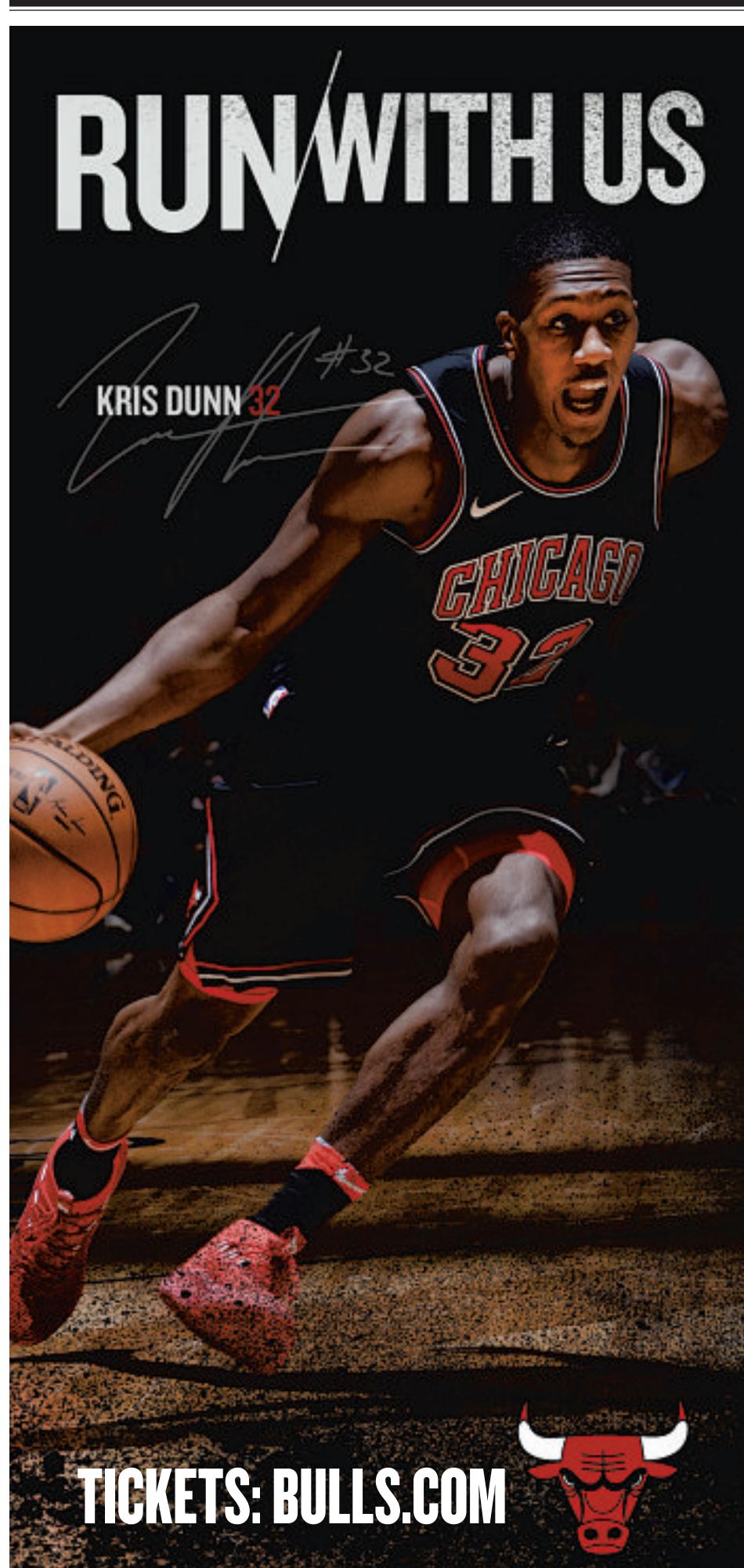
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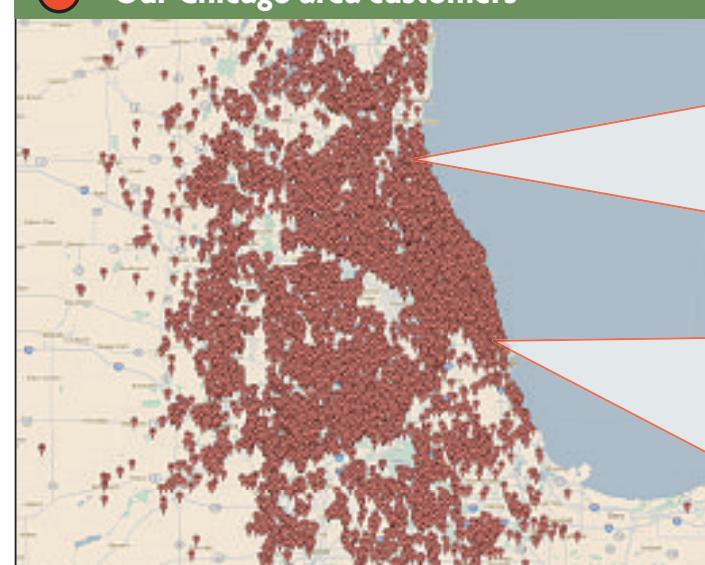
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After 25 years, New York's

'precursor to 9/11' still haunts

BY JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a room in the 9/11 museum, there are a police captain's poignant notes and a flashlight that illuminated the way to safety. Nearby, a letter from a trapped man tells his family, "I love you very much. Do wonderful things in your life."

The artifacts aren't from Sept. 11, 2001. They are reminders of a terror attack that foreshadowed it: the deadly World Trade Center bombing, 25 years ago Monday.

That shadow fell personally on Lolita Jackson. As a young finance worker, she picked her way down 72 flights of blacked-out stairs on Feb. 26, 1993, and fled the trade center's south tower again in 2001.

The bombing "tends to be forgotten because 9/11 was such a cataclysmic event," she says, but the blast has its own place in the lives and memories of an estimated 50,000 people who were in the twin towers that snowy afternoon.

The explosion killed six people, injured more than 1,000, manifested the growing terror threat from Islamic extremism and led to safety improvements credited with helping some people survive Sept. 11.

It "was, in many respects, a precursor to 9/11," says museum President Alice Greenwald.

A bomb exploded in a rented van in a basement parking garage shortly after noon, causing a crater several stories deep and a boom felt many floors above.

The blast killed visitor John DiGiovanni and five people who worked at the trade center — Robert Kirkpatrick, Stephen Knapp, William Macko, Wilfredo Mercado and Monica Rodriguez Smith. Smith was pregnant.

Power was knocked out and pipes were severed, flooding backup generators. Elevators got stuck. A group



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Police officers help an injured victim of the truck bomb attack on the World Trade Center of 25 years ago.

of kindergartners was stranded for hours on an observation deck. Other people were trapped in the debris-filled garage. Police helicopters plucked nearly two dozen people, some disabled, from rooftops.

Some office workers broke out windows to try to clear smoke while awaiting help. Others made their way down, emerging coated in soot.

Jackson didn't feel fearful at first. What was terrifying was the 2 1/2-hour trek down the pitch-dark, crowded, smoky stairs, wondering what she would see at the bottom.

"You didn't know what was going to happen," recalls Jackson, who now works in city government.

Within days, a fragment of the rented van began leading investigators to Muslim extremists who sought to punish the United States for its Middle East

politics, especially its aid to Israel, according to prosecutors.

Then-Manhattan U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White "saw red lights blinking everywhere about how serious I thought this threat was from international terrorists," she told an audience Thursday at the museum.

Indeed, a letter found on an accused bombing conspirator's laptop made it chillingly clear the threat wasn't over.

"Unfortunately, our calculations were not very accurate this time. However, we promise you that next time it will be very precise and the World Trade Center will continue to be one of our targets," it said.

Six bombing suspects were convicted and sentenced. A seventh suspect, Abdul Rahman Yasin, remains at large and is on the FBI's list of most wanted terrorists.

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The Koch brothers, the DeVos family, and other wealthy and corporate interests see the opportunity and voice that unions enable as a threat to their power. They want to further rig our economy and our democracy against working folks. Corporate interests have committed millions to “defund and defang” unions, and the Koch brothers are using the massive tax breaks they just got to spend \$400 million to “break” teachers unions and undermine public education.

LLAMARA PADRO-MILANO

Registered nurse, Syracuse, N.Y.



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Without the union, I wouldn't have been able to go to Puerto Rico immediately after Hurricane Maria hit to provide lifesaving medical treatment. And I wasn't alone—300 union brothers and sisters were with me, and when we went to homes, towns and neighborhoods, we were often told we were the first people they had seen to help.

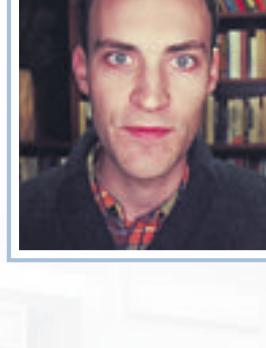
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These corporate interests have funded a case—Janus v. AFSCME—being heard by the Supreme Court today, which aims to defund and ultimately destroy unions. The Supreme Court has long upheld that states can decide how they handle their labor relations, including explicitly allowing unions to represent employees, and that public employees who do not want to join the union that represents them may instead pay a “fair share” fee. This fee is meant to compensate the union for bargaining contracts and other services; nonmembers are not required to pay anything toward any political activity by the union. Twenty-three states have opted to do this, because collective bargaining has proven to lead to more efficient state services and a better quality of life.

Janus' backers argue, with no evidence, that this 40-year precedent violates nonmembers' right to free speech. The current ideological composition of the Supreme Court suggests that this one complaint could undercut the interests of millions of workers by depriving their unions of funds they need to function. That's not an unintended consequence—it's the entire point of these assaults on unions. Unions fight for a better life for working people, and the right wing sees that as a threat.

DAVID WALSH

Grad employee, Princeton, N.J.



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The union made all the difference in our fight to keep graduate school affordable for everyone, not just the wealthy; together we defeated a tax on graduate tuition so anyone who wants to advance their careers or dedicate their lives to research and learning can get the education they need.

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Working people are uniting to stop this attack on our freedoms—an attack being funded by corporate interests that just want to rig our economy and democracy against us.



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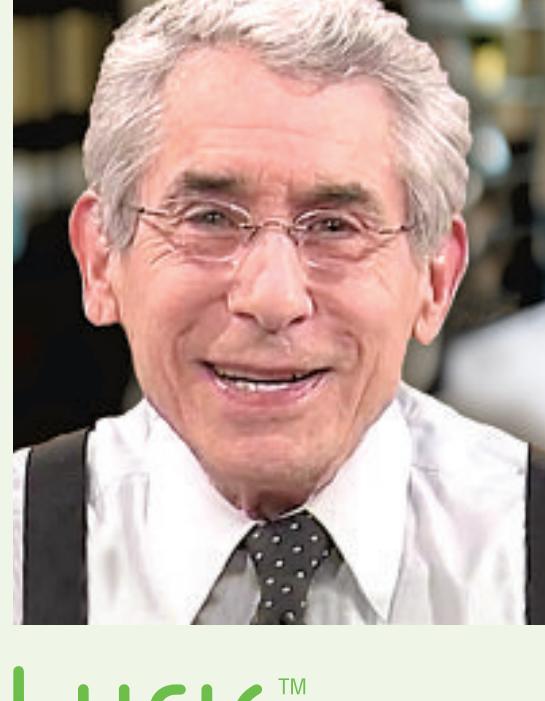
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Christians shutter renowned Jerusalem church in protest

JERUSALEM — The leaders of the major Christian sects in Jerusalem closed the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built on the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, for several hours on Sunday to protest an Israeli plan to tax their properties.

The Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic and the Armenian Apostolic leaders responsible for the site issued a joint statement bemoaning what they

called a "systematic campaign of abuse," comparing it to anti-Jewish laws issued in Nazi Germany.

The Christians are angry about Jerusalem municipality plans to tax their various assets around the city and a potential parliament bill to expropriate land sold by the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches. The churches, which are major landowners in the holy city, say it violates a long-standing status quo.

Nigerian government admits that 110 girls still missing

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Nigeria's government acknowledged Sunday that 110 girls remained missing nearly a week after Boko Haram militants attacked their town. Frustrated family members already had compiled a list of missing girls and said officials were slow to respond.

The fate of the girls is not known, but witnesses said the Islamic extremists specifically asked the loca-

tion of the girls' school. Some witnesses reporting seeing young women taken away at gunpoint.

Information Minister Lai Mohammed made the announcement Sunday after meetings with family members, some of whom criticized the government for taking days to make such an announcement.

Many fear the girls were abducted as brides for Boko Haram extremists.

Powerful earthquake rattles central Papua New Guinea

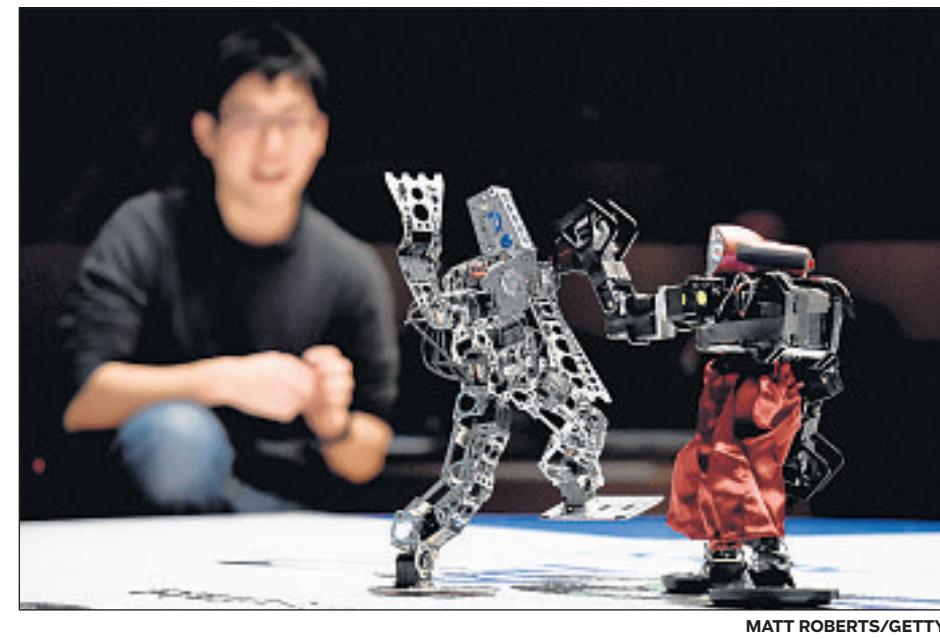
WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A powerful earthquake rattled forest villages and a large gold mine in central Papua New Guinea early Monday, but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

Officials were waiting for more information about damage from the magnitude 7.5 quake that hit about 55 miles southwest of Porgera in the Pacific island nation.

Chris McKee, acting director of geohazards management for the Papua New Guinea government, said tens of thousands of people live in the forested highlands region affected by the quake.

"There seem to be quite a few reports of the quake being felt strongly," he said.

The area also is home to a number of oil and gas operations and coffee plantations, McKee said.



Time to rock and sock: Robots fight during the ROBO-ONE tournament Sunday in Tokyo. According to organizer Biped Robot Association of Japan, the competition is aimed at improving robotic technology and boost the appeal of bipedal walking robots.

MATT ROBERTS/GETTY

5 dead after tornado, flooding from storms lash central U.S.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The death toll rose to at least five on Sunday after severe thunderstorms swept through the central U.S., spawning a tornado that flattened homes, gale force winds and widespread flooding from the Upper Midwest to Appalachia.

The system that stretched from Texas to the Canadian Maritime provinces had prompted several emergency declarations even before the dangerous storms arrived.

In southwestern Michigan, the body of a 48-year-old man was found floating

in floodwaters Sunday in Kalamazoo, authorities said.

In Kentucky, authorities said three people died. Two bodies were recovered from submerged vehicles in separate incidents Saturday.

A body was recovered from a vehicle that was in a ditch in western Kentucky near Morganfield.

And a male's body was pulled from a vehicle in a creek near the south-central Kentucky community of Franklin on Saturday.

About 20 miles away, a 79-year-old woman died after a suspected tornado

destroyed her Adairville home and it collapsed on her earlier Saturday.

The fifth death was in northeast Arkansas, where an 83-year-old man was killed after high winds toppled his trailer home Saturday night.

In Middle Tennessee, the National Weather Service on Sunday confirmed an EF-2 tornado with maximum winds of 120 mph hit Clarksville on Saturday, destroying at least four homes.

The governors of Missouri, Indiana and Illinois declared disaster emergencies.

4 critically injured by explosion and fire in Britain

LONDON — Four people were hospitalized in critical condition following an explosion that left a building in the English city of Leicester in flames Sunday, local emergency agencies said.

The Police Department said on its website there was no indication the emergency was terrorist-related.

"The cause of the explosion will be the subject of a joint investigation by the police and Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service," the Police Department said.

The incident occurred just after 7 p.m. on a crowded street that leads into Leicester's city center and was being treated as a search-and-rescue operation. The street is a mix of apartments and small shops.

University Hospitals of Leicester said the four people at a local hospital are critically injured.

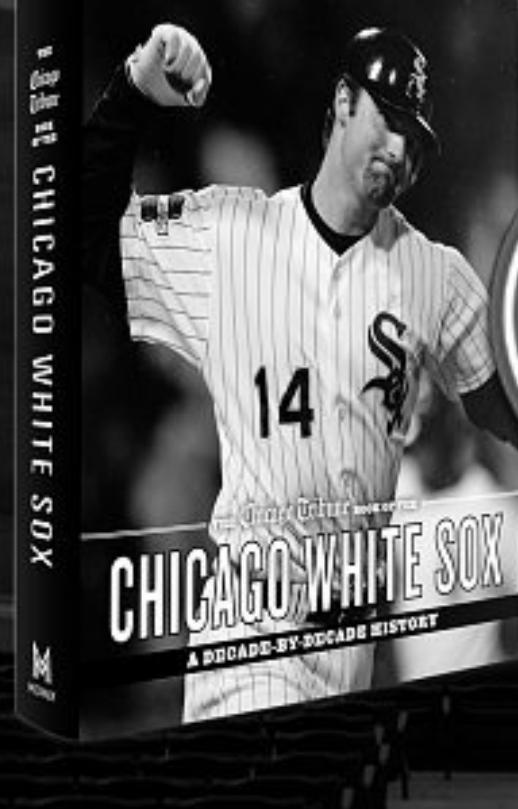
Shelling and bombardment

in Syria's capital and its eastern suburbs killed at least six people Sunday following the U.N. Security Council's approval of a resolution demanding a 30-day cease-fire across Syria, activists and residents said. Attacks on residential areas appear to have shifted to strikes on the front lines.

The White House said President Donald Trump will attend Friday's funeral in North Carolina for the Rev. Billy Graham.

The evangelist and spiritual adviser to numerous presidents died last week. He will be afforded the rare tribute of lying in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday and Thursday.

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EDITORIALS

For the Illinois House

When the Illinois House convenes next January, will representatives re-elect Michael Madigan their speaker? Or will Madigan's failures in confronting sexual harassment and bullying in his political organization mean another Democrat, or a Republican, will wield the gavel?

Remember: You want change in Springfield? You have to send it. The Tribune Editorial Board begins its endorsements for contested House races in the March 20 Illinois primary.



Aaron Ortiz

1st District: Best of luck if you need to reach Rep. Dan Burke, D-Chicago, a 27-year member of the General Assembly. His office at 51st and Washtenaw is staffed only sporadically, constituents tell us. No surprise, given he doesn't do much these days. Burke is burned out. Southwest Side voters deserve better. **Aaron Ortiz**

of Chicago is a first-time candidate, counselor and soccer coach at Back of the Yards College Prep, a thriving high school in the heart of the district. Ortiz is backed by Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who is running for Congress, and grass-roots reformers. Ortiz is endorsed.



Delia Ramirez

4th District: Any of the four Chicago candidates running to replace departing Democratic Rep. Cynthia Soto for this Northwest Side seat would be more engaged than she has been. Two candidates have hands-on experience serving the community: Iris Millan, who worked for Ald. Proco "Joe" Moreno's ward office, and **Delia Ramirez**, who oversees a nonprofit in Logan Square. Also running: Alyx Pattison and Anne Shaw,

both smart and capable attorneys who previously ran for Chicago City Council. We're giving the nod to Ramirez, who would be a bold and aggressive voice for this district. May we suggest her first order of business if elected? Coalesce the talents of the other three women on the ticket and work together for the community.



Dilara Sayeed

5th District: This heavily gerrymandered South Loop and South Side seat opened up when incumbent Rep. Juliana Stratton decided to run for lieutenant governor. Two candidates from Chicago would hit the ground running: Lamont Robinson Jr., an insurance agent and adjunct professor, and **Dilara Sayeed**, former CEO of the Golden Apple Foundation. They're both dynamic candidates with a progressive agenda and policy

smarts. In this race, we're giving the edge to Sayeed, who is running her campaign without the help of the House Democratic machine. The money flowing from House Speaker Michael Madigan's allies to Robinson makes us question his ability to be independent if elected. Also on the ballot: Kenneth Dunkin, whom Madigan desperately wants to defeat — in 2016, Stratton unseated Dunkin with Madigan's help after Dunkin bucked the speaker on key votes — and Felicia Bullock, a buyer for the University of Chicago running for office for the first time.



Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy

14th District: Rep. Kelly Cassidy of Chicago took a bad vote against education funding reform and more money for Chicago Public Schools because she couldn't stomach a scholarship program she felt would hurt neighborhood schools. We'll say again: It was a bad vote. But elected officials ought to be evaluated on their body of work, and Cassidy's is impressive. She has worked with Re-

publicans on criminal justice reform. She is deeply involved on the policy side of legalizing marijuana. And she isn't afraid to call out her party leaders, including her recent admonishments of Speaker Madigan for his handling of a sexual harassment complaint within his organization. She is endorsed over her opponent, Arthur Noah Siegel, also of Chicago, whose main agenda — environmental causes — is more federal than state.



Candance Chow

17th District: When we invited candidates to meet with us for an interview, the so-called front-runner, Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz of Glenview, didn't respond or show up. That made us nervous about her, as did the gobs of money flowing to her from Madigan and his allies. The most independent candidate for this seat is **Candance Chow** of Evanston, a local school board member who

would be a contrarian voice in the group-think of Springfield. We were impressed with two other women running, Mary Rita Luecke of Skokie and Alexandra Eidenberg of Wilmette, who had the guts to show up. Also on the ballot is Pete Dagher of Skokie. For this seat, the nod goes to Chow.



Robert Martwick

LaPorte, also of Chicago, who isn't running much of a campaign.



Robert Rafael Reyes

24th District: Newcomer **Robert Rafael Reyes** of Berwyn is taking on an entrenched incumbent, Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez of Cicero. Reyes makes the best case for his own candidacy on his Tribune questionnaire, pointing out that residents are "fed up with constant tax increases without reforms." One of the Democrats who voted for the 32 percent income

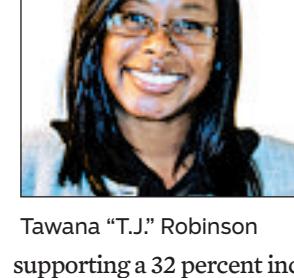
tax hike last July with no spending reforms? Yes, his opponent, the machine-backed Hernandez. Reyes, a real estate agent who has worked for U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez and U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, is endorsed.



Curtis Tarver II

25th District: For 39 years (yes, 39!), Democratic Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie has represented this Hyde Park-lakefront seat while serving as House Speaker Michael Madigan's go-to legislator. When she announced she would retire, a flurry of candidates raised their hands. The field of Chicago candidates to replace her is strong and

accomplished: entrepreneur Angelique Collins, legislative liaison Adrienne Irmer, attorney and community advocate Anne Marie Miles, property tax specialist Flynn Rush (son of U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush), independent activist William Calloway and nonprofit director Grace Chan McKibben. Our endorsement goes to **Curtis Tarver II**, a thoughtful entrepreneur and attorney whose private sector experience would be a welcome addition on the Democratic side of the aisle.



Tawana "T.J." Robinson

27th District: Democratic Party officials last year chose Rep. Justin Slaughter of the Washington Heights community to replace retiring Rep. Monique Davis in this South Side district. We wish we could say Slaughter has made a mark in Springfield, but his voting record so far is generally in lockstep with party leaders, including

supporting a 32 percent income tax hike in July. His opponent, **Tawana "T.J." Robinson** of Chicago, has an education background and promises to be a stronger voice for low- and middle-income families. Robinson is endorsed.

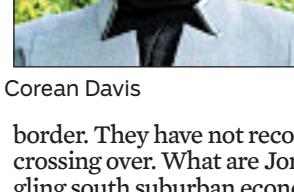


Mary Carvin

28th District: Once again, it appears Rep. Bob Rita of Blue Island has sheltered himself from a real race. Two women are running against him for the Democratic nomination, but one appears to be a "ghost" candidate who isn't running a real campaign. That's how you split the vote, making it easier for Rita to be re-elected. When will voters of this district

finally get fed up with the tricks? **Mary Carvin** is a teacher and honest broker from Blue Island who previously ran for city clerk and served on the library board.

She's up against the machine. She would be a strong and reform-minded lawmaker. Carvin is strongly endorsed.



Corean Davis

29th District: This Democratic primary should be an easy call for Southland voters. Incumbent Rep. Thaddeus Jones of Calumet City has not done enough to fight policies, in Springfield and locally, that are hurting the district. Example: The Cook County soda tax, though now repealed, continues to harm businesses along the Indiana

border. They have not recovered. Consumers still are crossing over. What are Jones' ideas to protect the struggling south suburban economy? **Corean Davis** of South Holland, mother of three and married to a 17-year military veteran, has a plan to offer tax incentives to Illinois businesses near the border. She would be a stronger and more engaged voice for this district. Send change to Springfield. Send Davis.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Compromise is often good.

On gun law, Republicans oppose banning assault weapons such as the AR-15, the one the Parkland shooter used, because of the numbers, power and contributions of gun owners and the NRA.

Democrats oppose banning late-term abortion because of the numbers, power and contributions of the rising left, feminists and Planned Parenthood.

The idea: Trade banning assault weapons for banning late-term abortion. Make illegal a killing machine and a killing procedure. In both cases the lives of children would be saved.

Wouldn't this clean some of the air? Wouldn't we all breathe a little easier?

Peggy Noonan, The Wall Street Journal

Obviously, it's impossible to know how Frederick Law Olmsted, who died in 1903, would have felt about a presidential museum in one of his parks. ... It's easy to imagine New York banning a tower in Central Park. That city, though, is a living museum.

Chicago, on the other hand, has always rebuilt and reinvented itself, a civic inclination that goes back to the fire of 1871. As one of the youngest of the world's great cities, we have less reverence for history because we have less history to revere.

So how much should the maxims of a 19th-century park designer tie the hands of a 21st-century president? Whatever Olmsted wanted for Jackson Park in the 1890s undoubtedly is going to make way for what former President Obama wants there today.

Edward McClelland, Chicago Magazine

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Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., from left, Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Fla., and Rep. Ted Deutch, D-Fla., engage in a CNN town hall meeting Wednesday in the wake of the Florida school shooting.

The Twitterization of gun politics



HEATHER WILHELM

If you watched CNN's emotionally charged town hall presentation on gun violence Wednesday night — titled "Stand Up: The Students of Stoneman Douglas Demand Action" — I'm sorry. No, really. I am genuinely sorry. Televised political "town halls" tend to be awkward, terrible, stilted, cringe-inducing and wildly artificial showboating affairs. We can thank President Jimmy Carter for pioneering this nightmarish trend in 1977 and President Bill Clinton for cheerfully carrying it forward to torture us through the 1990s. But a televised political town hall dedicated to gun violence, held just days after a horrific high school mass shooting in Parkland, Fla. — and populated by grieving parents and students — could only serve as a recipe for misery.

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If you did watch it, however, you may have noticed something odd, creeping out from behind the obviously distressing subject

matter. Our political dialogue, it seems, has become increasingly Twitterized.

Twitter, of course, is that infamous online chaos pool that many journalists regularly swear they'll abandon for good, only to come crawling back like a beleaguered country-song barfly to that beautiful bluejeaned girl with the big-city dreams and frequently cheating heart. In the world of Twitter, snap judgments rule. Tribalism reigns. It is a world of blaring headlines, void of context, and the blaring headlines often serve as a simple excuse to yell. It is a place where public shaming, "dragging" and ganging up on people is widely accepted.

It is a place where nothing gets achieved, few to zero problems are fixed and very little constructive dialogue ever takes place. Ever.

Not everyone in America is on Twitter, thank goodness, but its signature style seems to be catching on. So on Wednesday, a high school junior took to the CNN stage and launched into Sen. Marco Rubio with the following line: "It's hard to look at you and not look down the barrel of an AR-15 and not look at Nikolas Cruz."

Wait. What? Weirdly, nobody on the stage even seemed to

flinch. Cruz, of course, is the alleged gunman who killed 17 people at the Florida high school. Rubio, on the other hand, is a deer-in-the-headlights politician who was surely berating himself for falling for the oldest trick in the book, participating in a televised political town hall.

That same student went on to declare that when it comes to guns, we should split the world between people who "want to make a difference" and people who simply "prefer money." Ah. OK. Judging by the applause, making a difference would involve banning "every semi-automatic rifle that's sold in America" — a decidedly unconstitutional idea that inspired enthusiastic cheers. Strangely, making a difference apparently does not involve spending a great deal of time questioning why multiple law-enforcement officials were warned repeatedly about the shooter — and his very specific threat to kill people at his school — to no avail. That, after all, is uncomfortable and complicated. America, you've been Twitterized.

Or take National Rifle Association spokeswoman Dana Loesch, another guest at the town hall, who earned an impressive crop of nonsensical boos. When Loesch

suggested strengthening the background check system, she was booed. When she noted that guns are important for women's self-defense, she was booed. At one point, an audience member shouted that she was a "murderer." Had Loesch promised everyone a new car, Oprah-style, she probably would have been booted as well.

On the flip side, the NRA apparently has decided that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Here's the organization's bold new talking point, launched through a promotional video and at the Conservative Political Action Conference: "The mainstream media loves mass shootings." Wait. What? Look, I support the Second Amendment, and I own guns, but somebody needs to pull the NRA aside and gently tell them that this behavior is unbecoming and even a little insane. (It would look right at home, of course, on Twitter.)

Here's the thing: In the wake of mass shootings — in the wake of that horrifying, sinking "not again" gut feeling shared by almost every single person nationwide — I understand why people want to ban certain guns. I disagree with the idea, but I understand it.

Here's my worry: In our in-

creasingly Twitterized nation, that relatively simple concept — "I disagree with the idea, but I understand it" — seems to be an increasingly endangered thought process. Political insults, of course, are nothing new. But just earlier this month, New York Times columnist David Brooks earned widespread scorn and evisceration for a rather mild column suggesting that all Americans, including law-abiding gun owners, are worthy of respect. Yikes.

This is disappointing, because there are concrete steps we can take to try to tackle gun violence — and perhaps even some that could be accepted on both sides of the aisle. At National Review, for instance, David French has offered a substantial proposal for gun-violence restraining orders, which would stop people like Cruz from getting weapons in the first place. Could we discuss it without yelling or booing or heckling or immediately dismissing it out of hand, in the grand style of Twitter dot com?

Let's hope so. It's really not that hard to do.

National Review

Heather Wilhelm is a columnist for National Review.

The CTA's Blue Line has a big problem

BY ELIZABETH GREIWE

If there's one thing commuting on the CTA Blue Line has taught me, it's patience.

I need it when I'm standing behind five rows of fellow commuters trying to get on the train.

I need it when the next incoming train is running express. I need it when I'm jostled and pushed around the train car. And I need it when I hear, once again, that a train is delayed due to mechanical problems. Or an unauthorized person on the tracks. Or police activity. Or a sick passenger.

I know, I know. Everyone's commute sucks.

And, of course, trains experience delays and cramped commutes due to things out of operators' control.

But the Blue Line has a prob-

lem.

There has been a massive population boom along the O'Hare branch of the Blue Line.

It's the second-busiest branch of the CTA with more than 86,000 riders on an average workday.

According to an article in Chicago magazine from Dec. 13, 2017, over the last 15 years, ridership at the California stop has increased 109 percent. At the Logan Square stop: 64 percent. At the Western stop: 75 percent.

Yet the Blue Line still sports an older model of train cars with mostly front- and rear-facing seats — and less space for standing passengers.

The trains come every three to four minutes during rush hour instead of every two to three minutes like Red Line trains.

Minor delays — like a door getting

stuck — cause massive headaches as commuters pile up on station platforms.

It's clear why: Since 2012, more trains have been running during the morning and evening commutes, but the CTA says it has hit a wall; it's running as many trains as its current power and signal system allows.

In 2013, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a program to improve the Blue Line called "Your New Blue."

The city designated \$492 million to the project, which promised to shave 10 minutes off of the trip from the O'Hare station to downtown. It's coming along —

slowly. The track updates needed to run more trains won't start until next year.

At the same time, the mayor has been pushing his idea of an express train that would also run from O'Hare to downtown. The express train would be privately built, owned and run. But taxpayers will likely be on the hook for infrastructure and station improvements.

As a commuter, I can't help but ask, "But what about me?"

Because I and my fellow commuters are already paying — in multiple ways — to improve one transit system. The CTA recently raised fares to cover a budget hole

created by a lack of state funding, and the Chicago City Council approved a tax on Lyft and Uber to help fund the city's mass transit projects.

When the city raises prices, people expect to see an improvement in service.

As it stands now, taking the Blue Line is a pain — both for commuters and visitors. The CTA is doing what it can. It needs some more muscle. So rather than funneling money toward a redundant project, the city should focus its efforts on improving its existing trains. Make no doubt, even with plans for its future in place, there are plenty ways to better the Blue.

We commuters will be — as always — waiting.

Elizabeth Greiwe edits the Tribune's Voice of the People.

PERSPECTIVE



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I thought my bully deserved an awful life. But then he had one.

BY GERALDINE DERUITER

As a child, I was an easy mark for playground torments: smart, insufferably rule-abiding, decidedly unpretty. The tormenter I remember most distinctly was not my first bully, nor my last, but his attacks would turn the others into footnotes.

He was in my class for years; his mom was my softball coach, driving me to and from practice when my single mother could not. In class photos his face is round and almost cherubic, but I remember it contorted in anger as he spat insults at me, telling me to shut the hell up, flailing his hands against his chest and moaning — an approximation of what he said I sounded like. We were seated next to each other in class, year after year, and when I finally complained about this arrangement, one of my teachers said that maybe I'd be "a good influence on him."

My proximity to his mother did nothing to protect me. Sitting in the back of her van after my team lost a softball game, he snapped: "It smells in here. Close your legs." Reflexively, I did as he instructed. When his mother climbed into the driver's seat a few moments later, oblivious to what had happened, he was still doubled over with laughter. I was 10.

When I returned home, tearful and broken down, I comforted myself with the idea that one day, I would be happy and successful and my bully would not. I received the advice that all bullied children of my generation were given — the universe would mete out some sort of karmic justice. This idea is everywhere: Biff Tannen waxes George McFly's car at the end of "Back to the Future," having been beaten into submission (literally) years earlier. In "A Christmas Story," Ralphie finally snaps after years of torment and attacks by Farkus, who is left tearful and bleeding. Regina George — the Machiavellian queen bee in "Mean Girls" — eventually relinquishes her bullying crown, but only after she's publicly shamed (twice) and flattened by a bus.

The bad guys

Now, as an adult, looking at the fate that befell my bully — a perverse fulfillment of a childhood prophecy, one that left him dead at 25 — I realize how problematic and how ingrained that thinking is. In the past few years, our culture has started to see bullying as a serious problem, one whose victims need help, support and protection. As for the bullies? They're the bad guys. Why they bully doesn't matter, only that they get what they deserve in the end. But this paradigm only further stigmatizes children who need help in

their own right.

The idea of some sort of cosmic retribution for bullying feels just. "It's a natural impulse," writes Emily Bazelon in her book "Sticks and Stones," which looks at the culture of bullying and its consequences. According to a 2014 study that gathered data from more than 234,000 teenagers and children, victims of bullying are more than twice as likely to contemplate killing themselves than their non-bullied peers. That number goes up considerably for LGBT teens, who are five times more likely to commit suicide than their straight counterparts. Studies have shown that individuals who are bullied are more likely to experience low self-esteem and anxiety, more inclined to abuse alcohol and drugs, and more likely to suffer from a host of physical ailments such as headaches and sleep disturbances.

We seem well prepared to discuss the stakes of bullying. Dan Savage, the journalist and gay-rights activist, launched the It Gets Better Project in 2010 after a rash of suicides by teenagers who were bullied because they were gay or because their peers thought they were. The Obama administration established a Bullying Prevention Task Force, and as of 2015, all 50 states had passed some form of school anti-bullying legislation. Celebrities from Justin Timberlake to Tyra Banks have shared their stories about being victims.

But the idea that bullies themselves might be more than one-dimensional villains is harder to swallow, especially for those of us who've dealt with them. "Who doesn't want to wring the neck of the thug who punches a weaker kid in the face, or the mean girl who starts a hateful gossip thread on Facebook?" writes Bazelon. The internet is rife with stories of bullies getting their comeuppance, from viral videos of little kids fighting back to Reddit threads describing justice doled out against an antagonist. "It's an age-old story — the idea of bullies getting theirs," says Meghan Leahy, a licensed school counselor and parenting coach. "It's a very human part of us that likes revenge."

In this respect, we're embodying one of the key characteristics of bullies — we're acting without empathy, says Leahy, who has written about changing the way she looks at bullies. Nobody wants to extend sympathy to a tormenter. The trouble is, bullies aren't adults. They're kids, and many are grappling with their own problems. In 2008, the Institute of Education in London published a report that found that bullies had higher than average levels of anger, depression, emotional disaffection, paranoia and suicidal behavior. Other studies have found that as they grow up, bullies tend to have more trouble keep-

ing jobs, have more problems with alcohol and drugs, and are more likely to have criminal records. A large number of bullies are also bullying victims, meaning they face some of the same pathologies they induce in others.

"These kids have been told that they're worthless, that they're stupid. They're dealing with trauma, and they don't have the social skills to process it. Punishing them just makes it worse," says Julietta Skoog, a school psychologist with Seattle Public Schools and co-founder of Sproutable, a company that creates video-based parenting tools. "It's never just 'I feel like being a jerk.'"

I never could have imagined feeling empathy for the boy who made my life hell, or for any bully. During that period, my mother was dealing with her own abuse, at the hands of a man with whom she'd been romantically involved for several years. He fluctuated between charming and volatile.

When he was on one of his violent tirades, he would yell, throw objects and furniture, punch holes in the walls of our home and tear doors off their hinges.

At the time, I'd never seen my mother's boyfriend hit her, but my bully, who lived nearby, had witnessed it. He saw him pull my mother from her vehicle and throw her to the ground. The next day at school, he told everyone within earshot the story of how my mother "got her ass beat." He laughed through his impersonation of her, lying on the ground whimpering. Until that moment, I'd believed my mother when she told me that her bruised face was a result of "walking into a door."

Even though it was the last year that my bully and I would share a class — he was held back, I moved on to the sixth grade, I gave up softball for soccer, and my last ties to him were severed — I continued to hate him.

Karmic justice

As the years passed, those promises of karmic justice, given to me in childhood, came true. I went to college on a full ride. I graduated with honors and became a professional writer. My mother eventually extricated herself from her abusive relationship. Determined not to follow in her footsteps, I sought out soft-spoken men who never yelled. I met and married someone wonderful. Everything turned out better than I could have dared hope.

I occasionally searched for my bully online, determined to see my story to its promised end, to relish all the ways my life was better than his. A 2013 study found that bullying victims tended to be more successful than their antagonizers in adulthood: They made more money,

had more friends and were far less likely to be convicted of a crime (though they still fared worse than those who had never been bullied).

In 2010, after years of finding nothing, I learned from a friend that my bully had been murdered in his home not far from where we grew up. Consumed by the story, I pored over every news article on his death I could find. He had been dealing pot and was killed in a robbery gone wrong. One of the murderers had been his childhood friend.

I read that he had anticipated an attack. His friends said he was so terrified in the weeks leading up to his murder that he'd slept with a hammer under his pillow. I was haunted by what I imagined his final moments were like, by how scared he must have been. I cried for the boy who had made me so miserable.

Now I had to wonder: What kind of fate would I have considered sufficient retribution? Would I have been satisfied if he were merely unsuccessful or unhappy? What sentence are we comfortable bestowing upon a fifth-grader for his crimes? What's the statute of limitations for revenge?

Bazelon calls this a dangerous side of our newfound focus on bullying: When we think we know who the bullies are, the drive to condemn and punish spins out of control. I wanted my childhood bully's life to turn out rotten, but when it actually happened, it didn't feel like justice had been served. It simply felt like I'd watched a building collapse in slow motion. The cracks in the foundation started long ago.

If right-thinking people want to care about bullying as a social problem, we need to see some nuance. Look at every bully and their victim, and you'll often find two kids who need help, not just one.

"Bullies are often the kids that are hard to love," says Skoog. "That's where the hard work is."

My bully ridiculed me for having a mother who was a victim of domestic violence. He was dead at 25. I think of his anger, his struggles in school, his unhinged rage, all at the tender age of 11. I look at the narrative we are so often told as children — that our lives will be wonderful and our bullies' lives will not, and I see the error in thinking that a troubled child somehow deserves a terrible fate. "Ignore him, and he'll go away," adults told me. In the end, they were right.

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PERSPECTIVE

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Students and family members surround a memorial at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 18.

Before and after

It is very clear that this country's response to tragedy, any tragedy, is excellent. When the alarm is sounded, when the storm is over, we are Johnny-on-the-spot with whatever needs to be done. The first responders are there with ambulances, extra police. Counselors are provided for

the distraught. The food and clothing and fundraisers are organized. Then, after the response, we have the analysis on every TV channel, op-ed page and newspaper.

Where we fail miserably is in the before. We ignore the signs that someone who is mentally ill is buying a gun

— and then 17 people are dead. We ignore the four-time felons on the street — and then a police commander is killed. If we would do what needs to be done *before*, we would not have to suffer the unbearable sadness *after*.

— Sue Atkinson, Palos Park

Math problems

President Donald Trump's infrastructure proposal is, to say the least, disingenuous, and not at all serious.

The details call for spending just \$20 billion annually over 10 years. This will improve nothing, and in fact barely maintain anything, including the many bridges, hospitals, airports, roads and tunnels Trump keeps claiming to defend.

Trump wants states to cough up a lot of the funds, but given that his own tax bill caps federal deductions for state and local taxes, the states will be loath to raise taxes to cover their end.

Then toss in Trump's Feb. 12 forum on trade, during which he claimed there are 100 million Americans ready to take jobs in steel and other industries. This long-debunked and completely preposterous number, often repeated by right-wing radio jocks, is said to be people "out of the workforce." Not only does this number get larger every time one of these folks uses it, it includes retirees, people who are physically and mentally handicapped, teenagers, full-time caregivers, and the independently wealthy. In other words, these are citizens who aren't looking to enter the labor market.

Like spelling, women, American history, NAFTA, maturity, good hiring practices, guns and the Constitution, basic math is a subject that escapes the president.

— Jeff Scheidel, Westmont



Tracking guns

What would be wrong if everyone who bought a gun was required to initially register it in a national system and thereafter annually re-register the weapon with the police?

If every gun had a serial number identified with the name and photo of the owner — that was easily accessible to law enforcement — the chain of ownership could be tracked, similarly to a motor vehicle. If a gun were lost or stolen, the owner could be required to file a lost weapons report, and an officer could investigate when and where the gun was last seen. If a gun were not re-registered in a timely manner, the owner could expect a visit from a gun control officer and would thereafter be suspended from purchasing a gun until the missing gun was accounted for.

The effect would be to slow down the purchasing process, curb the redistribution or use of guns, and prevent the easy disposal of weapons used in crimes.

The tracking of guns is no less logical or more inconvenient than vehicle owners registering purchases and transfers of cars.

— Sheldon I. Saitlin, Chicago

A voter's prayer

Here is a new addition to my nightly prayers: ... And please guide our speaker of the house, architect of Illinois' 30-year-plus legislative and fiscal decline, to resign. Our hope for having a representative who governs for the citizens, not for power, would increase tenfold. And maybe some of my neighbors who have left in despair for other states would come back. I miss them. Thank you, Lord.

— John Spangenberger, Chicago

Descending into madness

American intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia meddled in the 2016 election and plans to continue these activities in 2018. Yet President Donald Trump has expressed nothing but contempt for these claims and at every turn has deflected any blame from Russia or its President Vladimir Putin or any of the many in his inner circle who have had contact with Russians.

As special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation produces more incriminating and more specific indictments, Trump's reaction has become more and more irrational, to the point where he now blames the Russia investigation for the FBI's failure to investigate the man suspected of a school shooting in Florida.

It's time to recognize Trump's desperate and despicable tweets for what they are: the dangerous ravings of a madman.

— John Feaster, Valparaiso, Ind.

The stagnant state of state

The recent reports of job growth and earnings data for Midwestern states generate statistics whose summary every Illinois voter should take into the voting booth next month.

Since June 2009, other Midwestern states' manufacturing job creation averaged 89,260. At 8,300 — a number to recall before pulling the lever in the primaries — Illinois manufacturing jobs increased at 9.3 percent of the Midwestern average. Michigan has 23 percent fewer people than Illinois, but its 174,200 manufacturing jobs grew about 21 times more than those of Illinois. Other Midwestern states averaged a non-farm job growth of 11.7 percent against Illinois' 7.2 percent. In this category Michigan's growth is 212.5 percent larger than Illinois'.

But we do keep up with our neighbors in factory workers' weekly salary: Illinois' \$901 is third-highest and exactly at the average.

Next month let these statistics guide your voting hand to the candidates who had no hand in this socio-economic debacle.

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Syrians face a new crisis in Ghouta — and the world looks away

BY ZAHER SAHLOUL

"Mom, does God love us?" asked Nour, a 6-year-old child in the town of Erbin, Syria. Nour was terrified and unable to sleep. Her mom hugged her and her sister in the basement of their building. By Thursday the sounds of bombs and airstrikes had not stopped for five days.

In besieged Ghouta, an area much smaller than Chicago on the eastern outskirts of Damascus, hundreds of airstrikes, surface-to-surface missile attacks and artillery bombs have rained down from Syrian and Russian war machines. At least 400 people have been killed and 1,800 injured, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

There is a sense that the world has deserted the Syrians. The United Nations estimates that half a million Syrians have been killed. One quarter of the population are refugees, and 6.1 million are internally displaced. Cities have been destroyed and chemical weapons have been used more than 180 times, according to the Syrian Network for Human Rights. Syrians are stuck in hell. Fifteen Syrian refugees trying to cross the border were found frozen to death in northern Lebanon, among them three children, the U.N. reported. All countries bordering on Syria have locked their

borders.

The world response is to look the other way. The United Nations Security Council on Thursday failed even to pass a resolution for a 30-day humanitarian ceasefire in Ghouta. The Russian envoy said that "it was not realistic."

Ghouta has been under siege since 2012 by forces controlled by Syrian President Bashar Assad and the Iranian militia. The United Nations agencies responsible for humanitarian aid were blocked by Assad's government from entering the besieged area, the same way they were blocked from entering previously besieged areas in Aleppo, Homs, Moadamiya, Daraya and Zabadani. ACAPS, an independent group that collects data about humanitarian crises, estimates that about 400,000 people live under siege, and 70 percent of them are women, children and elderly. According to the U.N., the level of severe malnutrition among Ghouta's children is the gravest since the beginning of the crisis and worse than that of sub-Saharan Africa.

I spoke with Dr. Abdallah Alzeir, the director of one of the few remaining hospitals in the region. He has nine family members who disappeared in the regime's prisons including his 79-year-old mother and two sisters. His hospital treated hundreds of the victims of sarin gas attack in August

2013. He lost two doctors due to exposure to the nerve gas from their patients in addition to the 861 patients who died that night. He told me horror stories about the current ordeal. The operating rooms in his hospital dug underground for protection and worked nonstop to save the lives of the human flood of children, women and men injured during the airstrikes. He did not sleep for three days. Two doctors had just been killed.

There are only 110 doctors, among them 40 medical students, left to serve the entire population in Ghouta. Among them there are only one neurosurgeon and two vascular surgeons. Dr. Alzeir told me that nurses and dentists are performing surgeries because of the shortage of doctors. Non-governmental medical organizations are not allowed into Ghouta. A few courageous organizations, such as the Union of Medical Care and Relief Organizations, have been supporting hospitals by sending life-saving medical supplies, medications and funds.

Dr. Alzeir told me that they have a severe shortage of basic medical supplies, such as intravenous fluid, gauze, pain medications and even antibiotics. His hospital was targeted recently and it was partially destroyed but continued to operate. There is no other choice. More than 22 hospitals and medical centers were bombed within a few

days, a tactic routinely used by the Syrian regime to destroy civilian infrastructure in order to force the population to surrender. According to Physicians for Human Rights, more than 480 hospitals have been bombed in Syria since the beginning of the conflict in 2011.

Doctors, including Dr. Alzeir and his colleagues, have been pleading to the international community to protect hospitals and enforce the Geneva Conventions. They have been appealing for a break in the siege and an end to the gas attacks. I asked Dr. Alzeir what he wants the world to know. He said: "Stop the bombing, allow food and medicine and evacuate the patients."

At a recent prayer vigil at St. Paul's Chapel in New York City, organized by the Syria Faith Initiative, a network of diverse faith leaders, the Rev. Nicholas Sooy, director of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship, said, "I care and you should also care. We need to stop the bombing. Everyone should ask himself, 'What would Jesus do?'" The answer is that he would not turn away.

Dr. Zaher Sahloul, a physician at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, is president and co-founder of MedGlobal, a non-profit organization of medical volunteers that provides free health care in disaster and underserved areas.

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Market gyration is reminder that investing has risks

We knew that a stock market correction was coming, but why then did everyone seem so shocked when it arrived on Feb. 8? Corrections, defined as 10 percent drops from the recent highs (Jan. 26), usually occur every year or so.

Until the early February sell-off, it had been two full years since the major U.S. indexes had corrected. In other words, we were overdue for a drop.

The spark for this particular correction was a combination of things. The best explanation is that there was a fear of inflation and the potential for more Federal Reserve (and other global central bank) interest rate increases this year, amid a period when stock prices had gotten ahead of company earnings (this is what is known as "high valuations").

The accelerant was attributed to an unwinding of a trade that professional investors made betting that markets would remain calm as well as what we old timers used to call program trading, but is now known as algorithmic trading.

Regardless of the why, it is important to cheer for this much-needed market breather because it reminds us to acknowledge that investing is risky. The problem with periods of relative calm that we had seen prior to this correction is that they can give us a case of investor amnesia.

The condition may temporarily allow us to tune out the potential for losses, and allow us to pile into stocks because they have been rising or let our allocation get out of whack, because everything is doing so well.

For that reason, I value the lesson of a nasty correction because it is a prompt to ask ourselves why we are investing in the first place.

So what should you do now?

If you're freaked out: You probably came into this period with too much risk. If that's the case, you may need to readjust your allocation. If you do make changes, do not jump back into those riskier holdings after markets stabilize. You need to make a pinky swear with yourself that you will stick to your revised plan.

If you need cash from your account within the next 12 months: Whether it's a house down payment, a car purchase or a tuition bill, that money should never have been at risk at all. So admit that you blew it and get whatever you need out of the stock or even the bond market.

If you don't need the money for at least five years but are still nervous: Do nothing. You should feel butterflies, because these gyrations are totally out of your control, but that does not mean that you should alter your game plan. Although you may be tempted to sell or halt your contributions into stock funds in your retirement or college funding plan, you do so at your own peril.

Even if you manage to steer clear of continued drops in the market by staying in cash, you are unlikely to get back in at the bottom. This is called market timing, and it is nearly impossible to do consistently over the long term.

The best way to avoid falling into the trap of letting your emotions dictate investment decisions is to adhere to a diversified portfolio strategy, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. It may sound simple, but over the long term, it works.

It's tough to do, but sometimes the best action is no action.

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Open revolt



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The modern office plan once seemed like a good idea, but lack of privacy and multiple distractions have made it unpopular among many employees

BY JEFF POCHEPAN | Inc.

The open office design originally seemed harmless. Open offices often feature minimalist modular workstations with no partitions, pop-up and convertible collaboration spaces, library carrel-style break areas, video conferencing zones and — why not? — bleacher seating on one wall for those culture-building pep talks. The open office plan was supposed to be less expensive and conducive to building a lighter, happier, more open and collaborative company culture.

But it's backfiring.

Last year, a survey by enterprise software strategist William Belk found that 58 percent of high-performance employees say they need more private spaces for problem solving, and 54 percent of HPEs say their office environment is "too distracting." The survey netted 700 respondents from a broad swath of industries.

In 2013, researchers from the University of Sydney examined the "privacy-communication trade-off in open-plan offices" and found that the benefits of easy communication that are intended to go along with open-plan offices don't outweigh the drawbacks, such as a huge lack of privacy.

And, psychologist Nick Perham found that office noise impairs workers' ability to recall information and even do basic arithmetic.

The office — once a place where your cubicle seemed semi-shielded and dedicated to your needs, a place where you could even hang a "Do Not Disturb" sign or at least signal that being at your desk meant head-down work mode — has morphed into something resembling a buffet at dinner time, where first dibs determine whether you'll secure a relatively quiet work space or be relegated to another morning of wearing headphones at the communal work bench to get anything done.

When privacy suffers, the rate of productivity quickly goes downhill, hurting the bottom line.

Open office design, whether for small startups, large corporations or co-working setups, has exploded in popularity over the last 20 years. In 2017, about 70 percent of U.S. offices had low or no

partitions. Some companies, including Netflix and Hubspot, are completely open; even their CEOs don't have private offices.

Open offices started out with great intentions. They became a status symbol of the next generation of entrepreneurs. They were meant to level the playing field, knock down walls, introduce more natural light and keep an office feeling young.

A psychologist found that office noise impairs workers' ability to recall information and even do basic arithmetic.

And now, we are heading into very unhealthy territory with this design trend. When dedicated desks are sacrificed in the name of "creative flexibility," when introverts are forced to attend more meetings at touchdown tables simply for the trendiness of meeting at touchdown tables, when a phone call echoes across 2,000 square feet, when desk sizes are reduced to fit more workers into one open room, you begin to have a privacy crisis on your hands.

Some employees are raising their voices against this trend. When the new Apple Park spaceship campus debuted its open pod design last fall, some employees reportedly complained about the plan and threatened to quit.

On the one hand, this is a personal

privacy issue. With managers and even CEOs typing away next to you, there's pressure to appear "on" and engaged at all times. Some company workers may also feel peer pressure to work late or sacrifice work-life balance.

In an open office, no one wants to be known as the first out the door. Everyone can see you leaving.

Additionally, there are few private spaces with which to deal with personal issues. If someone is upset or visibly stressed, it distracts the whole team. Some employees may fear taking creative risks if it means everyone in the office will see their experiments or failures.

To top it off, when a human being's personal space is opened up to invite others in, it can be difficult to accept. We are naturally territorial creatures with a need for categorization, rules and structure. We also like to have a place to put our stuff, even if it's just some note-pads and a coffee mug.

When a company throws all that out the window for trendy design, employees don't have a physical space to anchor them, and they may feel less significant to the company.

On the other hand, completely open offices also present a business privacy issue. Phone calls, emails, screens, videoconferencing, meetings — all of these can be observed, noted, copied, turned into fodder for gossip and even sabotaged if you have a highly competitive team.

What's the solution?

Fortunately, companies are starting to wake up and realize that the millennial dream isn't all it's cracked up to be and are starting to introduce a more moderate form: activity-based workplace design.

ABW presents a mix of open, semi-private and private spaces in one commercial office to meet employees where they are in the moment, not forcing workers to accomplish their tasks in a specific non-ideal space. In this contemporary evolution of ABW, employees still keep their desks. Think a quiet floor with assigned workstations, another floor of private offices and suites with conference rooms, and a floor with a cafe and social hubs.

There is a return to privacy that is gaining some ground, and furniture makers and interior designers are ready for what's next — and ready to cash in, of course.

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Deferring capital gains taxes when selling investment property



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Recently, a family I know was selling a condo that had been an investment property.

They had owned it for five years, and it fetched a rent one-third higher than the mortgage; however, it was in an old building that had had several expensive assessments, so the condo had not been cash-flow positive during that time. Plus, the property had nearly doubled in value, and the couple thought it was prudent to cash out, because prices in the area seemed to be softening. They started researching their options.

There are three reasons people like investing in real estate. First, it's a great way to diversify a portfolio and build wealth. Second, average citizens can take out a mortgage to leverage their investment; this is a more exotic, less advisable option when it comes to securities. Finally, a piece of real estate can pay off in two ways: by appreciating in price and by bringing in rental income.

When spouses filing jointly sell their primary residence, \$500,000 in gains is shielded from tax. But when you sell an investment property, as my friends were doing, you owe capital gains tax on the proceeds. This can take a big bite — the federal top rate is 20 percent.

However, there is a way to defer paying that tax. It's called a 1031 exchange. It allows you to put off capital gains tax if you use the proceeds of the sale to buy other rental real estate.

Here's what my friends found out:

In order to complete a 1031 exchange, you must engage the services of a firm that specializes in such exchanges before you close on the sale of your investment property. They will charge a fee to hold



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onto the money from the sale until you are ready to spend it.

After closing, you have 45 days to identify up to three "like kind" properties for the exchange. Like kind simply means real estate; in practice, it can be anything from empty land to an apartment or a freestanding house. But it must be an investment property — not a timeshare, shares in a REIT or a second home — and not renovations or improvements, either.

And you have 180 days in total — or until tax day (with extensions) for the year your property was sold, whichever comes sooner — to close on the sale of one of those three properties. For example, if you closed Jan. 1, 2018, the new property must be purchased by July 1. But if you closed in December 2017, you only have until April 15, 2018, unless you get an extension on your taxes.

Now let's do some math.

In order to get the full tax deferral, the value of the new property should be equal to or greater than the sale price of the old property. Keep in mind that you owe capital gains on the mortgage payoff,

as well as the cash that comes from the sale of your original property.

You can, of course, put some cash into a new property and keep the rest, known as "boot." But in practice, if you go much below the sale price, the tax advantage can be quickly eaten up by closing costs and fees. As a rule of thumb, if the boot — the amount you take home — is greater than the total capital gains, it's not recommended to do an exchange.

The main issue that wards people off of 1031 exchanges is the time crunch on finding a suitable new property. It can be daunting if real estate is not your primary occupation. It would be best to research your options before putting your existing property on the market. In fact, you can do a "reverse exchange" by buying the new property before selling the old property, provided you are confident of selling it in time.

Anya Kamenetz' most recent book is "The Test: Why Our Schools Are Obsessed with Standardized Testing, but You Don't Have to Be." She welcomes your questions at diybook@gmail.com.

Health-care costs can swamp retirees

Moves to make to control expenses

BY EILEEN AMBROSE AND KIMBERLY LANKFORD
Kiplinger

Health care isn't cheap while you're working, and it can consume your budget even when you're retired and covered under Medicare.

When you add up the expenses, Fidelity estimates that the average couple retiring at age 65 in 2017 will spend \$275,000 on health-care costs, including Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket expenses, or coverage to fill the gaps, over 21 years or so.

"People very, very much underestimate how much they may need," says Katie Taylor, vice president of thought leadership at Fidelity.

Here are some tips to make sure health costs don't sidetrack your retirement:

One of the biggest expenses in retirement is long-term care. Last year, the average private room in a nursing home cost \$97,500; assisted living cost \$45,000; and the average home health aide charged \$22 per hour (which would total \$64,000 a year for eight-hour shifts every day), according to the Cost of Care study by Genworth, a long-term care insurer.

Long-term care coverage is one option. The income benefit you receive can



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be used to pay for your long-term care.

It is vital to shop around, though, because the ability to qualify and the health classification for premiums may be different between companies. Buying based on who offers the lowest price is risky, because the company may be seeking upfront sales with the intention of increasing premiums later, Forbes.com points out.

You also could buy a hybrid life insurance policy that allows you to spend down the death benefit to pay for long-

term care should you need it.

Otherwise, you need to have a plan to pay the potential costs from your savings. Some people buy a deferred-income annuity that pays lifetime income starting in their late 70s or early 80s, when it's more likely they will need care.

You should also plan for other medical bills in retirement, even after you are on Medicare.

Consider setting up a tax-friendly health savings account now. An HSA gives you a triple tax break: Contributions are tax-deductible (or pretax if made through your employer), the invested money grows tax-deferred in the account, and then you can use it tax-free for eligible expenses in any year.

To qualify, you must have an HSA-eligible health insurance policy with a deductible of at least \$1,350 for single coverage or \$2,700 for family coverage this year.

You'll get the biggest benefit if you can afford to use other cash for current medical expenses, so you can allow the money to build up in the HSA for Medicare premiums or other medical bills in retirement. Once you enroll in Medicare, you can't make additional contributions to the HSA.

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Budget travel alert: Indonesia



Indonesia, a Southeast Asian nation made up of more than 17,000 islands, has something for everyone. If you spend only a little time in the more popular areas, such as Java and Bali, and make your way to less-traveled places, your money will go further.

Things to do

Beaches, volcanoes, Komodo dragons and jungles with elephants, orangutans and tigers can be found in sprawling Indonesia. Flores is a short hop from Bali and offers great snorkeling, diving, hiking and more. Book a tour to nearby Komodo, Rinca and Padar islands to see the fearsome dragons, go trekking and dig your toes in the pink sand of the beaches. A shared boat costs about \$115 per person.



Lodging and food

On Flores, you can find beach hotels for \$35 per night and up. Tasty local fare can be procured for a few dollars and markets are your best bet for finding cheap food, according to Nomadicmatt.com.

Airfare

The trip is a long one, but, surprisingly, it's reasonably priced. In May, which is the beginning of the dry season, you can travel from Los Angeles, Chicago or New York to Jakarta, the capital, for about \$800 round trip.

TERRY SAVAGE
The Savage Truth

Argument for stock exposure — even in jittery times

We live in dollars, spend in dollars and make financial plans in dollars. But what will your dollars be worth in the future, when you plan on spending them? That's not an idle question, even though we have few alternatives to using dollars for all our plans.

Anyone over 40 can tell a story about how cheap things were in the past. Median home prices, for instance, have risen dramatically over time. Some prices have fallen, especially for consumer goods such as televisions and laptops. But do you want to bet your retirement lifestyle on lower prices?

The impact of even a little inflation can be devastating. Think about this: At an annual inflation rate of only 3 percent, the spending power of your money will be cut in half in about 25 years.

So if you retire at age 65, and live to age 90 — not unexpected these days — you may need a lot more money than you think. Social Security is designed to keep up with inflation, in theory. But what about the rest of your retirement income? A fixed, lifetime monthly payout from an immediate annuity might cover your expenses today and for the next few years but leave you woefully short in terms of buying power in 20 years.

How do you deal with inflation?

You could diversify out of dollars. But what other currency is more likely to hold its value over the years? Would you really rather do your planning in euros or yen or any other currency?

Gold comes to mind, but it has a fairly dismal record over the past 40 years. Gold performs well in a global crisis — and that might be the case in the future — but it looks more like a speculation than a hedge against the dollar.

Perhaps bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies will serve as a diversification out of dollars. So far, these currencies have fluctuated wildly in value against the dollar, and it will take some time to figure out which could become a generally accepted, extra-governmental store of value. But first they have to fix the security issues at the exchanges that are the unregulated transition points between the dollar and the cryptocurrency.

There is one investment choice that has beaten inflation over the long run for the past 90 years of recorded transaction history. And that winning choice — over the long run — has been the stock market. Specifically, the winner has been a diversified portfolio of large company American stocks, with dividends reinvested. The total return has far outpaced inflation as recorded by Ibbotson/Morningstar research dating back to 1926.

Over that long run, inflation has averaged 2.9 percent while the total return of the large-cap U.S. stock market (including dividends, and without factoring in taxes) has been 10.2 percent.

And that is the argument for always having some stock market exposure, even in the most volatile and scary markets. It's also the argument for diversification — something easily done by investing in a S&P 500 stock index fund, which is offered in almost every retirement plan.

Notice the use of the term "long run." That means a period of at least 20 years. If you have your money in cash over a 20 year retirement period, you are a sure loser to inflation. The amount of dollars you own will not go down if you keep the money in a bank CD or money market account. But the buying power will surely decline.

It's easy to view the long run when you're younger. But at some point, the 20-year long run becomes your life expectancy. That's when the choices get tough. That's also when you have the most money at stake, and when decisions have the most significant consequences. And that's The Savage Truth.

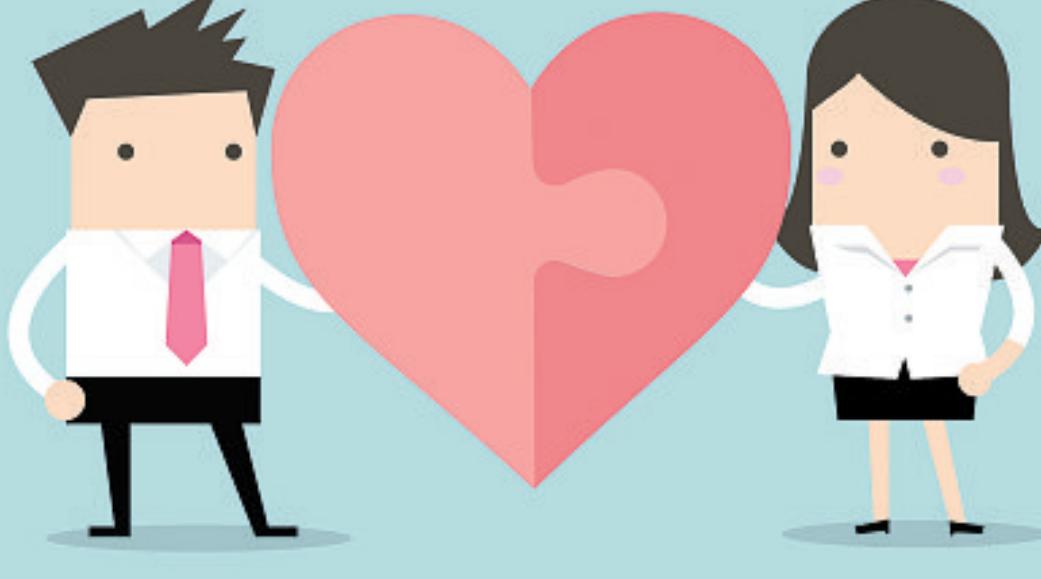
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8 RULES for OFFICE ROMANCES



How to avoid inappropriate behavior

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BY DIANE GOTTSMAN
Inc.

Office drones spend a significant amount of time with their co-workers, so it's understandable that a romantic interest may develop. But with sexual harassment in the national spotlight, there's a new concern over what is appropriate workplace behavior.

When it comes to love at the office, extra caution is required.

Here are eight dos and don'ts for handling office romance wisely.

Do be confident in saying "no." Delivering a firm, clear "no" is essential. Evasiveness to spare hard feelings can lead to misunderstandings. It's important to send a clear signal, aiming to treat others with respect in the process.

It's even more important for the person receiving this message to accept it at face value and to respect the co-worker's wishes. Don't be a pest, don't bother this person again and don't be petulant about the rejection.

Don't get too comfortable. Risque comments, inappropriate jokes and most forms of touch beyond a handshake simply have no place at work. If you are interested in pursuing a relationship with a co-worker, develop a friendship outside of work — asking him or her to lunch or coffee is a good start.

If he or she isn't interested, graciously accept that it was not meant to be. Move on and be professional.

Do know your company's policy. Before a relationship develops, check your employee handbook to see the company's rules on dating. Many businesses have specific policies as a precaution against legal issues, especially relating to relationships between supervisors and their direct reports.

Once you know what's at stake, you can decide if the risk is worth it. Be aware that even if dating doesn't violate official company rules, your career could face other negative fallout if supervisors or colleagues notice any differences in your work performance as a result of the romance or if they frown on the relationship. Know and understand office politics.

Do begin with the end. Before you dive into a new relationship with a colleague, consider the possible endings. While wedding bells are a possibility, so is a nasty breakup. Think of the various scenarios you could be facing in a month, six months or a year if your relationship ends.

If you get to the point where you never want to see the person again, working in the same office will be a problem.

Don't be indiscreet. Make it a personal goal for co-workers to be surprised if they find out that you are in a relationship with a colleague. That means no PDAs, hand-holding, or fawning glances. Keep in mind that once you walk in the door, you're there to be professional.

For your career's sake, it's important to avoid creating the impression that you are distracted from your work, slacking off,

not fully engaged or even giving your significant other unfair professional advantages (such as forwarding sales leads to him or her instead of through proper channels).

Do remember that the internet is not private. Don't fall for the illusion of privacy when you email personal information. Whatever you do on your work laptop is company property. Save it for your private accounts after-hours.

You should also use discretion on social media. What you post can reflect poorly on your company and can lead to reprimands.

Do remain a team player. You may only have eyes for your new love, but remember, you still must interact with other co-workers. Maintain your relationships with other co-workers. Continue having lunch with others in the office.

Avoid going out of your way to work with or sit by your significant other.

Do make a clean break. Dealing with the emotional fallout of breakups is hard enough without doing it at work. Stay professional and process your feelings outside of the office.

If you find it's too difficult to continue to work near your ex, look into the possibility of a transfer or even a new job.

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STEVE ROSEN
Kids & Money

Put together a wedding budget and stick to it

I've been to auto shows, boat shows, garden shows, sports memorabilia shows and home-remodeling shows. But I'd never been to a bridal show, and I didn't feel I'd been missing anything.

But there I was on a frosty, sub-zero Saturday morning in January with about 4,000 other moms and dads, and future brides and grooms, lining up to enter a bridal show at Kansas City's downtown convention center.

Over the next three hours, I walked the hall, talking to some big vendors who had the prime real estate near the entrance, as well as mom and pop operators near the back of the giant hall.

I feel certain I saw what all of the 100-plus booths had to offer: more than 100 ways to spend your money on everything from cakes and cupcakes, to dresses and suits, to mobile sound systems and diet plans.

I heard comments for and against destination weddings, rustic weddings in the country and all-inclusive wedding and reception packages. There were also sales pitches about all the extras, including catering, gifts for the wedding party, awnings and centerpieces for the reception.

There were even booths manned by financial planners, bankers, real estate agents and more.

I did learn a few things about how to make the most out of a bridal show experience. Collect lots of business cards from the vendors and sample the food and refreshments from caterers.

When my wife and I finally left the event, we were exhausted and overwhelmed.

I'm a father of a bride-to-be. And let me tell you, it's a different perspective — and potentially a very different price point — compared to my two sons' trips to the altar.

As many parents know all too well, wedding bills can be big ones. And most parents don't spend years saving for the big event as they do for college or for a home.

Just how much money are we talking about?

According to a 2016 survey of 13,000 couples by The Knot, the average wedding hit an all-time high of \$35,329. Many couples spend less than \$10,000, however, Costofwedding.com says. The high figure, which covers an average-size crowd of about 140 wedding guests, doesn't include the honeymoon.

While you can cut out a lot of the extras, there's no getting around some costs, whether you are keeping the event simple, going all out on an extravaganza or doing something in the middle.

Parents, whatever direction you choose, don't throw budgetary caution to the wind. Ensure you stick to your budget and aren't impulsively buying an extravagant horse-drawn carriage ride to the reception.

Get a clear understanding at the outset of what each family will be covering, and whether the happy couple plans to contribute.

On average, the bride's parents pay for about 44 percent of the wedding bills, while the bride and groom cover 42 percent, and parents of the groom pay for the rest, according to The Knot's survey.

Decide how involved you want to be in the planning. Would you prefer just to write a check and let the future newlyweds decide how to spend it, or do you want in on the negotiations?

Websites such as TheKnot.com and Costofwedding.com offer helpful wedding budgeting tools. Even so, allot some extra padding in your budget to cover the unexpected, such as gratuities for the bartender, taxes and transportation.

Whatever you opt to spend for the big day, make sure it aligns with your income and other financial goals.

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Stock (DODGX). The fund is a member of the Kiplinger 25, a list of favorite actively managed no-load funds.

Equally weighted index funds, in which each holding accounts for the same portion of the fund, may also better avoid bubbles. They may have higher costs and greater turnover. One targeted fund that is a good buy is Guggenheim S&P 500 Equal Weight Health Care (RYH), an ETF 20 member.

To add more exposure to midsize and small companies, consider adding one or more active funds, such as Kip 25 member T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Value (PRSVX).

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OBITUARIES

JAN MULLER 1935-2018

Local adman promoted Swedish organizations

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Chicago Tribune

Born in Sweden, Jan Muller developed an early love for America, made his way to Chicago by late 1960 and found his way into one of the hallmark American pursuits, advertising.

"He was always really drawn to the American culture, the American lifestyle," said his daughter, Lisa Muller-Jones. "My dad always dreamed of being an American."

Analytical and with a creative flare, Muller got started in advertising in Chicago doing market research, eventually working for Chicago ad agencies that included a forerunner of what is now DDB Chicago and J. Walter Thompson and for brands like J.C. Penney, Coca-Cola, Bonne Bell and Kraft, his daughter said.

Muller remained close to his Swedish roots, working to promote Swedish-American groups and organizations.

He helped establish a Chicago group to honor the memory of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish hero credited with saving thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary during the Holocaust in the later stages of World War II.

Muller, 82, died Feb. 11 at his Chicago home of complications from cancer, his daughter said.

He was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1935. Trained in marketing and advertising, he came to the United States in 1960, encouraged by an American he had met in Sweden who offered to help him get started in Chicago.

He worked in advertising for more than 20 years. He shifted to a smaller agency in the mid-1970s, working there until about the mid-1980s.

He next turned his attention and energy to working with Swedish-American organizations, including the Swedish American Museum, the Swedish Trade Council, the Swedish American Chamber of



FAMILY PHOTO

Jan Muller, in an undated photo, came to the U.S. in 1960.

Commerce and the Swedish Cultural Society in America.

Elizabeth Cittadine Elfving said her late husband, Sven, and Muller were both active in both the chamber of commerce and the museum in 1981.

In 1989, Muller was elected president of the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce. He served as executive director of the Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago for a short time beginning in early 1991.

Muller also contributed ideas and energy to an education committee set up to explore creation of what is now the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, according to Richard Salomon, a member of the museum's board and executive committee.

"Whether it was with remembering the name of Raoul Wallenberg or getting involved in the early strategizing for our museum, he always stepped up," Salomon said. "We have a concept in our museum of being an 'upstander,' a proactive positive force for change. He was such an individual."

In addition to his daughter, Muller is also survived by his son, Jan Jr.

His first marriage ended in divorce. His second wife, Dr. Susan Accardi-Muller, died in 2017. A private service is planned.

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Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 26 ...

In 1802, author Victor Hugo was born in Besancon, France.

In 1815 exiled Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

In 1846 frontiersman-turned-showman William Frederick Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," was born in Scott County, Iowa.

In 1848 the Second French Republic was proclaimed. **Also in 1848** Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels published "The Communist Manifesto" in London.

In 1916 comedian and actor Jackie Gleason was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

In 1919 Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in northern Arizona.

In 1929 President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1951 the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1952 Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had produced an atomic bomb.

In 1979 a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

In 1987 the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1990 Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega conceded defeat to his opponent, Violeta Chamorro, in a stunning election upset.

In 1991, after U.S.-led troops pushed Iraqi forces out of Kuwait, resistance leaders declared themselves in control of Kuwait City as the allied forces continued their drive

toward Iraq.

In 1993 a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

In 2000 Pope John Paul II visited Mount Sinai in Egypt, where he prayed for religious tolerance in a garden under the peak revered as the place where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

In 2004 two church-sanctioned studies documenting sex abuse by U.S. Roman Catholic clergy said about 4 percent of clerics had been accused of molesting minors since 1950 and blamed bishops' "moral laxity" in disciplining offenders for letting the problem worsen.

In 2012 Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black teenager, was shot and killed in a gated community in Sanford, Fla., igniting a national debate on racial profiling and civil rights.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS

Feb. 25
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Pick 4 midday 2820 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto midday 13 20 33 35 38

Pick 3 evening 442 / 7
Pick 4 evening 9682 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 05 08 19 35 42

Feb. 26 Lotto: \$5.5M
Feb. 27 Mega Millions: \$222M
Feb. 28 Powerball: \$293M

WISCONSIN

Feb. 25
Pick 3 682
Pick 4 6832
Badger 5 01 09 14 20 30

SuperCash 01 09 13 32 34 38

INDIANA

Feb. 25

Daily 3 midday 069 / 9
Daily 4 midday 1223 / 9
Daily 3 evening 296 / 7
Daily 4 evening 9696 / 7
Cash 5 05 08 21 34 41

MICHIGAN

Feb. 25

Daily 3 midday 874
Daily 4 midday 6195
Daily 3 evening 014
Daily 4 evening 3337
Fantasy 5 05 06 24 28 37

Keno 01 08 09 11 12 15
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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Goodman, Ira

Ira Goodman, 70. Beloved son of the late Sidney and the late Shirley Goodman. Dear brother of Dr. Steven Goodman, Gilbert (Bonnie) Goodman and Ellen (Joe) Hooyer. Fond uncle of Matthew (Becky) Goodman, Damon (Jenny) Goodman, Jennifer (Bill) Byers and Michael (Lindsay) Goodman. Cherished great uncle of 10. Service Wednesday 2PM at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; In lieu of flowers, donations to Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia C/O Michael's Name, 13500 Philmont Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19116 would be appreciated; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Hellman, Alan L.

Alan L. Hellman, age 69, beloved brother of Joel (Terrie) and Robert (Laurey Mogil) Hellman. Loving uncle of Eliot, Adam, Evan and Allison and great uncle to Madison. He will be dearly missed by many cousins and other extended family. Service Monday, 1:30 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd. (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove - 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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Bauer, Ruth Lois

Ruth Lois Bauer, nee Elliott. Age 87 of Park Ridge. Loving mother of Cathy Phillips and Juli Amidei. Dear "Nana" of Jerry Clemens, Brandy (Mark) Sobecki, Eric and Nicki Amidei. Cherished "Great-Nana" of Tyler and Peyton Sobecki. Visitation Tuesday, February 27, 3-8 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Funeral Service Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Town of Maine Cemetery, Park Ridge. Info, www.ryan-parke.com

RYAN-PARKE FUNERAL HOME

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Bondi, Suzanne

Suzanna Bondi, 45; Beloved daughter of Neil and the late Alexandria Bondi; Loving sister of Christina (Jeff) Hale, Laura (Nuccio) D'Argento, Deanna Bondi and "adopted sister" of Karen Dragel; Dear aunt of Enzo and Lina. Visitation Tuesday Feb. 27th from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral service begins Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment to follow. Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

CUMBERLAND CHAPELS

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Brey, Patricia M.

Patricia M. Brey, nee Niemiec; daughter of Leo and the late Marjorie Niemiec; sister of Jeffrey (Barbara) Niemiec; aunt of Paul and Steven Niemiec; cousin of many. Services and Interment private.

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Denenberg, Judith

Judith Denenberg nee Sklar, 79, beloved wife of Burton for 60 years; loving mother of Joel (fiancee Cindy Surman) and Fred; dear sister of Arnold "Babe" (Florence "Fuzzy") Sklar and Anita "Nonny" Karm; many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial service, Wednesday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Memorial contributions may be made to The Humane Society of the United States. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Donatille, Wayne A.

Wayne A. Donatille Dearly Beloved Husband of Rosalind. Loving Father of Anthony Donatille and John Graf. Cherished Grandfather of Sabrina and Kaitlyn. Loving Brother of Cindy (Keith Peterson)Class. Loving Uncle, Great Uncle, Cousin and Friend of Many. Visitation Wednesday from 2 until 8 P.M. at **CARBONARA FUNERAL HOME** 1515 No. 25th Ave. Melrose Park with a chapel service Wednesday 7 P.M. Int. Private. In Lieu of Flowers, Donations to St. Jude Hospital or Shriners Children's Hospital would be appreciated. Please visit Wayne's memorial at carbonarafuneral-home.net or 708-343-6161.

CARBONARA Funeral Home

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Fermoyle, Lee Alan

Lee Alan Fermoyle, 74, of Rockford passed away Friday, February 23, 2018. Born July 23, 1943 in Chicago to Thomas and Eleanore (Bartz) Fermoyle. Graduated with a master's degree in Math from Northeastern Illinois University. Retired from Roosevelt High School, Chicago. Lee enjoyed working, photography, reading, and traveling. Survivors include brothers, Dale (Charlotte) Fermoyle, Brian (Linnea) Fermoyle; niece, Karri (Mike) Murphy; nephews, Glenn (Kim) Fermoyle, Sean (Pei) Fermoyle, Christopher (Kate) Fermoyle; great-niece, Meghan Murphy, and great-nephews, Ryan (Lauren) Murphy, Owen Fermoyle, and Carter Fermoyle. Predeceased by parents. Graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2018 in Memory Gardens Cemetery, 2501 E. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Heartland Hospice, Honquest Family Funeral Home with Crematory - Roscoe Chapel, 11342 Main Street, Roscoe was honored to have assisted the family. To share a memory or condolence please visit honquestfh.com

Shalom Memorial Funeral Home

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Madej, Joan M.

Joan M. Madej nee Nowicki age 93. Beloved wife of the late Matthew Madej; loving mother of Patricia Madej, M.D., Barbara (Daniel) Roos, Mary Ann (Alan) Wolski and Monica (David) Babczak; cherished grandmother of Simone (Aaron) Snook, Jocelyn (Rick) Kotbra, Tamara Wolski, Angeline (Gabriel) Holtski, Brian (Molly) Babczak, Matthew Roos,

Erika Zevin, M.D., Michael Zevin, Eric Babczak and Adam Babczak; adored great grandmother of Matilda Snook and Lyla Babczak; dear sister of the late Rev. Chester Nowicki, SVD, Stanley Nowicki and Sophie Nowicki; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews; loyal friend loved by many. Visitation Wednesday, February 28, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Thursday, March 1, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. Raymond de Peñafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Adventist St. Thomas Hospice, P.O. Box 130, Hinsdale, IL 60522. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Meier, Jacqueline Elizabeth

Jacqueline Meier (nee Miller), age 96, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2018. She was born on May 26, 1921 to Nicholas and Margaret (nee Schaefer) Miller of Wilmette. The beloved wife of the late Walter Meier, Jackie was the devoted mother of two sons, W. Kurt (Jean) and Stephen; loving grandmother of Matthew (Suzanne), Doug (Jen), Nikki (Matthew) Stickelman, Tracy (Bryan Sheets), Meredith (Dwaiapayan) Sen and Thomas. Fond great-grandmother of Adham, Brandon (Crystal), Cassie, Savanna, Emily, Braeden, Bodhi, Isha, Dalton, Danny and Haleigh. Great-great grandmother to Garret, Grayson, Jillian and Jackson; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Jackie was pre-deceased by all of her siblings and their spouses: Norbert (Mitzi) Miller, Dick (Gladys) Miller, Lois (Patrick) Steffens, Vivian (Bill) Burke, Greta (Frank) Fiegen, Hope Miller, Daniel Miller and Doris (Harvey) Coulter.

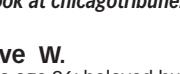
A resident of Wilmette for nearly 90 years, Jackie was an active member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church and worked as a telephone operator for Illinois Bell. Her drawings and paintings revealed her artistic talent. She painted Christmas themes on the mirror and windows at the American Legion Wilmette Post 46 for many years. She also created stained glass windows and exquisitely decorated Christmas tree egg ornaments. Many of her nieces and nephews considered her one of their favorite aunts. Jackie was a rock of strength for her large extended family due to her calm demeanor, strong faith and loving heart.

Visitation Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Funeral Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. from **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 to Saint Joseph Church, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091, Mass 11:00 a.m.

Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery, Wilmette.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 55 E. Monroe Street #3420, Chicago, IL 60603 (www.diabetes.org) or to Saint Joseph Church (www.stjosephwilmette.org).

Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Putrya, Steve W.

Steve W. Putrya age 96; beloved husband of the late Eugenia nee Linder; loving father of Lisa (Chris) Hansen; cherished grandfather of Kirsten and Kevin; also loving brother, uncle and friend of many.

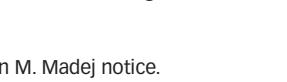
Visitation Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Wednesday, February 28, starting with prayers at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Edward Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Rheberg-Blanchfield, Patricia Ann 'Patti'

Patricia Ann "Patti" Rheberg-Blanchfield, PhD, nee Lonquist, 65, of Round Lake Park. Beloved wife of James; loving mother of Brian (Jenifer) Rheberg, David (Kristina) Rheberg, Brandi (Ryan) Clark, Nikole Blanchfield, Anne Blanchfield, Daniel Blanchfield, Craig (Glennis) Blanchfield and Cheryllan (Matthew) Emskamp; grandmother of Nathan, Vahn, Jacob, Inga and Richard; dear daughter of the late Arnold and Florence Lonquist; sister of the late Randolph Lonquist; aunt of Bill and Bonnie. Patti was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Services 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials would be appreciated for the American Diabetes Association, 55 E. Monroe St., 3420, Chicago, IL 60603 or American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Ste. 1500, Chicago, IL 60604. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com



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See Joan M. Madej notice.

Rose, Edward C.

Edward C. Rose, age 92; Beloved husband of the late Mary Jo (nee Whalen); Loving mother of Mary Alice Hogan, Pat (Kevin) McAlinden, Joanne (Jim) McEldowney and Bob (Katie) Rose; Proud Papa of Brian (fiancée Maggie), Mary Claire (Sear) Brady and Patrick Hogan; Katie, Megan (fiancé Matt), Michael (Molly) and Brendan McAlinden; Dan (Molly) and Maggie Rose McEldowney; Caroline, Charlie and Sarah Rose; Great-grandfather of five; Visitation Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Wednesday 9:00 a.m. from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale, Oak Lawn for Mass of the Resurrection at 10:00 a.m.; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity would be most appreciated. For funeral info www.thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500.

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Salina, Camelita M

Camelita Salina was born to Ivy Gelineau September 20, 1941. She was a determined, caring, hardworking and loving woman. She touched the hearts and lives of every person she knew. Camelita passed away peacefully February 24, 2018. She leaves behind her husband David Salina, her son Kevin Salina with wife Shannon, grandson Aiden, and daughter Laura Harrison. Her loss is felt throughout the hearts of many other friends and family members. Family and friends will gather Thursday, March 1, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 4:00 p.m., at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. A celebration of Camelita's life will immediately follow at the family's home. For information 847-256-5700.

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Schassburger, Robert S

Robert S. Schassburger, Sr., February 25th, 2018, Age 82, Late of Glenwood, IL. Beloved husband of Laura Schassburger nee Altamirano. Dear Father of Robert S. (Tonya) Schassburger, Jr. and Erik J. (Tere) Schassburger. Cherished grandfather of Julia, Jared, Justin, Alec, Aaron, Ethan and Tara. Loving brother of Ronald (Florence) Schassburger, the late Michael (Virginia) Schassburger, the late Eleanor (the late Marion) Lilja and the late Irene (John) Poulos. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 Dixie Hwy. Homewood, Wednesday, February 28th, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. lying in state at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 508 North Chicago Road, Thornton, IL Thursday, March 1st from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at 11:00 p.m. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church would be appreciated. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.

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COUNTY OF COOK
TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
PROCUREMENT OFFICER
SHANNON E. ANDREWS, CHIEF
PROCUREMENT OFFICER

ADVERTISING DATE: Monday, February 26, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Domestic Violence Counseling Services

RFP NO.: 1790-17142

MBE/WBE GOALS: 0 %
participation goal for this procurement

RFP DOCUMENTS: RFP Document is available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 11:00 AM (CST)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE 118 N Clark Street, Room 1018

LOCATION: Chicago, IL 60602

Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Friday, March 30, 2018 at 3:00 PM (CST)

CONTACT: Tangelo Malloy, Senior Contract Negotiator

(312) 603-6827 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) tangelo.malloy@cookcountyl.gov (email)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit a proposal. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service. The MBE/WBE goals are listed above and in the Contract document. Inquiries regarding MBE/WBE participation should be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance at (312) 603-5502.

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ADVERTISING DATE: Monday, February 26, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Labor and Employment Consultation and Representation Services (Non-Target Market)

RFP NO.: 1890-17259

MBE/WBE GOALS: 3 5 %
participation goal for this procurement

RFP DOCUMENTS: RFP Document is available for download at: <http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 3:00 PM (CST)

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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 Daniel Haney

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tammy Kocsak (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00972

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Daniel Haney (Father) AKA Donald Haney, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 21, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Nicholas Geanopoulos in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 03/16/2018, at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM K, 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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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Davone Clifton Jamonty Clifton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Malenda Clifton (Mother) AKA Malinda Clifton

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00708

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Kevin Jones (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 19, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 03/14/2018, at 3:00 PM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Destinee Glenn

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Myriah Glenn (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00973

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Deontate Robinson (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 22, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Diane Dugan in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 03/08/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Dewayne Blair

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kashaka McKee (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00845

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Cephas Blair (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 20, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balonoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 03/16/2018, at 10:30 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, 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 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Martica Chatman Martice Chatman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Michelle Owens (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00716 17JA00718

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 Emioni Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Britni Jones (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00035

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Emioni Jones (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 12, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patric Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 03/16/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM 14, 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 26, 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 Stephanie Marzano

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Karen A. Marzano

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00826

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Karen A. Marzano (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 13, 2015, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On 03/13/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



DAVID RAMOS/GETTY

Freestyle skier Gus Kenworthy, left, and ice dancer Evan Bates, right, walk into Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium as part of the Team USA contingent during Sunday's closing ceremony.

A graceful exit

One last look back at highs — and lows — from 2 weeks in Pyeongchang

Olympics coverage begins on Back Page

Obsolete NCAA rules face day of reckoning

Scraping amateur model is fairest solution

In a Chicago market dominated by professional sports, big-time college basketball often sounds like a misnomer, so the sport's latest brush with NCAA hypocrisy probably produced somewhere between an eye roll and a shrug.

But pay attention this time. The stunning revelations about the sport's open secret, unearthed in reports by Yahoo Sports and ESPN, feel different, like a day of reckoning finally has arrived for the NCAA and its obsolete model of amateurism. This March, the madness likely means top programs worrying as much about FBI findings as RPI rankings, with their focus diverted from one shining moment by nearly



DAVID HAUGH

In the Wake of the News

3,000 hours of potentially compromising phone conversations. Think of how nervous that number makes so many coaches.

One of those calls, according to ESPN, involved Arizona coach Sean Miller making arrangements with a rogue agent from ASM Sports to pay elite recruit Deandre Ayton \$100,000 — an allegation that resulted in Miller not coaching Saturday night. If evidence backs up the allegation, Miller never should coach another college game. Good luck in the NBA's G League.

This bombshell came on the heels of Friday's Yahoo report

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NANCY STONE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

After throwing 180 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings last year, Jon Lester says 200 innings "better be a goal" this season.

WHITE SOX



Kopech working on changeup in effort to remain a starter. **Page 3**

CUBS

In the zone: Starters aim to hit 200 innings

Lester & Co. know longer outings will boost pen

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Jon Lester took notice that the Cubs restocked their fatigued bullpen with veterans Brandon Morrow and Steve Cishek.

At the same time, Lester knows that for the relievers to succeed, the starting pitchers must enter a territory on the verge of becoming extinct — 200 innnings.

"It better be a goal," Lester said. "I'm not an 180-inning pitcher. I'm old-school on this. I get paid to pitch. I get paid to pitch innings. Hopefully the day I pitch is the day the bullpen thinks they can get a break. That's what you want."

The projected rotation will

begin to build endurance Monday with Tyler Chatwood facing the Mariners at Sloan Park.

Because of injuries and ineffectiveness, no Cubs starter pitched 200 or more innings last season, and the rotation totaled 888 $\frac{1}{3}$ innnings — 100 $\frac{2}{3}$ fewer than the 2016 rotation pitched on the way to a World Series title.

"Early on, we put a lot of stress on our bullpen by not getting deep in the games and doing our job, so that's an improvement we need to do as a staff," said Lester, who missed two starts because of shoulder fatigue and was knocked out before the third innnings in two other starts.

Only seven National League

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With Bridges cleared, Michigan State wraps up Big Ten title, top seed in conference tourney. **Page 4**



Five storylines worth following as Bears head to Indianapolis for scouting combine. **Page 2**

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Storylines that bear watching at combine

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

Ryan Pace heads to the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis this week with a new car-pool buddy. Coach Matt Nagy and his staff have spent the last month evaluating the roster they inherited and developing a plan to achieve the turnaround John Fox didn't.

This is Pace's fourth combine as Bears general manager, though. And in the upcoming player-acquisition cycle, he must build on whatever momentum exists in a rebuilding project that has produced three consecutive double-digit-loss seasons. That effort continues in earnest at the combine, where free-agent markets begin to form and draft evaluations shift into higher gear.

Pace and Nagy are scheduled to meet with media Wednesday morning, their first public comments in more than a month. Here are five storylines we'll follow from Indy as they update the progress of their fledgling partnership.

Trubisky 2.0

The franchise quarterback is in Southern California ahead of the Bears' offseason program in April. Followers of his Instagram account have been treated to occasional pictures and videos of the beach and sunset. We know he's living with Rams quarterback Jared Goff — they're clients of the same agency, Rep1 Sports. But what, exactly, are they doing? How is Trubisky training for his second NFL season? Pace is aware of Trubisky's early-offseason plan and hopefully will share some details.

From the team's side, Nagy has had ample time to break down all 12 of Trubisky's rookie starts. By now the new coach knows enough about his quarterback's skill set to conceptualize the foundation of the new offense.

It will take years for Nagy's scheme to evolve, but the starting point is emphasizing what Trubisky does well. They can't start working together at Halas Hall until April, but expect Nagy on Wednesday to reiterate his excitement and optimism about Trubisky's athleticism, accuracy and potential. We'll see if he offers deeper insight.



Prince Amukamara has his hat adjusted by Kyle Fuller as they pack up their lockers Jan. 1. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

To the point

The Bears arrived at the 2017 season under clouds of doubt about how they would score. And the sun never shined. Their receiving corps was undone by injuries, quarterback play was inconsistent and the passing game sputtered all year. The Bears' 264 points were their fewest in a season since they scored 260 in 2005.

Pace must find solutions. The Bears need players who get the ball in the end zone more consistently. They plan to be aggressive pursuing receivers in free agency and the draft.

Specifics should begin to crystallize at the combine, where they can gauge the market for an underwhelming crop of free agents and evaluate a draft class led by Alabama's Calvin Ridley.

Quality receivers consistently emerge from later draft rounds — look to the division champion Vikings for proof. The Bears surely will do their due diligence on the draft class.

Pace thinks of a receiving corps like a puzzle, the pieces of which are different skill sets that fit together to form a balanced, versatile attack.

Corner market

Three of the Bears' top-four cornerbacks are out of contract, which threatens the continuity on a top-10 defense that has Vic Fangio back as coordinator. Kyle Fuller is headed toward the open market with the most momentum after a strong season that included two interceptions, 22 pass breakups and 61 solo tackles. While veteran Prince Amukamara's status is just as important, Fuller's is more intriguing because he's homegrown and a bit of an enigma.

Fuller, the 14th pick in the 2014 draft by general manager Phil Emery, nearly flamed out under Pace and Fox. They shopped him in trade offers last year after he sat out 2016 following arthroscopic knee surgery that August. But Fuller escaped the doghouse in 2017 by staying available, consistently getting his hands on passes and tackling reliably.

Now, Fuller has earned the privilege of exploring his value as a free agent. The Bears must decide whether to pay him.

The free-agent class of cornerbacks offers quality options, including the Rams' Trumaine Johnson and Patriots' Malcolm Butler.

Eight man out

The Bears own the No. 8 pick in the draft, which would be the fourth top-10 pick of Pace's four-year tenure. They can't live among the dregs of the NFL forever, can they? Getting this pick right is crucial to that ascent.

Ideally, the draft class would present value at No. 8 for the Bears' greatest need — wide receiver — but that's a subject of debate. Ridley, at 6-foot-1 and 190 pounds, has a relatively thin frame that causes some evaluators to wonder about his ability to beat press coverage and use his body to shield defenders. His output was depressed by Alabama's run-heavy offense, but he's a smooth runner with great feet and a knack for separating from coverage.

If the Bears don't believe in Ridley at No. 8, they would have other compelling options, particularly on defense.

Virginia Tech outside linebacker Tremaine Edmunds is a rangy run defender whose length measurements in Indy should appeal to Pace's affinity for traits. Edmunds is versatile enough to play in any alignment.

Among the cornerbacks, Ohio State's Denzel Ward excels in man coverage, while Iowa's Josh Jackson is a proven ballhawk.

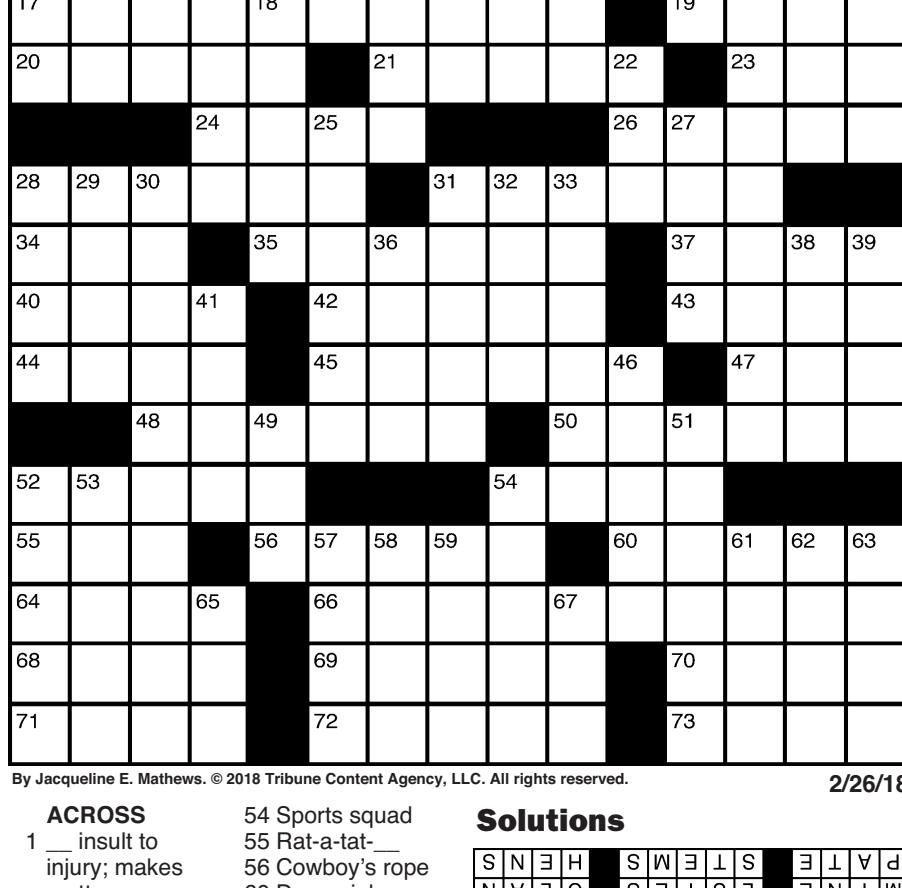
The range of choices for the Bears will depend on how many quarterbacks are drafted ahead of them.

Transition team

Changes are inevitable on any team that fires its coach after three straight double-digit-loss seasons. The Bears are no exception. They've already decided to release guard Josh Sitton and linebacker Jerrell Freeman, two of their five captains. Another — quarterback Mike Glennon — almost certainly will be released soon, and a fourth — veteran safety Quintin Demps — could be in jeopardy as well.

In other words, despite the sense of momentum that Trubisky's rookie performance created, the Bears are very much a team in transition. Nagy will put his fingerprints on the roster, and that process is just now underway.

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Crossword

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Solutions

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5	Billiards shot
10	"Father Knows "
14	Jump
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20	Opening; gap
21	Uptight
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24	Part of the leg
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31	Puts on, as a play
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WHITE SOX

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Michael Kopech says "having two good pitches and two average pitches isn't going to cut it" as a starter.

Expansion project

With goal to remain a starter, Kopech works on adding to repertoire

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — This much we know: Michael Kopech can throw a baseball very fast.

The right-hander hits 100 mph on the radar gun with regularity and is sure to unleash his blazing fastball when he makes his Cactus League debut for the White Sox on Monday against the Athletics at Camelback Ranch.

It's the other pitches in the 21-year-old's arsenal that will command the most attention from Sox brass — and from Kopech himself.

"I can throw a first-pitch strike with my fastball nine times out of 10, but the secondary stuff is what I'm really focusing on," Kopech said. "I've been getting a few pointers from guys about changeups, staying through it, staying behind it. I feel really good about it. I'm going to continue to work on that along with fastball location, hitting quadrants."

Kopech's slider is his most effective out pitch, but the Sox's top pitching prospect knows he needs variety.

"I'm focusing more on the changeup right now just to have a good change of speed," Kopech said. "Really trying to mix in everything is going to be a key."

It's not difficult to imagine Kopech as a major-league closer who can rely on his flamethrower of a fastball, but he yearns to be a fixture in the rotation in the near future, so secondary pitches are a necessity.

WHITE SOX RECAP

The White Sox exploded for five runs in the bottom of the fourth and went on to an 8-5 victory over the Reds on Sunday at Camelback Ranch. The Sox improved to 2-1 in exhibition games.

At the plate: The Sox had 10 hits. Matt Davidson went 2-for-3 with a three-run home run and four RBIs.

On the mound: Jordan Guerrero started for the Sox and allowed four runs on four hits with two walks and a strikeout in two innings. Jordan Stephens did not allow a hit while walking one and striking out three in two innings of relief.

In the field: First baseman Casey Gillaspie made a diving stop in the sixth to help squelch a Reds rally.

Big number: 6. Consecutive hits the Sox strung together during the fourth-inning rally.

Prospect spotlight — Zack Collins: The 23-year-old catcher went 1-for-3 with an RBI single.

Up next: Vs. Athletics, 2:05 p.m. Monday at Camelback Ranch. RH Michael Kopech vs. RH Kendall Graveman.

"I want to be a starter, so having two good pitches and two average pitches isn't going to cut it," Kopech said. "I need to be a guy that has four good pitches he can throw in any count."

The Sox have the same mindset when it comes to a starting role for Kopech, who is ticketed to begin the season with Triple-A Charlotte.

"(Kopech) could probably play a big role in a bullpen today, but frankly, we see more value in a starter role, throwing 200 innings per year as opposed to 60 or 70," general manager Rick

Hahn said. "He's been able to get away with the plus fastball and plus slider so far. As he moves up the chain, much less to Chicago but certainly in Charlotte, he's going to have to use that changeup a little bit more."

"As he shows that, and we view it as a plus pitch when he uses it, it's going to be clear to those outside the organization as it is to those inside that he's a starter."

Kopech has been enthused early in spring training by his sessions with pitching coach Don Cooper.

"I feel really good about what I've been working on and I'm going to continue to focus on that," Kopech said. "Coop has seen me throw, so I'm not really in the position where I feel like I need to go out there (Monday) and try to impress. I just need to continue working on my stuff, and the other things will take care of itself."

"(Cooper) seems to like what he sees. It's been about fastballs low and away, changeups for strikes, getting ahead in counts and staying ahead. I've taken that into my live BPs and I really feel like we're on the same page."

Those bullpen sessions that have produced firecracker-like pops from catchers' mitts have resulted in "repeatability" with Kopech's windup, something for which he strives.

"I'm able to repeat just about every pitch, and when I don't, I feel it," Kopech said. "I'm more in tune with my body as far as pitching goes. I feel like that's really going to contribute to what I can do on the mound in games."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Rarely has the news been good when it comes to **Micker Adolfo** and injuries.

But the oft-sidelined White Sox prospect was encouraged by the results of a second examination on his right elbow and was in the batting cage Sunday at Camelback Ranch.

General manager **Rick Hahn** had said last week Adolfo had a sprained ulnar collateral ligament and strained flexor tendon and would be sidelined at least six weeks with surgery possible.

The right fielder's outlook was considerably less gloomy Sunday.

"The consensus from the doctors is that while there is a tear in the flexor muscle as well as an issue with his UCL, the thought is that he will not do additional

damage from hitting," Hahn said. "So we are going ... to slowly ramp him back up as a hitter with the idea of him potentially getting at-bats for at least the first part of the season as a DH."

Adolfo will remain with the Sox in spring training and possibly bat in some Cactus League games before going to Class A Winston-Salem. That's a near-best-case scenario for Adolfo, who has seen his development hindered since signing as an international free agent out of the Dominican Republic in 2013.

Adolfo suffered fractures in his leg in 2015, his hamate bone in '16 and his pinkie in '17.

"I was very sad the other day, but now I'm happy because I'm not going to miss the season," Adolfo said. "I'll be able to hit."

While it's possible Adolfo will undergo surgery on the elbow at some point, the Sox will look to

get him at-bats this season and minimize any impact on 2019. Adolfo, 21, said he will embrace the DH role at Winston-Salem because hitting "is what they pay you for at the big-league level."

Middle man: Yoan Moncada batted fifth during the Sox's 8-5 victory over the Reds on Sunday. Manager **Rick Renteria** likes what the second-year player brings to the middle of the order.

"(Moncada) will still hit for average, he can put the bat on the ball and hit it out of the park," Renteria said. "Being a switch hitter gives us some flexibility. He has a pretty good skill set. He'll continue to move and grow. He will still have some hiccups, but he's an extremely gifted hitter that could hit anywhere in the middle of the order."

Moncada went 1-for-2 with a walk and scored a run Sunday.

CUBS**NOTES**

Gloves up: Maddon lauds play on defense

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — After the Cubs regressed on defense last season, manager **Joe Maddon** has noticed a refreshed approach in spring training resembling the sharpness of 2016.

"On any given day, if we come out with the right kind of attitude and we are physically refreshed (and) mentally, we can do that," Maddon said Sunday after watching center fielder **Ian Happ** and second baseman **Javier Baez** make exceptional plays in the first two exhibition games.

Maddon described 2017 — when the Cubs were credited with 37 defensive runs saved, compared with 107 in 2016 — as being "trapped," adding that the current sharpness is "a learning experience from last year."

Some infielders have credited new coach **Brian Butterfield** and his teachings.

"He's a very good teacher, and he teaches in sequential order," Maddon said. "It's really important, and that's what some guys don't get. Some jump all over the map as they're teaching. (Butterfield) goes in order — A, then B, then C, then D — so that guys can understand what he's talking about. Believe me, it's not always that way."

Maddon said he learned similar teachings from Dr. **Douglas Larish**, a former Arizona State professor and the father of former major-league outfielder **Jeff Larish**, during spring training 34 years ago.

"I thought I was a decent teacher, but he made the point



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Manager Joe Maddon says the Cubs defense already is sharper this season than it was last year.

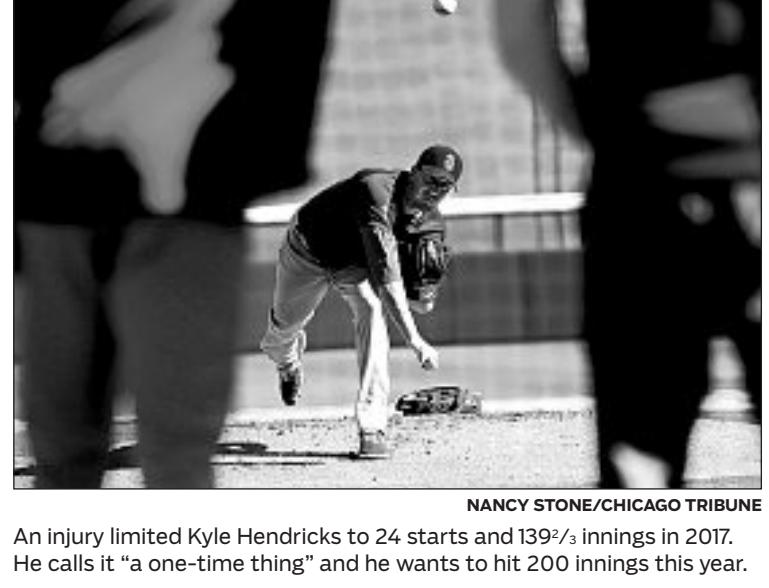
that it was important to do it that way if you want your players to retain (information)," Maddon said. "I see that with Butter."

Something to prove: After six professional seasons, infielder **David Bote** was grateful to be added to the 40-man roster in December.

"It's a good first step," said Bote, 24, who batted .272 with 14 home runs and 59 RBIs for Double-A Tennessee in 2017. "My final goal is to get to the big leagues and stay in the big leagues. So whatever gets me toward that goal, and take it one step at a time."

Bote understands Maddon likes versatility and appreciated getting the start at third base Sunday. Bote has played eight positions in the minors and started 106 games at second last season.

Fund-razer: Maddon's annual "Respect Bald" event — in which players, coaches, and fans shave their heads to raise money and awareness for children battling cancer — will be held before their Saturday's game at Sloan Park.



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An injury limited Kyle Hendricks to 24 starts and 139 2/3 innings in 2017. He calls it "a one-time thing" and he wants to hit 200 innings this year.

Cubs starters put premium on reaching 200 innings

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pitchers reached the 200-inning mark in 2017, and bullpen usage became more prevalent during the playoffs.

Morrow pitched in all seven games for the Dodgers in the World Series, while Dodgers starter Rich Hill was pulled twice before completing five innings despite allowing only two runs and striking out 12 in 8 2/3 innings.

"Over the course of a season, you can't do what you do in the playoffs," Lester said. "Every one of those guys would end up with shoulder injuries or Tommy John (surgery)."

"I still think seven innings in a game is the benchmark. You did your job. I still think 200 (for the season) is the number."

The Cubs benefited in an 8-3 win Aug. 11 in Arizona when Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo allowed Taijuan Walker to start the sixth with a 3-2 deficit and 101 pitches thrown. Walker allowed consecutive home runs to Kyle Schwarber and Alex Avila before he was pulled.

But Lovullo believes his decision had long-term benefits.

"I made it known I want our pitchers to create the mindset that they weren't going to be looking at the bullpen and weren't going to look for help," Lovullo said last week.

"They were going to get themselves in and out of trouble. And I rounded it out as 21 outs — 21 outs should be the expectation. That's what I'm looking for each day."

"I don't want anyone thinking there's a bailout. I want that starting pitcher to realize he's the best option."

Because of minor injuries and ineffectiveness in the fifth spot, the Cubs' five starters at the beginning of 2017 produced only 122 starts.

CUBS RECAP

A six-run rally in the fourth enabled the Cubs to erase a 5-3 deficit and hold on for a 12-10 victory Sunday over the Giants at Scottsdale Stadium. Ian Happ led off with an opposite-field home run off left-handed ace Madison Bumgarner, part of a 16-hit attack.

At the plate: Outfielder Mark Zagunis smacked a pair of singles in his first two at-bats. Infielder Mike Freeman hit a two-run double during the six-run fourth.

On the mound: Control issues nagged reliever Shae Simmons, leading to two runs in the fifth. Simmons' career has been stunted by injuries, including

Tommy John surgery that caused him to miss all of 2015 with the Braves and a right forearm strain that slowed him last year.

In the field: Left fielder Kyle Schwarber got a late jump but had enough time to make a sliding catch of a shallow pop by Hunter Pence with two on to end the first.

Big number: 10. Countries and commonwealths represented on the Cubs' 63-man spring roster.

Up next: Vs. Mariners, 2:05 p.m. Monday at Sloan Park. RH Tyler Chatwood vs. RH Felix Hernandez.

The addition of Chatwood could hike that number.

"The big thing is to watch it, monitor it, not baby it but give them a chance to do those things," Maddon said.

"When starters do that, the relievers become even better. That's part of it too."

Kyle Hendricks described the finger injury that limited him to 24 starts last year as a "one-time thing" and would like a shot at reaching 200 innings.

"I know I can get there," Hendricks said.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**ILLINOIS 75,
RUTGERS 62**

Illini show they have plenty in reserve

Finke, Jordan come off bench to spark decisive 2nd-half run

BY MATT SUGAM
Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — While the Illinois coaching staff knew who the Fighting Illini could potentially play in the Big Ten tournament before the game so they could do some advance scouting, the players had no clue.

The players were, however, well aware that they were trying to stay out of the Big Ten basement.

"That was definitely motivation coming into this game," Aaron Jordan said. "As for the seeding, we'll focus on that after the game."

Michael Finke and Jordan came off the bench to lead Illinois past Rutgers 75-62 on Sunday. Finke scored 19 points and Jordan added 15.

"That's always important," Jordan said of the team's bench play. "Guys starting off, they have good energy, so it's really important for us to carry that on, so we can build the lead or get back in games so we can extend the energy out."

Rutgers forward Deshawn Freeman blocked a shot by Trent Frazier and then assisted Eugene Omoruyi on a fast-break layup to give Rutgers (13-18, 3-15 Big Ten) a 36-35 lead early in the second half.

But Frazier answered with a 3-pointer as the Fighting Illini (14-17, 4-14) retook a lead they would never surrender, building it to as much as 15.

Illinois led 15-9 after Mark Alstork made a layup midway through the first half. While Rutgers was able to overcome the early deficit and trade leads, Illinois went ahead by seven before taking a 35-30 lead into half.

Leron Black added 14 points for Illinois.

"We put Leron back in in the second half and his two pick-and-pop 3s took what was really a close game and broke it open," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. "Now it's on to the Big Ten tournament."

Illinois earned the 13th seed and will face No. 12 seed Iowa in the tournament opener Wednesday at Madison Square Garden in New York. That game will be followed by No. 11 seed Minnesota against No. 14 seed Rutgers.

Corey Sanders scored 18 points, six rebounds and four assists for Rutgers.

"They made shots," Rutgers coach Steve Pikiell said. "They made their free throws. That's a team that defends. We got a couple good looks but we didn't capitalize."

Illinois wrapped up a stint of playing four games in eight days.

The Illini will stay in the New York area for the tournament this week.



ANDY MANIS/AP

Michigan State guard Cassius Winston celebrates making one of his six 3-pointers against Wisconsin.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

It's all business

Spartans take Big Ten regular-season title despite distractions

Tribune news services

No. 2 Michigan State arrived in Madison, Wis., on Sunday feeling a little discombobulated with so many off-court issues swirling around the program.

The Spartans are returning to East Lansing with the outright Big Ten regular-season title and more clarity about the future of star forward Miles Bridges.

Cassius Winston scored 20 points and went 6-for-6 from 3-point range, and Bridges hit two late foul shots to hold off the Badgers for a 68-63 win.

The Spartans (28-3, 16-2) celebrated in the locker room after clinching the top seed in this week's Big Ten tournament in New York. But coach Tom Izzo could sense the weariness among his players.

"I just think we're a little mentally worn down from all the things they've been through," Izzo said.

It appears that Bridges' short-term future is more secure after he was cleared by the NCAA following a Yahoo Sports article Friday that identified him as one of many players who may have received improper benefits.

"I didn't get anything, that's the truth," said Bridges, who had 10 points on 3-for-15 shooting.

Brad Davison finished with a

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

Madison Square Garden, New York

Wednesday

(12) Iowa vs. (13) Illinois, 4:30 p.m.

(11) Minnesota vs. (14) Rutgers, 7

Thursday

(8) Maryland vs. (9) Wisconsin, 11 a.m.

(5) Michigan vs. 12-13 winner, 1:30 p.m.

(7) Penn State vs.

(10) Northwestern, 5:30

(6) Indiana vs. 11-14 winner, 8

Friday

(1) Michigan State vs. 8-9 winner, 11 a.m.

(4) Nebraska vs. 5/12-13 winner, 1:30 p.m.

(2) Ohio State vs. 7-10 winner, 5:30

(3) Purdue vs. 6/11-14 winner, 8

Saturday

Semifinals, 1 and 3:30 p.m.

Sunday

Final, 3:30 p.m.

■ First three rounds on BTN; semifinals and final on CBS-2

career-high 30 points for Wisconsin (14-17, 7-11), including a 3-pointer to get the Badgers within three with 4.7 seconds left. Bridges sealed the victory with his two free throws.

Purdue 84, Minnesota 60: Dakota Mathias matched his career high with 25 points and left to a standing ovation in his final home game as the Boilermakers (26-5, 15-3 Big Ten) blew out the Golden Gophers (15-16, 4-14).

Carson Edwards had 18 points for Purdue, which won its third

straight after a three-game skid.

Minnesota was led by Nate Mason with 18 points.

Nebraska 76, Penn State 64:

The Cornhuskers set a program record for conference victories and won 22 games overall for just the third time in school history by defeating the Nittany Lions in Lincoln, Neb.

Nebraska (22-9, 13-5 Big Ten) clinched the No. 4 seed and a double bye into the quarterfinals of the conference tournament.

Lamar Stevens had 13 points for Penn State (19-10, 9-9).

Wright State 88, UIC 81:

Dikembe Dixson finished with 19 points, and Tarkus Ferguson added 13 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for the Flames (17-13, 12-5 Horizon) but Everett Winchester scored a season-high 19 points to help the visiting Raiders (21-9, 13-4) overcome a 14-point deficit.

Other Top 25: Gary Clark led a 24-4 run

that put Cincinnati ahead to stay early in the second half, and the No. 11 Bearcats (25-4, 14-2) held on for an 82-74 victory over visiting Tulsa (23-5, 13-3) to preserve their one-game lead in the AAC heading into the final week. ... Caleb Martin scored 25 points, Jordan Caroline had 21 points and 14 rebounds and Nevada (25-5, 14-2) beat visiting Colorado State 92-83 to earn the No. 1 seed in the Mountain West Tournament.

**IOWA 77,
NORTHWESTERN 70**

Wildcats produce less than best effort

Locked into 10th seed for conference tourney, NU sluggish in defeat

BY LUKE MEREDITH
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — It was essentially a meaningless game for injury-plagued Northwestern — which had already clinched the No. 10 seed for the Big Ten tournament before the game — and the Wildcats played like it.

Meanwhile, Jordan Bohannon's 3-point shooting — and the respect he showed in preserving a record held by Iowa legend Chris Street — gave Hawkeyes fans a rare reason to smile at the tail end of a dismal season.

Bohannon scored 25 points with seven 3s and Iowa held off Northwestern 77-70 in its home finale Sunday night, snapping a six-game losing streak.

Luka Garza had 18 points for the Hawkeyes (13-18, 4-14), who locked down the No. 12 seed for next week's conference tournament with their first victory in nearly a month. They'll face Illinois on Wednesday in New York.

"We know what we are capable of. It was good to go out and show that. Tonight was a good step for us," Garza said.

Iowa, which trailed by at least 18 points in every Big Ten road game this season, jumped ahead by 18 when Bohannon's 3-pointer from the edge of the midcourt logo made it 30-12.

Bohannon continued his torrid shooting with another 3 from well beyond the arc to extend Iowa's lead to 43-21.

"He needs to play like that for us to be the team we can be," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said of Bohannon.

Scottie Lindsey tried to keep the Wildcats (15-16, 6-12) within striking distance with nine 3s, pulling NU within 73-65 on back-to-back shots from beyond the arc. But a Nicholas Baer steal after a rare missed free throw by Bohannon carried Iowa out of danger.

Lindsey scored a career-high 32 points and was 9-for-11 on 3s to lead the Wildcats, who have lost six straight.

Northwestern's Vic Law, who is averaging 12 points, missed his second consecutive game with an injured toe. Coach Chris Collins said after the game that Law hasn't been cleared medically to return and his status for the league tournament is uncertain.

"We're just a MASH unit right now," Collins said. "I was proud of my guys for continuing to fight. We just dug too deep of a hole."

Bohannon had a chance to break the school record for consecutive free throws of 34 held by Street, who died in a car accident midway through the 1993 season. But Bohannon, an Iowa native, pointed to the sky and intentionally missed the free throw that would've knocked Street out of the record books — with Street's parents in attendance.

"That's not my record to have. That record deserves to stay in his name," Bohannon said.

Scandal should spark necessary changes for NCAA

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alleging as many as 25 current and former players at more than 20 Division I programs, many of them blue bloods of the sport, received impermissible benefits from the agency, ranging from free meals to five- and six-figure payments. And this was information obtained on only one agency. Imagine how many others operated similarly.

Predictably, NCAA President Mark Emmert responded with a Shakespearean statement, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. Referencing his appointed Commission on College Basketball, whatever that is, Emmert dropped committee member Condoleezza Rice's name in the third sentence to establish credibility and vowed what the NCAA demands.

"With these latest allegations, it's clear this work is more important now than ever," Emmert said. "The board and I are completely committed to making transformational changes to the game and ensuring all involved in college basketball do so with integrity."

Emmert sounded serious. But integrity requires transparency,

and the only way the NCAA can promise both will be if Emmert grasps the obvious: The time has come to adopt an Olympic-style compensation structure that permits so-called student-athletes in all sports to be paid what the market bears.

Replace so much empty rhetoric with results. Edit a rule book that has been too thick for too long to let sponsors or agents compensate the NCAA's best the way teenage prodigies in other walks of life, such as singers or dancers or actors, are allowed. Somewhere, a teenage pop star laughs at the idea of Ayton getting a measly \$100,000 for being one of the best at his sport.

Corruption runs so rampant nowadays that massive NCAA deregulation creating a free market offers the smartest, fairest solution to the biggest problem confronting college sports. A high school kid and his family can't be on the take if there are no rules to break. The AAU coaches or middlemen brokering seedy deals between schools and recruits can't wield such power in college basketball's underworld if everything is done above board.

Any other NCAA change short

come. As the inflation of interest balloons television rights fees into the billions and increases coaches' salaries by the millions, a \$400 cash advance to the mother of a star player uncovered in the probe warranted hand-wringing. Stop the charade, everyone. Start facing reality that we don't have to like but must accept in the name of fairness and progress.

Two NCAs exist. The traditional model Emmert and others cling to indeed works for the majority of young men and women who benefit from a scholarship and value its worth. For those thousands of lesser-known Division I student-athletes, from Northwestern to Northeastern, it goes beyond the \$250,000 a four-year college education can cost these days. It affords the youths experiences and opportunities impossible to put a price on, opening a world full of success and satisfaction that likely would be emptier without competing in college sports.

But the exceptional peers among them, such as Ayton and Michigan State's Miles Bridges in basketball or Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield and UCLA's Josh Rosen in football — truly exceptions to

the NCAA rule — live a different reality, command more attention, generate more revenue and simply deserve better. They deserve to be treated differently than the majority of NCAA student-athletes because, like it or not, they are different, at least in terms of how they potentially affect the bottom line that matters more than ever in higher education.

Denying that is disingenuous at best, hypocritical at worst. Traditionalists must acknowledge, grudgingly or not, how corporate intervention into intercollegiate athletics already dictates where players play and coaches coach. The outcry won't get any louder if the NCAA relaxes the rules to allow such investment. The landscape likely won't shift dramatically enough to affect the balance of power in the major revenue-producing sports of men's basketball and football.

One thing definitely would change: Fewer scandals would sully college sports, which are in bad enough shape to make a federal case out of it — and that's no exaggeration.

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NCAA President Mark Emmert says the organization is preparing for "transformational changes."

of removing such restrictions on earning potential would fail to meet the criteria for the transformational change Emmert promised.

We didn't need an FBI investigation to discover the current system lines the pockets of everyone but those who actually make the money, but the exhaustive nature of the probe affirmed how pervasive the behavior has be-

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



DAVID STLUKA/UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PHOTOS

Right tackle David Edwards, of Downers Grove, and right guard Beau Benzschawel (66) helped guide Wisconsin to the 2017 Big Ten title game.

Hungry for seconds

After 13-1 season, Wisconsin O-line trio puts off NFL for just one more run

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Chicago Tribune

MADISON, Wis. — A recent lunch with three Wisconsin offensive linemen featured some of the great food debates of our time: Does a Kobe beef patty really contain ground beef imported from Japan? Who serves Chicago's best deep-dish pizza? Are cheese curds better than mozzarella sticks?

"They're bite-sized," Beau Benzschawel said. "Anything bite-sized tastes better."

Benzschawel, Michael Deiter and David Edwards are not shy of opinions. Or heft. They estimated their total weight at 957 pounds (Edwards is the flyweight at 315), though that did not factor in our feast at Madison's premier burger spot, Dotty Dumpling's Dowry.

All three ordered the Grand Daddy burger — Kobe beef with aged cheddar and smoked bacon (optional pickled red onions and garlic sauce) — and washed it down with an assortment of wings, truffle fries, mac 'n cheese wedges and, upon my insistence, a corn dog for Benzschawel.

They all drank water.

"Better off wasting calories on food," Deiter said.

Another thing on which they all have an opinion: Who gave up the most money by deciding to return to school?

Benzschawel and Deiter pointed to Edwards.

"Dave," Deiter said, "for sure."

"I watch the tape, man," Benzschawel concurred.

"His upside," Deiter said. "He's super long and athletic. His film this year was unreal."

Benzschawel: "He had a lot of help, though."

And with that they chuckled. Edwards made a smattering of All-America teams as the Badgers' right tackle, but the Downers Grove native was hardly alone. Benzschawel made Sports Illustrated's first team at right guard. Left tackle Deiter was merely second-team All-America, according to Sporting News.

At other programs, all three would have turned pro. If you could draw a salary for busting your butt so the glamour-position guys look good, why wouldn't you?

Benzschawel, who might not have been plucked until late in the draft, wanted to play another year with his brother, Luke, a tight end.

"Plus there's stuff I want to prove to myself," said Benzschawel, who hails from Grafton, Wis. "The potential of how good we can be is something to look forward to. We have some unfinished business here."

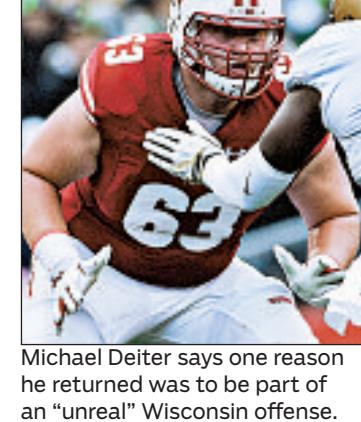
But not much. The Badgers had a perfect regular season, were stopped less than 50 yards short of the winning score in the Big Ten title game against Ohio State and then put up 34 points against Miami in the Hurricanes' home stadium.

Not a bad season. They earned their (Buffalo) wings.

"I decided to come back for the same reasons," Deiter said. "One, I can always get better. Two, I'm eight credits from earning a degree. Three, our offense is going to be unreal, and I really want to be a part of it."

The offense, which finished in the Big Ten's top three in scoring, rushing and passing efficiency, loses only two key players: tight end Troy Fumagalli and fullback Austin Ramesh. Spring practice opens March 13.

Deiter, who might have gone in the third round, said some friends and family members in his no-stoplight hometown of



Michael Deiter says one reason he returned was to be part of an "unreal" Wisconsin offense.

Curtice, Ohio, told him to go pro.

"I'm from a really small town," he said. "The concept of playing in the NFL ... they say: 'Do it!' But I explained there's more to it. It will happen eventually. No rush."

Edwards' situation is the most intriguing.

Just four years ago, he was a 215-pound option quarterback and excellent student at Downers Grove North. Illinois' Tim Beckman was the first to offer him a scholarship — at quarterback. Northwestern didn't think he had the speed to play superback (tight end), and there was no film of him blocking.

Wisconsin wanted him as a tight end. Iowa coaches pegged him perfectly, earning the eternal respect of the Edwards family.

"They looked at his hands and shoulders and said: We think you're a left tackle," said Edwards' father, also named David. "At the time, he was 225 pounds. I thought: Hmm ... if Iowa wants you to play left tackle, that's a pretty big compliment."

Perhaps they knew the family secret: David didn't eat breakfast.

"I was a twig," he said. "Everybody told me how skinny I was."

He chose Wisconsin, arrived as a 245-pound tight end, pounded peanut butter, burritos

and lean meats as part of a 5,100-calories-per-day diet and surged past the 300-pound mark. Most important, he retained his dexterity and quickness off the line.

Speaking of quick, he red-shirted in 2015, started half the games in '16 and had agents breaking down his parents' door last fall.

Each recommended he start the clock on his NFL career, arguing it's the *second* deal that can bring generational wealth.

Said his father: "If I was 20 years old and had that decision in front of me, I would have leaned toward going. I would just see the money. He is pretty mature."

One thing that swayed Edwards was a chat with Wisconsin alumnus Joe Thomas, the 10-time Pro Bowl tackle for the Browns.

Thomas told him that in 20 years, Edwards would remember his final year in Madison more than his NFL rookie season.

"If you looked at it strictly financially," Edwards said, "it made a lot of sense to go."

As a Bears fan, Edwards revered Hunter Hillenmeyer and Olin Kreutz. As a Chicagoan, he favors Lou Malnati's, Pizzeria Due and Gino's East.

And as a college kid, he relishes the hang-out time that will end once football becomes a job.

His favorite moments?

"Honestly, stuff like this," he said between bites of his burger.

Dotty's, which opened in 1974, is kitschy. On this day its TV screens showed vintage movies, one with Frank Sinatra. Edwards loves Ol' Blue Eyes.

"Our summers are so fun when we're together, working out and taking just one class," he said. "Do I stay in college another year with all my guys or go live by myself when I don't feel like I'm ready?"

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SPRING PRACTICE PREVIEW

Notre Dame

First practice: March 6.

Blue-Gold Game: April 21.

Moving on: G Quenton Nelson, OT Mike McGlinchey, RB Josh Adams, WR Equanimeous St. Brown, LB Nyles Morgan.

Stepping up: QB Ian Book, WR Miles Boykin, RB Dexter Williams, WR Michael Young, DB Alohi Gilman.

Three questions

■ What is Notre Dame's plan at quarterback? Brandon Wimbush started 12 of 13 games last season, missing the Oct. 7 game at North Carolina because of a foot injury. Book replaced Wimbush after a sluggish start in the Citrus Bowl and threw for two touchdowns to help the Irish beat LSU, opening the door for a quarterback competition this spring.

■ What will the defense look like under new coordinator Clark Lea? Mike Elko left for Texas A&M after one season in South Bend. Lea, Notre Dame's linebackers coach last season, takes the reins of a defense that improved across the board in 2017.

■ Which early enrollees will stand out? Seven members of the Irish's 10th-ranked 2018 recruiting class enrolled in January and will participate in spring practice: defensive back Houston Griffith, wide receiver Micah Jones, running back Jahmir Smith, tight end George Takacs and linebackers Jack Lamb, Bo Bauer and Ovie Oghoufo. They will have an opportunity to make an early impression.

Northwestern

First practice: Tuesday.

Final practice (open to public): April 14.

Moving on: RB Justin Jackson, S Godwin Igwebuike, S Kyle Queiro, DT Tyler Lancaster.

Stepping up: RB Jeremy Larkin, S JR Pace, SE/TE Cameron Green, WR Jelani Roberts.

Three questions

■ Who will emerge at quarterback? While Clayton Thorson recovers from knee surgery, TJ Green, Andrew Marty and Aidan Smith will vie to emerge as the potential starter. Reps will be divided equally at the outset. Coach Pat Fitzgerald said he's looking for system knowledge, the ability to "take care of" the football and leadership — "who can go on the field and make everybody better."

■ How about in the secondary? With Igwebuoke and Queiro pursuing pro careers, the Wildcats have some holes to fill. Fitzgerald feels good about his depth even though safeties Pace and Jared McGee will miss spring practice as they recuperate from offseason surgeries. Linebacker Nate Hall, who finished fourth in the Big Ten last season with 16½ tackles for a loss, also will miss spring practice after surgery.

■ Will new blood mean new fingerprints? Through the years Fitzgerald's staff has had less turnover than the Supreme Court. But now it has three new coaches: Lou Ayeni (running backs), Tim McGarigle (linebackers) and Jeff Genyk (special teams). Fitzgerald hopes the "three different perspectives" can be a "catalyst for improvement."

Illinois

First practice: March 6.

Spring scrimmage (open to public): April 7.

Moving on: LB Tre Watson, WR Malik Turner, S Patrick Nelson, DE James Crawford, CB Jaylen Dunlap, LB Julian Jones.

Stepping up: OT Larry Boyd, WR Carmoni Green, CB Nate Hobbs, OT Vederian Lowe, DT Jamal Milan, DT Tyimir Oliver, G Alex Palczewski.

Three questions

■ What will the quarterback room look like? Cam Thomas will be the only scholarship quarterback on campus this spring. He's coming off a freshman season in which he completed only 42 percent of his passes with five interceptions in four games. Getting significant reps in spring practice should help him when the battle heats up in the fall with incoming freshmen Coran Taylor, MJ Rivers and Matthew Robinson. The Illini also have reportedly been in contact with graduate transfer Brandon Dawkins, who played for new offensive coordinator Rod Smith at Arizona.

■ What changes will Rod Smith bring? The Rich Rodriguez protege has worked with several dual-threat quarterbacks, helping develop Michigan's Denard Robinson and Arizona's Khalil Tate. Under coach Lovie Smith, the Illini have been focused on recruiting quarterbacks who can run as well as pass.

■ Will experience pay off? The Illini played 22 freshmen last season, and they will be young again with only nine seniors on the spring roster.

GOLF

PGA HONDA CLASSIC

Fired-up Thomas captures playoff

List misses opportunity to earn 1st tour victory; Woods finishes 12th

BY CRAIG DAVIS
Sun Sentinel

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — The Honda Classic couldn't get the script right. It wasn't decided by a Tiger roar or a grind through the Bear Trap.

Three players emerged from PGA National's wet and wild big three — Nos. 15, 16 and 17, usually the great decider — still in lock-step as the shadows lengthened late in the final round Sunday.

It took a sudden-death playoff to settle the matter after Justin Thomas and Luke List finished 72 holes knotted at 8 under.

Thomas, the reigning PGA Tour player of the year, sank a 6-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole, No. 18, to take the title a year after missing the cut. He punctuated the eighth win of his career and first of 2018 with an emphatic expletive that resonated on the television broadcast.

"It was an emotional win and I was happy to get it done. I did not know that was on TV. So I apologize to everybody who heard it," said Thomas, who will move to No. 2 in the world rankings. "I guess I let my emotions out there."

After Thomas missed the cut last year, he drove down from his Jupiter home and waited by the green to congratulate Rickie Fowler on his victory. This time it was Fowler who missed the cut and was there to return the favor.

Thomas and List, playing in the final pairing, both birdied the 18th in regulation to eliminate Alex Noren, who was in the clubhouse at 7 under.

List, seeking his first tour win, sent his drive in the playoff into trees right of the fairway and put his second shot into the crowd the left of the green, the ball coming to rest a foot from the wall of the viewing stands.

He made a nice recovery after a relief drop, but his adventure opened the door for Thomas, who put his second shot on the green to set up a two-putt birdie.

"Yeah, I'd like to have that tee shot back in the playoff," List said. "Obviously, it hurts right now, but when I look back on it, I'll be proud of the way I hung in there."

Tiger Woods finished a respectable 12th at even par after closing with a 70.

The tricky three-hole gantlet known as the Bear Trap in honor of course designer Jack Nicklaus could have been called the Tiger Trap this week.

Woods got to 3 under by sinking an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 14 to move into a tie for sixth. Then he plunked his tee shot into the water well short of the green on No. 15, leading to a double bogey that effectively sank his hopes for a late rally.

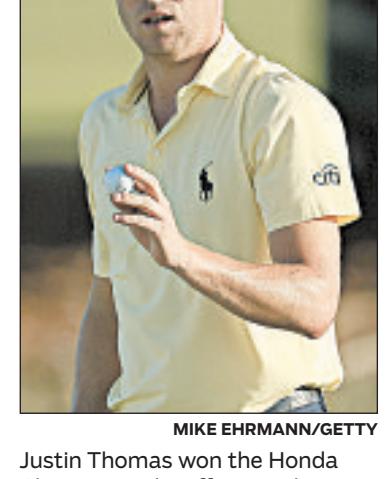
A bogey on No. 16 left him with five bogeys and two double bogeys in the Bear Trap for the week.

"I made a big leap this week because I really hit it well," said Woods, who led the field in average proximity to the hole on his approach shots at just over 29 feet. "I was able to control it, especially in this wind, which is not easy to do."

Most of the day, the focus of the crowd was mainly on Woods, while Thomas and List were largely afterthoughts until the playoff.

"To be honest, I don't care," said Thomas, who earned \$1.2 million for the win. "I'm sitting with the trophy, so I'm fine with it."

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Justin Thomas won the Honda Classic in a playoff over Luke List.

BULLS

Crawford has seen it all before

In 18th season, veteran can relate to Bulls' growing pains

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

Jamal Crawford still has his youthful appearance, still has his turn-back-the-clock games.

Crawford turns 38 next month.

"He still looks like he's 22," Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said. "He's still playing like he's 22. When he gets it rolling, he's still a hard guy to stop."

It feels like an eternity since Hoiberg and Crawford teamed for three seasons on the Bulls, who went 15-67, 21-61 and 30-52 from 2000 to '03. Saturday's fourth quarter also surely felt like an eternity for Hoiberg as Crawford, the only three-time Sixth Man of the Year in NBA history, scored 11 of his 19 points to punctuate the Timberwolves' 122-104 victory.

The point is, Crawford has come a long way since he debuted for the Bulls at age 20. But those experiences helped toughen him for his 18-season career, and he knows what the current Bulls are experiencing.

"It's tough," Crawford said. "Every guy comes from a winning pedigree, whether it's college or high school or both. Losing this much sucks. But you have to put your head down and believe you'll get better in the future."

"I remember just trying to compete, just trying to get better. You knew you were going through a rough season and a transition because obviously we were following (Michael) Jordan and those great teams. You wanted to get better because you thought it would pay off long term. That's what stuck with me most."

Those lessons have stuck with Crawford a long time.

"I'll play 20 (seasons)," he said matter-of-factly when asked how much longer his career will last.

Why?

"For the love of the game," he said.

Crawford's nonstop, year-round love for playing is well documented. He eschews individual drills and plays pickup basketball every day in the offseason, traveling with at least one ball in the trunk of whatever car he's driving.

"Even when I retire, whenever it is, I'll



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Fred Hoiberg seemed to enjoy the close encounter he had Feb. 9 with Jamal Crawford.

BULLS AT NETS

TV/radio: 6:30 p.m. Monday; WGN-9, WSCR-AM 670.

Storylines: Two skidding teams are cramming their three-game season series into the final 23 games. They've lost a combined 11 straight games.

Trending: The Nets have been idle since losing Thursday in Charlotte, a scheduling rarity.... The Bulls won by 39 in the teams' final meeting last season.

still be playing at LA Fitness all year," he said. "I'll be playing somewhere, all the time."

Crawford said he'll know it's time to retire when he can't do "certain things" anymore. Asked specifically what they are, Crawford laughed and said he couldn't reveal.

But for a player who has made his living scoring in bunches off the bench, the signs will certainly revolve around the offensive end. This is, after all, one of only four players in league history to score 50 points for three teams.

Travel back to April 11, 2004, against

the Raptors for his epic performance for the Bulls that featured six 3-pointers and 50 points in an overtime road victory.

"I honestly feel I can do everything I did before. But I think I'm better because I'm smarter. I know the game better," Crawford said. "Before, I was 19, 20, running around, playing off the cuff. You won't see me throw it off the backboard dunking — I can still do that, by the way — but I can contribute other ways."

"Look at (Saturday). We had a back-to-back, flew in (Saturday) morning because of plane issues and I still had a game like this. I play every day, so it's not a shock to me. I'll play again (Sunday), even though we have a day off."

The Bulls also took Sunday off from an official practice, getting in individual workouts once their flight from Minneapolis to New York landed.

"The Bulls have a lot of young talent," Crawford said. "These times may be tough, but they prepare you. Once you go through that and you get to where you're good, you'll appreciate it more."

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BULLS NOTES

Holiday could be returning to lineup

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

After sitting inactive the last two games as the Bulls shift from playing veterans to viewing youngsters, **Justin Holiday** said he would play again at some point this season.

Here are two possibilities: Monday or Tuesday night.

The Bulls begin the first of their four remaining sets of back-to-back games Monday in Brooklyn, and the front office and medical staff haven't cleared **Zach LaVine** to play on consecutive nights.

LaVine said he's "always ready" to play in both, but when asked last week if he had been cleared, he said, "We still have to talk about it."

Which probably means no.

"Exactly," LaVine said, laughing. "Which means, 'Zach, we're going to tell you what's up? I'm open to whatever. I understand.'

"I don't know how much control I have in it, but I always want to play. There's no reason I want to sit. I sat out enough games this year. It might be a little bit above my head though."

Like **Robin Lopez**, Holiday confirmed he declined for now management's offer to play spot reserve minutes.

Missing the Mark: After scoring in double figures for 21 straight games, **Lauri Markkanen** has posted back-to-back three-point games while shooting 2-for-16 and missing all seven 3-point attempts.

Markkanen said he has been thinking too much during this slump, which has seen him miss 22 of his last 24 3-point attempts.

"I'm not getting the wide-open looks I was getting earlier in the season," Markkanen said. "So I just have to make my shots count."

At every turn, Markkanen has downplayed talk about hitting the so-called rookie wall.

"It's been a long season," he said. "I'm just trying to work through it. At times you do feel it. But I felt good (Saturday)."

Man in the middle: After incurring foul trouble in his first start, **Cristiano Felicio** logged close to 31 minutes against the Timberwolves and finished with 11 points, three rebounds and three assists.

"I tried to do everything the coach asked me to do — run the floor, screen, roll, play defense, play hard," Felicio said. "The more I play, the more I get back to what I was doing last year — rolling to the rim, pocket passing. I think I'm going to grow from here."

Despite signing a four-year, \$32 million deal, Felicio downplayed losing confidence when he fell out of the rotation.

"When I wasn't playing, I was practicing hard, keeping my body in shape," he said. "I don't get frustrated. I just keep working."

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BLACKHAWKS

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With the trade deadline coming up, Patrick Sharp's future with the Hawks is in doubt.

Hawks expect some changes

As trade deadline approaches, a new look is near-certainty

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

Patrick Kane slumped in his locker stall, tugged at his gray Blackhawks cap and faced reality.

Kane looked defeated after the team's latest loss, a 3-2 decision Saturday against the Blue Jackets.

Kane sounded defeated, too, when talking about the potential losses the Hawks could endure before Monday's 2 p.m. trade deadline.

"It will be a different situation," Kane said. "I don't know what's going to happen ... but you probably have to figure, one way or another, this is probably the last time this group is going to be together."

"We'll see what happens ... Probably be paying attention not only to our team, but around the league."

The Hawks were 11 points and four teams out of the second Western Conference wild-card spot after Saturday's defeating defeat, during which they twice held the lead.

Their chances of making the playoffs for the 10th straight season are less than 1 percent, according to hockey-reference.com. They basically would need to win 17 of their final 19 games — and get help from other teams — to have a shot.

"That's how we are thinking, but I don't want to go there," coach Joel Quenneville said of trying to remain optimistic.

And he has no desire to be here, in this position, throwing around words such as "spoiler" at the trade deadline.

Quenneville never has had a losing season in 20 years as an NHL head coach. The Hawks are 26-27-8. Only twice have Quenneville-coached teams failed to make

the playoffs.

The Hawks had won three of four before Saturday, but an eight-game skid preceded that mini-streak.

"I just want to try to win one game," Quenneville said. "Knowing that's the reality, knowing if we go on more than an amazing run, that's what it will take."

Barring any miracles on ice, the Hawks are playing for next season. And that means younger players on the ice.

Beginning Monday, teams can add as many players to their active rosters as they would like, as long as they do not go over the salary cap. As of Sunday, the Hawks were about \$3.9 million under the cap.

Players such as Tommy Wingels, Jan Rutta or maybe even Patrick Sharp, all due to be unrestricted free agents, could be moved to add to the seven picks the Hawks have in this year's draft.

The Hawks traded defenseman Michal Kempny to the Capitals last week for a conditional third-round pick.

General manager Stan Bowman has made clear he wants to make the team younger.

"The cap wasn't so much a problem this year," he said. "It was more ... if you're going to make a trade, you've got to take someone out of the lineup. Our younger players were playing good. That's one of the things we're not looking to (do), bring in a veteran to replace those guys."

While Bowman understands a product of that approach may be a year such as this, he doesn't intend to evade the standards set by the team's three championships since 2010.

"I think expectations are good," Bowman said. "Who wants to be around where people don't expect you to do well?"

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Panarin gone, hardly forgotten

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A fair share of Blackhawks fans were in the stands Saturday night at Nationwide Arena, many cheering loudly for a player on the other team.

Former Hawk Artemi Panarin, dealt to the Blue Jackets last summer for Brandon Saad and Anton Forsberg, received a roaring ovation when he was introduced before his current team's 3-2 win over his former team.

Hawks coach Joel Quenneville wasn't among those hooting and hollering, though he said he still roots for Panarin, who has 17 goals and 33 assists this season.

Panarin had 31 goals and 43 assists last season, playing primarily with Patrick Kane and Artem Anisimov.

"That was our go-to line, knowing that they would be very consistently producing," Quenneville said, "be it on the power play or five-on-five, always a threat."

"Great chemistry between him and Kaner. Arty did a good job doing what he had to do to make the line effective. We knew he was a special player and wish him nothing but the best."

Kane had his two highest goal outputs — 46 and 34 — during the two seasons he played with Panarin.

Bouma placed on waivers: The Hawks placed forward Lance Bouma, a healthy scratch the last three games, on waivers Sunday. The seven-year veteran has three goals and six assists in 53 games.

He will be an unrestricted free agent after this season.

No big deal: Tomas Jurco scored his first goal of the season Saturday and his second in 25 games with the Hawks spanning two seasons.

The forward said it was good to get it out of the way, though he would have preferred it had happened during a victory.

"Don't make a big deal about it," said Jurco, who has 15 goals in parts of four NHL seasons.

He said it: "Can be ... We're in a different situation than we've been in at any time. I think they're fine with whatever rumors are out there. It's been quieter than we've seen in the past." — Quenneville on whether the trade deadline is a distraction.

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COMMENTARY

Delivering power of hope

Insulated from struggle, Olympics show how bonds can be forged across nations

BY JERRY BREWER

Washington Post

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The coach with the hardest job at these Olympics left in tears. They were happy tears.

Sarah Murray, who led the unified Korean women's hockey team, isn't one for superfluous emotion. Though only 29, she's a hardened hockey lifer, the daughter of a former NHL coach and a two-time collegiate national champion while playing for Minnesota Duluth. For her to cry, she must be genuinely moved.

Last week, her tears wouldn't stop. As her Korean team — the biggest experiment and most hopeful symbol of the Pyeongchang Games — concluded play, she let out all the feelings she had kept bunched as tightly as her signature ponytail. She expressed her pride directing a team instructed to play together at the last minute to send a message, her amazement over the bond the players from South and North Korea developed in a short time and her respect for how they kept the focus on sport over spectacle.

The unified Koreans lost all five games, outscored 28-2. Still, they gave the crowds something to appreciate.

"When I was put in charge of a unified team that was decided upon as a political statement just ahead of the Olympics, I didn't know how I was going to unite the team," Murray said. "But I treated the South and North Korean players equally, and the players were totally committed. The players were the real heroes."

This is a fitting place to lower the curtain on the 2018 Winter Games. Before they began, they were declared the Peace Olympics and charged with the mission to turn up the volume on an innate quality of the Olympic movement: Remind a competitive world how to behave. Live for 16 days in an idyllic bubble.

We needed it. And somehow, despite the political sensitivity around the U.S.-North Korea tension, Pyeongchang succeeded in providing hope.

It succeeded because the athletes represented the best of us. It was only going to succeed if the athletes were authentic examples of those civil aspirations. It can't be forced. It can't be faked.

That's the magic of sports. In the heat of



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

"Shirtless Tongan" Pita Taufatofua; Lindsey Vonn, third from left; and IOC President Thomas Bach (dark coat) at the closing ceremony.

competition, truths are revealed. By simply being themselves, the participants made the Peace Olympics turn into more than a naive theme.

"Our games weren't a political statement to us," Murray said. "They were just games... It's going to be a sad goodbye."

I feel that way about the entire 2018 Games. It's going to be sad to leave this bubble.

It's a place where, at the end of a cross-country skiing race, four men from different countries can wait for the last-place finisher to cross the line. And then all five — representing Colombia, Tonga, Morocco, Portugal and Mexico — can celebrate wildly despite not being from winter wonderlands.

It's a place where three fierce rivals — Shaun White, Ayumu Hirano and Scotty James — can stage one of the Games' closest and most dramatic competitions in the

snowboarding halfpipe final, then embrace, and in recognition of how they all pushed each other to greatness, say the same words at once: "Thank you."

It's a place where Japanese speedskater Nao Kodaira can win the 500-meter final, become the first woman from her country to win Olympic speedskating gold and then share the moment with Korean silver medalist Lee Sang-hwa. They hugged. They shared flags. It became a touching moment that the home crowd could cheer as if Korea had won.

Asked afterward why she chose to engage Lee, Kodaira said: "Sport can make the world one together. It's simple."

Plenty more memorable athletic feats were provided by bigger stars who will never be forgotten. There were also embarrassing moments, including more Russian doping. But overall, the Pyeongchang Games were triumphant. The organizers'

optimism came to life.

"Sport cannot lead the policy in the political area, but we are aiming for a Peace Olympic Games," declared Lee Hee-beom, the president of the 2018 Pyeongchang organizing committee, before these Olympics.

At a time of great concern in the world, it was nice to live in this aspirational bubble for more than two weeks.

And now we return to the real world, where the problems remain and the resolutions are, at best, a work in progress. I wish we weren't about to exit this bubble. I wish the bubble wouldn't burst as soon as we leave.

But the hope of the Pyeongchang Games will continue to exist. They'll be examples that can be referred to for weeks, months and years. Sports can only do so much, but there's always hope. And hope is a most powerful thing.



HARRY HOW/GETTY

Russian team members fling away their gloves and sticks and join in celebrating their gold medal in hockey after beating Germany on Kirill Kaprizov's goal in overtime.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Gold medal gives Russians something to sing about

BY HELENE ELLIOTT

Los Angeles Times

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Sweaty and spent, the Olympic Athletes from Russia gathered to finish their mission.

Dazzling young Kirill Kaprizov's power-play goal 9 minutes, 40 seconds into overtime had given them a 4-3 victory over upstart Germany and had transformed them into Olympic hockey champions for the first time since 1992. But there remained a job to do, a promise to keep.

Because Russia had been banned from the Games for state-sponsored doping, its anthem was replaced by the Olympic hymn at the gold-medal ceremony.

But the players ignored the hymn. Standing with their arms around each other, they sang the Russian anthem. It was a violation of the IOC's sanctions. And they didn't care.

"It means a lot," said Ilya Kovalchuk, a former NHL standout who plays for St. Petersburg of Russia's Kontinental Hockey League. "We knew that we would do it if we win."

The Russians became the Olympic favorites as soon as it became clear the NHL would not allow its players to represent their homelands. The KHL, as Kovalchuk pointed out, is the second-best league in the world, so the Russians were well stocked.

The U.S. and other nations were forced to scour second- and third-tier leagues to try to make a whole out of jumbled parts. That was a recipe for failure. But Germany, seeded 10th, was an exception.

"What happened here," forward Moritz Muller said, "was a little miracle."

Under the guidance of coach Marco Sturm, the Germans gained strength after losing their first two games and mowed down Sweden and Canada to reach the final. They were within a minute of pulling off a huge upset. They might have been the happiest silver medalists ever to stand on Olympic ice.

"After we lost the game we were really disappointed, but more and more we're going to realize we lost against the Russian team in the gold-medal game of the Olympics, and I think we can be proud of ourselves," forward Marcel Goc said.

Germany took a 3-2 lead with 3:16 left in the third period, but Russia pulled even while killing a penalty with 56 seconds left.

"I think we thought we won," Goc said, "but they didn't stop."

Kaprizov ended the game 29 seconds after Germany's Patrick Reimer was sent off for high-sticking.

"This was my dream since I was 5 years old," Kovalchuk said. "It's good for Russia; it's good for everybody. I think the final was so exciting and unpredictable. That's what this tournament is all about."

ROUNDUP

Austrian skier's brain cramp knocks her off course, podium

Associated Press

Austrian cross-country skier Teresa Stadlober was well on her way to a silver medal. Then came a mental hiccup that cost her a spot on the podium but earned her a place in Olympic history.

With 7 kilometers left in Sunday's 30-kilometer race, Stadlober inexplicably veered right on a downhill slope while the rest of the skiers went left. By the time she had corrected her course, she had fallen from second place to eighth.

Her medal hopes had vanished.

"I don't know, I really don't know," said an embarrassed Stadlober, who ended up in ninth place.

"I took the wrong way. I had a blackout. I don't know why I took the wrong way."

Stadlober's misfortune nearly overshadowed the fact that winner Marit Bjørgen became the only Olympian to win five medals in Pyeongchang. The Norwegian finishes her career with 15 medals, the most decorated Winter Games athlete of all time.

"When I look behind me and see what I have done, it's incredible," said Bjørgen, who has won eight gold medals. "It has been an amazing career. This is my last Olympics, and to finish like this is incredible."

Stadlober said it would have been better for her if the course had been marked in colors, but she refused to blame the setup for her error.

"You have to know the course," she said. "I'm really sad and disappointed that it has happened because I had a really good day. Before I took the wrong way I thought I could fight for a medal."

Crushed garlic: Sweden beat South Korea's "Garlic Girls" 8-3 for gold in women's curling. Sweden's women have medaled five times in the six Olympics since curling was added.

The silver was the first curling medal for South Korea.

"We have been through a lot so that we could blaze a trail," skip Kim Eun-jung said.

Germany won the silver in the men's curling final.

German sweep: Francesco Friedrich finished off a bobsled sweep for Germany, driving his four-man sled to gold. Won Yunjong of South Korea and Nico Walther of Germany tied for second and shared the silver.

Not only did Germany win gold in all three bobsled events, matching its feat from 2006, it also became the first country to win six sliding gold medals at a single Olympics.



AL BELLO/GETTY

Teresa Stadlober took an unfortunate turn in the 30-kilometer cross-country ski race.

BY THE NUMBERS

NATION	G	S	B	TOT	GOALS	SHOTS
Norway	14	14	11	39		
Germany	14	10	7	31	OAR	1 0 2 14
Canada	11	8	10	29	Ger	1 0 2 0 3
U.S.	9	8	6	23	1ST: 1, OAR, Vyacheslav Voinov (Nikita Gusev, Kirill Kaprizov), 19:59.	
South Korea	8	6	6	20	2ND: 2, Ger, Felix Schütz (Brooks Macmillan, Patrick Hall), 9:32.	
Poland	5	8	4	17	3RD: OAR, Nikita Gusev (Kirill Kaprizov), 3:31.	
Switzerland	5	4	4	13	4: 4, Ger, Dominik Kahun (Frank Mauer, Yasin Ehli), 13:31.	
France	5	4	6	15	5: 5, Ger, Jonas Müller (Yasin Ehli, Frank Mauer), 16:44.	
Sweden	7	6	1	14	6: 6, OAR, Kirill Kaprizov (Nikita Gusev, Kirill Kaprizov), 19:54 (SH).	
Austria	5	3	6	14	7: 7, OAR, Kirill Kaprizov (Nikita Gusev, Kirill Kaprizov), 20:00 (pp).	
Japan	4	5	4	13	8: 8, Ger, Jonas Müller (Yasin Ehli, Frank Mauer), 20:00 (pp).	
Italy	3	2	5	10	9: 9, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 3:17.	
China	1	6	2	9	10: 10, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Finland	2	2	3	7	11: 11, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Britain	1	0	4	5	12: 12, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Bulgaria	2	1	0	3	13: 13, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Slovakia	1	2	0	3	14: 14, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
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Spain	0	0	2	2	19: 19, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Hungary	1	0	0	1	20: 20, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	21: 21, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1	22: 22, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Lithuania	0	0	1	1	23: 23, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1	24: 24, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Montenegro	0	0	1	1	25: 25, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Algeria	0	0	1	1	26: 26, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
North Macedonia	0	0	1	1	27: 27, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Malta	0	0	1	1	28: 28, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
Montenegro	0	0	1	1	29: 29, Ger, Daniel Neuenschwander (Samuel Mc Guffie, Steven Langton), 19:54 (SH).	
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2018 WINTER OLYMPICS



Red Gerard of the U.S. flies into the air as he won the snowboarding slopestyle gold.
KIN CHEUNG/AP

WINNERS & LOSERS

From snowboarders who didn't come down to figure skaters whose tops wouldn't stay up



BY PHIL ROSENTHAL, TIM BANNON AND PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

It seems like just two weeks ago that Yuna Kim lit the Olympic cauldron to get the 2018 Winter Games started. But now it's over. So much to recap, so little space.

Winner: Red Gerard (above)
After winning gold in slopestyle, the U.S. snowboard star flew back to the U.S. for media appearances on both coasts while entertaining sponsorship offers. Then he returned to South Korea to compete in big air. Although Gerard didn't medal after reaching the finals, the 18,000 miles he logged by jet between events show he's a big air champ of another kind.

Winner: Elizabeth Swaney
Sure, she doesn't do any tricks on the halfpipe, and, sure, her Hungarian roots are thin at best, and, sure, many view her participation in the 2018 Olympics as a sham. But, hey, she knows how to navigate the system, and at 33 she made her dream come true.

Loser: Lester Holt
"The NBC Nightly News" did not enjoy its customary Olympics rating boost, drawing fewer viewers than ABC's "World News Tonight" while Holt was in South Korea during the first week of the Winter Games. What's more, Holt managed to pick up the flu on the way home.

Losers: Canadian hockey teams
Losing the women's gold medal to the U.S. was upsetting. Losing in the men's semifinal to Germany was incomprehensible. Do you believe in debacles?

Winner: Swiffters >>>
With the U.S. men's stunning success in curling, not to mention the seeming wall-to-wall coverage of the sport these last two weeks, sales of the sweeping devices will surely soar as more people try to put a little more Olympic effort into their housework.

Winners: Hilary Knight and Kendall Coyne
Not to mention the rest of the U.S. women's hockey team, which ended a 20-year gold-medal drought with a dramatic 3-2 shootout win over Canada. But for the sake of Illinois pride, we'll single out Knight, who grew up in Lake Forest, and Coyne, who lives in Palos Heights. Of their victory, Knight said: "They should make a movie on it. We had all the drama and everything." We agree, and we think Knight should star as herself.

Loser: Apolo Ohno
The eight-time Olympic medalist who's now an NBC short-track speedskating analyst fell victim to a sponsor running an ad that features him into the ground during the Winter Games, dulling the appetite for him and its candy bar. Sizing up a race field Thursday in his commentator role, foreshadowing what would be a world-record time, Ohno said, "China's hungry." And some viewers thought, sure, but not enough to eat what you're selling. Ohno, indeed.

Winner: Short-track speedskating
NBC contributor Dale Earnhardt Jr. was wowed. "This is just like NASCAR on ice," Earnhardt said. "They are so aggressive, I can't believe it, so much action." Wait till Dale Jr. sees video of ski cross, in which one skier broke his pelvis after losing control on a jump in midair, another broke his shin in a wipeout and a third suffered a concussion crashing into a fence.



MADDIE MEYER (SKATING), CHARD HEATHCOTE (CURLING) / GETTY; JAVIER SORIANO/AFP (VONN)
Top, Gabriella Papadakis found her figure skating outfit a bit too unruly; middle, U.S. curling success could boost business for Swiffters; above, Lindsey Vonn's good downhill run in the Alpine combined was undone when she did not finish the slalom portion.

Loser: Shootouts
The U.S. women beat Canada to win hockey gold. That's the good news. The bad news is that the game was decided by a shootout. It's the gold-medal game, for goodness' sake. Let the teams keep playing until someone scores.

Winner: Britney Spears
Not only did the pop star get frequent Olympic shout-outs from Adam Rippon and Gus Kenworthy, her song "Toxic" was a favorite pump-up song for athletes. But best of all was that the move that American hockey player Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson used to score the winning shootout goal against Canada is called the "Oops! I Did It Again."

<<< **Loser: Flimsy figure skating dresses**
In the ice dancing short program, Gabriella Papadakis' costume came unlatched at the neckline and left one of her breasts exposed live on TV. "I felt it right away, and I prayed," the Frenchwoman said. "That's about what I could do."

Winner: Dick Pound
The longest-serving member and two-time vice president of the International Olympic Committee blasted IOC leadership for allowing itself to be bullied by Russia, not effectively punishing it for its role in the Sochi doping scandal. Canada's Pound must have hit a nerve, too, because the IOC did in fact take some action. Its spokesman said Pound was free to leave the organization if he didn't like the way it was run.

Loser: Ironic shirts
In a recent interview, Russian bobsledder Nadezhda Sergeeva wore a shirt that read: "I don't do doping." Then Friday, Russian officials confirmed that Sergeeva had failed a doping test.

Winner: Russia
While still denying it has a doping and cover-up program, Russia had athletes — plural — test positive for banned substances. Its hackers sought to breach Olympic systems and tried to make it look like North Koreans did it. So the IOC put its foot down by continuing to forbid Russia's flag or anthem at the Winter Games. But that didn't stop the Russian men's hockey players from singing their anthem after winning gold. Talk about determination.

Winner: Insomniacs
Many marquee events were scheduled for mornings in Pyeongchang, enabling NBC to air them live in prime time here. Sleepless Olympics fans were rewarded overnight, however, with the chance to watch some of Team USA's most thrilling moments live, including gold medals in women's hockey, women's cross-country team sprint and men's curling.

<<< **Winner: Lindsey Vonn**
At 33, after countless injuries and surgeries and rehabs, she proved why she's the greatest female ski racer ever.

Loser: Lindsey Vonn
After a great Olympic career (assuming it's actually over) and after a terrific run in the downhill portion of the Alpine combined, Vonn hooked a tip and couldn't complete the race, ending her career with a "Did Not Finish."

Winner: "The Simpsons"
Yet again a premise dreamed up by writers of the long-running Fox series has come to pass. "Kids, open your history books, tear out the pages and put this indelible Olympic moment in," guest Bob Costas said in 2010's "Boy Meets Curl" as Team USA's Homer and Marge Simpson, along with Seymour and Agnes Skinner, won in curling. And, just like the 2018 U.S. men, they upset Sweden for the gold.

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A high-stakes tweeting

How social media has changed the game for NBA players

BY MELISSA ROHLIN

San Jose Mercury News

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry has a rule with Twitter. Before he sends a tweet, he'll re-read it at least once.

"If I hesitate for a half of a second, then most likely I won't tweet it," Curry told the Bay Area News Group.

Curry has written many drafts that have never seen daylight. Some were responses to fans, others were his thoughts on what's going on in the world. Because of his rule, Curry has managed to mostly remain above the fray of social media drama.

But many of his teammates have not been so lucky.

With the relatively recent boom of Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat, modern athletes are living in a different world, one that's both dangerous and enlightening, inclusive and damaging.

Curry, a two-time NBA champion and a two-time Most Valuable Player, has 12 million followers on Twitter. He usually checks his mentions twice a day, never knowing what he's going to find.

"You've got derogatory stuff," Curry said. "You've got people attacking your family. You've got people sending pictures of them and their families wearing your jersey. You have people on there who will send 40 messages in a row to try to get me to respond to them. I get wedding invites, prom invites, all of that stuff. And this last year, any type of political debate that comes up surrounding (President Donald) Trump and athletes, somehow I get tagged."

Curry said social media is a great tool, but in order to keep his sanity, he makes a point of not getting too emotionally charged by anything he reads about himself. It's a tall task, but in this day and age, NBA players have to be acutely aware of everything they say or write because it lives on the internet forever.

It has become such hot-button issue that the Warriors hired Kevin Sullivan, a communications strategist, to speak to the team five of the last six seasons about how to manage their social media accounts. Sullivan was the director of public relations for the Mavericks for 18 years and also worked at the White House as the director of communications under former President

George W. Bush.

"One of the things I often tell the players, especially the young guys, is you're coming into this at the most difficult time in the life of a pro athlete, without question," Sullivan said. "Everything is scrutinized like never before, and they have so many more opportunities for missteps. These guys really have to focus on how to manage it the right way because it can hurt their personal brand and the team. The stakes are high."

Kevin Durant learned that lesson the hard way after responding in September to a fan who tweeted, "give me one legitimate reason for leaving okc other than getting a championship."

It appeared as though Durant tried to use a fake Twitter account to defend himself, writing in the third person, "he didn't like the organization or playing for Billy Donovan" and "Kd can't win a championship with those cats."

Durant deleted those tweets. But it was too late. Somebody took screenshots of them and they went viral. At a technology conference in San Francisco later that month, Durant apologized and said his tweets were "childish" and "idiotic."

Warriors coach Steve Kerr said players have to be very careful with everything they do on social media.

"You just have to understand it can come back and haunt you quickly, depending on what you write," Kerr said.

"I think everybody is learning that as we go, as social media becomes more and more prominent. People are realizing all of the time now that you can get yourself into trouble. But it's so hard to keep from that impulse, especially if you're angry about something. But what it fosters is generally really unhealthy, the anger and the resentment, the divide."

Durant isn't the only Warriors player to get into some trouble over social media. Before the 2016 Olympics Games in Rio de Janeiro, Draymond Green posted a photo of his genitalia to his public Snapchat My Story, before quickly deleting it.

Green initially tweeted that he had been hacked but eventually came clean that he had meant to send that photo to someone privately and accidentally pressed the wrong button.

Sullivan said that if a player messes up, his repu-

tation isn't necessarily tarnished. He advises guys to own up to their mistakes, pointing out that Americans love to forgive their heroes.

"There's an old Washington saying: Tell it first, tell it all, and tell it yourself," Sullivan said. "You've got to apologize very quickly, and the apology includes taking responsibility, expressing regret, what am I going to differently in the future. It can't be, 'If I offended anyone.' We love second chances in this country, and nowhere more than sports. Most things you can recover from with an effective and quick apology."

Nick Young also got into some hot water over social media, though it wasn't because of anything he wrote. Young was secretly recorded in a video by his former Lakers teammate, D'Angelo Russell, talking about cheating on his then-fiancée, Iggy Azalea. The video was released to celebrity gossip site Fameolous, and shared like wildfire over social media. Azalea eventually broke off the engagement.

"It was something I went through," Young said. "It was tough. I got through it, though."

There's an even darker side to social media, one that was highlighted during the Warriors' Western Conference finals series against the Spurs last season.

In Game 1, Zaza Pachulia made a now-illegal closeout play against Kawhi Leonard, and the Spurs' superstar landed on Pachulia's foot and re-sprained his left ankle.

Some thought Pachulia did it purposely. Many were outraged. Pachulia and his family received death threats over their social media accounts, leading security guards to be sent to his children's schools.

"I just felt bad for my family," Pachulia said. "At the end of the day, we're basketball players. We're trying to play, to entertain, to do something special on the court. But off the court, we're just regular human beings. We have families, we have lives, we have kids."

Pachulia said at the beginning of last season, his fingers were "itching" to read what people were saying about him. It was the first time he was playing for a championship-caliber team, and he was fascinated by all of the interaction. But that quickly changed with all of the hyper-critical and negative things he read on a daily basis.

"The more attention you pay them, it makes them more successful," Pachulia said. "If you don't pay attention to them, then who

cares. Nobody even knows them. It's about how you approach the things. You have to believe in yourself. You have to believe in the guys around you who have your back. I know what happened. My teammates know what happened. We know the reality. So you just move on."

Kerr said things are much tougher for players nowadays than they used to be. He distinctly remembers trying out for the Bulls in 1993, hoping to make the team on a non-guaranteed deal, when he accidentally came across something that shook his whole perspective.

"I pick up the sports page, Chicago Tribune, unsuspecting thinking I'm not going to find anything about myself," Kerr said. "There was an article about the last roster spot, and the guy predicted I'd get cut. I read the article, I go home, I'm fuming. I'm like, 'This is bull. I'm playing well, I'm going to make the team.' And then I'm like, 'Oh, my God. Am I not going to make the team?' So all of this unnecessary clutter is in my head."

It's a moment that Kerr often thinks about when he looks around the locker room and sees the Warriors players checking their social media accounts. Players no longer have to buy a newspaper to read what someone is saying about them — it's everywhere, all around them, at all moments.

"Imagine that at your fingertips all day, every day," Kerr said. "We're all human beings, so we all have a desire to know what people are saying about us, and we all have a desire to be liked. So imagine that times 100 on your phone, access to it nonstop all day, every day, including at halftime of games."

Even though Kerr thinks that responding to haters is a waste of players' time, and checking Twitter mentions during games is akin to crossing a psychological minefield, Kerr leaves it up to each player to decide how and when to use their social media accounts.

"I think it would be counterproductive to be the old-school coach who has a rule that you're not allowed on your phones before or after games, and if somebody is, grab the phone and throw it against the wall," Kerr said. "The players would just laugh. I think it's important to be with the times and understand that it's a different generation. People grow up a different way. I try to just use subtle humor with our guys. Instead of reprimanding them for it, I try to

make fun of the whole process, the whole concept of social media, even caring what anybody says. So we joke about it more than anything."

When Sullivan talks to teams about how to manage their social media accounts, he often quotes something that Curry said after he won his first MVP award in 2015 about being "the best version of yourself." He tells players to imagine they're saying whatever they're about to tweet to a room filled with reporters who have cameras and notepads.

Social media can be a very powerful tool. Players can connect with their audiences in unprecedented ways, bring attention to their causes and show sides of themselves and their character that were previously reserved for family and friends.

Curry very much recognizes that power and privilege and has used it for many philanthropic causes, including his Nothing But Nets shoe giveaway in which he donated an insecticide-treated bed net to protect families from malaria for every \$120 shoe sold.

"It makes the world so much smaller," Curry said. "You can raise awareness on anything that's important to you and drive attention to it. I've done shoe launches through it, I did my Nothing But Nets shoe giveaway on Twitter and Instagram. The feedback I got from that is crazy. I don't know any other way you really can execute something that I did like that. That's the power of social media."

David West actually wishes Twitter was around sooner. He often uses it to mentor younger kids.

Through Twitter, he's able to maintain relationships with them and follow their careers.

"When I was in college, it was all regional stuff," West said. "Like USA Today would actually have to come to watch you play to get the story to go around. Now a guy has a big game, one clip, and the whole world knows about him. It's an opportunity for guys to get exposure, and for people to see players and athletes and learn about them without having to literally be there."

I think it's advantageous for some young guys, particularly guys who are in smaller markets, at a small university somewhere or at a small high school somewhere. They can be seen and heard."

Earlier in his career, West used to use Twitter in other ways, such as to go back and forth with fans and defend his teammates — until he

had a realization.

"You don't know who you're talking to," West said. "They know who I am. You don't know who is on the other side. So I stayed away from it. I stuck up for teammates a couple of times. And then I was like, you know what, you don't know if this is a computer algorithm or some jackass just sitting around trying to get you riled up."

Curry acknowledges that he used to check Twitter during halftime. But during the 2015 Finals, he decided to temporarily delete all of the social media apps on his phone.

"When everybody is watching your game every night, if you let one ounce of negativity or one terrible comment creep in, especially right before a game or at halftime or something, it's probably not the best bet," Curry said.

Curry, however, couldn't quite avoid the noise during the 2016 Finals when his new shoes, the Curry 2 Low "Chef" sneakers, were released in June and the Twitterverse exploded roasting him. One person tweeted said he was really "targeting that emergency room nurse demographic." There was even a GIF of an old woman falling while wearing those shoes.

"It felt like the world was caving in," Curry said. "Then a week later, nobody is really talking about it. It's kind of a hard process."

All things considered, Curry said he tries to maintain a good perspective around social media and he uses it to his benefit when he can.

This past summer, Durant dissed the shoe company that sponsors Curry while recording a podcast, saying, "Nobody wants to play in Under Armour."

Immediately rumors swirled that there would be tension in the locker room and a potential rift among the reigning NBA champions.

Curry diffused everything with one picture.

He posted a photo of him and Durant goofing off, with Durant grinning and pointing to his Nike shoes. Curry wrote: "Why so serious?!! #sneakerwars."

With a little humor and his own voice, the story quickly became a non-story.

Curry, who has become something of a skilled multimedia diplomat, said being a superstar in the age of social media boils down to one very simple formula.

"Appreciate for the most part that people care what goes on in your life," he said. "But know that it won't influence you either way."

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First baseman Joe Mauer hit .305 with 71 RBIs last season for his hometown Twins. Mauer and the team have their sights set on improving upon last year's wild-card game loss.

For Mauer, what's next?

After resurgent season, Twins mainstay approaches his 35th birthday in final year of \$184M contract

BY PHIL MILLER | Minneapolis Star Tribune

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The first clue about Joe Mauer's baseball future comes when he talks not about his contract or career, but his 4-year-old twin daughters. Emily and Maren are in Florida this spring. Mauer said, because "they'll be in kindergarten next year, so they can't come down here."

That's as opposed to their father, presumably. Maybe that's a hint, maybe a guess, maybe a plan. The truth is, even Joe Mauer isn't sure.

The Twins' most senior player, a man who relies on continuity and consistency above all else, is in his 17th Twins camp with questions swirling around him like swamp flies in the nearby Everglades, triggered by the expiration next October of his club-record, eight-year, \$184 million contract signed in March 2010. Is this farewell? Will he be with the Twins next year? Will he even be a professional baseball player anymore?

"I get asked about this all the time," Mauer says with his trademark shrug. "I honestly don't know how to answer."

And in the absence of definitive information, forecasting Mauer's fate is a popular pastime, inside and outside the clubhouse.

"I don't know why he would" retire, pitcher Phil Hughes said. "He didn't look like he was slowing down last year."

"I think Joe is going to be a lifelong Twin," manager Paul Molitor said. "That's my gut reaction."

Mauer seems as afflicted by the attention as the uncertainty, but he admits to wondering himself.

"I was driving here today and thinking, 'This is my 17th big-league spring training in the same building, the same clubhouse! It's really kind of emotional, a sentimental kind of thing. I mean, it goes by so fast,'" he said. "I won't be here forever, I understand that. So I just try to enjoy the heck out of it. That's what I'm going to do this season."

And a year from now?

"If I can still contribute, I'm planning to keep going. I'd like that. I really enjoy playing this game, and I want to keep doing that as long as I can," Mauer said. "To say, 'Oh, I'm going to play just this year,' or 'I'm going to play three or four more years,' I don't have that answer. But if I'm feeling good and I'm having an impact, I want to play as long as I can."

A year ago, many wouldn't have given him a Joe Mauer rookie card for his chances of getting another contract. His career, once on a Hall of Fame trajectory, had derailed as his team did too. His batting average, three times the highest in the AL, had sagged for three consecutive years, and when he hit .261 for a 103-loss team in 2016, whispers grew around the league that he was washed up, that the Twins were better off benching him and handing Miguel Sano his job at first base.

That's why 2017 was so invigorating, both for Mauer and the Twins.

A playoff run was exciting, and Mauer relished being in the middle of it, savored the champagne poured over his head the night they clinched a wild card.

"There are a lot of ups and downs in your career, and as you get older, you really learn to appreciate those great moments," Mauer said. "That's why I'm not ready to say this is it, or this isn't it. I'm having too much fun."

Age also can send veterans like him, particularly those as accomplished but unfulfilled in the postseason as Mauer, on a last-ditch quest for championship rings. Carlos Beltran, for instance, capped a 20-year career last season by signing with the Astros and winning the World Series title that had always eluded him.

A similar thirst afflicts Mauer, too, and for good reason. The Twins are 1-13 in postseason games since he reached the majors in 2004, losing the last 13. So yes, he wants to go out with some gaudy jewelry like Beltran.

Here's the thing, though: If he's going hunting for a title, he intends to bag one in Minnesota.

"We had some tough years, but things changed last year. We've got the talent to win, if we just get these guys some experience," Mauer said of the Twins, who last year added 24 wins to their total from 2016. "I want to see this organization win, and I want to be a part of it."

Can the St. Paul, Minn., native picture putting on another team's uniform if the Twins don't invite him back?

"No, not really, to be honest," he said. "This is where I want to be. This is where my family is, where my daughters are growing up. I have no intention of going anywhere else. Hopefully it doesn't come to that."

It appears he won't know for another seven months, though. Mauer, who turns 33 three weeks after opening day, said he hasn't approached the Twins about a contract extension, nor have they called his agent. Derek Falvey, the Twins chief baseball officer, said he won't comment publicly on potential negotiations with a player, but added: "I know what Joe has meant to this franchise, and I recognize where his contract is. Joe is as hard a worker as you're going to find, and any conversations we have with him will be held with the utmost respect for him."

That's good enough for Mauer too. He and his longtime agent, Ron Shapiro, have discussed his future, "but I just said I kind of want to enjoy this year and see what happens," he said. "I'm not one to say I have to have a (new) contract, or make demands. I definitely still love the game, and I'd like to keep putting this uniform on. The Twins mean a lot to me."

So does his family, though. Road trips are becoming more difficult for Mauer, because the 4-year-olds hate it when he leaves.

Their well-being, and the time away from them and his wife, Maddie, that comes with a baseball career, will be a consideration. His brother Jake, the Twins' Double-A manager at Chattanooga last season, weighed similar circumstances this winter, and decided to give up baseball in order to be with his children.

"I'm happy for Jake. He made the decision for his family," Mauer said. "That wasn't lost on me."

About that contract ...

It might be Mauer's least favorite interview topic, so much so that he defensively reduces any mention to a generic shorthand in conversation, the term "deal" preferred over "contract," the number 184 standing in for the staggering bottom line: \$184 million. The most handsomely paid player in franchise history squirms at the mention of his colossal compensation, grows mortified at the thought that fans might think he is greedy and objects to the notion that his paycheck in any way defines him.

"I know I get labeled with that, but I've never played because of money. When I walk in here, it's about the game, it's about winning," Mauer said. "There's a lot more to me than 184. That number will always be linked to me, I understand that, but the guys in here would tell you they don't pay much attention to it."

He knows that his social-media-fueled critics do, though, and always have, even before concussions forced him to give up his natural position behind the plate. And he understands that the topic will be brought up more than ever this summer.

Mauer can truthfully explain that he simply benefited from baseball's modern compensation system, and that he signed, back in the spring of 2010, a contract that reflected the acknowledged market value for a young, three-time AL batting champion fresh off a league MVP season for a perennial division champion. He couldn't turn it down — the players' union wouldn't have allowed it, for that matter — and ... who would?

Would it be difficult to accept a salary smaller than the \$23 million he makes annually? Mauer makes a face at the question. He wants what's fair, nothing more, he says. He understands baseball's economics and his place in it.

And the number that really mattered, Mauer insists, wasn't the breadth of his big contract, but its length. Eight years in all, cocooned in a no-trade clause that guaranteed that Target Field — which was about to open when he signed — would be his home past his 35th birthday.

"Being here for eight years, that was more important to me than what everybody else focused on," Mauer said, using another euphemism for his salary. "To know I would be home and be surrounded by the people who are important to me, that was the best part of the deal. I know other people look at it differently, but I can't help that."

Concussion bounce-back

Desiring a contract is one thing. Earning it is another. And Mauer believes he's in better position to do that than ever before.

He hit a team-best .305 last year, with an .801 on-base-plus-slugging percentage. He racked up 44 extra-base hits and 71 RBIs. It was his best season since 2013, a career resurgence, in fact, that changed some opinions about how long he can contribute.

While Mauer is reluctant to talk about it — yes, another difficult topic — that comeback year might not be a coincidence.

The six-time All-Star catcher was struck on the top of his helmet by an Ike Davis foul ball Aug. 19, 2013. The incident ended that season for Mauer and, he concedes, might have afflicted the next two or three.

"It was tough. I realized that you don't really know how bad it is sometimes, even when you're cleared to play. I had kind of accepted it as my new normal," he said of the concussion symptoms that kept returning even years later. "Like, you don't know why you're struggling so much, because you're putting in the work. There are so many unknowns you're not prepared for."

Mauer recalls accepting an invitation to a Wild game shortly before spring training in 2014 — but he stayed only "about two minutes," he said, because he became overwhelmed.

"Just all the sounds, the ice, how bright it was, I just turned right around," he said. "It was a scary thing. You think, 'Is this how it's going to be the rest of the way?' I'm a dad now, is it going to be like this in 10 years? Or 15? You just don't know."

But time has healed his brain, and calmed his fears. He found treatments that worked, and "I feel like I've been getting better and better. It takes time, more than you ever realize."

Questions ahead

Molitor played 15 seasons for the Brewers, and he took for granted there would be a 16th. But when Milwaukee offered him a contract that guaranteed him only about one-third as much as the Blue Jays were willing to pay, he reluctantly left the only team he had known.

So the Twins manager is looking on with interest, but also plenty of empathy, as his team's senior player enters the final year of his contract.

"That's going to be something where it probably swirls in his head from time to time," Molitor said. "I'm curious about it, about how he feels about it today."

Everyone is curious, Mauer knows. He shrugs again. It's going to be a long year of answering the same question, he seems to say.

"I try not to think a lot about it. I just want to play the game," Mauer said. "People worry about way too many things out there. I'm more worried about who's on the mound every night and what I can do to help the team. I'm really looking forward to this year. I really believe I'm going to have some fun this year. I think we all will."



Peter DeFaria and Monica Orozco play Chicago police officers in American Blues Theater's production of "Six Corners" by Keith Huff.

IN PERFORMANCE 'SIX CORNERS' ★★★½

A Chicago cop story with deep questions

Huff continues probing the moral quandaries of policing a complex city

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

Are cops a force for good? In his three compelling mystery plays about the Chicago Police Department — "A Steady Rain" in 2008, "The Detective's Wife" in 2011 and, here in 2018, "Six Corners" — the Chicago-based playwright and TV writer Keith Huff has pondered that question and the deeper one it begs.

What about the city in which they are obliged to ply their trade?

Do we believe our own press releases? Are we less safe than we think? Do we trust the rules or do we prefer to rely on the intuitive judgment of those who are sworn to keep us from ourselves?

All of those issues swirl around "Six Corners." The title references the shopping district in the Portage Park neighborhood of Chicago (Huff has always been specific), but the bulk of the action takes place in the police station at Belmont and Western avenues, the one built on land where Chicagoans once frolicked at the Riverview amusement park. That locale is no more than a good, stiff walk west on



Byron Glenn Willis and Lyric Sims in "Six Corners," directed by Gary Griffin at Stage 773.

Belmont from Stage 773, where "Six Corners" had its world premiere Thursday night.

I've heard from police officers who've found their way to Huff's plays over the last decade, and they generally have said that he understands them far more than does your average TV network procedural,

because his theatrical work is dedicated to the idea that nothing is easy or simple, that profound moral choices have to be made in the spur of the moment, that the past mistakes written on the face of a police officer do not mean he or she is incapable

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PARRISH LEWIS/SHOWTIME

Steven Williams plays Quentin on the Showtime series "The Chi."

'THE CHI' EPISODE 7 RECAP

Series finds its footing

BY WILLIAM LEE AND NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune

Each week, William Lee and Nina Metz recap and discuss the first season of "The Chi," which airs at 9 p.m. Sundays on Showtime.

Spoilers ahead

Nina Metz: So much to talk about this week! It seems like almost everyone found themselves getting squeezed. Ronnie leaves the police station only to have Detective Cruz tell him, "I know what you did." Jada gets fired for stealing hospital supplies to nurse Ronnie's gunshot wound. Brandon quits the restaurant rather than fire his friend. Trice attacks Reg for leaving the stash house vulnerable to a break-in. And in that final scene, Quentin, aka Mr. Cool, is — for the first time the whole season — caught by surprise and suddenly in real danger.

That's a lot of plot. And yet it's feels manageable in part because there's also humor here and importantly, that humor feels so *human*. These last three episodes, it seems like "The Chi" has finally found its footing, and it is the little absurdities that always catch my attention. When Trice shows up at Reg's house and asks for a beverage and he's handed a juice box? *And then drinks it?* Oh, my God. And the scary and graphic beating that follows? One minute he has the dainty straw of that juice box in his hands, the next they're balled up into fists wreaking havoc on Reg's face. It's just an incredible series of conflicting images — and that's not a complaint. I think it makes those moments all the more complicated.

So, why do you think Reg was able to get the drop on Quentin? Up until now, Q has been thinking three steps ahead of Trice and his crew — but not this time? Maybe the bigger question is: What is (or was) Quentin's endgame? He turned in all those firearms to the cops at the gun buyback and ...

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IN PERFORMANCE

An avalanche of piano virtuosity by two Cuban masters

BY HOWARD REICH
Chicago Tribune

Two concert grands. Two colossal virtuosos. One indelible evening. Granted, listeners who packed Orchestra Hall in Symphony Center on Friday evening already had high hopes for Cuban piano masters Chucho Valdés and Gonzalo Rubalcaba, judging by the long and raucous ovation that greeted them before they played a note.

But their music exceeded expectations, and not because the pianists played faster, louder or more brilliantly than their reputations suggested. No, it was the clarity, balance, sensitivity and tonal sheen of their work that made this a model of what two-

piano improvisation can be — but rarely is. Add to that the well-established wizardry of their technical achievements and the Afro-Cuban pulse of all the music they played (albeit at widely varying tempos), and you had an avalanche of piano virtuosity on a level rarely attained.

Had Valdés and Rubalcaba been paid by the note, they could have retired when they left the auditorium (not that they would have wanted to).

Mid the keyboard fireworks and profoundly stated musical ideas, another theme was at play: a dialogue between pianists of two generations, both born and nurtured in Cuba and now living within minutes of each other in Florida. The tug between their distinct concepts of harmony and



Chucho Valdés, left, and Gonzalo Rubalcaba represented two generations Friday night in Orchestra Hall.

musical structure enriched their dialogue, the audience hearing 76-year-old Valdés and 54-year-old Rubalcaba viewing Afro-Cuban tradition from distinct perspectives.

And yet they matched tone and touch so closely that from the

evening's first selection, Rubalcaba's "Joan," you sometimes couldn't tell which pianist had begun a solo without looking. As the music segued between the two, each replicated the timbre of the other, a feat far more difficult to achieve than they made it

appear.

"Joan" opened as a lullaby, Rubalcaba's softly stated legato lines not hinting at the storms yet to come. Valdés entered the proceedings by echoing what he'd

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Michelle Obama memoir set for fall

Michelle Obama's memoir, one of the most highly anticipated books in recent years, is coming out Nov. 13.

The former first lady tweeted Sunday that the book, to come out a week after the 2018 midterm elections, is called "Becoming."

"Writing 'Becoming' has been a deeply personal experience," she said in a statement. "It has allowed me, for the very first time, the space to honestly reflect on the unexpected trajectory of my life. In this book, I talk about my roots and how a little girl from the South Side of Chicago found her voice and developed the strength to use it to empower others. I hope my journey inspires readers to find the courage to become whoever they aspire to be. I can't wait to share my story."

She and her husband, former President Barack Obama, last year reached a joint agreement with Penguin Random House for their respective books. The deal is believed to be well in excess of \$30 million. "Becoming" will be released through the Crown Publishing Group, a Penguin Random House division that has published works by both Obamas.

Michelle Obama's memoir is expected to be a major commercial and cultural event. She is admired around the world and has never told her story at length. Her only previous book was a 2012 work on gardening, "American Grown."

— Associated Press

Box office

1. Black Panther	\$108 million
2. Game Night	\$16.6
3. Peter Rabbit	\$12.5
4. Annihilation	\$11
5. Fifty Shades Freed	\$6.9
6. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle	\$5.7
7. The 15:17 to Paris	\$3.6
8. The Greatest Showman	\$3.4
9. Every Day	\$3.1
10. Met Opera: La Boheme	\$1.9

SOURCE: Associated Press, estimated sales, Friday-Sunday.

'Panther' stays strong:

"Black Panther" scored one of the best second weekends ever with an estimated \$108 million in ticket sales. Ryan Coogler's Marvel sensation is on a box-office course that few films have managed, according to studio estimates Sunday. It is only the fourth film to earn \$100 million in its second weekend, along with "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (\$149.2 million), "Jurassic World" (\$106.6 million) and "The Avengers" (\$103.1 million). "Black Panther" has grossed \$400 million domestically and \$704 million worldwide in two weeks.

Feb. 26 birthdays: Singer Michael Bolton is 65. Actor Greg Germann is 60. Singer Erykah Badu is 47. Singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 39. Singer Nate Ruess is 36. Actress Teresa Palmer is 32.

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— *What's a Girl to Do?*

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ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Woman's crush has shades of Grey

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How could he think I would be happy to see him? I'm completely broken up all over again, and it seems that I never really moved on. How can I get beyond this?

— Sad

Dear Sad: First of all, good burn! He approached you and you denied him. Granted, you did so out of paralysis, but he doesn't know that.

This encounter triggered a long-buried traumatic memory for you. It seems to have erased all the years, and all of the recovery you've made, but it hasn't. You've only hit a skid.

I suggest you get out a pen and paper and make notes of all of your best moments in the past 34 years. Think about all you've done which this experience did not rob you of. Own this, proudly.

A professional counselor could help you make sense of your reaction, and put it into a healthy and forward-looking context.

Dear Amy: Responding to the reader who was considering DNA testing for her adopted son: Please note that most of the DNA testing companies permit you the option of having your matching relatives notified, or not. There is no danger of relatives finding him as long as she selects the "do not notify" option.

— Sacramento Reader

Dear Reader: Yes, various privacy options should prevent connections. Thank you.

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Valdes and Rubalcaba amaze with virtuosity

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heard, the two pianists intertwining lines as if from a single instrument and sensibility. It's in transparent passages such as these that duo pianists reveal their strengths and shortcomings. And it was obvious that these musicians felt rhythm in sync, thereby avoiding the painfully common ker-plunk effect of two musicians struggling to nail down beats simultaneously.

During one of Valdes' solos in "Joan," he quoted a composer he would return to throughout the evening: George Gershwin, this time with a few phrases from the first movement of the Concerto in F. When Valdes played them, he looked up and smiled, as if half-surprised that Gershwin suddenly would assert himself in the midst of the music-making.

Valdes' "Mambo Influenciado" not only lived up to its title but offered the pianists an opportunity to produce showers of notes at remarkable velocity. Playing zillions of pitches quickly, however, is not an art. Doing so from two pianos, while maintaining the clarity of each note and sustaining utter transparency of ensemble sound, is.

For in this piece, and others, Valdes and Rubalcaba took pains to work in different registers of their respective keyboards and to otherwise avoid too-thick blocks of sound.

Thus the music proved texturally lucid no matter how fast and furiously these 20 fingers were flying.

As the evening developed, however, distinctions between the pianists' work became increasingly clear. Valdes conjured herculean, Art Tatum-like technique in Valdes' "Punto Cubano," while Rubalcaba offered a light, sleek, even-keeled approach to high-speed passagework. And though

Valdes punctuated bebop-tinted chord progressions with bursts of keyboard dissonance, Rubalcaba continuously pushed into provocative, unfamiliar harmonic regions. Both, however, reveled in quoting from the history of Western music, Valdes offering snippets of "Flight of the Bumblebee" and "Ritual Fire Dance," Rubalcaba responding with a bit of Chopin's "Minute" Waltz and the jazz standard "Mona Lisa."

Valdes tipped his hat again to Tatum in playing solo on "Over the Rainbow," at times reharmonizing it via immense, Rachmaninoff-like chords. Once again, Gershwin appeared, this time with quotations from "Rhapsody in Blue."

Rubalcaba's solo version of "El Manisero" ("The Peanut Vendor") illuminated the searching quality of his approach, the pianist constantly shifting tempo, sabotaging patterns and venturing into rarefied harmony. It's not an overstatement to say that Rubalcaba's most technically ambitious passages here evoked Vladimir Horowitz, a comparison one does not make lightly.

The two pianists made a fantasy of the "Gitanerias" movement of Ernesto Lecuona's "Andalucia" suite, creating vast new melodic and harmonic structures upon it. And who could sit still during the surging energy they gathered in Juan Tizol and Duke Ellington's "Caravan," Rubalcaba's jazz countermeasures and Valdes' Gershwin-like repeated notes riding an unstoppable rhythmic pulse?

This was duo jazz piano cast as high art, a rare occurrence indeed.

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Brenda Barrie and Manny Buckley in American Blues Theater's production of "Six Corners" by Keith Huff.

Police drama raises deep questions

Six Corners, from Page 1

of future good.

I'd add that Huff has also homed in on one of the key concepts in policing — the partnership, with all of its internal bonds of friendship, protection, competition and betrayal. In "Six Corners," like "A Steady Rain," two of those police officers, played with quirky veracity by Huff alumnus Peter DeFaria and Monica Orozco, struggle not just with solving a murder at the CTA station in Lincoln Square, but more with getting their other half to agree on the same narrative. Huff clearly is saying that this pair is charged with solving one of Chicago's many gun-related murders, charged with doing something necessary for a statistics report, but that the act of solving is actually far more complicated than we care to think. Especially when you

When: Through March 24

Where: Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

Running time: 90 minutes

Tickets: \$19-\$49 at 773-327-5252 or www.americanbluestheater.com

are speaking of shattered lives. And what gun crime does not shatter lives on every side of the trigger?

We see a couple of those lives movingly played by Byron Glenn Willis and Lyric Sims. That's all you need to know.

Huff has said he was inspired by something that really happened to him in the 1980s: He picked up a CTA worker from the "L" tracks, a worker with a bullet through his head. "Six Corners" begins with two such Chicagoans: the lone witnesses, played with great emotional oomph by

Brenda Barrie and Manny Buckley, who have headed to this police outpost to explain what they have seen.

But are they telling the truth? And even if the detectives — who have their own internal angst and external problems — can figure all that out, will the agreed-upon truth actually set anyone free? In Huff's universe, it rarely does. And this is a play very cognizant of the role of race in policing. Nothing has become easier.

You'll likely have figured out by now that "Six Corners" is a plot-heavy 90 minutes. It bears some resemblance to watching cable, for sure, and I found myself wondering at times if the skilled director, Gary Griffin, should have gone with a more abstract production, one more full of the shadows that haunt everyone's minds and souls. The production, for

sure, could use more of the thud of theatrical inevitability. We could do to see more of the whites of the characters' eyes. Directly.

That said, the work here has plenty of emotional weight from Buckley and Barrie, and Griffin is clearly all-in when it comes to Huff's brushstrokes. You won't look away for a moment. The designer, Joe Schermoly, aided by impressive lighting from Alex Ridgers, has created one of those complex vistas of Chicago that you'll likely recognize. It's a picture of a great, cold and beautiful city of struggling humans who are quick to blame and claim but have yet to solve the most basic requirements of a community, which is not to kill another.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'TIME STANDS STILL' ★★

Ensemble shines in flawed drama about a war photographer

BY KERRY REID
Chicago Tribune

The gritty romance of the war photographer/correspondent has long cast a spell for writers and filmmakers. Often, they struggle to juxtapose the stories of those who record the horrors of war and famine with people who don't have the option of packing up the cameras and notebooks and going home.

In Donald Margulies' 2010 play "Time Stands Still," that delicate balance is seen through the playwright's usual lens of the moral dilemmas of the culturally elite, as in "Dinner With Friends" and "Collected Stories." Elements of the former are on display as two couples in Brooklyn deal with shifting dynamics in the wake of a crisis. The latter's central conflict — how much can an artist take from another's life before it's an invasion of privacy? — is reflected through the career of Sarah, a war photographer who has returned home after surviving a car bombing in Iraq.

I've always found Margulies a bit self-conscious and schematic, and that assessment holds up on a second viewing of "Time Stands Still." (I previously saw the 2012 Steppenwolf production.) But Buffalo Theatre Ensemble's staging by director Connie Canaday Howard manages to transcend those tendencies through the efforts of the ensemble, who

When: Through March 4
Where: Buffalo Theatre Ensemble at McAninch Arts Center, College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
Running time: 2 hours
Tickets: \$37 at 630-942-4000 or www.attthemac.org

know how to deliver some of the more polemical moments with an honest sense of confusion and frustration. (BTE was on hiatus for a few years while its longtime venue at College of DuPage underwent renovations, but they've been back for a year now.)

Sarah Goodwin (Lisa Dawn) is the photographer, freshly returned to the Williamsburg loft she shares with her journalist partner, James Dodd (Brad Lawrence), known to her as Jamie. As a mark of privilege, we learn that Sarah has a trust fund from her wealthy and hyper-conservative father. That sort of cushion, however, provides only partial relief for a woman whose face has been left scarred and her body and spirit broken by an IED. She is also mourning the loss of her "fixer," or translator, who died in the attack.

Jamie harbors his own guilt for having left Iraq in the wake of a nervous breakdown before the bombing. Meantime, Sarah's former lover and editor, Richard



Kurt Naebig, from left, Brad Lawrence and Lisa Dawn star in "Time Stands Still."

(Kurt Naebig), has found happiness with an upbeat (and much younger) events planner, Mandy (Amanda Raudabaugh). Richard wants Sarah and Jamie to collaborate on a book about the war, while Jamie is seeking solace in writing about horror films. His fumbling attempts to explain their ability to provide both desensitization and catharsis leaves Sarah, who prefers horror to be real and up close, skeptical.

As Sarah heals over the months depicted in the play, her desire to get back to work collides with Jamie's desire to get away from being "the Sid and Nancy of journalism," as Richard describes them, and settle into a more comfortable life. Dawn's subtle but detailed performance creates a fully dimensional portrait of a woman who can't give up the thing that makes her feel most alive, even if it brought her close to death.

In the second act, Margulies

writes a screed for Jamie about how much he hates pseudo-documentary theater on war atrocities.

It feels like Margulies inoculating his own script against the inevitable charges of a privileged person using the horrific experiences of others to satisfy a liberal theater audience.

At one point, Sarah declares that "War was like my parents' house all over, only on a different scale" — a comparison that those who have seen their loved ones and homes blown to bits might find astonishingly tone-deaf.

But if one can soldier through those wincing missteps and focus on the acting, there's a lot here to enjoy. Howard has paced the whole affair so that the interactions manage to feel both lived in (as when Jamie and Sarah, in the aftermath of a bruising verbal altercation, snuggle on the couch) and just slightly off-kilter as old friends and lovers attempt to

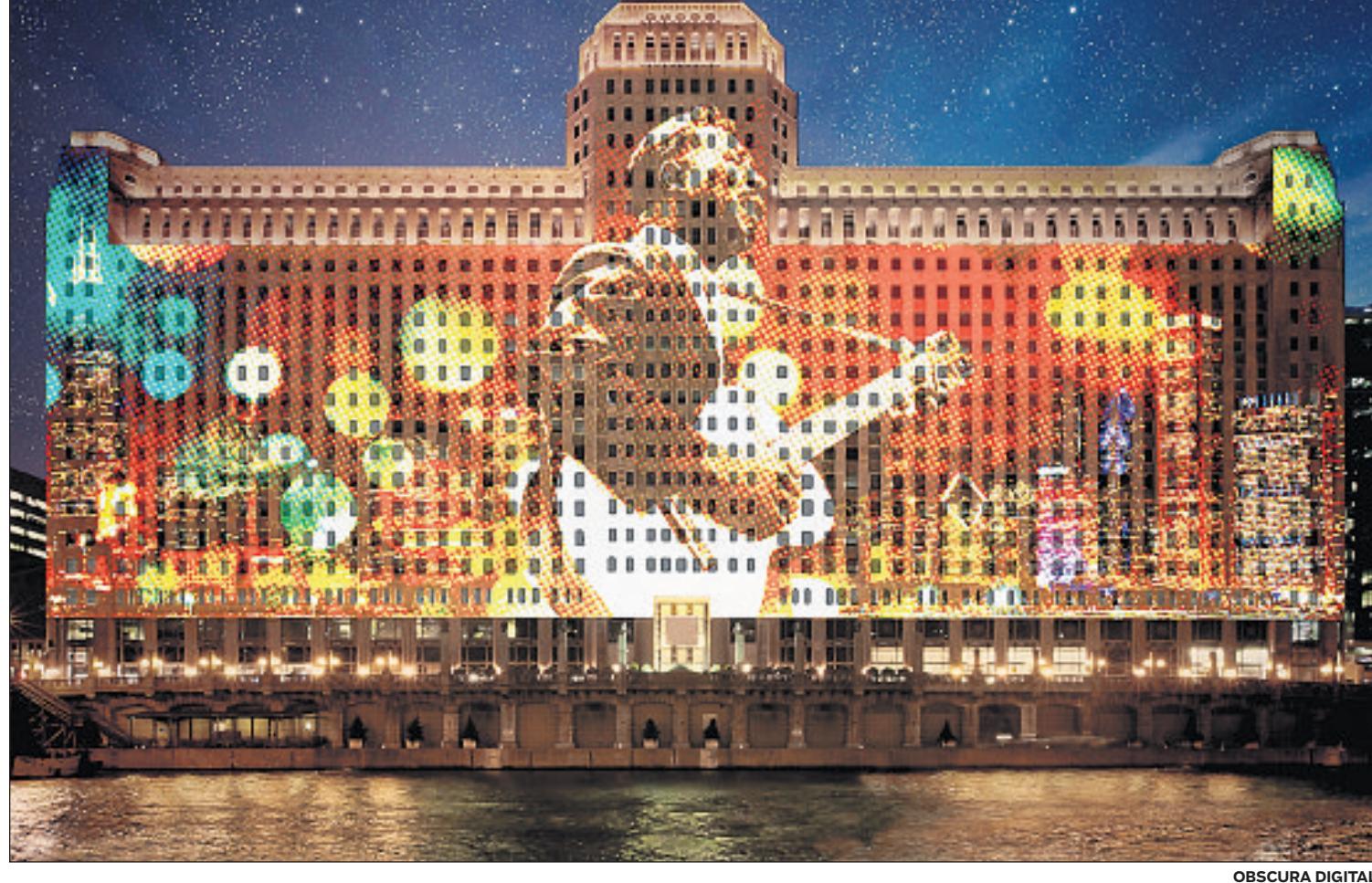
renegotiate the terms of their engagements.

Lawrence excels as a man entering early middle age and realizing that everything he thought he wanted is now up for grabs. Naebig brings just the right amount of facile charm to his editor, and Raudabaugh turns what could easily be a shallow stereotype into a warmhearted, if occasionally inept, woman who truly wants to understand how Sarah could keep on shooting pictures as the world around her falls to hell.

It's a good, if familiar, question for those on the front lines. And though Margulies' play ultimately shies away from looking it square in the face, Howard's production and the cast find whatever layers exist and peel them back with sympathy and wit.

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A rendering of Muddy Waters projected onto the Merchandise Mart offers an example of what the "Art on theMART" project could look like.

Proposal would project art and videos onto the Mart

BY STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

For decades, the Merchandise Mart has loomed over the bend in the Chicago River, its great limestone walls projecting stolidity and art deco style.

This fall, the megabuilding's front wall will become vivid with video images and projected artwork as a permanent nighttime riverfront feature visible from the Riverwalk and Wacker Drive, if a plan announced Sunday by building owners and city officials goes through.

"Art on theMART" will set up an array of high-powered digital projectors that will coat the Mart's river-facing front wall in a range of artworks. A digital sample showed colorful shapes gradually resolving themselves into a still image of blues great Muddy Waters across the 2½-acre canvas.

The project will cost about \$8 million to install and up to \$500,000 a year to run, said Mart Chief Operating Officer Myron Maurer, senior executive in Chicago of Vornado Realty Trust, which owns The Mart (and officially renamed it "theMART" several years ago, Maurer said) and is footing the bill.

Maurer and city officials

"What we all know as the Merchandise Mart will now become the largest canvas in the world."

— Mayor Rahm Emanuel

including Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events chief Mark Kelly spoke at a news conference Sunday afternoon to announce details and refinement of their plan, first made public last March.

Emanuel said he will introduce an ordinance at the next City Council meeting, on Wednesday, that will allow the projectors to be installed under a 30-year license, passage of which is required for the project to proceed.

"It brings two great strands of the city of Chicago together," Emanuel said at the riverfront news event. "What we all know as the Merchandise Mart will now become the largest canvas in the world."

Said Kelly, "I'm confident this will join the pantheon" of Chicago public art — along with Cloud Gate (the Millennium Park sculpture often called The

Bean), the Daley Plaza Picasso and Kerry James Marshall's new "Rush More" mural.

The "large-scale architectural projection project," pitched as a continuation of Chicago's 2017 Year of Public Art, is being managed by Obscura Digital, a San Francisco firm that has guided temporary light projections on structures including the Empire State Building, the Vatican and the Sydney Opera House.

"What we're doing here is going to be the largest permanent installation in the world," said Maurer in an interview before the news conference.

Details are still being worked out, but he projects an opening in October of a display that could run for two hours a night, maybe five nights a week and 10 months out of the year.

A curatorial board that he hopes to have in place this spring will oversee the display, and it will include representatives from the Mart, the city and

the arts community.

The design includes considerable flexibility on what to show, including the possibility of being able to project any high-resolution image fed into the system, which could include student art contests, holiday-themed projects and more.

"We have to understand how it will unfold itself into the day-to-day fabric of the city," Maurer said. One key, though, is that it will not become a billboard, he said: "There'll be no advertising, no commercial, nothing. Just pure art."

Putting the images on the building wall will be an array of 34 projectors mounted above the Riverwalk just east of the tower of the Franklin and Wacker bridge. The projectors are the Christie Digital 4K30 Boxer, a leading-edge technology that uses long-life mercury lamps.

"I'm very excited, particularly now that it's becoming real," said the real estate executive. "We have done a lot of renovations inside the building. We wanted to take the next step to the outside to call attention to the building and also give back to the city of Chicago."

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Back, Bicket to highlight MOB season

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

Performances of Mozart's Requiem and Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and the long-awaited return of baroque specialist Harry Bicket highlight Music of the Baroque's 2018-19 season.

The group's 48th season will run from September to May, with most concerts presented at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie and the Harris Theater for Music and Dance at Millennium Park.

Music director Jane Glover will direct the unfinished Mozart masterpiece to begin the season Sept. 15-16. Vocal soloists include soprano Amanda Majeski and bass Eric Owens. Three of Handel's "Coronation Anthems" complete the program.

In the first of two appearances, principal guest conductor Nicholas Kraemer will lead Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," with concertmaster Gina DiBello as soloist, along with works by Telemann and Rameau. Concerts are Nov. 4 and 5.

Glover will return Nov. 25-26 to lead the Bach oratorio, with soloists Yulia Van Doren, Elizabeth DeShong, Thomas Cooley and Tyler Duncan.

Chorus director William Jon Gray will take charge of the annual holiday brass and choral concerts Dec. 13-16 at churches in River Forest, Chicago and Northbrook.

Pianist Angela Hewitt will join Glover and the MOB orchestra for all-Mozart concerts Jan. 26-27 honoring the composer's 263rd birthday. The program holds Piano Concerto No. 27 and the "Gran Partita" for winds.

Bicket's all-orchestral program includes concerti grossi by Corelli and Handel, and pieces by Vivaldi, Rameau and Venetian composer Evaristo Felice Dall'Abaco. Absent from the MOB roster since 2002-03, Bicket also will be conducting Handel's "Ariodante" at Lyric Opera concurrent with his MOB concerts on March 3 and 6.

The rising young soprano Joelle Harvey will make her MOB debut March 31 and April 1 in a program under Glover's direction that includes Bach's "Coffee" Cantata and Orchestral Suite No. 2, along with Haydn's "Fire" and "Philosopher" symphonies.

Kraemer will conclude the season with a choral-instrumental program May 12-13 that holds Handel's "Dixit Dominus," Bach's Cantata No. 131 and excerpts from Purcell's semi-opera "The Fairy Queen."

For subscription ticket information, call 312-551-1414 or go to www.baroque.org.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Jay R. Ferguson

"Living Biblically" (8:30 p.m., CBS): This new comedy has a title that can be taken quite literally, since the premiere shows the central character (Jay R. Ferguson) trying to use the lessons of the Bible to navigate contemporary life. He quickly finds that's not always easy, as good as his — and the Good Book's — intentions are. The "Pilot" also stars series-television veterans Ian Gomez, David Krumholtz and Camryn Manheim ("The Practice").

"The Voice" (7 p.m., NBC): The Emmy-winning singing competition begins its 14th season with "The Blind Auditions" (of course) and someone new on the panel of coaches and judges: Kelly Clarkson, who served as a guest adviser last time — and who surely knows how such contests can go, since she was the first "American Idol." She joins returnee Alicia Keys and series-founding mentors Adam Levine and Blake Shelton to gauge the new crowd of hopefuls.

"Man With a Plan" (7:30 p.m., CBS): Bev (Swoosie Kurtz) might be grateful to Andi (Liza Snyder) for getting her a volunteer position at the hospital, but Adam (Matt LeBlanc) isn't in the new episode "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner." Bev's absence at home leads Joe (Stacy Keach) to spend more and more time with Adam, who is not all that comfortable with it. Kevin Nealon and Matt Cook also star.

"Superior Donuts" (8 p.m., CBS): Fawz (Maz Jobrani) has concerns when his son (guest star Fahim Anwar) becomes the donut shop's newest employee in the new episode "Father, Son, and Holy Goats." Franco (Jermaine Fowler) advises his latest co-worker to drop out of college and pursue a career as a disc jockey, much to Fawz's displeasure.

"The Alienist" (8 p.m., 8:58 p.m., TNT): In the new "Ascension," the team hatches a plan to catch the killer, while Moore (Luke Evans) checks in to see how a friend is doing. Kreizler (Daniel Bruhl) uncharacteristically finds himself grappling with self-doubt as the investigation continues to unfold. Elsewhere, Roosevelt (Brian Geraghty) attends an event catering to the social elite of New York.

"Scorpion" (9 p.m., CBS): What if the geniuses of Team Scorpion suddenly weren't so smart? The new episode "Dumbster Fire" indicates what would happen, since their minds are impacted as they try to prevent a black hole from being generated. Paige (Katharine McPhee) is tasked with making complex concepts simple for them.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actors Nick Kroll and John Mulaney; actor Olan Rogers; comic Debra DiGiovanni.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor John Lithgow; singer-songwriter Kelly Clarkson; Kacey Musgraves performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Jennifer Lawrence; actor Patton Oswalt; MGMT performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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	ABC 7	The Bachelor (N) C HD				(9:01) The Good Doctor: "Heartfelt." (N) C HD		News at 10pm (N) ♦	
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	SFYV	* (6:30) The Lone Ranger (PG-13, '13) ★★ Johnny Depp. C			Jeepers Creepers 2 ★★★				
	TBS	Family Guy C	Family Guy C	American (N) Final Sp.	Conan (N) ♦				
	TCM	The Best Years of Our Lives (NR, '46) ★★★ Fredric March, Myrna Loy. C			Miniver ♦				
	TLC	Tallest Teens C	Counting On: "In Love in Switzerland." (N)	Counting					
	TLN	Supernatural Humanit	Faith Chi Gaither Homecoming	Tru News	Robison				
	TNT	* Star Wars: Revenge of The Alienist (N) C		(8:58) The Alienist	Law ♦				
	TOON	King of Hill Amer. Dad Cleveland Amer. Dad	Burgers Burgers	Burgers Burgers	Family Guy				
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	TVL	Raymond Raymond	Raymond Raymond	Mom C Mom C	King				
	USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) C			Mod Fam ♦				
	VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N) C	Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)	Love & Hip Hop C	Hip Hop ♦				
	WE	Criminal Minds C	Criminal Minds C	Criminal Minds: "Coda."	Criminal ♦				
	WGN America	Cops C Cops C	Cops C Cops C	Shoot the Messenger (Series Premiere) (N) Bellevue ♦					
	HBO	Get Out (R, '17) ★★★ Daniel Kaluuya. C	(8:45) Here and Now C	(9:45) Going in Style C					
	HBO2	Here and Now C	Divorce C Crashing	Crashing 2 Dope Queens C					
	MAX	Independence Day: Resurgence (PG-13, '16) ★★ C		Trouble No More (NR, '17) Bad II ♦					
	SHO	Homeland: "Standoff." C	The Chi: "The Whistle."	Homeland: "Standoff." C	The Chi ♦				
	STARZ	Counterpart C	(7:57) Legion (R, '10) * Paul Bettany.	Ash vs Evil	Counter ♦				
	STZENC	* (5:55) Almost Famous	Torn Curtain (PG, '66) ★★★ Paul Newman. C		Ghost ★★★ ♦				

'The Chi' finds it footing

***The Chi*, from Page 1**

now what? He had to know there would be some kind of retaliation from Trice, right?

William Lee: This last episode definitely had the quality of a rubber band being snapped.

I think Reg was able to get the drop on Quentin because, as the wild card, he doesn't have the long-term planning component that either Quentin or Trice has, so he'll react emotionally and go straight to the heart of the matter. It doesn't help that Reg has a bit of an ego himself, seeing himself as a boss to his crew. And it also doesn't help that he got punked in front of a block party a couple of episodes back.

That said, I understand what prompted Reg to go after Q. After all, he had warned Trice about going after Quentin (Mr. I Run \$#!&) only to have his concerns rebuffed, only to have the older man bite their organization. How is this not Trice's fault?

After being taken under Quentin's scheming wing, I feared that Emmett, too, could be caught up in the brewing street war between the

Horoscopes

Today's birthday (Feb. 26): Your sirens sing you toward adventure this year. Participation and coordinated team efforts win valuable victories. Vacations or romantic adventures this summer relax you into a thoughtful planning phase that inspires and motivates your work and health. Collaboration is your secret power.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Fun and love take priority. Don't worry about long-term objectives; enjoy the present moment. Wait to make important decisions. Relax, and savor simple sweetness.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Handle short-term practical matters at home. Adapt to a change or surprise. Household issues have your attention today and tomorrow. Provide what your family needs.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Creativity surges for a few days. Express and communicate. Sift through data, and reserve judgment for now. Research and sort the options.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Insights about finances and income reveal new options. Confirm intuition with hard data. Research upcoming purchases for the best value.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Focus on personal matters. Take care of yourself before others, for now. Upgrade your style. Recharge by following your own enthusiasms.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Changes cause a disruption.

Calm another's anxieties with your solid roots. Look back for insight on the road ahead. Prepare your action plan.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Develop your team strategy over the next few days. Group actions surge forward after the groundwork has been carefully done. Focus on immediate concerns.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Professional responsibilities have your focus today and tomorrow. Challenges require your response. Don't let anyone push you around.

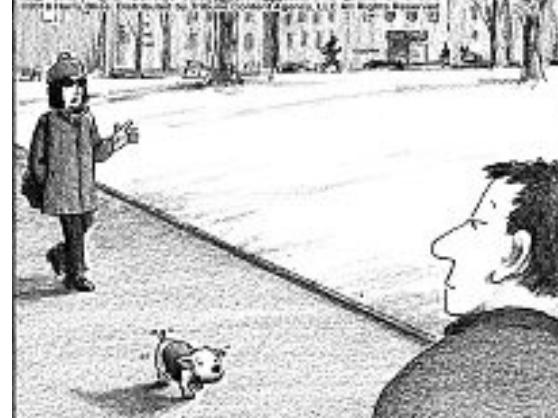
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. For a new perspective, change your vantage point. You don't need to go far. Find what you've been seeking in your own backyard.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Make inroads quietly. Advance on financial goals one step at a time. Get terms in writing. Challenge the generally-held opinion. Look for hidden opportunities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Keep an open mind. Don't worry about money, but don't spend much either. Avoid risky business. Listen to the underlying commitment in another's concern.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Slow down, and take extra care around sharp objects. There's a communications breakdown. Stick to basic actions and routines. Consume in moderation.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"Oh, don't worry, he's friendly."

Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♦ K 10 9 8 7 6 3 ♠ 9 6 3 ♦ 7 ♣ 6 3

North **East** **South** **West**

1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
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3♣	Pass	?	
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What call would you make?

A.1—In olden times, people would have bid three spades, preemptive, the first time. Many today play that bid as a splinter raise of clubs. Three spades would be forcing here, so that's out. Pass.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 9 ♥ J 6 ♦ A J 7 5 ♣ A K J 3

South **West** **North** **East**

1♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
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?

What call would you make?

A.2—Bid one no trump. That bid shows 18-19 after partner fails to respond—a hand that would have bid two no trump had partner responded.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♦ Void ♥ A 10 7 3 2 ♦ K 10 ♣ Q 10 8 7 6 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

A.3—Should you open the bidding, showing the distribution of this hand could develop into a real headache. Do you really want to take that on with only nine high-card points? Pass.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

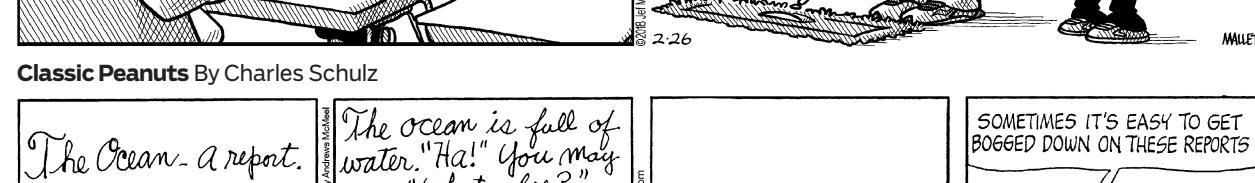
♦ J 8 7 ♥ A K J 10 4 ♦ 10 8 7 5 ♣ 9

Two passes to you. What call would you make?

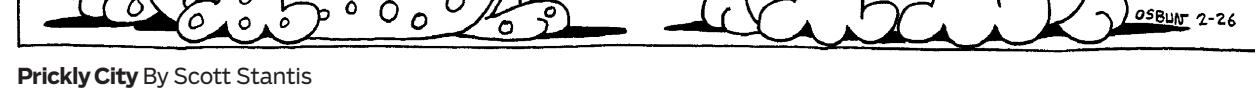
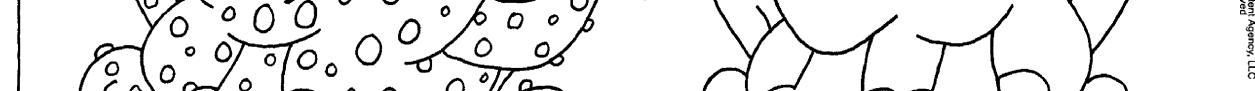
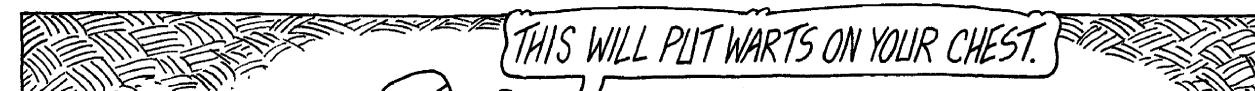
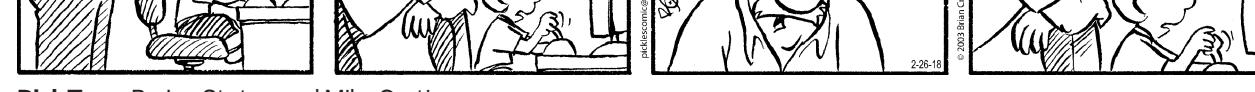
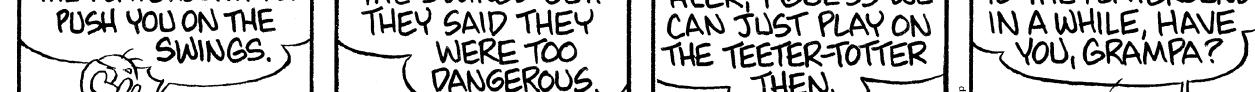
A.4—If you don't open two hearts with this hand, you win the Conservative of the Year award. Bid two hearts.

— Bob Jones
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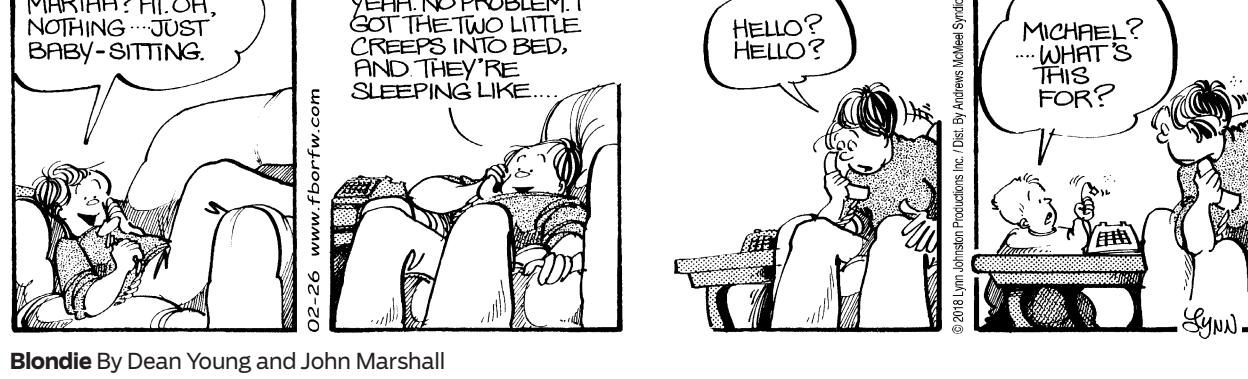
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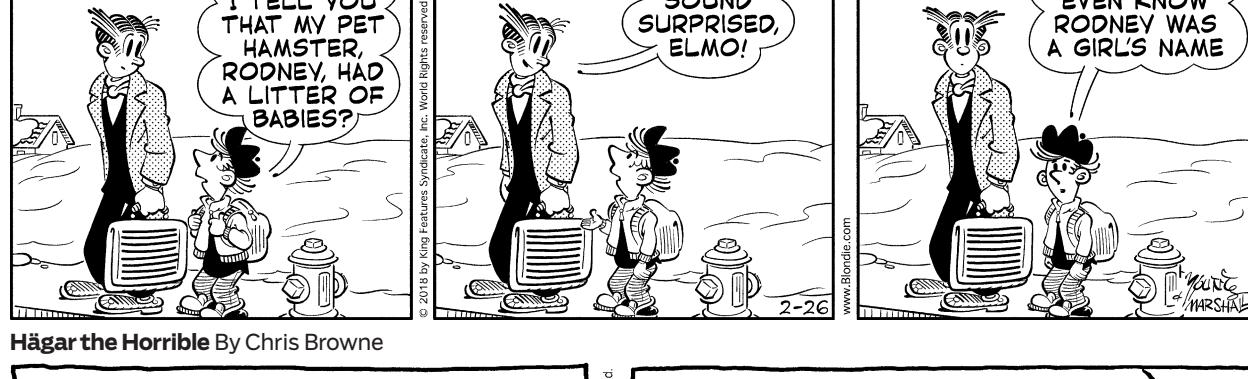
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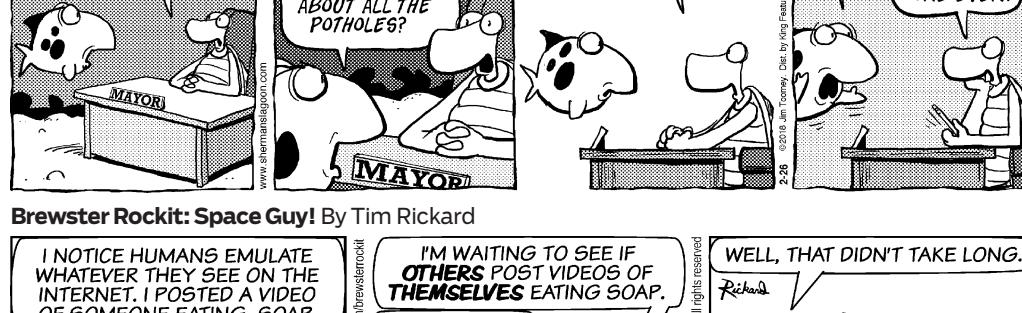
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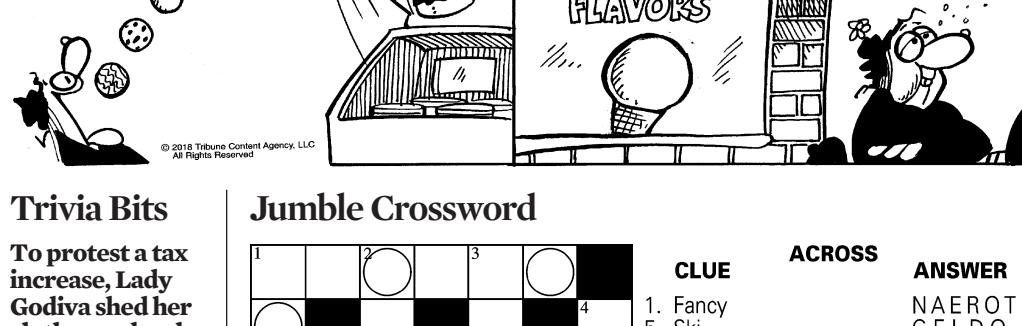
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Trivia Bits

To protest a tax increase, Lady Godiva shed her clothes and rode on horseback through the streets of what city?

- A) Coventry, England
 - B) Dresden, Germany
 - C) Florence, Italy
 - D) Rouen, France
- Saturday's answer: Locations used in "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" are now tourist destinations in New Zealand.

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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Saturday's answers

Jumbles: WAVER HAPPY KETTLE ACCESS
Answer: The background check on the cartoonist showed that he had a — SKETCHY PAST

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Crossword

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Across

- 1. Fancy
- 5. Ski
- 6. Victor's opponent
- 7. Blood
- 11. News org. since 1958
- 12. Camper's snoozing spot
- 13. Pitcher's stat
- 14. "E pluribus unum" language
- 15. Agreement to stop fighting
- 16. Enticing smell
- 17. Steam, e.g.
- 18. School group excursion
- 19. Santa — racetrack
- 20. Absolute
- 21. Ad infinitum
- 22. Oakland's county
- 23. WWII craft
- 24. Prime rib au —
- 25. Greek "i"
- 26. Economize
- 27. Linda, Calif.
- 28. Vintage auto
- 29. Earl Grey, for one
- 30. Optometrist's test
- 31. Infant in a crèche
- 32. Railroad in Monopoly
- 33. Continuous humming sound
- 34. Actor's pseudonym
- 35. Reees of "Bill & Ted" films
- 36. More than ready
- 37. Civil War soldier
- 38. Winning
- 39. Operative
- 40. Evidence on "CSI"
- 41. "Lookin' Out My Back Door" band, initially
- 42. High—graphics
- 43. Queasy feeling
- 44. Like unfatty meat
- 45. Ventura County's largest city
- 46. Lunatics
- 47. Single-celled organism
- 48. Film critic Roger Ebert
- 49. Jennifer Hudson's "Dreamgirls" role
- 50. Sluggers club
- 51. Typical Western
- 52. Don Juan
- 53. Analogy words
- 54. Yukon automaker
- 55. Apple throwaway
- 56. Craftsy website
- 57. "Lookin' Out My Back Door" band, initially
- 58. Boxing outcome, for short
- 59. Farm clucker
- 60. Stool pigeon
- 61. Cake candle count
- 62. Mil. bigwig

Down

- 1. Compel
- 2. Lumpy
- 3. Disloyalty
- 4. Raspy-sounding
- 5. How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
- 6. "Trances" (5)
- 7. "Terminator" (5)
- 8. "Sleepovers" (5)
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MONDAY, FEB. 26

NORMAL HIGH: 39°

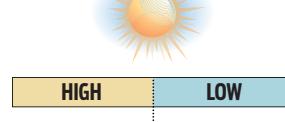
NORMAL LOW: 24°

RECORD HIGH: 64° (2000)

RECORD LOW: -1° (1963)

February saving best weather for month's end

LOCAL FORECAST



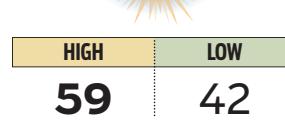
- The first of three mild days that will mark the end of February and meteorological winter.
- A chilly start with daybreak temperatures hovering around 30.
- Readings quickly rebound boosted by unlimited sunshine and southwest winds 10-15 mph.
- Afternoon highs reach the lower 50s, about 13 degrees above normal.
- Fair and cold overnight. Lows in the lower or middle 30s.

NATIONAL FORECAST

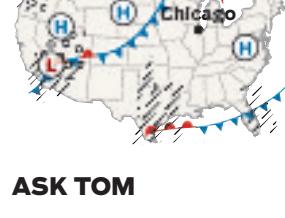


This February has delivered a meteorological pot-pourri to Chicago, featuring subzero cold along with balmy conditions. There has been an abundance of snow, but also flooding rains, and Saturday night's vigorous storm front brought damaging wind gusts to nearly 60 mph. In its parting days, February will deliver the city an early spring present, bringing ample sunshine accompanied by well-above-normal temperatures. March's open will not be pleasant, as a vigorous storm system bears down on Chicago and the Midwest. While the city is in line to get generous rains Thursday, areas well to the north and west are staring at another late-season snowstorm. As a reminder to Chicagoans that there is more winter to come, an influx of colder air could change the rain to light snow before it ends Thursday night.

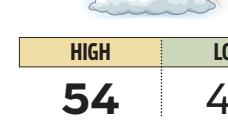
TUESDAY, FEB. 27



A spectacular late-winter day with unlimited sunshine. Highs approach a balmy 60 degrees, nearly 20 degrees above normal. Southwest winds 12-22 mph.



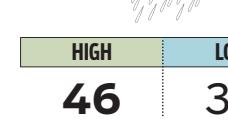
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28



Sunshine fades as clouds increase through the day with southwest winds 12-22 mph. Not quite as mild, but readings still well above normal. Cloudy with rain developing overnight.



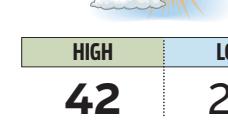
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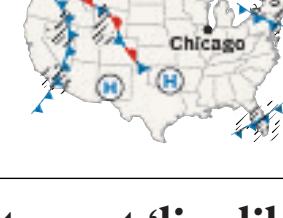
A blustery, damp March open. Mild as morning rain diminishes to showers, then turning colder with gusty southwest winds as temps fall into the 30s. Showers may end as light snow.



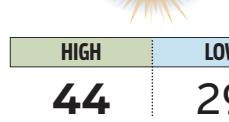
FRIDAY, MARCH 2



Sunshine returns delivering a seasonal chill as highs reach only the lower 40s. Brisk north winds 12-22 mph.



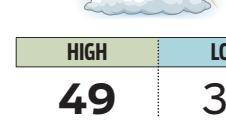
SATURDAY, MARCH 3



The chill continues, despite an abundance of sunshine. Highs reach the low to mid 40s inland, but northeast winds keep lakeside readings in the 30s.



SUNDAY, MARCH 4



Sunshine dominates, but a slow increase in mid- and high-level clouds in the afternoon. Inland highs approach 50, but southeast winds keep it chillier lakeside.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
How many months in Chicago's weather history have recorded 20-plus inches of snow and 4-plus inches of rain? I would think that February 2018 is very rare, if not one of a kind!

— Phil Ordway

Dear Phil,
We had Chicago climatologist Frank Wachowski check concurrent monthly snowfall and liquid equivalent precipitation totals, which date to the winter of 1884-85, and while not unique February 2018 is just the seventh month to record 20-plus inches of snow and 4-plus inches of liquid equivalent. Keep in mind that the melted snowfall water content is included in the monthly precipitation total, so to date, this February's 20.3 inches of snow contributed 1.73 inches of liquid-equivalent precipitation. The other six months that fit the bill are Januaries of 1918, 1999 and 2005 and Decembers of 1973, 1978 and 2008.

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Springlike February close—but a wet 'lionlike' March open

SPRINGLIKE FEBRUARY TEMPERATURES

Forecast high temps the next 3 days

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

52° 59° 54°

Departures from normal:

+13° +19° +14°

TUESDAY 20° 30° 40°

50° 60° 70°

FORECAST HIGHS 70°



MARCH TO OPEN WET!

Thursday March 1 forecast precip map

Chicago SNOW RAIN

March 1-2 forecast precipitation



CHICAGO'S FEBRUARY 2018 WEATHER

Wet, snowy and wild!

PRECIPITATION TO DATE

O'HARE AIRPORT MIDWAY AIRPORT

4.64"

■ Currently 5th wettest

Wettest: 5.98" (1881)

5.46"

■ Currently 2nd wettest

Wettest: 6.76" (1881)

THE MONTH'S TEMPERATURE EXTREMES (OFFICIAL STATION)

O'HARE AIRPORT

HIGH 66° (FEB. 20) LOW -30° (FEB. 5)

LARGEST FEBRUARY SWING (1976)

HIGH 75° (FEB. 27) LOW -11° (FEB. 2)

69° temp swing 86° swing

STEVE KAHN, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	H	I	LO	LOCATION	H	I	LO
Aurora	46	33	Midway	52	34		
Gary	51	36	O'Hare	50	34		
Kankakee	43	32	Romeoville	47	33		
Lakefront	51	34	Calgary	50	35		
Lansing	46	35	Waukegan	46	32		

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Sun. (through 6 p.m.)	.01"	.08"
February to date	4.64"	1.56"
Year to date	6.18"	3.29"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.3"	32.7"
Normal to date	28.37"	29.9"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind SW 10-15 kts.	S 10-15 kts.
Waves 1-2 feet	1-3 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps	37°/36°

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 25	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	44.36%	35.7%
Average snow depth	5.4"	5.6"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	37 days	35 days
Subzero lows	9 days	6 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading	Good
Monday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

MONDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:30 a.m.	5:38 p.m.
Moon	1:57 p.m.	4:00 a.m.

FULL 3RD Q NEW 1ST Q

March 2 March 9 March 17 March 24

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

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