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Supporters outside the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday cheer Mark Janus, an Illinois government employee who objects to paying union dues.

O'Hare proposal: 5 things to watch

\$8.5 billion airport expansion may affect noise and road plans

By MARY WISNIEWSKI
 Chicago Tribune

With Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago airline carriers in the final stages of negotiating a \$8.5 billion deal to expand O'Hare International Airport, there is already talk about how the project will reverberate beyond the shiny new terminal and gates.

The eight-year plan, which involves tearing down Terminal 2 to build a new "Global Terminal" with wider concourses and gates for the larger aircraft used in international flights, would be the biggest and most expensive reconstruction project in the airport's 73-year history. The goal is to not only increase the number of international flights, but also create more room for domestic carriers and reduce gridlock and delays.

If the city is able to get the project financed and underway, the ripple effects could include more noise and pollution in the city and suburbs, more traffic, and possibly new roads and a new rail line. Here are five things to watch for:

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 Mayor begins making O'Hare sales pitch

Court appears split on question of union dues

Case of Illinois state worker could hinge on Gorsuch

By DAVID G. SAVAGE
 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court debated Monday whether to allow more than 5 million public employees to stop supporting their unions, casting doubt on the future strength of organized labor in Illinois, California and more than 20 other states.

The outcome may turn on how closely the court's newest member, Justice Neil Gorsuch, follows the words of his judicial hero, the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

A defeat for the public-sector unions would undercut their fi-



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At the court, Rauner backs plaintiff's case

Gov. Bruce Rauner watched U.S. Supreme Court arguments in the union fees case that was sparked by his executive order in 2015. Rauner was there in support of the Illinois plaintiff's case.

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Mark Janus, an Illinois state employee who objects to paying \$45 a month to support his union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner launched the lawsuit challenging the forced fees as unconstitutional, and Janus became the plaintiff after a court dropped the governor from the case because he did not have personal legal standing to fight the fees.

William Messenger, an attorney for the National Right to Work Foundation, argued that no government worker should be forced to support a union and its political demands as a condition of holding his job.

"Here, collective bargaining is core political activity," he said, since unions are seeking higher

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nancing, weaken their political clout and perhaps trigger a sharp drop in their membership.

If the high court rules that no public employee may be required to pay a fee to support the union, labor leaders worry that many workers may opt to quit paying.

Because public-sector unions provide major support to the Democratic Party, weakening

them has been a longtime goal of conservative groups.

During Monday's argument, the justices appeared split along the usual ideological lines.

Four of the court's conservatives, including in this instance Justice Anthony Kennedy, made clear they want to strike down the forced fees.

They agreed with a lawyer for

More noise

More gates at the airport could translate to more jets arriving and departing, and that will mean more jet noise, especially for communities east and west of the airport.

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Out-of-state abortions in Illinois on the rise

More restrictive laws of Midwest neighbors cited among reasons

By ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS
 Chicago Tribune

When Alison Dreith learned of her unplanned pregnancy, the St. Louis resident said she chose to travel to Illinois to have an abortion in 2016.

She is executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri and lived closer to a Planned Parenthood clinic in St. Louis where she used to work and knew some of the staff. But Dreith said Missouri's 72-hour waiting period and other regulations made terminating a pregnancy far more burdensome in her state.

"I knew Missouri's laws," she said. "I never even thought twice about making the decision to go to Illinois."

More women appear to be traveling from out of state to have an abortion in Illinois even as the total number of terminated pregnancies statewide decreased, according to the most recent figures from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Dreith is among the 4,543 women who crossed the state border to terminate a pregnancy in 2016, an increase from the 3,210 abortions provided to out-of-state women reported in the previous year, based on a state report released in December. Overall, abortions in Illinois dropped from 39,856 in 2015 to

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Graduate student workers on strike

University of Illinois graduate student employees went on strike Monday at the Urbana-Champaign campus after last-minute negotiations failed to end a contract dispute that has lasted nearly a year.

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Bears, Hawks unload to rebuild

Bears: Linebacker Pernell McPhee, above, and safety Quintin Demps were released. "I was sort of surprised but just because of the disappointment in myself," said McPhee, who was three years into a five-year, \$38.75 million deal.

Blackhawks: Forwards Ryan Hartman and Tommy Wingels were traded at the deadline in moves that leave the team with nine draft picks, two in the first round. **Chicago Sports**

"I felt happy, finally I'm in a peaceful place."

— Maryori Urbina-Contreras, 17, immigrant from Honduras

Honduran girl makes last bid to stay in U.S.

Judge to decide if teen, here illegally, should be deported

By ELVIA MALAGON
 Chicago Tribune

Like most teens, Maryori Urbina-Contreras talks about her life in the future tense: getting her driver's license in a few more months, finding a part-time job, taking senior year classes at Waukegan High School in English now that she has a command of the language.

For the Honduran-born girl, who is living in the country illegally, reaching those milestones in the United States is far from certain. Her fate is in the hands of a Chicago immigration judge who could decide as soon as Wednesday whether she'll be granted her request for asylum or be deported. Four years ago, the now 17-year-old fled Honduras by herself — part of a wave of minors escaping violence in mostly Central American countries — in search of a safe place to



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Maryori Urbina-Contreras looks at photos from Honduras with her sister Valeria Ruiz, 8, at their home in Waukegan.

live. Her story was chronicled a year later, in 2015, in the Tribune.

What's expected to be her final immigration hearing Wednesday comes as debate rages on the issue of who should be allowed to come to — or stay in — this country. President Donald Trump has pushed for creating a wall at the Mexico border and ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, commonly known as DACA, which allowed "Dreamers" — those who arrived in this country when they were minors without documentation — to work and go to school with a low risk of deportation.

Maryori doesn't meet the

"Dreamer" qualifications; the program requires her to have arrived in this country at age 16 or younger and to have lived here continuously since 2007. She is making a bid for asylum, a tough argument in the court system, considering Hondurans have faced a 78 percent denial rate nationwide. Her attorney argues the teen can't live in her home country because of the incessant gang violence that led to her witnessing and becoming the target of violent robberies.

But advocates for immigration reduction, like the Federation for American Immigration

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People who love their guns but have to give them up to build the wall can visit them from time to time along the border.

Let's build Trump's border wall out of melted guns



REX W. HUPPKE

I've figured out just what America needs: a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border made entirely of melted guns. Trust me, this makes perfect sense and will solve a multitude of problems here and in Mexico, all while making President Donald Trump and the National Rifle Association happy and pleasing those of us who think America should be home to fewer guns.

Those who know me as a clear-minded and nationally respected thought leader are probably already satisfied with the reasonableness of that idea, but for others, I'll explain.

The country is now wrestling with two seemingly disparate issues: What to do about guns in the wake of the horrific school shooting in Parkland, Fla.; and what to do about the border wall that Trump promised his supporters.

On that latter matter, The Washington Post reported over the weekend that Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and Trump called off a meeting at the White House because Trump refused to stop talking about Mexico paying for the border wall. Pena Nieto has said repeatedly that his country will not fund Trump's wall.

So that's an impasse. And on the guns front, the broader public desire for sensible gun reform is being met with strong resistance from the NRA and the various politicians whose souls the group has purchased.

Trump and the NRA want to arm more people, like teachers. Those of us who don't believe more guns will lead to greater safety want to make it considerably harder for people to purchase guns or, if at all possible, pull all the guns in America up into the air using a giant magnet and then drop them in the ocean. (We can tackle the threat of an armed fish uprising at a later date.)

So at the moment, when it comes to guns or border walls, nobody's happy.

Which is where my crowd-pleasing idea comes in. Try to follow along:

Trump wants a wall. Most Americans don't want one. But a wall made entirely of steel from melted guns? That's going to have some crossover appeal.

To get the material, we'll have to round up all the handguns and assault rifles. That's going to make some people mad, I know, but since many think they need guns to protect themselves from marauding hordes of illegal immigrants, they should be thrilled that they'll get a wall made of sturdy, horde-repelling gun steel.

(Hunters will be given special compensation, as will anyone who can show they are part of a well-regulated militia.)

Now you'd think the NRA would be mad about this plan, but the organization's power stems wholly from its ability to keep gun owners in a constant state of paranoia, fearful that at any moment the government will come and take away their guns. If the government actually does come and take away their guns, donations to the NRA will skyrocket and the group will have enough fear-inducing material to keep it busy for generations.

Also, since the NRA is really just a lobbying group for the gun industry, its officials will be thrilled to know that the more than 300 million guns owned in this country won't be nearly enough for a decent wall. The border is about 1,900 miles, which is about 120 million inches. If every gun in America was an AR-15 — which is about 40 inches long — you'd basically have a wall that's just a single layer of assault rifles, not enough to hinder a Mexican mouse.

So the gun industry will be booming thanks to the Trump administration purchasing the hundreds of millions of additional guns needed to complete the wall.

And what about Mexico? People there will be thrilled. The Mexican government might even chip in some money to help build the thing, thus allowing Trump to keep part of his campaign promise.

To understand why, consider this, from a Los Angeles Times story last year:

"Most of the weapons used by criminal groups in Mexico originate in the United States. Each year, an average of 253,000 firearms cross the border. ... From 2009 to 2014, more than 70 percent of firearms — nearly 74,000 — seized by Mexican authorities and then submitted for tracing by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms came from the United States. Many of these guns were semi-automatic rifles such as the AR-15 and AK-47, cartel favorites that Mexican citizens cannot buy legally."

Mexico has some of the strictest gun laws in the world. But it doesn't matter because America is a bad neighbor that will sell guns to just about anyone. That dynamic is a bit like what we deal with in Chicago, which has gun laws tougher than many states (not the toughest in the country, as is often claimed) but deals with a steady influx of guns from neighboring states with lax gun laws.

Trump's Magnificent Gun Wall would stop the flow of guns into Mexico, since all the U.S. guns would be getting scooped up and melted down to make the wall.

That would make Mexico safer, and probably even cut back on the number of people in Mexico who want to flee to the United States because Mexican cities are plagued by criminals firing guns that were purchased in America.

It's all quite perfect. Trump gets his wall. Mexico becomes safer. America becomes safer.

Those who want fewer guns get their wish. The NRA can scare the tuna salad out of its members for the rest of eternity. And the people who loved their guns but had to give them up in service of the wall can still visit them from time to time along the border.

It's a win-win-win-win-win situation. And it's at least as reasonable as making schools safe by arming teachers or thinking Mexico will ever pay for a wall that's not made of guns.

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Employees Raymond Khuu and Beverly Vivian on the job in the Cook County treasurer's office in December.

Pappas foe making issue of county smocks

It's fair to say that Cook County Treasurer **Maria Pappas** is known for her eccentricities.

What other 68-year-old politician would give a public speech, as Pappas did not long ago, in which she displayed a giant photo of herself performing the splits while suspended from the ceiling in an "aerial yoga" studio?

But when it comes to the workplace attire of her staff, Pappas is more traditional. Women in the treasurer's office are required to wear branded county-issued smocks over their clothes, while men are not.

Now **Peter Gariepy**, who is challenging Pappas in next month's Democratic primary, is making a campaign issue of what he says are the sexist uniform rules.

"The implication is that men are capable of dressing themselves while

women are not," said Gariepy, who added that he has been approached by former employees of Pappas who were unhappy about the unequal uniform requirement but were "fearful of retribution" if they complained about it.

Pappas did not return calls seeking comment Monday, but in an appearance before the Chicago Sun-Times Editorial Board last week she said the women who work for her "love the smocks!"

"The reason is that they are on salaries and they like that they don't have to spend all this money on clothes," she said in a recording of her appearance. "There's not a person working for me that doesn't want to wear their smock — these people have kids, they have families, and they don't want to get dirty with all the things that go on in there."

Pappas said that the smocks were

introduced 20 years ago to help identify who works for her after a series of frauds in the office under her predecessor. Men who work for her are required to wear white shirts and ties, which she said were sufficient to identify them "because nobody else in the building wears white shirts and ties."

"Not one person has come and said I don't want to wear this," she said, adding that Circuit Court Clerk **Dorothy Brown's** staff also wear smocks.

A visit to Brown's offices Monday, however, revealed that men as well as women wear the smocks in the clerk's office.

Pappas' staff on Monday was broadly adhering to the uniform requirement, though one male employee with a rebellious streak was spotted wearing a light gray shirt. Lock him up!

— Kim Janssen

Jagger about town during girlfriend's ballet run at Harris



Jagger

Mick Jagger was on the move in Chicago last week. The Rolling Stones frontman, 74, was spotted Friday at Roscoe's Tavern in Boys-town. Onlookers said he saw performances by "RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars" contestants **Aja** and **Milk**. A rep for the

bar confirmed his visit on social media. Jagger dined Saturday at Spiaggia before visiting Three Dots and a Dash tiki bar with a group, reps for the establishments said. He also toured Shedd Aquarium last week and was photographed at Brindille restaurant in River North.

Jagger's partner, **Melanie Hamrick**, is part of the ballet corps with the American Ballet Theatre, which performed Wednesday through Sunday at the Harris Theater.

— Tracy Swartz

Trubisky tapes 'Celebrity Family Feud' episode



Trubisky

Name a Bears player who's going to clown around with his NFL peers on a game show. Survey says: **Mitch Trubisky**.

"Celebrity Family Feud," via an Instagram post, revealed the quarterback will be one of the rookies going up

against the veterans, though it didn't include the date the episode will air.

In the picture, Trubisky poses next to former North Carolina Tar Heels teammate **Austin Proehl**.

— Phil Thompson

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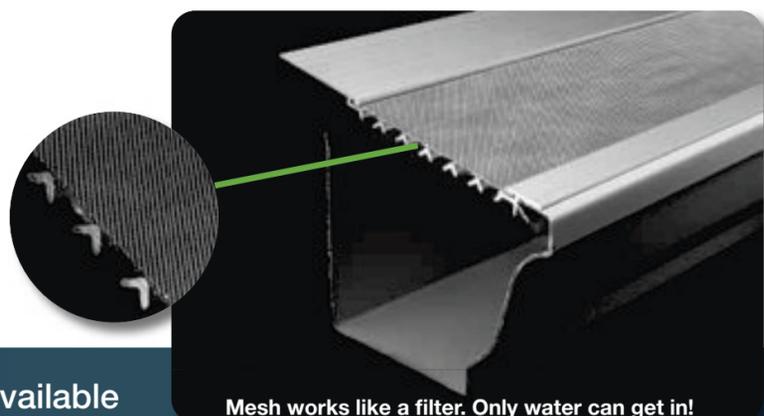
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Boycott threat forces businesses to choose between consumers, NRA



DAHLEEN GLANTON

After years being bullied into submission by the National Rifle Association, Americans have finally had enough.

The NRA and businesses that support the gun lobby group are finding out quickly that hell hath no fury like a nation scorned. In a smart move, Americans who want to see sensible gun laws enacted are threatening to boycott corporations that profit from the NRA's vast power. The #BoycottNRA hashtag is spreading quickly on social media, and it's taking hostage any company that is even remotely supportive of the NRA.

This isn't the first time consumers have attempted to target companies that offer discounts to NRA members, but it is the first time such a move has seemed to get any traction. The slaughter of 17 people at a high school in Parkland, Fla., this month has galvanized the anti-gun movement in ways we did not see after prior mass shootings.

There is nothing wrong with NRA members fighting for their rights under the Constitution, and the Supreme Court has given them some cover. Though many of us disagree with their interpretation of the Second Amendment, our country is built on the freedom to stand up for whatever we believe in.

But it is a two-way street. As consumers, we also have the right to choose whether to patronize any business that goes against our values. In order to make those decisions, we need to know where the corporations stand.

Boycotting businesses that have a peripheral connection with the NRA is a roundabout way of getting at the pro-gun group, but it forces companies to get off the sidelines and choose sides in one of the nation's most polarizing debates.

Corporate America should not be allowed to sit on the fence when it comes to the issue of gun control. This is literally a life-or-death situation that, among other things, has a direct impact on our children.

As consumers, we understand our financial power, and we are eager to use it to force businesses to say publicly whether they are for us or against us. Until now, these companies have been able to have the best of both worlds.

By offering discounts to NRA members, car rental companies, airlines, banks and other service providers have been able to build their businesses and gain the loyalty of the 5 million members the NRA boasts.

The NRA, meanwhile, has been allowed to use these corporate perks to recruit new members and entice the old ones to keep paying their \$40-a-year membership dues.

On its website, the NRA advertises, "It pays to be a member!" The group goes on to state that its members get back hundreds of dollars more than they pay in dues.

Like the consumer groups AAA and AARP, NRA memberships bring discounts on everything from wine to life, health and accident insurance. Though an NRA membership number is required to see which companies provide discounts and the specific amounts, the website advertises that its members can save up to 65 percent on lodging, flights and other travel services.

Already, at least 15 companies have said they were severing ties with the NRA. Many consumers will not be satisfied until all of them follow suit.

First National Bank of Omaha, which had offered the "Official Credit Card of the NRA," was the first to publicly jump ship. Then came Hertz and Enterprise Holdings — owners of Enterprise, National and Alamo. Then United Airlines and Delta Air Lines.

Moving companies, identity theft prevention services and computer security software firms also are no longer trying to woo NRA members. And the list goes on.

Perhaps the perk that could affect NRA members most directly, though, is the one offered by Chubb Limited. The insurer announced it would no longer underwrite "NRA Carry Guard," the NRA policy that helps cover legal services for members facing criminal charges or lawsuits after they shoot someone.

The NRA used the insurance to assure its members that if they ever got into trouble, the organization would have their backs. Many gun carriers found that comforting.

While no one thinks that taking away a few discounts will cause NRA members to start dropping out of the organization in droves or lead to the downfall of the organization, the sudden rash of companies no longer willing to do business with the NRA does seem to indicate a change of tide. The more the NRA is ostracized by the public, the easier it will be to loosen its grip on state and local lawmakers.

The latest defections by corporate America show that the NRA is not as impenetrable as it was once thought to be. Vulnerability is the last thing the NRA bullies want to show.

The organization lashed out in a statement, using its signature tough talk to remind the world that it will not back down.

"Let it be absolutely clear," the statement said. "The loss of a discount will neither scare nor distract one single NRA member from our mission to stand and defend the individual freedoms that have always made America the greatest nation in the world."

The NRA has long used its armor to keep lawmakers in line, enticing them with cash and the support of its voting bloc.

But while NRA members might be loyal, politicians are fickle.

Once public sentiment is put on display, lawmakers tend to shift to whichever way the wind is blowing. And right now, we are beginning to feel the early gusts from what could be a hurricane of change down the road.

If I were a politician in Congress or a state legislature, I'd be getting a little antsy. If Americans can keep the anti-gun momentum going, there's a good chance that voters will be coming after elected officials on Election Day.

It is only fair that politicians also be forced to choose sides. They must decide, just as corporate America has, whether to save themselves or go down with the NRA's sinking ship.

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University of Illinois graduate student employees go on strike

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

URBANA, Ill. — University of Illinois graduate student workers went on strike Monday after last-minute negotiations over the weekend failed to end a protracted contract dispute that has lasted nearly a year.

Leaders of the Graduate Employees' Organization, representing around 2,700 graduate and teaching assistants on the Urbana-Champaign campus, set up picket lines at buildings around the Main Quad starting at 8 a.m. Hundreds of union members and supporters then gathered for a boisterous rally in front of Foellinger Auditorium and marched around the quad before returning to the picket lines for the afternoon.

Union members have pledged to strike indefinitely until they receive a satisfactory contract, GEO Co-president Gus Wood said.

Some students lounging on the quad lawn on the unseasonably warm day said they had classes canceled Monday and some had already been told classes would not be held Tuesday. Other students said their classes went on as normal but that office hours for their instructors had been reduced.

University spokeswoman Robin Kaler said the administration confirmed 53 people withheld their work, 66 classes were moved to different locations to avoid picket lines and 27 classes were canceled.

This is the first strike the union for graduate and teaching assistants has staged since 2009, Wood said.

The union has been without a contract since August. The union and administration have met for two dozen bargaining sessions and 14 mediation sessions since March 2017, including two on Friday and Sunday, to no avail.

"This is the only way we can show this administration that the university works because we do," said Jennifer Jones, a fifth-year doctoral candidate in biology.

A main point of contention is the role of tuition waivers for graduate students.

The previous union contract, which lasted from August 2012 to August 2017, stipulated that qualifying



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Alyssa Parsons, 27, left, joins a rally Monday in front of Foellinger Auditorium in Urbana.

graduate and teaching assistants would not have tuition waivers reduced as long as they remained in good academic standing and made acceptable progress toward their degrees.

The union wants to maintain that provision as is.

The university wants to be able to adjust the tuition waiver program for budgetary and programmatic reasons in the future, though school leaders say any such changes would not affect the waiver terms in place for students already enrolled.

Union leaders argue the university's proposal would essentially force graduate students to pay more to continue their studies, which many students describe as untenable. About 69 percent of union members have graduate and teaching assistant programs and receive some form of tuition waivers, according to a university website. Union leaders also say accepting the university's terms may secure their own tuition waiver protections but it would not guarantee them for future graduate students.

"We should not abandon our future graduate students," Alvaro Cruz, a third-year doctoral candidate in quantitative psychology, said at the rally. "Our working conditions are your learning conditions. Enough is enough. Respect the the graduate workers who contribute so much to the education of this educational institution."

The two sides also have not reached an agreement on issues such as pay raises and child care.

Urbana-Champaign Provost Andreas Cangellaris said in a statement Sunday that university leadership was "extremely disappointed" about the decision to strike and that the university made significant efforts to meet many of the union's demands, including tuition waivers, wages and higher coverage on health insurance premiums.

Kaler said the administration's bargaining team had been willing to negotiate all night Sunday, if needed, but that the union's team decided to leave.

"We've listened to the concerns of the GEO," Cangellaris said. "We've made generous and serious proposals that address those concerns. We are ready to resume the bargaining process and we hope we will reach an agreement that ends the strike as quickly as possible."

Department leadership will determine how to reschedule or make up missed class sessions during the strike.

As the strike at the University of Illinois began Monday, Wood, the union co-president, marched throughout the quad with a bullhorn, cheering on the pickets and urging passing students to support the union members in their efforts. Shuttle bus drivers passing by on Wright Street honked their horns and held up fists to show support for the union members.

Chris Anderson, a doctoral candidate in medieval history, said one of his main motivations in the strike was fighting for better health insurance. Anderson, 33, said he has a chronic disease that has hospital-

ized him twice this year. His insurance as a graduate instructor would mean paying about half his salary toward medical costs.

Anderson said his wife works as a researcher on campus and he qualifies for the more generous faculty insurance rates as a spouse. Otherwise, he would not be able to afford his medical treatment, he said.

"If you are unlucky enough to get sick, it just throws everything off," Anderson said. "It could wreck you. We get paid nine months out of the year and budget for 12 months. There's no room to live comfortably."

The union is seeking 8 percent boosts to minimum assistantship salaries plus 4 percent annual raises over the life of the contract. The administration has proposed a 4 percent raise in the first year and 1.5 percent increases in the remaining years of a five-year contract, according to a university website. Reappointed graduate employees would receive a 3 percent raise in the first year.

Union members also are seeking a monthly child care subsidy for parents. The university is not proposing any contractual terms for child care coverage.

"I want to do right by my students," said Alyssa Parsons, a teaching assistant in the human development and family services department. "We realize that their lives are being affected right now. But our lives are being disrupted every day and it's invisible to them."

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Man shot by cops outraged by job ruling

He is 'sickened' that officers will keep their badges

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A man shot by Chicago police during a 2015 traffic stop said it is "heartbreaking and sad" two officers involved in his shooting were not fired from the department.

"Justice. All I wanted was justice," Antwon Golatte said during a Monday news conference flanked by his lawyers.

The Chicago Police Board in January voted to suspend Officer Jaime Gaeta and Detective Harry Matheos, overlooking a recommendation they be fired for their actions in the Golatte case.

"I'm hurt, I'm saddened, I'm sickened by it," Golatte said about the police board decision. "My whole life has changed. Ain't nothin' the same."

Gaeta and Matheos are currently suspended without pay, a department spokesman said.

Golatte, 36, sued the officers and the department in federal court in February 2017, alleging his civil rights

were violated. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for April. The lawsuit accuses the city of Chicago and five police officers of excessive force, false arrest, failure to intervene, conspiracy to deprive Golatte of his constitutional rights, continuing practices and policies that would lead to misconduct, and malicious prosecution.

Golatte, a restaurant supervisor, said he has nightmares about the shooting, attends physical therapy twice a week for injuries he suffered, wears back and leg braces and takes medication to help with pain.

Golatte's lawyers, L. Chris Stewart and Danielle Pinkston, urged the Cook County state's attorney's office to review the case and file criminal charges against the officers. They said they held the news conference to express their disappointment in city leaders' inaction and silence.

"When you don't hold anyone accountable, the community loses faith," Stewart said. "People ask, 'Why do people get upset? Why do people lose faith?' Antwon Golatte. That's why."



Golatte

Stewart also has represented the family of Alton Sterling, who was killed by police in Louisiana, and Walter Scott, who was killed by police in South Carolina.

The Cook County state's attorney's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Golatte was shot in the abdomen Feb. 7, 2015, by Matheos and Gaeta during a traffic stop near 115th Street and Princeton Avenue in the Roseland neighborhood, according to the lawsuit and city records. The Independent Police Review Authority ruled the shooting unjustified. Golatte was jailed for 44 days and charged with five felonies related to the stop. He was acquitted.

The Chicago Police Board voted 5-1 last month to suspend Gaeta and Matheos without pay for a year each for violating the department's use-of-deadly-force policy by shooting at a moving car that posed no immediate threat.

"If these cases don't cause some type of change, then it's just going to keep happening," Stewart said. "This is a slap in the face,

and it's not excusable."

The now-defunct police review authority had recommended that both officers be fired. After initially determining the officers' actions did not violate department policy, Superintendent Eddie Johnson filed departmental charges against the pair and recommended their firing. That move came after a three-member panel of the police board also recommended termination.

Golatte had been working as an informant for police for several years before the shooting, according to a report issued in 2016 by the city's police oversight agency. The two officers had claimed to witness Golatte make a hand-to-hand drug deal, but while testifying at a police board hearing last year, both admitted they were 250 to 275 yards away and didn't use binoculars.

"They admit that they did not observe any drugs, did not see the actual transaction, did not recall what anyone was wearing, and that the transaction coincidentally occurred right after they began their surveillance," according to the board.

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People arrive at O'Hare International Airport via the Blue Line. Mayor Rahm Emanuel is proposing an \$8.5 billion O'Hare expansion.

Mayor: O'Hare plan is 'essential'

BY BILL RUTHHART | Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel broke out a string of strong adjectives Monday as he began to sell an \$8.5 billion expansion of O'Hare International Airport, calling his vision to catapult the major travel hub into the 21st century "once-in-a-lifetime," "watershed," "unprecedented" and "the gold standard."

Emanuel echoed top aides in saying no taxpayer dollars would be used to bankroll the plan. And unlike previous O'Hare runway projects, the mayor said his push to add a state-of-the-art terminal, dozens of new gates and several additional concourses would not rely on any federal funding.

"This is a game changer for the city of Chicago. This is a watershed moment," Emanuel said in his first public comments about the project. "I made a pledge that the city of Chicago, O'Hare, will not be measured by the busiest, but by being the best, by having a runway system that is the most efficient in the United States, by having a terminal system that's the most modern in the United States."

In an interview with the Tribune published Sunday, Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans outlined the eight-year plan, which would mark the most expensive terminal revamp in O'Hare's 73-year history. The revamp is possible in part because the airlines' 35-year lease with the city expires in May and a new agreement will charge the carriers higher rent at O'Hare, among other fees.

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 large international flights. Terminals 1, 3 and 5 would be renovated, two new satellite concourses would be built and connected by a pedestrian tunnel, the space for planes to park at gates would increase by 25 percent, and more than 3.1 million square feet of terminal space would be added to O'Hare — a 72 percent increase.

The potential deal is still subject to final negotiations with the airlines, and representatives for United Airlines, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines have declined to discuss specifics about a potential expansion, citing the talks. Emanuel could introduce a finalized agreement at

Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Once built, the expansion would increase the O'Hare's total number of passengers from 78 million in 2016 to around 100 million by 2026, city officials predict.

On Monday, Emanuel zeroed in on one particular aspect of his plan — O'Hare becoming the nation's first "global alliance hub," where domestic carriers and their international partner airlines are located in the same terminal. Such a setup is appealing to the airlines for faster connection times, consumers for better convenience and to Emanuel as a coveted selling point no other U.S. city can claim.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime moment to literally leapfrog the competition. ... To me, this is essential for the vitality of the city," he said. "You'll be able to go seamlessly from an international to a domestic flight and vice versa with ease for the commuter and in a way that the city of Chicago will be the gold standard in the United States for aviation and transportation."

The westward expansion on new satellite concourses and a new global terminal are now possible after years of work to realign O'Hare's runways from an outdated layout of six intersecting runways to an airfield that will have six parallel runways and two diagonal ones. Much of that work (the final east-west runway will open in 2020) came thanks to \$1.1 billion in federal grants from President Barack Obama's administration and a Department of Transportation led by former Republican U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood of Peoria.

This time around, though, Emanuel said he will not have to rely on the federal government to get the major terminal expansion completed. Instead, the city will borrow against future increased fees and charges the airlines will pay under the new lease agreement.

The city also will be able to count on a future increase in revenue from passenger facilities charges — a fee tacked onto airline tickets — because more travelers will be coming through O'Hare. City officials, however, said an increase in the facilities charge itself, which is limited by the federal government, is not included in the plan.

"The fees that will back this up come out of the future in terms of what use will be there. It does not require federal money," Emanuel said. "The increased traffic, in a

positive way, the increased traffic at O'Hare that is going to give us the resources. We will bond that, use it to make all the investments today, because we see the growth that is coming in the future. And that's not going to require the federal government."

Even if Emanuel wanted to count on federal grants, that prospect would be uncertain. The mayor has railed against Republican President Donald Trump's immigration policies, and the president frequently singles out Chicago for its struggles with gun violence. Trump, however, has expressed an interest in pushing infrastructure spending and has said improving airports should be a priority.

A year ago, Trump convened a meeting of top airport and airline officials, including City Hall's Evans, to prioritize the issue. Not much has materialized since, however.

"Airports are very important to me," Trump said in February 2017. "... Our airports used to be the best. Now, they're at the bottom of the rung."

Emanuel's push to overhaul O'Hare was lauded by some business leaders Monday.

Chicago's airport system is one of its most important assets for attracting and retaining businesses, bringing in tourists and moving goods and cargo, said Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jack Lavin. In a survey of chamber members, 63 percent said the proximity of airports was one of the top three aspects of Chicagoland that contributed to the success of their businesses.

"We need this kind of investment, innovation and modernization to make O'Hare the best in the country," he said.

Upgrades at O'Hare are badly needed, said Wayne Urbanek, president of the Chicago Business Travel Association.

"The general consensus of business travelers is it's old, it's outdated, and it needs to be modernized," Urbanek said. "It's long past its useful life, and it also has a reputation for extensive and terrible delays and missed connections that cost business travelers time and money."

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5 things to watch in O'Hare expansion

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The western suburbs and Chicago neighborhoods east of O'Hare have complained of an increase in jet noise since the airport started shifting more traffic to east-west runways and eliminating diagonal runways in recent years. One of the airport's diagonal northwest/southeast runways closed in 2015, and another, known as 15-33, will close this spring. The closing will clear space for the expansion, with the possibility of two more western concourses and another western terminal in the future.

"It's going to make it worse for noise," said Al Rapp of Fair Allocation in Runways, or FAiR, a group that represents city and suburban residents. FAiR has argued that to provide periodic noise release for communities east and west of the airport, diagonal runway 15-33 should be spared. "For the average person living around the airport, it won't be good," Rapp said.

"A bigger O'Hare means more flights, and that means more potential conflicts with noises," said DePaul University transportation expert Joseph Schwieterman. However, he noted that the worst of the new noise has already happened, with the changes in flight patterns.

More roads

The Illinois Tollway wants to complete a "beltway" around O'Hare, with new entrance/exit ramps to the west of the airport. The loop around the airport would be composed of a new north-south tollway to the west of the airport called I-490, and that roadway would link to Interstate 90 to the north and the Tri-State Tollway or I-294 to the south. Construction on I-490 is expected to begin in 2019, officials said. Additionally, the I-390 would expand to the east so it would connect to I-490. Together, the price tag for the I-390 and I-490 tollway projects were estimated at \$3.4

billion.

But there's a snag — the Canadian Pacific Railway has balked at allowing the Tollway to build over its tracks at the airport's western edge, arguing that it would interfere with freight rail operations. The Tollway continues to have "positive conversations" with Canadian Pacific and the city regarding an agreement that would allow the Tollway to cross the CP tracks, Tollway spokesman Dan Rozek said.

Schwieterman said the new plan makes the Tollway's western bypass plans "all but inevitable because of the sheer size of O'Hare and the need for better traffic flow."

O'Hare express line

A massive project at the airport could build momentum for Emanuel's dream of an express rail line from downtown to O'Hare. The process of rebuilding the terminal will create opportunities for "creative solutions" to get express trains into the airport to serve business travelers and tourists, Schwieterman said.

Under the mayor's plan, the high-speed line would be designed, built, financed, operated and maintained through a public-private partnership with Chicago. Four teams this month have sent in their qualifications to build and operate an express rail system, a first step in getting the project going.

Among the groups is entrepreneur Elon Musk's Boring Co. Musk says his cutting-edge drilling technology would trim costs on building a subwaylike tunnel with pods to whisk riders to and from the airport.

Emanuel has touted the O'Hare train as a way to improve Chicago's standing as a business destination. The city wants the service to have travel times of 20 minutes or less with a reliable frequency of at least every 15 minutes, with fares that would cost less than a taxi or ride-sharing service but more than the CTA. Such services in other cities have charged \$30 or more per rider.

More congestion

Building new ways to get to the airport, whether by road or train, will become more urgent as the airport adds planes, and more passengers try to get to and from the airport. Schwieterman said that Interstate 190, which connects the airport to the Kennedy Expressway, isn't large enough for a big increase in traffic.

DePaul's Schwieterman said the city is anticipating big increase in passenger traffic, which will overwhelm existing roadways. He said the process of rebuilding the terminals could also be a "headache" for travelers passing through.

Pollution control

More flights will mean more jet fuel emissions, said Brian Urbaszewski, director of environmental health programs at the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago. He said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has not done much recently to set tighter sulfur limits on jet fuel, and it varies depending on who makes it and where.

On the other hand, improvements to the airport that decrease plane congestion could also reduce plane operations on the ground, which could reduce some local pollution, Urbaszewski said.

Something else that Chicago can do to lessen pollution at the airport is to require the use of the cleanest running construction equipment while the project is being built, Urbaszewski said. This would include newer or upgraded Tier 4-rated diesel equipment with filters that control the amount of soot that goes into the air better than older equipment, he said. The city could also look at electric-powered airport ground equipment, such as electric taxis and shuttle buses.

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Emanuel pushes for gun control legislation

BY BILL RUTHHART | Chicago Tribune

Declaring that America is in the midst of a gun violence crisis, Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Monday urged state lawmakers and Gov. Bruce Rauner to approve a series of gun control bills and called on the public to hold officials' feet to the fire this week and in the upcoming elections.

Lawmakers could consider a group of bills on Wednesday that would require gun dealers to be licensed, raise penalties for the illegal use of body armor, address waiting periods for gun purchases and ban "military-style" assault weapons high-capacity magazines and "bump stocks," Emanuel and Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said.

Johnson said he will travel to Springfield on Tuesday to testify in favor of the efforts, and Emanuel said he would be working the phones. The mayor on Monday repeatedly called on the public to get engaged in the maneuvering in Springfield and contended that a vote against the gun control bills was a vote against police officers.

"Watch this vote, and if the legislators do not back up the public safety, do not back up the police officers — in the primary and in this general election, you must hold them accountable," Emanuel said, pounding a lectern as he addressed Chicago's latest class of police recruits. "Trust me, if they think they can get away without having any political pressure, they're going to do the bare minimum rather than what is the appropriate thing. This is not about their political safety, this is about our public safety. And don't let them get away with doing the bare minimum to take the issue off the table."

The legislation banning high-capacity magazines and increasing the penalties for the unlawful use of body armor has been named the Commander Paul Bauer Act, for the Chicago police commander who was slain earlier this month. The man charged with his killing, 44-year-old Shomari Legghette, is a four-time felon who prosecutors say was wearing body armor when he shot Bauer at point-blank range using a gun with an extended-capacity magazine.

As he calls for gun control on the state level, Emanuel struggles with an intractable problem with gun violence in Chicago. The city's homicide total in 2017 remained the highest of any U.S. city, with more killings than New York and Los Angeles combined.

In Springfield, House Speaker Michael Madigan has said he will call votes on several gun control measures this week. In a letter, the speaker cited an outcry from students and families "whose lives have been forever changed" as the reason Democrats will revisit the issue this week. Lawmakers typically avoid taking up controversial measures so close to an election, and the Illinois primary is March 20.

Among the measures scheduled to be up for debate are the creation of a "dangerous persons" hotline, which will include posting the toll-free number in schools, as well as a proposal that would allow family members or law enforcement officials to ask a judge to take away someone's guns or firearm owner's identification card if they pose an immediate threat to themselves or others.

Emanuel expressed optimism that much of the legislation would pass.

"I know the political process well enough that I wouldn't count anything as done, but I think there has been a sea change — not just in Illinois, but across the country," Emanuel said.

The mayor said the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., earlier this month that left 17 dead had changed the political calculus across the country. Emanuel referred to the mass shootings that have happened in the U.S. as a series of crises.

As former President Barack Obama's onetime chief of staff, Emanuel famously declared during the economic recession that such a crisis should never go to waste, because it is an opportunity to drive change. Asked Monday, whether that slogan applied to this moment, Emanuel repeated it, noting that "the second part of it is more important than the first."

"That's this moment. We have a crisis," Emanuel said. "We had Columbine, we had Connecticut, we had Virginia Tech, but there is no doubt that Florida got to a point where the students saw what happened to their classmates and said, 'Enough is enough,' and the political system now knows they can't wait this out until another news item comes along. They have to act."

Speaking in Champaign on Friday, Rauner said Illinois "already has some of the toughest gun laws in America" and said "to really make a difference, whatever we change in gun regulations should be done at the federal level."

Emanuel dismissed that approach. "Would it be better if the federal government also put their oar in the water? 100 percent," Emanuel said. "But does that mean that Springfield doesn't have a responsibility as it relates to an assault weapons ban, as it relates to a bump stock ban, as it relates to licensing gun shop dealerships, as it relates to bulletproof vests only being sold to law enforcement? No."

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Teen traveled alone to the U.S. at 13

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Reform, argues young people in the country illegally clog up the courts with asylum claims that further delay their deportation to their country of origin.

"The whole system creates an incentive for people to come here, to send their kids here," said Ira Mehlman, spokesman for the group. "In many cases, minors, 16 or 17 years old, come here understanding that they will be released to relatives."

While her immigration case, like most, has moved at a sluggish pace through the court system, Maryori has made a new life for herself, even seeing her dream of reuniting with her mother come true. The girl's mother left Honduras when Maryori was a small child, and Maryori traveled to the United States to find her. Today, the teen, her mother and two younger sisters share a home in the northern suburb. The thought of leaving is painful enough, but the thought of what awaits her is downright frightening, she says.

"I can't return to my country because of all the danger that is happening," she said in Spanish. "I could be assassinated in my country because of the situations that are happening, and here I'm safe from harm with my family."

Teenage life in Waukegan

One day in 2014, Maryori walked out of the home she shared with her aunt in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, as if it was an ordinary school day. But the then-13-year-old girl had secretly tucked into her backpack a change of clothes, a rosary and about \$20. She was going to head to the U.S. to find her mother.

She tagged along with a group — mostly mothers and other teens — that traveled more than 1,600 miles through Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico in what she estimates took two weeks. They took buses, slept on floors and sometimes went without eating. She crossed into the U.S. near Roma, Texas, where she was detained by Customs and Border Patrol agents and given a notice to appear in immigration court.

She had pictured her mother, Tania Contreras, living in Chicago, a bustling city filled with beautiful homes and a large Ferris wheel, an apparent reference to Navy Pier. But her mother actually lived about an hour away in suburban Waukegan, and that's where Maryori set off to — and made a home as her immigration case wound its way through court. Still, it felt like a vacation, if only briefly, she recalled.

"I felt happy, finally I'm in a peaceful place, I'm going to receive my studies," Maryori said in Spanish, the language she is still most comfortable speaking. "But



Maryori Urbina-Contreras, left, eats a piece of cake for her 17th birthday last year. She came to the U.S. when she was 13.



A rosary hangs in Tania Contreras' car as she picks up daughter Maryori from school last week in Waukegan.

at the same time, I had come here illegally. It was a point I never got out of my head."

Still, in the past four years she's traveled to Capitol Hill, granted television news interviews — making the case for her and others fleeing violence to stay in this country. She also participated in a weekly religious service for immigrant families at a satellite of Lincoln United Methodist Church. Next year, she hopes to pick a college that will help her pursue a nursing career.

After school, she's most often in the bedroom she shares with her sisters that has one closet, a vanity decorated with roses and signs from the League of United Latin American Citizens, a group helping the family. The family calls her by her middle name, Nicole.

The screen of her laptop illuminated Maryori's face one recent weeknight as she watched an episode of "La Rosa de Guadalupe," a popular Spanish-language drama. Her sister, Diana Ruiz, was next to her munching on chips and scrolling through her phone when their youngest sister, Valeria Ruiz, stormed into the room to show off a drawing. Their attention turned to a comedy skit about a nail salon on Diana's phone. Valeria leaned on top of Maryori to watch. Soon, the sisters were sorting through nail polish col-

ors as Maryori continued watching the show. "If you stain my bed, you are cleaning it," Maryori said in Spanish to the giggling sisters.

She's hardly alone

On a recent cold Saturday night, the family joined other immigrant families on a pilgrimage through downtown Waukegan on the feast day of Our Lady of Suyapa, the patron saint of Honduras. The group, carrying a figurine of the saint in a gold-painted box, stopped at an intersection and Maryori was handed a microphone.

"Virgin of Suyapa, we pray for the protection of all the Central American refugees who fled from their countries," she said in Spanish. "Please keep them safe here in the USA with their families. Lord, hear our prayer."

"Amen," the crowd chanted. There were 2,311 people who identified as Hondurans living in Waukegan, about 2 percent of the suburb's population, according to the 2010 census. A little more than 5,000 of Honduran descent were living in Chicago, less than 1 percent of the city's total population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Maryori was among 57,496 unaccompanied minors who migrated — large-



Maryori, center, and her mother, left, talk with immigration rights activist Julie Contreras this month in Evanston.

ly from Central America — to the United States during fiscal year 2014, according to the Office of the Administration for Children and Families. That was a 133 percent jump from the previous year. The number of unaccompanied minors crossing into the U.S. from its southern border fell 31 percent from fiscal year 2016 to 2017, when nearly 41,000 entered the U.S.

Daisy Diaz-Strong, a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago, said her research shows adolescents willing to take a chance to cross the border on their own — without documentation — are desperate and likely think it's the only way to fulfill their dreams.

"So they are thinking about 'Who am I? What do I want to become?' And they are doing that within their context in their countries of origin — there's poverty, there's violence, lack of opportunity, lack of jobs, maybe family is not there because they are here," Diaz-Strong said. "And so they are trying to explore these questions with very few opportunities there, so in order for them to sort of reach these development milestones, something very normal that all adolescents do, prompts them to migrate."

In Honduras, Maryori witnessed a fatal armed robbery, she was robbed and the home where she

lived with an aunt was burglarized. Her attorney, Christopher Helt, argues the Honduran government can't protect her from gang violence it turns a blind eye to.

While Honduras has reported recent decreases in the nation's murder rate, the district that includes Tegucigalpa still recorded more than 900 homicides in 2016, according to data compiled by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras.

Class plays a role in how violence reaches Hondurans. Those with economic means can live in a gated community and hire private security, while poor residents face the brunt of the violence, said Alan Zarychta, an assistant professor at the University of Chicago.

Seeking asylum

While her case initially landed in immigration court, Maryori made her first formal request for asylum through the office of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Those seeking asylum have to establish past persecution or a fear of future persecution because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

In August 2015, the asylum office determined



Maryori is pictured as a child in her home country of Honduras.

Maryori had not met that criteria, offering no explanation, and sent the case back to immigration court, where it's now pending.

It's not unusual for immigration cases to take years to be processed. In Chicago, cases like Maryori's jumped from 349 days in fiscal year 2016 to 545 days as of December 2017, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University, which compiles immigration data across the country.

Her attorney, Helt, argues that Maryori is a candidate for asylum because as a girl she is more likely to be the target of violence if she returns to Honduras. Another young girl he represented whose story was similar was granted relief, he said. And in a court filing, Helt outlined three other cases of Central Americans who fled because of gang violence, and each was granted asylum.

Maryori's final hearing this week will determine if she'll receive a green card, meaning she can become a permanent resident, or if she will have to return to Honduras.

Statistics show her odds of winning the case increase because she has an attorney, but immigration judges denied 61 percent of asylum cases in fiscal year 2017, according to an analysis of court records by Syracuse University. From fiscal years 2012 to 2017, Hondurans seeking asylum faced a 78 percent denial rate.

Early this month, Maryori met with Helt in a conference room overlooking downtown Evanston. Her mother and Julie Contreras, an immigration rights activist, sat with her.

"Have you heard of a trial?" Helt asked.

"Yes, it scares me," Maryori said in Spanish as she got teary-eyed.

"Don't be afraid," Helt said.

The hearing, he explained, will be like a trial in which they'll detail her life story, including threats back home and what she fears could happen. He used a whiteboard to show the layout of the courtroom, using smiley faces to lighten the mood.

"You tell the story to one person," Helt said. "Not to a jury of 12 people, not to President Trump."

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More women crossed state lines in 2016

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38,382 in 2016.

Since 2010, about 3,000 women a year have come here from out of state to have an abortion. Because of confidentiality laws, the data aren't broken down by home state, nor do they explain why women are traveling for the procedure. In a relatively large number of cases — 1,176 in 2016 and 2,148 in 2015 — it's unclear whether the patient was from in state or out of state because that was marked unknown.

But advocates on both sides of the abortion debate speculate that tighter regulations in other Midwest states could be sending more women to Illinois, which is considered one of the less-restrictive states in the region.

Emily Troscinski, execu-

tive director of Illinois Right to Life, said she believes more permissive laws are detrimental to women and the unborn.

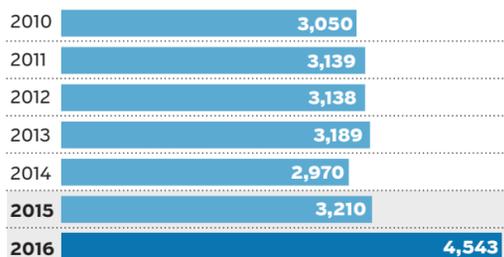
"Illinois has become a dumping ground for other states with our flimsy abortion laws and politicians' flippant attitude toward providing women with resources on all their options," she said.

She attributed the overall drop in abortions to more young people identifying as "pro-life," as well as resources that provide support to women who have unplanned pregnancies and choose to carry to term.

But Troscinski says the overall number of abortions in Illinois will rise following a controversial state law passed last year expanding taxpayer-subsidized abortions to women covered by Medicaid and state employ-

NUMBER OF OUT-OF-STATE ABORTIONS IN ILLINOIS

Out-of-state abortions increased by 41.5% from 2015 to 2016, while overall abortions decreased by 3.7% over the same period.



SOURCE: Illinois Department of Public Health

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ee insurance.

"For or against abortion, purposefully increasing the number of abortions and forcing those who oppose abortion to pay for the increase is appalling," she said.

Those who favor that legislation say it ensures an equal right to medical care regardless of income. As Illinois is expanding abortion access, many neighboring states are attempting to pass more restrictions.

"Illinois is surrounded by states with restrictive barriers that make it very difficult for patients to get the care they need," said

Planned Parenthood of Illinois spokeswoman Julie Lynn.

In Missouri, only one clinic provided abortions in the state in recent years until late 2017 because of laws requiring providers to have hospital admitting privileges and requiring clinics to meet the same standards as surgical centers. Those mandates were struck down by the courts in April, and two more clinics in Missouri have since begun providing abortions.

But a new Missouri law now stipulates that only the physician performing the

abortion can provide state-mandated counseling 72 hours prior. The measure, which passed over the summer, has been criticized as an unnecessary burden by reproductive rights supporters.

In Indiana, a 2016 law requiring an ultrasound at least 18 hours prior to an abortion was blocked by a federal judge last year. The state attorney general has appealed the decision. The law would also ban abortions for fetal genetic abnormalities like Down syndrome and require the identities of abortion providers be made public.

More recently in Iowa, a bill moving through the legislature would prohibit the procedure after the detection of a fetal heartbeat except in the case of a medical emergency, potentially banning nearly all abortions. The state enacted a 72-hour waiting period as well as a ban on the procedure after 20 weeks of gestation in May, though the Iowa state Supreme Court temporarily halted to the waiting period portion of that law.

Last year, the Iowa-based Planned Parenthood of the Heartland also closed four

Iowa clinics, citing state legislation that blocked public family planning services funding to abortion providers. One clinic in the Quad Cities on the Illinois border closed in December.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland spokeswoman Becca Lee called these measures "extreme."

"If lawmakers really want to decrease the need for abortion, they ought to work with family planning experts, like Planned Parenthood, to increase access to birth control," she said.

Lynn, of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, attributed the overall decrease in abortions to women getting better access to information about birth control. Following the 2016 presidential election, she said Planned Parenthood of Illinois saw a 460 percent increase in patients seeking long-acting reversible contraception, such as IUDs and contraceptive implants.

Many of these women acted, she said, "because they were unsure of what the future for reproductive health care would be under the Trump-Pence administration."

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NATION & WORLD

President vows action on gun policy

He urges standing up to NRA but touts its positions

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump vowed on Monday to end years of gridlock in responding to mass shootings by getting tough with the National Rifle Association and with Congress, yet he already confronts familiar barriers that could thwart action once more.

That includes his own policy moves. Even as Trump urged governors at a White House meeting to confront the NRA, he promoted proposals that the gun-rights group likes, including arming teachers, and said nothing about his previous idea to raise the minimum age for long-gun buyers to 21, which the NRA opposes.

Over the weekend, the president divulged, he'd had lunch with NRA leaders including Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre. "These guys are great patriots," Trump told the governors. "They're great people and they want to do something."

Though Trump earlier had called for legislative action this week, with Congress returning from a break, momentum already is bogging down in part because of the president's own unpredictability on questions of gun control. In the nearly two weeks since the shootings in Parkland, Fla., he has made policy on the fly in front of television cameras, revealing the fluidity of his thinking as well as the influence of the NRA.

Also, many lawmakers facing difficult midterm elections this year seem in no hurry to stake out positions on the long-contentious topic. Officials on Capitol Hill suggested that no substantial gun measures are on tap for the short term.

Trump's idea of arming some school personnel has gotten little support among lawmakers or governors of either party. Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington state, a Democrat, told Trump that neither teachers nor many local law-enforcement officials favor the idea, and added, "I just suggest we need a little less tweeting here and a little more listening."



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President Donald Trump meets Monday with governors, who have shown little support for his proposal to arm teachers.

Attorney: Deputy thought gunfire was from outside school

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PARKLAND, Fla. — The sheriff's deputy assigned to guard the Florida high school that was the scene of a mass shooting never entered the building to confront the suspect because he believed the gunfire was coming from outside, his attorney said Monday.

Scot Peterson has been called a coward and worse for failing to stop the massacre that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The criticism intensified Monday as President Donald Trump blasted the deputy and other officers who failed to stop the gunman, saying they "weren't exactly Medal of Honor winners."

If he had been there, Trump said, he thinks he would have raced into the school during the attack even if he were unarmed.

Peterson's attorney issued his first public statement about the attack, saying it was "patently untrue" that the deputy failed to meet sheriff's department standards or acted with cowardice at the scene of the Feb. 14 attack. He resigned after Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said he felt sick to his stomach over his deputy's failure to intervene.

"Let there be no mistake, Mr. Peterson wishes that he could have prevented the untimely passing of the 17 victims on that day, and his heart goes out to the families of the victims in their time of need," attorney Joseph DiRuzzo said in the statement.

The sheriff's account of Peterson's actions that day was a "gross oversimplification" of the events, the attorney said.

Politicians and other officials have been withering in their criticism.

Speaking to a group of governors at the White House, Trump said: "You don't know until you're tested, but I think I really believe I'd run in there

even if I didn't have a weapon and I think most of the people in this room would have done that, too."

Peterson's statement said he and a security specialist ran to the scene at first word of the shooting, a report that mistakenly said firecrackers were being set off near one building. He then heard gunshots "but believed that those gunshots were originating from outside of the buildings."

Following his training to seek cover and assess the situation in the event of outdoor gunfire, he "took up a tactical position" between two nearby buildings while alerting dispatch that he heard gunfire and initiating a "code red" lockdown of the campus, the statement said.

"Radio transmissions indicated that there was a gunshot victim in the area of the football field," adding to his belief that the shooting was outside.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott's office has asked the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the police response.

Trump's meeting with about three dozen governors was his third "listening session" since a gunman killed 17 students and adults at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

More emphatically than he has before, Trump vowed to use his own authority to ban bump stocks, the devices used to make legal semiautomatic guns

fire more like illegal automatic weapons. The president first raised the idea in October, after a gunman in Las Vegas used bump-stock equipped rifles to kill 58 concertgoers, but then the administration dropped it.

Though the Parkland shooter apparently didn't use a bump stock, Trump has revived the idea of banning them by federal regulation.

The NRA has said it could support a bump stock ban by regulation, as Trump proposes, but not a new law. The regulatory route suggests a quandary: The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has said in the past that, without a new law, it doesn't have the power to ban bump stocks. Also, gun manufacturers likely would sue to contest such a regula-

tory ban.

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said that Trump plans to meet with lawmakers Wednesday to talk about gun policy and insisted that he isn't backing away from any of his ideas, including the one to set a minimum age of 21 for long-gun purchases.

Still, Republican lawmakers worry that Trump might eventually switch po-

sitions and leave them exposed to the wrath of the NRA and its highly motivated voters and supporters. On Monday, Georgia's lieutenant governor threatened to prevent Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines from getting a lucrative tax cut after the company ended its discount program with the NRA.

The gun debate is exploding just as party primaries are looming, a time in which incumbents are reluctant to alienate their party's most loyal supporters — which in the case of Republicans includes a large swath of gun owners.

New polling suggests that Americans are more in favor of gun restrictions since the Florida shooting, but pro-gun sentiment remains high among Republicans voters.

Several measures are circulating in Congress, prompted by past gun massacres. The House earlier passed a bill that would eliminate some loopholes in the federal background check system. But Democrats opposed that measure because it would also allow gun owners to carry concealed weapons across state lines, including into states where it's illegal.

A bipartisan Senate version of the background checks bill, sponsored by Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, a Republican, and Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, doesn't include the concealed weapons language. Written in response to a mass shooting last November in a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, the measure seeks to get state and federal agencies to be more rigorous in forwarding any incriminating records involving prospective gun buyers.

After the Sutherland Springs shooting, it was found that the Air Force failed to send information to the federal database about a domestic abuse conviction against the shooter, which could have blocked his weapons purchase.

In a statement Monday, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York said that if congressional action is limited to tightening the background check system, "it would be an abject failure and a dereliction of our duty."

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Court stays out of DACA for now

'Dreamers' get big victory as justices reject Trump plea

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court handed President Donald Trump a significant defeat Monday, turning down the administration's plea for a quick ruling that would have upheld the president's power to end special protections for so-called Dreamers.

The court's decision keeps in place a legal shield for nearly 700,000 young immigrants for the rest of this year, and perhaps longer, allowing people who have been covered by the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, to continue living and working legally in the U.S. Those whose existing DACA permits expire this year will also be allowed to apply for another two-year permit.

But while the court's action removes for now the threat of job loss and deportation, it also will extend the long-term uncertainty for DACA recipients — immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

Congress has been stymied on a legislative solution to their situation, and without an immediate deadline to force action, lawmakers almost certainly will not try again to forge a compromise on immigration before this fall's midterm elections.

In September, Trump announced he would end DACA and gave Congress until March 5 to pass legislation to resolve the status of the young immigrants. Then, in early January, U.S. District Judge William Alsup in San Francisco ordered the government to keep the program running until legal challenges could be fully aired, ruling that Trump's order had been based on a "flawed legal premise." A district judge in New York this month issued a similar ruling.

In seeking to get Alsup's order overturned, the Justice Department sought to leapfrog the U.S. appeals court in California, asking the Supreme Court to grant an "immediate review" of Alsup's nationwide order.

The action the administration sought was rare. It has been nearly 30 years since the Supreme Court granted review of a district judge's ruling before an appeals court could weigh



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Immigration advocates rally last month in Washington, D.C. On Monday, the Supreme Court kept alive a ruling that shields some young immigrants from deportation.

in. And the court said Monday it had no interest in following that course in the DACA case.

The justices, without dissent, turned down the administration's petition "without prejudice," meaning that the government could return to the high court once the appeals court rules. "It is assumed that the Court of Appeals will proceed expeditiously to decide this case," the justices noted.

Even though the action by the high court was procedural in nature, not a ruling on the substance of the case, it has significant impact because it keeps in

place Alsup's injunction for as long as the case wends its way through the judicial system, which could be quite a while. In their appeal to the high court, administration lawyers said the injunction would likely last well into 2019 if the appeals run their normal course in the lower courts.

That's a significant victory for DACA recipients and a defeat for administration hard-liners, led by Stephen Miller, Trump's domestic policy adviser. They have tried to use renewal of DACA as a bargaining chip to get Congress to adopt new policies to restrict legal immigration.

With DACA now effectively off the congressional agenda for this year, the possibility of new immigration restrictions is also much less likely. Democrats hope to regain control of at least one house of Congress in the midterm elections, which would give them considerably more of a say in any legislation.

Even if the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals does act "expeditiously," as the justices suggested, a ruling from the appeals court would be unlikely before summer. That would mean the earliest the case could return to the Supreme Court would be in the fall,

with a ruling possible by the end of the year.

Speaking to a group of the nation's governors on Monday, Trump complained about once again facing a case in the 9th Circuit, which hears appeals in federal cases from California and eight other Western states. A majority of the court's active judges were appointed by Democratic presidents.

"I mean, it's really sad when every single case filed against us — this is in the Ninth Circuit — we lose, we lose, we lose, and then we do fine in the Supreme Court. But what does that tell you about our court system? It's a very, very sad thing. So DACA's going back, and we'll see what happens from there," Trump said.

Also Monday, U.S. District Court Judge Philip Gutierrez expanded a preliminary injunction he issued earlier in a lawsuit that alleges the Trump administration is yanking people out of the DACA program without giving them a chance to defend themselves. Gutierrez granted the lawsuit class-action status, meaning it will cover DACA recipients who, after Jan. 19, had or will have their DACA status revoked.

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Gov. Bruce Rauner speaks to the media outside the U.S. Supreme Court after Monday's arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME*.

Rauner visits high court for union case arguments

He spurred suit over fees to nonmembers in public-sector jobs

BY KATHERINE SKIBA
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WASHINGTON — Gov. Bruce Rauner on Monday watched U.S. Supreme Court arguments in a union fees case sparked by one of his first actions as governor, saying afterward that free speech and the battle against “conflicts of interest and corruption” were at stake.

In 2015, the Republican governor issued an executive order and filed a legal case aiming to ban public-sector unions from collecting fees from government workers who opted out of a union. The move put the issue on a track to the high court, even though Rauner is no longer officially involved in the case.

Speaking to reporters Monday, Rauner said government employee union contributions to politicians were tantamount to “bribes.”

“Everything a government union does is political by its very nature,” Rauner continued. “It impacts taxpayers; it impacts government and politics. One hundred percent of what a government union does is political by nature, therefore forced payment of dues is political speech.”

The governor arrived in

Washington on Sunday and marked what he called his first meeting with President Donald Trump at the White House Governors’ Ball hosted by the president. Rauner has kept Trump at arm’s length in the past and at times has declined to use the president’s name. He said his talks with the president at the White House were not extensive, calling them “more a social opportunity.”

The Supreme Court case is an important one to the governor, who late last year told the Tribune Editorial Board the case is one of a couple that could give him “transformative” wins over organized labor.

A lower court ruled that Rauner did not have standing in the case because he is not a union member, but another plaintiff was found: Mark Janus, a state employee in Springfield who objected to the roughly \$45-per-month deduction from his paycheck that went to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

As the governor spoke outside the Supreme Court on Monday, hundreds of pro- and anti-union demonstrators gathered on a cold morning fought a boisterous battle of competing chants. “Union strong,” came from the labor side, which played music including reggae star Bob Marley’s “One Love.”

“Stand with Mark,” was

the answer from the other.

Democratic Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan also was outside, saying the case isn’t about free speech. “This is a case where there are a small group of very well-funded right-wing extremists that want to eliminate unions throughout this country,” she said.

Democratic governor candidates J.B. Pritzker and state Sen. Daniel Biss both released statements assailing the governor over the case. And in Chicago, Rauner primary challenger state Rep. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton said the governor was seeking to mend fences with Republicans by trying to associate himself with Trump.

“Certainly (Rauner) is getting a lot of bad press from Republicans statewide who feel that he will not say Donald Trump’s name and that he has no association with Donald Trump,” Ives said. “And he knows now it’s hurting his campaign. He knows that. So that’s why he’s there, to actually finally stand with Donald Trump.”

Rauner was planning to depart Washington on Monday evening. His focus in the capital included education, workforce development and training, and infrastructure.

He was back at the White House early Monday for more meetings before leaving for the high court, spokeswoman Patty Schuh

said. The governor said he and other governors spent more time with Vice President Mike Pence. Pence’s chief of staff, Nick Ayers, ran Rauner’s first campaign in 2014. Rauner also said he had meetings in D.C. with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta and with U.S. Transportation Department officials. He said he wanted to maximize help from the federal government to pay for improvements to state roads and bridges.

Rauner noted he had visited the White House when Democrat Barack Obama was president. He said Monday that he would work with the Illinois General Assembly to obtain funding for millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements surrounding the future Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park on Chicago’s South Side.

He said it was a “very, very important opportunity for the people of Illinois” and said the center would be a “great tourist draw” and “great economic engine.”

“It’s an honor to have it in Chicago,” Rauner said.

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High court appears split on union dues

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wages and more public spending.

Kennedy said he agreed. “What we’re talking about here,” he said, “is compelled subsidization of a private party that expresses political views constantly.”

Because the employer is a government agency, that violates the First Amendment, which forbids the government to compel speech, Janus and his lawyers argue.

The four liberal justices sounded deeply disturbed that the court was on the verge of overturning a 41-year-old precedent that said union contracts could require all the employees to pay a “fair share fee” to cover the cost of collective bargaining.

Fair-share provisions have been written into thousands of contracts for teachers, transit workers, municipal employees and others, said Justice Elena Kagan.

She and others noted that the court in the past has said public employees did not have even limited free-speech rights to criticize their agencies or their supervisors. Whistle blowers can be demoted or fired, the court said in a 2006 opinion written by Kennedy.

“If we can permit the government as employer to do something as dramatic as firing someone,” asked Justice Sonia Sotomayor, how can the government not be permitted to require them to pay “a fair share fee”?

Currently, the states — like the justices — are sharply split on unions. In 28 states, “right to work” laws generally forbid requiring employees to join or support a union.

But in 22 states and the District of Columbia, unions may negotiate contracts with school boards, transit districts or state agencies that require all employees to help cover the cost of collective bargaining.

The Supreme Court gave its blessing to this arrangement in a 1977 case, *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*. The justices said then that while teachers and other public employees may not be forced to pay for the union’s political activity, they may be required to

pay a lesser fee to cover the union’s core expenses. Typically, the fees are about three-fourths of full union dues.

Janus’s lawyers are urging the Supreme Court to overrule the *Abood* decision and hold that forced fees violate the free-speech rights of public employees.

Gorsuch, President Donald Trump’s appointee to fill Scalia’s seat, has been seen as providing the fifth vote for the conservatives, but he was uncharacteristically quiet during Monday’s argument.

The attorney for the union, David Frederick, was a law partner of Gorsuch’s when he was in private practice. He was joined by Illinois Solicitor General David Franklin, and both of them stressed that Scalia had upheld the principle that public employees could be required to support their unions.

In 1991, Scalia wrote an opinion holding that if the law requires unions to provide certain services for all employees, it can also require all of them to pay for those services.

“Where the state creates in the nonmembers a legal entitlement from the union, it may compel them to pay the cost,” he wrote in *Lehnert v. Ferris Faculty*.

Citing Scalia’s words, Frederick said the law imposes on unions a “duty of fair representation” to all employees. “And that’s where you get the compelling interest in agency fees,” he said.

In his legal brief, he included a passage that was directed at Gorsuch, who believes in following the “original meaning” of the Constitution.

As written in the late 18th century, the document was not seen as according constitutional rights to government employees.

“The core principle, from the founding to today, is the government has a free rein in regulating expressive rights in the workplace,” he said.

Gorsuch intently followed the back-and-forth argument and gave no indication of how he will vote in the case of *Janus v. AFSCME*.

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Panamanian officials step into Trump hotel dispute

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PANAMA CITY — Panama’s government said Monday it was formally investigating a complaint that executives for President Donald Trump’s family hotel business were illegally occupying a 70-story luxury Trump hotel amid a management dispute.

The Public Ministry said it was investigating whether there was any “punishable conduct” in the matter at the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Panama and that it intended to ask for more information from both sides.

The dispute has brought armed guards on the property, allegations of improperly shredding documents and a pitched fight for control over a room filled with computer servers. Employees acting at the direction of Trump’s hotel business retained physical control over the property, but the hotel’s owners now control at least some of the hotel’s bank accounts.

Monday’s announcement comes in response to a tense standoff between the hotel’s owners and Trump’s executives, who were hired to run the hotel by the building’s developer, many years before Trump was elected U.S. president. Hotel owners have been seeking to dump Trump’s brand and management team



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Owners of the Panama hotel have been seeking to dump Trump’s brand and management team since October.

since October over allegations of poor financial performance and financial misconduct. Led by Orestes Fintiklis, a Miami-based private equity investor who runs Ithaca Capital, the owners voted to fire Trump’s management company last year.

Trump Hotels disputed its termination and a related claim by Ithaca for damages and has refused to leave the

Panama property. The dispute is now being litigated in both U.S. courts and private arbitration. Owners have maintained that Trump Hotels must leave the property immediately.

In a two-page statement issued Monday afternoon by Trump Organization general counsel Alan Garten, Trump Hotels accused Fintiklis of duplicity and attempting to take over

the hotel “with a rogue private security team.” Garten also alleged Fintiklis’s efforts to cancel Trump’s management deal violated the terms of his fund’s purchase of 202 out of the 369 hotel units last year.

The Trump statement further suggested that Fintiklis had given up on arbitration because he could not afford a protracted fight.

“Sadly, it now appears as though Mr. Fintiklis has either lost patience with the pace of the proceedings which he commenced or simply lacks the financial backing he once claimed he had,” the statement said.

The current fight over the property began Thursday when Fintiklis attempted to hand-deliver termination notices to four of Trump’s top managers at

the hotel.

Trump’s staff rebuffed the attempt. The Trump Organization called the police, and key staff holed up in a security room. Allies of the owners’ association shut off power to the room — inadvertently killing the hotel’s phone lines and internet connections, which were routed through servers located in the same space.

In his statement, Garten blamed Fintiklis and an ally in the building for the shut-off of the computers, which he said placed “employees and guests in danger.”

According to a legal claim filed by Fintiklis on Friday night, Trump Hotel managers were shredding business records, which Garten said was “categorically untrue.”

The bitter dispute simmered through the weekend, with the Trump Organization dispatching one of its top hotel executives, Jeff Wagoner, and other U.S.-based staff to Panama City to rebuff the owners’ push. The Trump team has also relied on a bolstered security staff to remain in control of the hotel.

Both sides acknowledged that armed security guards hired by Trump’s executives were on the scene.

“There’s always security in the hotel,” Garten said. “Right now, there’s more security.”

Fintiklis did not respond to requests for comment.

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Dubai police say Bollywood's Sridevi drowned in bathtub

Indian actress Sridevi Kapoor drowned in her hotel bathtub after losing consciousness, the Dubai police said in a statement Monday, though two police officials said she was also under the influence of alcohol at the time.

The 54-year-old, who for years was one of Bollywood's top actresses, died late Saturday while in Dubai for a wedding.

Her brother-in-law Sanjay Kapoor had told an Indian newspaper that

she died of cardiac arrest. Dubai police said the case had been handed to the public prosecutor's office, "which will carry out regular legal procedures."

Sridevi, who was known by one name, was at her peak in the 1980s and '90s and was seen as the first female superstar in India's male-dominated film industry.

She was known for her impeccable comic timing as well as her dancing skills.

Still no cease-fire in Syrian enclave; Russia orders a pause

BEIRUT — As a U.N. cease-fire failed to take hold in Syria, Russia on Monday ordered a daily "humanitarian pause" to allow civilians to evacuate an embattled rebel-held enclave near Damascus, while airstrikes continued and Syrian ground forces fought to push into the besieged area.

But civilians caught in the violence mocked Russian President Vladimir Putin's order of a limited,

five-hour daily truce. "It is like legitimizing the strikes on civilians," said Firas Abdullah, a resident of Douma, where at least 13 members of a family were killed Monday.

A weekend resolution approved by the U.N. Security Council for a 30-day cease-fire across Syria failed to stop the carnage in the eastern Ghouta region that has killed more than 500 people since last week.

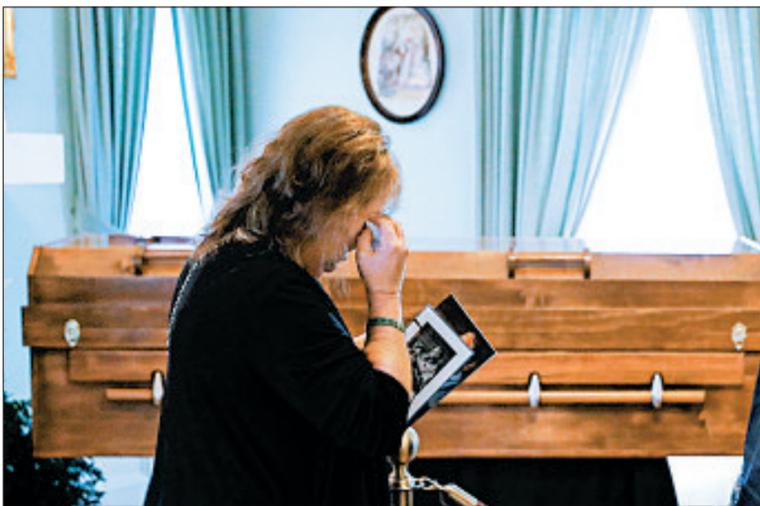
Nassar victims help unveil sweeping child abuse legislation

LANSING, Mich. — Victims of imprisoned former sports doctor Larry Nassar helped unveil what they described Monday as a sweeping rewrite of Michigan laws related to childhood sexual abuse.

Included in the bipartisan 10-bill package is a proposal to drastically lengthen the time limit for victims of sexual assault to sue. Survivors who were minors at the time of abuse now generally must

file a civil lawsuit in state court by their 19th birthday, though it is longer if they sue under federal laws. Under the legislation, minor victims could sue up until their 48th birthday.

The measures were unveiled the same day the U.S. Education Department announced a new investigation of Michigan State University, where Nassar was employed for decades.



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Honoring Billy Graham: A mourner pauses as the body of the Rev. Billy Graham lies in repose Monday at his namesake library in Charlotte, N.C. Thousands of mourners — including former President George W. Bush — came to pay their final respects.

Trump: Talks with N. Korea only under 'right conditions'

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday responded to an overture from North Korea for talks with the U.S., saying that will happen only "under the right conditions."

Trump raised North Korea at an annual White House meeting with the nation's governors after a North Korean envoy sent a message through South Korea on Sunday. The envoy said the North has "ample intentions" of holding talks with the U.S.

The White House said in response that it would take a wait-and-see approach.

Trump followed up Monday.

"We want to talk only under the right conditions," Trump said. The administration's position is that North Korea must get rid of its nuclear and missile programs before any talks can take place.

The U.S. has applied a series of sanctions, including a fresh round on Friday, in what it says is a "maximum pressure campaign" to force North Korea to disarm.

The Trump administration says it's open to talks with North Korea, primarily to explain how America

will maintain its pressure on the country until it takes steps toward eliminating its nuclear weapons. U.S. officials differentiate talks from negotiations. For those to occur, they first want Pyongyang to accept that its nuclear program will be on the table.

Speaking to the governors, Trump praised Chinese President Xi Jinping for bolstering his country's sanctions against the North and warned that Russia is "behaving badly" on the issue of sanctions.

"Russia is sending in what China is taking out," Trump said.

Trump Org.: Donated foreign profits from hotels

WASHINGTON — The Trump Organization said Monday it has made good on the president's promise to donate profits from foreign government spending at its hotels to the U.S. Treasury, but neither the company nor the government disclosed the amount.

Watchdog groups said

the lack of detail was an example of the secrecy surrounding President Donald Trump's pledges to separate his administration from his businesses.

Trump Organization Executive Vice President and Chief Compliance Counsel George Sorial said the donation was made Feb.

22 and includes profits from Jan. 20 through Dec. 31, 2017. The company declined to give a breakdown of amounts by country.

Sorial said the profits were calculated using "our policy and the Uniform System of Accounts for the Lodging Industry" but did not elaborate.

Court: FTC can police common carriers

NEW YORK — A U.S. appeals court says the Federal Trade Commission can police telecommunications companies such as AT&T.

The case is over claims that AT&T misled smartphone customers in offering unlimited data plans, but slowing speeds for heavy users. By law, only the Federal Communications Commission can take action against a common carrier — a provider of essential services such as landline or mobile voice service, but not broadband services. An earlier ruling said the FTC has no jurisdiction over AT&T at all because some of its businesses are common carriers.

On Monday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the FTC can indeed punish telecommunications companies for deceptive practices. The FTC still must prove that AT&T was deceptive.

Five people have died of injuries from an explosion that caused the collapse of a building in the central England city of Leicester, police said Monday.

A search and rescue operation continued for other possible victims of the Sunday night explosion that engulfed the building in flames and injured five other people.

Two lions rescued from neglected zoos in war zones in Iraq and Syria arrived in South Africa on Monday to live at Lionsrock Big Cat Sanctuary with other animals that survived harsh conditions in captivity elsewhere in the world.

Born in captivity, the male lions had never been on the continent.

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More choices for the Illinois House

The Tribune offers its second installment of endorsements for the Illinois House.



State Rep. Mary Flowers

31st District: Rep. **Mary Flowers**, D-Chicago, has represented this South Side district, which stretches from the Dan Ryan Expressway to Palos Hills, for 33 years. She has been a strong advocate for abused and neglected children at the Department of Children and Family Services and a vocal watchdog of that agency. She faces a challenge from Willie Preston of Chicago, a carpenter who says Flowers hasn't been an engaged lawmaker. Preston says the district needs someone who will commit to revitalizing economic development, especially along 79th Street, once a thriving business district. That stretch does deserve attention. But Flowers gets the nod for her commitment to the state's most vulnerable populations. She is a tireless advocate. Flowers is endorsed.



Cecil Matthews Jr.

38th District: Four Democrats are competing to replace departing Rep. Al Riley, D-Olympia Fields, in this Southland district. Each would make a fine representative. But we were most impressed with **Cecil Matthews Jr.**, of Matteson, finance supervisor at a downtown law firm. Matthews is open to school choice; the district is home to one of the state's most successful suburban charter schools. He wouldn't be beholden to House Speaker Michael Madigan — he is financing his own campaign. Also running are Max Solomon, of Hazel Crest, a contemplative adjunct professor well-versed on pensions and property taxes; Debbie Meyers-Martin, an ambitious and experienced former mayor of Olympia Fields; and David Bonner, of Matteson, a whip-smart assistant state's attorney and the party's pick for the seat. But if Southland voters want an independent voice, Matthews is it. He is endorsed.



Amy Grant

42nd District: When Rep. Jeanne Ives, R-Wheaton, decided to run for governor, she had to relinquish her House seat. Three Republicans are running for the chance to replace her: Burt Minor, of Warrenville, chairman of the Winfield Township Republican Party and a retired U.S. Air Force vet; Ryan Edward Byrne, of Wheaton, a marketing professional; and **Amy Grant** of Wheaton, a DuPage County Board member. Minor's campaign has stumbled badly: Attorney general candidate Erika Harold said he used the N-word and asked her inappropriate personal questions during an October meeting. High-ranking GOP officials, including Harold, Ives and Gov. Bruce Rauner, have urged Minor to quit this race. Grant is the strongest candidate. She is better versed on pensions and property taxes than her opponents and, while not as outspoken as Ives, would carry the conservative torch this district expects. Grant is endorsed.



Gordon "Jay" Kinzler

46th District: Republicans have been trying to snatch this west suburban seat from Democrats for several election cycles. Rep. Deb Conroy, D-Villa Park, beat a challenger comfortably in 2016. This year she'll face the winner of the GOP primary between Roger Orozco, a police detective and Marine from Carol Stream, and **Gordon "Jay" Kinzler**, a physician from Glen Ellyn. Both say they would resist tax hikes, unlike Conroy, who voted for a 32 percent income tax increase last July. But Kinzler is the standout — sharp, focused, policy-driven and on a mission to restore sanity to Springfield's out-of-control spending, including the alarming costs of Medicaid. Kinzler is endorsed.



James "Jim" Caffrey

47th District: This west suburban district has long been considered a safe Republican seat. Retiring Rep. Patti Bellock, R-Hinsdale, has held it since 1999. But controversy surrounding President Donald Trump is galvanizing a growing Democratic base. Two Democrats are competing for the nomination: **James "Jim" Caffrey**, of Elmhurst, a retired businessman, and Anne Sommerkamp, a prenatal educator from Downers Grove. Caffrey is the clear front-runner. He says he won't vote for Madigan for speaker — one of few Democratic candidates on record saying so — and will apply his experience balancing corporate budgets to fixing Illinois' fiscal mess. Caffrey is endorsed.



Tonia Jane Khouri

49th District: GOP voters in this west suburban district can't go wrong. Two capable Republicans want to replace retiring Rep. Mike Fortner, a moderate Republican who has held the seat since 2007. Nic Zito, of Wayne, is an entrepreneur and Wayne Township trustee. He says high property taxes are the No. 1 concern in the district, and Zito, who has been pounding the pavement for months, understands the concerns of homeowners overwhelmed by government spending. At the same time, he defends township government, a contributor to the property tax burden, and hedges on whether voters should be allowed to shrink it. DuPage County Board member **Tonia Jane Khouri**, of Aurora, offers a more hard-line approach toward taxes. She supports the elimination or consolidation of Illinois' unnecessary layers of government. A longtime business owner, she also has a more sophisticated perspective on Illinois' unfriendly business climate and policies needed to correct it. Zito is a candidate the Republican Party should continue to embrace. But Khouri is the stronger candidate in this matchup. She is endorsed.



Eddie Corrigan

53rd District: A war between establishment and conservative GOP factions enlivens this northwest suburban race. Departing Rep. David Harris, R-Arlington Heights, decided not to run for re-election after voting for a 32 percent income tax hike last July. His vote, which ended the budget impasse but came with no reform, is the reason nurse Katie Miller, of Mount Prospect, got in the race. Springfield politicians, she says, disregard the struggles of middle-class families like hers who bear the brunt of ever-increasing taxes. But in this race, Republican **Eddie Corrigan**, of Arlington Heights, who works in the office of U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam, is the more capable candidate. He, too, says he would have voted against the July tax hike, but he defends Harris as a respected lawmaker who felt pressured to advance a budget. We'll see what voters think. Corrigan is better prepared, outspoken, sharper on policy and brings meaningful government experience. He is endorsed.



Jillian Rose Bernas

56th District: Two Republicans are vying for the chance to oust incumbent Rep. Michelle Mussman, D-Schaumburg, from this northwest suburban seat in November. The state GOP organization is betting on Charlotte "Char" Kegaris, of Schaumburg, vice president of the elementary district school board. That board, however, for years awarded generous end-of-career pay raises to teachers and administrators in violation of state law. The district ended up paying \$1.27 million in penalties, the highest in the Chicago area. Kegaris said it was a painful learning experience. We know it sure was for taxpayers. **Jillian Rose Bernas**, also of Schaumburg, is making her second run at the seat. She has demonstrated spending restraint on the library board on which she serves, voting against budgets she felt overspent and questioning the need for superfluous spending. Bernas has shown she is more attentive to property taxpayers. She is endorsed.



Marko Sukovic

59th District: Two Republicans and two Democrats are competing for the seat being vacated by Rep. Carol Sente, D-Vernon Hills. Republican **Marko Sukovic**, of Lincolnshire, is a 22-year-old senior at the University of Illinois. He worked for former U.S. Rep. Bob Dold and helped launch Turning Point USA, now an established free market think tank that organizes college students around conservative causes. Sukovic, a policy wonk with entrepreneurial experience, is a rising star voters should not pass up. He is endorsed over Lincolnshire Village Board member and real estate agent Karen Feldman.



Susan Malter

Democrats **Susan Malter**, of Lincolnshire, and Daniel Didech, of Buffalo Grove, are competing for the nomination. Malter, an attorney, has a record of putting progressive beliefs into action: She left her house in January 2017 and headed to O'Hare International Airport to assist travelers affected by President Trump's travel ban. She says she would not vote to re-elect Madigan as House speaker, something to which few Democrats will commit. Didech, meanwhile, is taking gobs of money from Madigan and his allies. You know where he'd stand and how deeply he'd bow. Malter is endorsed.

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

Ever fly? Then you know: O'Hare needs this mega-modernization

How crucial is O'Hare International Airport to the future of Chicago? The city would be marooned in the global economy without it. If O'Hare ever loses its position as a top-tier hub, Chicago becomes a bigger Milwaukee — a nice enough place to do business but not competitive with Atlanta, Los Angeles and Dallas for large-scale employers.

That is why the \$8.5 billion mega-deal Mayor Rahm Emanuel is negotiating with United and American and other airlines to overhaul and expand O'Hare is crucial. O'Hare will either drive jobs to Chicago or drive them away. There's a reason Amazon says a top criterion for the site of its second headquarters is a city with an international

airport: because that's how business is done, by executives hopping flights to Paris, Beijing or Sao Paulo, as well as to New York or Seattle. We bet Emanuel couldn't wait to tell Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos of his plans.

We've been supporters for years of O'Hare modernization plans, which is another way of saying Chicago has struggled for years, decades actually, to get the airport ready for the 21st century. Anyone who flies knows the problems: O'Hare is prone to delays because of the runway configuration while its terminals, bursting at the seams, are inefficient and unattractive. No international traveler would ever confuse O'Hare with Singapore's terrific

Changi Airport.

The good news is that O'Hare is getting the attention it requires. Runway modernization is happening, which should help with congestion, especially during bad weather. Now, according to exclusive reporting by the Tribune's Bill Ruthhart, Emanuel and Aviation Commissioner Ginger Evans are in final negotiations with the two major carriers on an eight-year plan to shine up the shabby flying experience. Terminal 2 will be torn down and replaced with a "Global Terminal" for United, American and their international partners. Terminals 1, 3 and 5 will get renovated, and there will be

additional concourses and several dozen more gates.

This deal is happening now because the airlines' lease is expiring, and they need a robust, efficient O'Hare as much as the city does. The \$8.5 billion would come from bonds, but the cost will be borne over time by the airlines paying higher fees and charges. Evans told the Tribune no taxpayer money will be used.

Chicago, a global city, needs a globally competitive airport. O'Hare will be a bigger, better airport because of this modernization plan, and that will make Chicago a bigger, better city in which to live and do business.

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A Chicago police officer cordons off a shooting scene in Bronzeville. Gun violence is among the causes of the exodus from the city, and a failure of political leadership.

IT'S TIME TO DEMAND A BETTER LIFE

BY SHARI E. RUNNER

In the predominantly African-American communities on Chicago's South and West sides, things have been bad for far too long, and they seem to be getting worse — for those communities and for the city as a whole.

The fast-approaching March 20 primary election presents a chance for voters to demand better.

Across the city and the state, policies and trends that should make life better for everyone simply don't.

A focus on education has increased the city's high school graduation rates, but the gains are not shared equally across all schools or all communities.

According to Chicago Public Schools data, African-American boys in particular lag, with more than 37 percent failing to graduate within five years, compared with 22 percent of the general population. And in predominantly African-American neighborhoods, some schools have been underfunded and underperforming, underenrolled, and now several are in line to be shuttered.

A nationwide booming job market isn't booming for everyone. Unemployment in Illinois has been disproportionately high among African-Americans, and at 9.7 percent, accord-

ing to the Economic Policy Institute, the state has one of the nation's highest jobless rates.

Police are supposed to serve and protect but instead are too often used to manage the outcomes of policies that have been detrimental to Chicago's poorest communities. For instance, drug use among black people has typically been met with policing and prison sentences for decades, devastating families and increasing poverty by creating barriers to employment for those who have been incarcerated. Now with the opioid crisis pointing a national spotlight on overdose deaths among whites (who have always used drugs at a similar or higher rate than black people have), political leaders are calling for public health approaches. That could be great news for everybody, but there are no real plans to reverse the decades of wrongheaded drug policies that fueled mass incarceration.

Meanwhile, illegal guns flood certain Chicago streets, compounding desperate conditions that already foster crime, violence and trauma. Medical clinics, mental health facilities and pharmacies in predominantly African-American communities are closing, leaving new "deserts" in neighborhoods already ravaged by decades of economic disinvestment.

To add insult to injury, in Cook County an unfair proportion of the property tax burden has been shifted to such low-income neighborhoods.

It's no surprise, then, that a noticeable number of African-Americans are fleeing Chicago or leaving Illinois altogether.

They are not the only ones. African-Americans accounted for only 10,000 of the more than 37,000 people who moved out of Illinois in 2016, and in 2017 more than 33,000 people left the state, with most of the population loss occurring in Chicago. Elected officials are entrusted with the responsibility to develop solutions and enact policies that give everyone a fair chance at a good life. But local and state leaders are failing Chicago and failing Illinois.

The problems African-American communities face are deep and daunting, and they are the enduring legacy of policies and practices that have divided the city since the Great Migration. They require strategic, comprehensive solutions that recognize this. Yet when it comes to these communities, too often we get panic-driven reactions that serve only to perpetuate negative narratives about African-Americans and negative narratives about Chicago.

The consequences of those narratives are evident in news stories that

cite crime or an inconsistent public education system as reasons companies might hesitate to bring offices and jobs here, or as reasons why many who were born and bred here choose not to stay. The continuing population decline suggests that many Chicagoans feel helpless against the multiple complex factors that contribute to our city's challenges.

But Chicago is not helpless.

As a world-class city, Chicago has shown in many ways that it can deliver strategic solutions. Solving the complex problems on the South and West sides will make the city and the state better for everyone.

Like every other major undertaking that has helped make our city great, it will not be cheap, and it will not be easy. It will require fierce political will matched by serious financial investment. It will require voters to hold all elected officials accountable for finding solutions, regardless of political stripe.

Most of all, it will require a commitment that, while we cannot solve all problems at once, we will not allow our inability to do everything to prevent us from doing something. It's time to demand better.

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5 myths about domestic violence

BY SUSAN R. PAISNER

A documented history of domestic abuse, we learned this month in the person of former White House staff secretary Rob Porter, does not preclude people from working in the White House. To many, such as Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and chief of staff John Kelly, it seemed shocking that a well-educated, highly accomplished professional could be violent. But domestic violence is a complicated and pervasive crime (45 percent more women were slain by a current or former male partner between 2001 and 2012 than there were troops killed in Afghanistan), and it is shrouded in misinformation.

Myth No. 1

Domestic violence is only physical.

Because coverage of domestic violence overwhelmingly focuses on physical abuse — think of the photos, the police reports, the restraining orders — many people have difficulty self-identifying as victims of its verbal and emotional forms. A common line of thought was voiced by a woman who told Britain's Independent newspaper, about a relationship with her teenage boyfriend, "He never physically hit me, so I didn't think of it as abuse." A Huff-Post essay about a man who would "bang his head against the tiled floor, punch a wall, or say he didn't deserve to live" as a way to control his girlfriend was titled "I Didn't Know I Was In An Abusive Relationship, Because My Boyfriend Never Hit Me."

This is why experts, agencies and nonprofits focused on helping victims — such as the Justice Department and the National Domestic Violence Hotline — now describe the crime as composed of an array of elements. Typical is the information provided by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence: Besides physical abuse, there can be verbal and sexual abuse, isolation, coercion, stalking, economic control, abuse of trust, threats, intimidation, emotional withholding, property destruction and harm to pets. "Intimate partner violence exists on a continuum of behaviors," Cosmopolitan wrote.

Because of this, the New York Office for the Prevention of Abuse has just started a campaign to help teenagers recognize the dangers of emotional and verbal abuse: "Teen Dating Abuse is #NotJustPhysical." Many law enforcement officers, who often handle domestic violence calls, now receive training on how to identify gender bias and detect nonphysical domestic abuse.

Myth No. 2

Men are the only abusers.

The language and thinking around this issue ("battered woman syndrome," for instance) are extraordinarily gendered. A male engineer married to a female physician recounted to The Salt Lake Tribune in 2001 the time he called a domestic violence shelter after one especially brutal beating from his wife. "We're here to help women," officials told him. "We don't know what to say to a man." One posting on the website of the National Organization for Men Against Sexism is titled "Not a Two-Way



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White House chief of staff John Kelly, left, seemed stunned that someone with the resume of Rob Porter, right, could commit violence. He shouldn't have been.

Street: Men Are NOT the Victims of What is Meant By Domestic Violence and Abuse." And Skylar Baker-Jordan, a gay essayist based in Chicago, wrote last year: "When my ex-boyfriend assaulted me, I found my friends — particularly my male friends — minimizing the abuse or excusing it as a 'scuffle' between boys. When I sought support, they got uncomfortable and told me to 'man up.'"

But according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 7 men in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner, and 29 percent of heterosexual men have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner. For gay men, "the lifetime prevalence of severe physical violence by an intimate partner (e.g., hit with fist or something hard, slammed against something, or beaten)" was 16.4 percent, the CDC says.

In 2008, it took four battered men and a lawsuit by the National Coalition for Men for the California courts to recognize that men are entitled to equal protection and advocacy support from domestic violence shelters. A different breakthrough happened in 2015, when the nation's first domestic violence shelter for men opened in Arkansas. As Prince George's County, Md., State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks told me: "It's just amazing the number of male victims we have had in the last couple of years, including two run over by their wives."

Myth No. 3

If the victim doesn't leave, the situation must be tolerable.

"A lot of people like being in abusive relationships," Mark Warden, then a New Hampshire state lawmaker and a member of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, said in 2013, adding: "People are always free to leave." When writer Beverly Gooden tweeted about her violent relationship by creating the hashtag #WhyIStayed, the torrent of responses included such sentiments as "I was determined to make it work, wanted kids to have their dad, convinced myself that what he did to me wasn't affecting them."

This is one of the most destructive myths because it diminishes the severity

of the violence and implies that the victim must be comfortable with it. Victims stay in relationships for many reasons, including fear of the abuser (who often threatens harm if they do leave), lack of money, worry about children and lack of transportation. Another, more recent, cause: the threat of deportation. With no reduction in domestic violence reporting from non-Hispanic victims, San Francisco and San Diego recorded declines of 18 percent and 13 percent, respectively, among Hispanics in the first half of 2017, compared with the same period in 2016. Victims leave and return to a relationship an average of seven times before they leave for good — or are killed. Departure is the most dangerous moment for a victim because the abuser suddenly faces a loss of control and may lash out. It's a Hobson's choice: Stay and possibly die, or leave and possibly die.

Myth No. 4

Domestic violence is a crime of the poor and uneducated.

Supposedly only dummies are vulnerable. "A woman that has great education and training and a great job is not susceptible to this kind of abuse by men," said Oregon's 2016 Republican nominee for governor. Last March, a British judge gave a suspended sentence to a man who admitted beating his wife with a cricket bat and forcing her to drink bleach, because, the judge said, the victim was "plainly an intelligent woman." As a sociologist tells a survivor and advocate in "Private Violence," a 2014 HBO documentary: "It's my understanding that domestic violence only affects poor, uneducated people. Lawyers, doctors and professors do not beat their wives and children."

In truth, domestic abuse is what might be called an ecumenical crime, with no regard for gender, age, ethnicity, financial status or educational background. The problem is learned behavior, not pedigree. Abusers carefully control their actions, choosing whom and when to abuse; they don't, for instance, beat up their bosses. Some call it a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" personality — violent at home, charming and thoughtful everywhere else.

Which is why examples of smart and successful abusers abound. Just think of



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Actor Jeremy London was arrested this month on domestic violence charges.



DAVID MCNEW/GETTY

Singer Chris Brown was an abuser.



AIKEN COUNTY

Ex-Rep. Chris Corley pleaded guilty.

Ike Turner or Chris Brown. Last year, former South Carolina state legislator Chris Corley pleaded guilty to felony domestic violence charges. This month, "7th Heaven" and "Party of Five" actor Jeremy London was arrested in Mississippi and charged with misdemeanor domestic violence. I'll never forget participating in police training in Howard County, Md., in 1978, when a victim told officers, "The first time my husband hit me, I thought: 'This can't be happening to me, I have a master's degree.'"

Myth No. 5

The abuser just snapped.

Some people think domestic abuse is a tantrum run amok. When a Massachusetts man pleaded guilty to an assault that left his wife on life support, his defense attorney said he'd faced a lot of pressure and had just "snapped." When Ronald Lee Haskell allegedly killed six members of his ex-wife's family in Texas in 2014, a childhood friend said, "Haskell must have snapped."

But domestic violence is not about anger management or an inability to handle stress. Abuse almost always recurs in a cycle, according to Psychology Today, one that's based largely on demonstrating control. As Natalia Otero, a lawyer and the executive director of D.C. Safe, told me: "One of the oldest myths is that the abuser is out of control. I've seen abusers come into court quite eloquent, quite clear about what they know and what they want from their partner and from the system. Violence for them is not a random act — it is a way of controlling a situation."

The Washington Post

Susan R. Paisner, a Maryland criminologist and writer, formerly trained law enforcement professionals on responding to domestic violence calls and implementing domestic violence policies.

Over here, where no one sees guns as part of problem

BY TERI CARTER

A week after the Parkland, Fla., school shooting, a note was found scrawled on our middle school's bathroom wall: "I'm gonna shoot up the school on 2-21-18."

That was the first threat. Within 24 hours, the elementary, middle and high schools in my tiny, rural Kentucky town had all received written warnings of gun violence, and all three schools, approximately 3,700 students, were placed on "soft lockdown" (told to shelter in place) while the sheriff's office and Kentucky State Police investigated.

I live in Anderson County, which Donald Trump won in 2016 with 72.2 percent of the vote. We have 38 Christian-based churches to serve a population of 22,000, and lots of talk about God-given Second Amendment rights. When I moved here in 2014, the first question I was often asked was, "Where do you go to church?" Neighbors joked that the elderly man who previously owned my house, a fun-loving, retired military officer, kept a cache of guns in the closets and under the couch cushions. For security.

This is both Trump country and single-issue-voter country. People here vote on guns, and people vote on abortion. Every other issue, every other considerable nuance, is nothing but noise. Guns and gun ownership are

sacrosanct here, and people who do not live in rural America do not understand what are and aren't acceptable topics of conversation. Last Saturday, for example, I'd set up for the morning at our newly renovated library to sign people up for writing classes. A friend who owns a local business stopped to vent about Parkland, but waved off quickly, in silence, noting the group of women elders behind me discussing the shooting, Scripture and the need to get prayer back into our schools.

Talk of church and prayer and getting back to "the good old days" is the norm here; talk of gun reform or gun control is not; and talking openly outside this norm, especially if you are a business owner, can hurt your livelihood.

Shortly after Trump was elected, when I first started writing about politics for the local newspaper, I started getting private emails (no public comments) of agreement that also begged for privacy. This was such a shock the first time it happened that I drove into town and found three such emailers at their places of work, simply so we could meet in person and feel less alone.

The day after the Parkland shooting, Kentucky's Republican Gov. Matt Bevin, knowing better than to use the word "gun" in these parts in the aftermath of a shooting, called for prayer and restrictions on video games and movies. Bevin knows how to hit

his mark with his churchgoing, moral-authority electorate, tweeting after the October Las Vegas shooting, "You can't regulate evil," and, as USA Today reported recently, stating that "he sees the spree of shootings as a cultural problem, not a firearm problem. And he sees violent entertainment as the root of that cultural problem." His people cheer.

As all three of our Anderson County schools received threats of gun violence last week, we turned to not Bevin but the Facebook page of our small-town newspaper, as communities do now. Panicked parents left comments and got into the kind of no-filter social media arguments to which we've grown numb:

"I was so in hopes for a peaceful day for students. Evil is rampant in our little town. We need Jesus now!"

"Schools needs alternative schools for these little bad ... kids! Maybe like army style, teach them right from wrong just in case their parents can't."

"Whoever is sayin hold back the lashings needs to get a grip. ... Making threats like this is serious and needs to be punished ... my kids or your kids doesnt matter. Be A PARENT!"

"All my kids are grown. You people crack me up. You have no idea how many time I was put in cuffs for spanking my children. SO quit blaming me as a parent. Blame liberal schools. Blame gov-

ernment."

"Maybe if they start prosecuting these little degenerates then people will stop with all that BS!!"

People wanted prayer in schools, more attentive parenting, criminal prosecution of children, a return to corporal punishment, confiscation of kids' cellphones. I counted 104 comments and replies. There was not a single mention of guns.

In the National Rifle Association's first public remarks on the Parkland shooting, Wayne LaPierre said Thursday morning, "Schools must be the most hardened target in this country and evil must be confronted immediately with all necessary force to protect our kids." LaPierre is preaching to the firearms choir with talk of "evil," and I know the men who heed the call. One is my father, who is in his 70s, retired, on a fixed income, living in a small Missouri town with virtually no crime. He tells me he cannot remember the last time he actually shot a gun. But he listens to the NRA and Rush Limbaugh and Fox News, and they tell him he has got to man up; he has to protect our kids; he has to be prepared. So what does he do? He buys more guns.

That's what life is like here in red America, where the questioning of religion and guns are equally off-limits. Where we have fortified, as evinced by our own governor, a barbed entwining of

church morality and guns. Hence the common refrain, "my God-given Second Amendment rights."

Trump said Thursday that "we have to harden our schools, not soften them," in his plea to arm teachers and coaches. The president, like the NRA, looks to guns as the means for demanding respect.

Well-meaning Beltway pundits such as David Brooks ask that we show gun owners some respect. But Americans do not need to respect gun owners more, because we already do. We respect them the way we respect a hell-and-damnation preacher or an abrasive, controlling father. We respect gun owners because we are afraid of their guns.

Meanwhile, last week in rural Kentucky, a 13-year-old girl was charged with terroristic threatening at the middle school and was arraigned in juvenile court and ordered held in juvenile detention. An 11-year-old girl from the elementary school was charged with one count of terroristic threatening.

The investigations are ongoing. We are looking to our governor and the president we voted for to lead. We are saying our prayers. And nobody is talking about guns.

The Washington Post

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QUOTABLES

“Crap happens. It’s not very fair, but crap happens.”

— Canadian figure skater Gabrielle Daleman, on her stumble to a 15th-place finish at the Winter Olympics

“It’s almost the definition of being human. It’s how we define ourselves as different from other animals and primates, having language and cultural expression.”

— Archaeologist Alistair Pike, a member of a research team that discovered 65,000-year-old cave paintings made by Neanderthals in Spain

“This is, bar none, the worst theory of action I’ve ever heard.”

— Shanna Peebles, a former National Teacher of the Year award winner, tweeting about a White House proposal to arm teachers and school staff members in response to the shooting in Parkland, Fla.

“(President Donald Trump) showed us nothing but love. The guy really cared, you know? He flew us in, he had a bus waiting for us, he made time for us.”

— Andrew Pollack, whose daughter Meadow Pollack, 18, was killed in the Florida shooting, on his private meeting with Trump at the White House

Don’t tread on this voter’s T-shirt



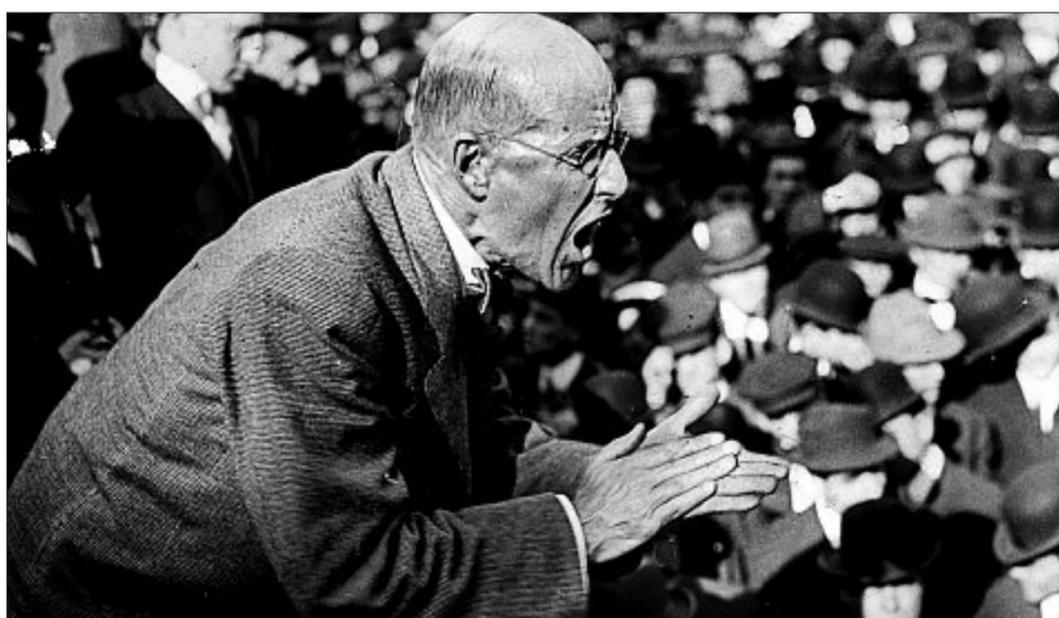
GEORGE WILL

WASHINGTON — Andrew Cilek might be — this is just a hunch — unaware that 2018 is Brooks Brothers’ bicentennial. Judging by what he wore when he went out to vote in Minneapolis on Nov. 2, 2010, his preferences in shirts run less to button-down Oxford cloth than to chatty T-shirts. The question the U.S. Supreme Court will consider Wednesday is whether Cilek’s expressive shirt impermissibly interfered with Minnesota’s interest in maintaining “peace, order and decorum” at polling places.

Minnesota forbids voters from wearing in a polling place political badges, buttons or other insignia designed to “influence and impact” voting, or “promoting a group with recognizable political views,” even if the things worn do not refer to any candidate or issue on that day’s ballot. Nine other states have similar laws, and all 50 states have “speech-free zones” around polling places. Cilek’s T-shirt featured the Gadsden Flag (“Don’t Tread on Me”) and a small tea party logo. He also sported a button, from a group worried about voter fraud, that read “Please I.D. Me.” He was temporarily prevented from voting, so, being a real — that is, litigious — American, he went to court.

The Supreme Court has found no constitutional infirmity in campaign-free zones, but Minnesota’s law as Cilek experienced it seems to mandate a First Amendment-free zone, which he says is unconstitutionally overbroad. Minnesota has admitted that its law also would forbid apparel bearing the logos of, for example, the Chamber of Commerce and the AFL-CIO, which do indeed have “recognizable political views.” These might (to use the language of campus speech police) “trigger” in people who see them what? Political thoughts perhaps tangentially related to candidates or propositions on the ballot?

A lower court upheld the law used against Cilek’s T-shirt as furthering Minnesota’s legitimate interest in polling place “peace, order and decorum” and “the integrity of its election process” and — the nanny state never sleeps — to protect voters “from confusion and undue influence.” What is more offensive, the paternalistic condescension of the government assuming that “confusion” will somehow discommodate voters who glimpse, say, an “American Legion” or “NAACP” sweatshirt, or the govern-



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The Supreme Court once held that the jailing of Eugene Debs for an anti-war speech did not violate the First Amendment.



JIM MONE/AP

Andrew Cilek has sued Minnesota over its law governing political badges, buttons and apparel in polling places. The high court will take up the case Wednesday.

ment’s hubris as censor of influence that is “undue”?

It is one thing to ban, as the court has allowed, active “solicitation of votes” in or close to a polling place. It is, however, a bit much for Minnesota to forbid passive expression of political — very broadly defined — allegiances not associated with any person or issue being voted on. What about a shirt emblazoned with the words “America is the land of opportunity”? Those words, which a guide for University of California employees says can constitute a “microaggression,” could trigger fainting spells among voters at polling places sniffing for the reek of unchecked white privilege.

And what about a T-shirt with a pristinely unpolitical message (e.g., “I despise cocker spaniels”) that might disturb some sensitive souls in a polling place? The Supreme Court can try to enunciate what is unimaginable — clear standards concerning every conceivable language use in a hypersensitive America. Or the court can give its squint of strict scrutiny to all such polling place laws, many of which will not pass muster. Otherwise, polling place officials will have broad discretion to lay down the law, if it can be dignified as law, on an ad hoc basis concerning what is and is not a “recognizable” political view or “undue” influence.

The First Amendment was ratified in 1791. One hundred twenty-eight years passed before the court confronted a case — three cases, actually — squarely concerning freedom of speech. Dealing disgracefully with residues of Woodrow Wilson’s wartime semi-totalitarianism, the court held: During wartime, the government can restrict speech that could “create a clear and present danger” of evils that Congress has the power to prevent. And the guarantee of free speech does not protect printing leaflets urging disruption of the war effort. And Wilson’s administration did not violate the amendment when it imprisoned Eugene Victor Debs — he had received 6 percent of presidential vote as the Socialist Party’s candidate in 1912 — because he made an anti-war speech.

Nowadays, the court frequently adjudicates speech controversies because governments eagerly embrace sinister rationalizations for “balancing” free speech against competing values, to the detriment of free speech. Hence the court should affirm Cilek’s admirably prickly resistance to Minnesota’s officiousness. Today more than ever, with freedom of expression increasingly threatened, an American’s default position regarding restrictions should be: Don’t tread on me.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A fair shake

This is in response to your editorial in the Sunday edition opposing the president’s proposal to arm appropriately qualified teachers. A recent article in *The Wall Street Journal*, citing the Education Commission of the States as its source, noted that at least eight states, including Kansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming, already allow teachers in various capacities to carry guns on K-12 school grounds. Lawmakers in another six states have introduced legislation this year to expand the ability of designated school personnel to also carry firearms on school property.

While no panacea, it makes eminent sense to at least consider such a step in those contexts where it could help to deter the type of horrific attacks seen in Parkland, Fla., and elsewhere. It may be recalled that a similar debate took place after 9/11 regarding a proposal to arm airline pilots, and we need such an in-

formed debate again now.

It’s clear to me that much of the current negativity is essentially a knee-jerk reaction to the unwelcome fact that the source of the proposal is President Donald Trump, with no evidence that careful thought is being otherwise given to it. Let me make clear that I did not vote for the president in 2016, but — like it or not — he sits in the Oval Office and deserves to have his proposals given fair consideration rather than unthinking rejection. Especially when, as in this instance, they could be a possible useful option to weigh as we seek how to cope with this issue.

— William Rowan, Park Ridge property

Violent nature

After reading the National Rifle Association chief’s fulminations that gun-control advocates would turn America into a country like those European states with socialist (social-democratic) traditions, I looked up comparative data about U.S. homicide rates

(with and without guns).

Horrors! If we compare the U.S. gun-related murder rate with that in countries that have had in the past decades social-democratic governments or coalitions (e.g., the Scandinavian countries, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, the U.K. and France), we see that the U.S. firearm-related homicide rate of about 3.6 per 100,000 is anywhere from 16 to 32 times greater. Perhaps that is another reason why Trump’s beloved Norwegians (with a gun-related homicide rate close to zero) do not want to immigrate here.

On the other hand, I have to admit that the data can give bit of solace to NRA types. The U.S. non-firearm-related homicide rate of about 1.7 per 100,000 is also vastly higher than in those horrible socialist countries, generally between 2.5 to 5 times greater.

So is it guns or something in our culture or the violent nature of the American people? The NRA chants that “guns don’t kill people, people kill people.” More correctly, can we say that “guns don’t kill people, Americans kill people”?

— James Genden, Evanston

If they cared

Republicans in Congress refuse to even discuss gun restriction policy after every American gun massacre. Instead they pin the blame on “mental health.” If these Republicans were truly concerned about preventing further mass shootings wouldn’t they be investing in America’s mental health infrastructure? Wouldn’t they pour millions, if not billions, of dollars into local community and school mental health systems?

If they were truly concerned, of course they would. But instead they relentlessly choose to weaken our mental health system and Americans’ access to it by cutting social welfare spending and fiercely trying to dismantle Obamacare.

Bottom line, congressional Republicans care less about Americans dying in shootings than they do about serving their NRA masters who sustain their political lives and power.

— Jim Schmidt, Chicago

A bully’s demise

I read Geraldine DeRuiter’s piece on bullying with much

interest. I myself was bullied as a child by a particularly nasty individual just a year or so older than I was.

We are not talking simple verbal taunting or horseplay either, but the punch-in-the-face variety. It was 1970, and I was 10 years old.

I, like DeRuiter, saw the demise of my bully.

Flash forward 10 years. As a registered nurse working in intensive care at a local hospital, I saw my bully admitted in a coma. He had been picked up by the police for selling drugs and had swallowed his stash, unbeknownst to law enforcement.

I witnessed his subsequent death upon removal of life support. Ironically, his older brother had suffered an untimely death a few years prior too.

I must admit, I was glad to see him gone.

Those who prey upon other children are destined for lives of misery and failure. I’m glad to see the attention on bullying, though 40 years too late for me — or him. Perhaps we can address whatever pathology is making bullies’ lives, and subsequently those of their victims, miserable.

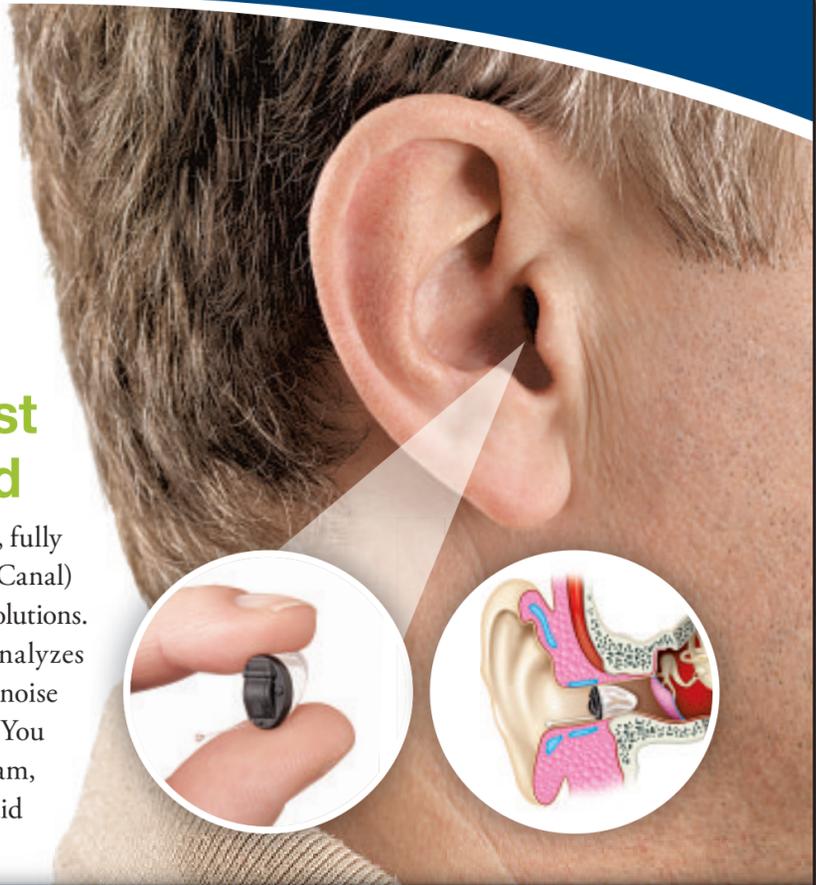
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ROBERT REED

Bailing on NRA is good business

Business has the National Rifle Association on the run and that's OK.

In the aftermath of the horrific Florida school shooting, nearly 20 well-known companies, including United Airlines, are breaking ties with the powerful gun rights advocacy group.

Not everyone favors this aggressive tack. On Monday, billionaire investor Warren Buffett suggested companies should tread lightly with controversial political stances because they alienate too many paying customers. It would be "ridiculous" for a conglomerate, like his Berkshire Hathaway, not to do business with gun-makers, he said during a CNBC interview.

The oracle of Omaha is wrong. The biggest problem with this anti-NRA crusade is that more companies haven't joined it.

In addition to acting as responsible corporate citizens, these companies are teeing up an important new business strategy. They're aligning themselves with an emerging market of younger, more socially conscious consumers and financial backers who want to connect with companies that address big social justice issues, including a crackdown on gun violence.

The corporate backlash against the NRA and its approximately 5 million members shows no sign of abating. In addition to United Airlines, the anti-NRA crowd includes Delta Air Lines, Hertz, Avis Budget, Enterprise, Symantec (owner of the LifeLock identity theft protection company), SimpliSafe (home security), insurer MetLife and First National Bank of Omaha, which offered a branded NRA Visa credit card.

Amazon, Google and Apple are under pressure to stop offering an NRA channel through their streaming services.

That channel is sort of an ongoing infomercial, showcasing segments about various firearms and gun-related issues, including one about the difficulty of buying an AR-15 automatic rifle in California because of red tape and a 10-day waiting process. The NRA's correspondent boasted about getting the gun in time for Christmas.

There are online petitions calling for an end to this programming. One petition on Change.org had about 166,000 supporters by midday Monday. So far, the digital behemoths aren't discussing the NRA streaming issue.

Nevertheless, the controversy isn't going away. Each company will be pressed into the uncomfortable position of justifying to customers and shareholders why they're essentially partnering with the gun lobbying group.

In the aftermath of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and the

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Berwyn could take revenue hit if nonprofit Loyola buys MacNeal

Sale vote Tuesday; hospital is city's top property tax payer

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Loyola Medicine's purchase of MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn could cost the west suburb its single largest property tax payer, prompting concerns about how the hospital's removal from the tax rolls would affect homeowners and businesses.

The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board is scheduled to vote Tuesday on whether to grant regulatory approval to Loyola's \$270 million acquisition of MacNeal, which is owned by for-profit hospital chain Tenet Healthcare.

Like other nonprofit hospital systems, Loyola does not pay property taxes and would be exempt from paying them for MacNeal, a 374-bed hospital.



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MacNeal Hospital, which is owned by Tenet Healthcare, pays about \$3.3 million annually in property taxes, according to a Berwyn official.

Berwyn City Administrator Brian Pabst said he supports Loyola, "as they have been a tremendous community-minded entity," but worries that taxpayers would have

to absorb the loss of revenue if MacNeal converts to a nonprofit.

"We have no standing to object to a sale," Pabst said. "However, naturally we are not in favor of any

entity, a large entity especially, becoming a nontaxpaying body."

MacNeal contributes about \$3.3 million in annual property tax revenue to the Berwyn community, Pabst said, a third of which goes to the city and the rest to schools, community colleges and public libraries.

The acquisition of MacNeal by Loyola, a Catholic health system that includes Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood and Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park, represents a pattern of hospitals consolidating to increase their power and improve their finances as they are squeezed by rising costs and ever-changing federal regulations.

Meanwhile, MacNeal's for-profit owner, Tenet, is exiting the Chicago market. The Dallas-based chain plans to sell Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park and West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park.

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The iPhone X has fallen short of sales expectations since it debuted last year. The \$1,000 price tag was a deterrent to some consumers.

NEW SMARTPHONES IN PIPELINE FOR APPLE

Company said to be planning giant high-end iPhone, lower-priced model

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Apple is preparing to release a trio of new smartphones later this year: the largest iPhone ever, an upgraded handset the same size as the current iPhone X and a less expensive model with some of the flagship phone's key features.

With the new lineup, Apple wants to appeal to the growing number of consumers who crave the multitasking attributes of

so-called phablets while also catering to those looking for a more affordable version of the iPhone X, according to people familiar with the products.

Apple, which is already running production tests with suppliers, is expected to announce the new phones this fall. The plans could still change, say the people, who requested anonymity to discuss internal planning.

Despite months of breathless hype, the iPhone X hasn't sold as well as expected since its debut last year. Apple sold 77.3 million

iPhones in the final quarter of 2017, below analysts' projections of 80.2 million units. Some consumers were turned off by the iPhone X's \$1,000 price despite liking the design even as they wanted something more cutting-edge than the cheaper iPhone 8. With its next lineup, Apple is seeking to rekindle sales by offering a model for everyone.

An Apple spokeswoman declined to comment.

With a screen close to 6.5 inches, Apple's big new handset will be one of the largest mainstream smartphones on the market.

While the body of the phone will be about the same size as the iPhone 8 Plus, the screen will be

about an inch larger thanks to the edge-to-edge design used in the iPhone X. (Apple is unlikely to refer to the phone as a phablet, a term popularized by Samsung.)

The larger screen should especially appeal to business users, letting them write emails and manage spreadsheets on a screen about as big as a small tablet. Like the iPhone 8 Plus, the new handset will probably enable split-screen modes for certain apps. Still, the larger phone could cannibalize iPad sales, a category that recently started growing again.

The phablet is code-named D33, a person familiar with its

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JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Lord & Taylor is closing its department store at Oakbrook Center, in addition to the retailer's location at Skokie's Westfield Old Orchard.

Another Lord & Taylor is closing

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Lord & Taylor will close its store in Oakbrook Center when its lease expires in January.

It's the second Chicago-area location the department store chain has slated for closing in the coming months. Another store at Skokie's Westfield Old Orchard mall is expected to close in April.

"We continually evaluate store performance and, from time to time, may determine it necessary to close a store," Meghan Biango, spokeswoman for Lord & Taylor parent Hudson's Bay Co., said

Monday in an email. "These decisions are never easy, but they are prudent for the company, and we are committed to offering support and assistance to our team affected by the closing, including offering store associates transfer opportunities where available."

Oakbrook Center owner GGP has been redeveloping anchor stores at its properties in recent years.

At Oakbrook Center, GGP broke up a former Bloomingdale's and brought in about a half-dozen new stores and turned the lower level of a Neiman Marcus into two restaurants. GGP also leased a

portion of a three-story Sears store to a children's entertainment business, KidZania, which is expected to open in 2019.

"We are disappointed to see Lord & Taylor leave but know it gives an opportunity to continue transitioning the center and further enhancing the customer experience," GGP spokeswoman Marissa Ellenby said in an email.

Lord & Taylor has other Chicago-area stores, at Northbrook Court in Northbrook and Schaumburg's Woodfield Mall.

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The Bears' new offices will be in a 30-floor office tower at 123 N. Wacker Drive that will include a top-floor tenant lounge with 20-foot ceilings.

Bears moving 30 Soldier Field staffers to new downtown office

Team says move will put workers closer to partners



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

After hiring a new coach to turn around the team's fortunes, the Chicago Bears are making a move of a different kind, announcing plans to move offices from Soldier Field to Wacker Drive.

The NFL franchise has leased almost 11,000 square feet at 123 N. Wacker Drive, where it plans to move about 30 workers currently based at Soldier Field, the team said. The office is expected to open this summer. The deal in the 30-story

tower, located in one of the most prestigious pockets of Chicago's office market, will not affect the football franchise's Halas Hall headquarters in suburban Lake Forest, where the team has about 185 employees.

"Relocating our downtown offices creates an exciting opportunity for our staff to work in the heart of the city, where we'll be closer to our partners and have workspace that will allow for stronger collaboration and future growth," Bears President and CEO Ted Phillips said in a news release confirming the lease.

The Bears' future office building is about half-leased, though, after going through years of financial distress under a previous ownership group. The building's new owner, a fund of Chicago-based LaSalle Investment Management, is implementing a \$30 million renovation

that will include new outdoor spaces, a tenant lounge, a conference center, a bike room and a renovated lobby.

One of the upgrades will be a top-floor tenant lounge featuring 20-foot ceilings and a glass wall that opens during warm-weather months to create outdoor space.

"The Bears are a great brand and a great representation of what we're trying to do here," said Ty Spearing, a managing director at LaSalle Investment Management. "We believe tenants today want buildings with great amenities. We think what we're doing is not just checking the box on having those amenities, but incorporating unique elements with all of our amenities to take them a step farther."

The Bears plan to convert the Soldier Field office space into conference rooms, where staff also can

work on game days, team spokeswoman Meghan Bower said. The areas that will be converted are near gates 8, 10 and 14 in the stadium, she said.

Office employees moving out of the stadium work primarily in the team's partnerships, events and entertainment, and suite sales departments, Bower said. A few employees will remain in the football stadium.

The landlord was represented in the lease by broker Chris Cassata of Jones Lang LaSalle, while JLL's David Miller represented the Bears.

J.C. Anderson Inc., which has offices in Chicago and Elmhurst, will build out the Bears' new office space, according to the team's news release. JLL and J.C. Anderson also are new corporate partners of the Bears, the team said.

The Bears' deal follows about 60,000 square feet of

other leases by LaSalle Investment Management in just over a year. The LaSalle fund bought the tower at Wacker and Randolph Street for \$146.5 million in January 2017.

LaSalle's acquisition ended several years of financial woes the Wacker Drive building experienced under a relatively unusual ownership structure, called tenant-in-common, in which dozens of investors each own a small stake. The ownership group fell into default on the building's loan after losing several tenants, including the headquarters of Morton Salt, which moved to the newly constructed River Point tower nearby. The servicer of the loan seized ownership of the tower out of foreclosure in 2016 and then put the tower on the market for sale.

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Some are skeptical about sale's benefits

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About three-quarters of Illinois' hospitals are nonprofits like Loyola, and by state law they are exempt from having to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in property taxes so long as the value of their charitable services is equal to or greater than their estimated tax liabilities. That's a controversial policy, as many nonprofit hospitals are run like businesses and make handsome profits. The Illinois Supreme Court is set to begin oral arguments soon in a case over whether nonprofit hospitals should have to pay property taxes.

Berwyn Ald. Scott Lennon, whose ward includes MacNeal Hospital, said he was concerned at first about the revenue loss that will result from the sale, but after assurances now feels "comfortable" that the city will ultimately benefit from Loyola's investments in the community. His constituents, he added, have had "overwhelm-

ingly positive" reactions to the acquisition.

"I hope Loyola will work with us to try to fill that (tax revenue) gap," he said. Lennon hopes for infrastructure improvements and expansion of patient rooms, and says Loyola's strong name could attract more patients to the hospital who might also patronize local businesses.

But at a public hearing Thursday at Berwyn City Hall, several homeowners expressed concern about how much their tax bills might grow to compensate for the revenue loss, and there was unease about the potential impact on the school district.

SEIU Healthcare, a division of the Service Employees International Union that represents health care workers, has asked Loyola to consider a community benefit agreement that would require it to give Berwyn an annual payment equal to lost property tax revenue and set up a community benefit advisory board. The union also

wants the proposed agreement to include promises that Loyola would hire from the local community, pay workers at least \$15 an hour and let them organize without interference.

Shantell Grace, a worker who cleans rooms at Loyola-owned Gottlieb Hospital for \$13 an hour, said at the hearing that she is paid almost \$9 an hour more to do the same job at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where she also works and where she is in a union.

Anne Igoe, vice president of hospitals and health systems for SEIU Healthcare, questioned Loyola's benefit to the community. The hospital system's charity care, which is a fund for low-income patients who sign up to have their treatment covered, represented 0.75 percent of its patient revenue last year, compared with 1.02 percent at MacNeal. The average share in Illinois is 2.1 percent.

"We believe this is a bad deal for Berwyn," Igoe said. Loyola attorney Ed

Green countered that charity care represents just 10 percent of Loyola's total community benefit.

"Loyola is one of the good guys," Green said. "They invest in their communities. They invest in their hospitals."

According to Loyola, in 2016 its community benefits included \$145 million in unreimbursed care, programs and activities. Its proposed acquisition of MacNeal includes investments in the hospital such as a new electronic medical record system and other infrastructure that will support improved patient care, the hospital said.

If approved Tuesday, the sale will be finalized the following day and people will start seeing changes to signage in the coming weeks, Loyola spokeswoman Courtney Greve Hack said. The MacNeal name will stay, and there are no layoffs or staff changes planned, she said.

Jousef Mondragon, interim executive director of the Berwyn Development

Corp., an economic development group that represents 398 business owners in the city, said he hasn't decided yet if he supports the sale. His group ran the numbers and estimates that to make up for the revenue loss, there could be a property tax increase of 15 percent on business owners and between 17 and 28 percent on homeowners.

Parks and nonprofit youth organizations have expressed concerns that their budgets could be reduced and programs curtailed, he said.

Still, Mondragon said he wants to be "open-minded and fair" about the project and is withholding judgment until he gets more information about Loyola's intended investments that could make up for the revenue loss.

"But on the surface, yeah, it seems terrible," he said. "It is going to be a tremendous impact."

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Cutting ties with NRA sign of courage, not cowardice

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burgeoning national social media and grass-roots protests led by that school's surviving classmates, institutional investors are turning up the heat on gun marketers.

Investing juggernaut Blackstone Group asked its fund managers to disclose information about ownership or lending to gun-makers or gun sellers.

Other institutional investors are likely to do the same.

They're doing more than taking inventory. Expect these shareholders and financiers to begin unloading their investments, sending a pointed message that they don't want to be part of the gun business, which profits from the NRA's advocacy efforts.

The NRA is blasting the corporate boycott as "a

shameful display of political and civic cowardice."

Actually, it's just the opposite.

These companies are taking the courageous step of saying the NRA is an embarrassing, immovable obstacle to passing common-sense gun legislation. At the very least, a reasonable approach starts with ending the sale of automatic assault weapons designed for combat zones,

a step the NRA opposes.

Companies also are aligning with the multitudes of baby boomers, millennials and teenagers taking a stance against gun violence.

As more CEOs are discovering, customers prefer to patronize companies that are in sync with many of their broad social values—improving public safety, saving the environment, rationale immigra-

tion policies and more.

Increasingly, companies are being held accountable for their corporate behavior and often are blasted on social media when they disappoint. That may happen to FedEx, which on Monday decided to maintain its NRA discount program and is facing mounting criticism.

Yes, I occasionally fret that mighty corporations could be bullied by aggres-

Lineup set to expand in fall

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development says, and at least some prototypes include a screen resolution of 1242 x 2688. That would make the screen about as sharp as the one on the 5.8-inch iPhone X. Apple also plans to use OLED technology, the same, more expensive type of screen in the regular iPhone X.

Like the iPhone X, the larger model will include a Face ID scanner that unlocks the device and enables payments. Apple is also preparing an update to the regular-sized iPhone X that is internally dubbed D32, people familiar with the product said.

Both of these phones are expected to use next-generation A12 processors and will continue to include stainless steel edges, they say, and will be Apple's high-end smartphone offerings.

Apple is considering a gold color option for the update to the iPhone X and the larger model. The company tried to develop gold for the current X handset, but abandoned it because of production problems. All new iPhones since the 5s came in gold, including the iPhone 8. The gold option is especially appealing to consumers in Asia and may help boost sales in the region. Still, Apple may ultimately decide not to proceed with the color.

In at least some regions, Apple is considering offering a dual-SIM card option for the larger model. That would let people use their phones in countries with different carrier plans without having to swap out cards. Such a feature has been growing in importance and popularity, especially in Europe and Asia where business people routinely visit multiple countries.

Apple hasn't made a final decision on including the feature and could choose to wait for E-SIM technology, which will connect phones to multiple networks without the need for a removable chip. Apple has wanted to offer E-SIM technology, but some carriers are resistant to the idea and Apple needs their support. A dual-SIM capability would provide a compromise.

The phones will have an updated operating system, probably called iOS 12 and code-named Peace, which will include upgraded augmented reality capabilities, deeper integration of the Siri digital assistant, digital health monitoring and the ability to use emojis in FaceTime.

Apple's decision to also build a cheaper phone is an acknowledgment that the current entry-level 8 models too closely resemble the iPhone 6 introduced in 2014. With their thick bezels and lack of edge-to-edge screens, they seem dated next to the iPhone X and the latest Samsung devices. The new lower-cost model will feature the same edge-to-edge screen as the iPhone X as well as Face ID instead of a fingerprint sensor.

To keep costs down, the cheaper phone will use LCD screen technology similar to the type employed in the iPhone 8. It will also have aluminum edges and a glass back like the iPhone 8, not the flashier stainless steel used in the iPhone X.

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Little or no break for low-mileage drivers

Less risk for accidents doesn't decrease insurance cost dramatically, study shows

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
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When it comes to how much you pay for car insurance, being married and having good credit often matters more than how much or how well you drive, according to a new study.

The research, released Monday by the Consumer Federation of America, found that major auto insurers provide little or no discounts to low-mileage drivers, even though they tend to have a lower accident risk.

The study looked at basic liability coverage at major

insurers, including Farmers, Progressive, Geico, Bloomington-based State Farm and Northbrook-based Allstate. Drivers in 12 major U.S. cities were examined as part of the study, including Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles and Minneapolis.

The study found that on average, motorists save only \$30 per year — or 1.6 percent of their insurance premiums, on average — for every 5,000 fewer miles driven each year. In Chicago, drivers receive less than 2 percent savings for lower annual mileage.

The only exception was in California, where state

law requires insurers to give a driver's annual mileage the second-most weight in determining premiums, according to the federation.

In California, motorists who drive 5,000 miles or less saved \$81 a year on average, or 8.7 percent across the studied insurance providers. In Los Angeles, very-low mileage motorists who drive 2,500 miles or less annually saved \$346 a year, or 30 percent compared with high-mileage motorists, the study said.

At Farmers and Progressive, motorists outside of California received no discount at all for driving 2,500 miles or less annually. In fact, they paid the same rate whether they drove 2,500 miles annually or 22,500

2,500 fewer miles per year and pay the same premium for your liability coverage," said Doug Heller, an insurance consultant at the federation.

However, locally based providers Allstate and State Farm provided some discounts for low-mileage drivers in Chicago.

At Allstate, the insurance premium for a motorist with an annual mileage of 2,500 is nearly 19 percent lower than what drivers with 7,500 annual miles are charged.

At State Farm, Chicago low-mileage drivers paid 10 percent less than those with an annual mileage of 12,500 or more. At Geico, low-mileage drivers paid, on average, 5 percent less than high-mileage drivers in Chicago.

When insurance companies diminish the impact of mileage in their pricing methods, lower-mileage drivers are punished by having to overpay for coverage, according to the study.

While Farmers and Progressive offered no discounts for low-mileage drivers, locally based Allstate and State Farm offered modest discounts across all markets of 2.9 percent and 3.2 percent, respectively. Neither firm could immediately be reached for comment. Geico, also included in the study, showed an average 1.3 percent annual reduction for low-mileage drivers in the cities studied, according to the federation.

On a call with reporters, federation officials said the study is based on quotes

received online by a fake standard applicant they created to test premiums in each test city: a single 30-year-old woman, who worked as a bank teller with a perfect driving record.

There are no figures on how a male applicant would have fared, federation officials said.

Facts such as credit scores and having a blue-collar job don't send risk signals to insurers, Heller said.

But "people do get that how far you drive is a very fair (measure of risk)," according to Heller.

If you are a low-mileage driver, "it's always a good idea to shop around because there's probably a better deal for you," he said.

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Stores give scan-and-go solid 'go'

Option makes shopping faster, easier to track

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
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NEW YORK — Shoppers at self-checkout lanes scanning all their groceries after they're done shopping? Old school. More stores are letting customer tally their choices with a phone app or store device as they roam the aisles.

For customers, scanning as they go can be faster and make it simpler to keep track of spending.

For stores, the big expansion of this technology coming this year costs less than installing more self-checkouts.

Like many changes in retail, the expansion of scan-and-go comes from retailers trying to make store shopping more convenient and hang on to customers used to Amazon, which just opened a cashier-less store in Seattle.

And like other automation technologies, it shifts more of the work to shoppers while freeing up employees for higher-value tasks. That's especially crucial as stores look for ways to make their workers more efficient as they wrestle with rising wages.

The convenience of scanning while she shops is what Kari Malinak likes. She just started using the technology at a Walmart in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I'm a persnickety shopper," Malinak said. "I can't stand it when they bag my produce. It gets all bruised. I like to have control. And I like the quick and easy aspect."

She says she also likes the idea of having a running total of spending as she shops.

The technology, while slightly different from chain to chain, allows shoppers at stores such as Kroger and B.J.'s Wholesale Club to scan UPC codes on items as they shop. It can be used for lots of products beyond just



Tony D'Angelo uses an app to scan in a propane tank at the B.J.'s Wholesale Club in Northborough, Mass.



More stores are letting customers tally their choices with a phone app or store device as they roam the aisles.

groceries, and people change their minds about something, they can delete items and change quantities before they check out.

Some stores allow payment directly from the phone, with a greeter then checking over the digital receipt, while others re-

quire shoppers to go to a self-checkout lane or a kiosk to finalize their purchases.

A big push is coming this year from big chains: Kroger Co., the nation's largest traditional grocery chain, is adding the scan-and-go technology to 400

stores. Walmart is testing the service in 120 stores, while all its Sam's Club stores, which number around 600, have it.

B.J.'s Wholesale Club has launched the service in a handful of stores and plans to add it to about 100 clubs this year.

One reason is that stores are investing less in their self-checkout lanes and opting for scan-and-go technology that's less expensive because it doesn't need as much special hardware — just an app or the scanners, says Jason Goldberg, senior vice president of commerce and content practice at consulting group SapientRazorfish.

But while some customers feel comfortable scanning while shopping, plenty of others don't.

"It's a huge barrier for most retailers to get a con-

sumer to download their app," Goldberg says.

He said stores also need to work on letting shoppers pay with their phones, so customers don't have to go to a kiosk to finalize their purchases.

Most executives wouldn't say what percent of their transactions come from the service.

But Dusty Lutz of retail technology company NCR Corp., which works with major grocery clients, says scan-and-go mobile shopping accounts for 5 to 15 percent of customer transactions, based on an analysis of 40 retailers.

Walmart, which tested scan-and-go in a few stores in 2013 but ended the trial because shoppers found the technology too clunky, says the improved service is now the most preferred checkout method among those

who tested it.

Sam's Club says 80 percent of its members who use it do so again within 90 days and its scan-and-go transactions have doubled this year.

Some stores are enticing shoppers to spend more by pinging them with coupons while they shop with the phone. Executives from B.J.'s and NCR say shoppers are actually throwing more in their cart with this new technology.

Still, not everything can be scanned.

At B.J.'s clubs, jewelry and gift cards can't be scanned but can be purchased at a pay station. Stores also have to be careful about theft.

At Walmart, there's an honor code when shoppers scan the barcode on the produce and enter the weight. But the company says some purchases are randomly checked on their way through the express lane.

And the technology the big chains are using isn't as effortless as the sensors and automatic payment at Amazon's cashier-less stores.

There, shoppers enter by scanning their phones. The store technology keeps track of what they pick up and charges them after they leave. It uses computer vision, machine learning algorithms and sensors to analyze what people are grabbing.

Stores declined to say whether their ultimate goal was to replicate Amazon's Go technology, saying the plan is to keep investing in the latest technology and improve customers' experience.

"We're trying to make our trips more convenient," said Chris Baldwin, CEO of B.J.'s.

And for shoppers who find it most convenient to go the traditional route with a cashier scanning their purchases?

"Our goal is to provide members with a variety of options, so they can check out however they prefer," said Carrie McKnight, a Sam's Club spokeswoman.

Anheuser-Busch goes after Whole Foods set

BY JENNIFER KAPLAN
Bloomberg

After years of targeting health-conscious beer drinkers with Michelob Ultra, Anheuser-Busch In-Bev is going after an even choosier consumer: the organic shopper.

The brewer is introducing a new beer in the U.S. called Michelob Ultra Pure Gold that's made with organic grains and approved by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. The idea is to capitalize on the popularity of organic food and beverages — and win over people who might turn up their noses at big beer brands.

"We see this as an opportunity to keep leading the way in innovation in light beer and aligning great-tasting products with health and wellness trends," said Azania Andrews, vice president of Michelob

Ultra.

Anheuser-Busch is just the latest consumer-product giant to jump on the natural-food bandwagon.

PepsiCo released versions of at least 11 core chip brands without artificial ingredients, including Lay's, Tostitos, Cheetos and Doritos.

Mondelez International developed a line of crackers and snack bars, called Vea, that have no artificial ingredients or genetically modified organisms.

Michelob Ultra was created in 2002 for beer drinkers who wanted fewer carbs and calories. The Pure Gold product will have a different audience, Andrews said. The target demographic is slightly younger and more likely to live on the coasts.

"It's probably someone who's 28-plus who shops for food in more high-end

places — like a Whole Foods, for example — and is focused on really understanding the kind of things that they're putting in their body," she said. "They may be are people who are very disciplined about organic food and vegetables and other beverages."

On Monday, Michelob Ultra Pure Gold was set to begin hitting U.S. stores, including Whole Foods.

The Michelob brand has been a bright spot for Anheuser-Busch in a sluggish industry. Market share of the beer has grown for 10 straight quarters in the U.S.

Other brands haven't fared as well. Overall, beer has lost market share to wine and spirits for more than a decade.

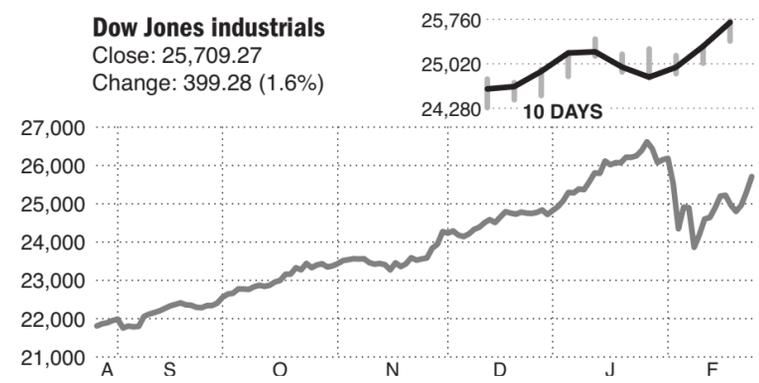
Pure Gold isn't AB In-Bev's only foray into the organic space. Last year, the company acquired HiBall, an organic energy drink.



Michelob Ultra Pure Gold is hopping on the popularity of organic food and beverages.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,732.80 Low: 25,398.56 Previous: 25,309.99



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+84.07 (+1.15%)	+32.30 (+1.18%)	+10.14 (+.65%)
Close: 7,421.46	Close: 2,779.60	Close: 1,559.33
High: 7,421.85	High: 2,780.64	High: 1,560.74
Low: 7,360.25	Low: 2,753.78	Low: 1,544.99
Previous: 7,337.39	Previous: 2,747.30	Previous: 1,549.19

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-01 to 2.86%	+12.30 to \$1,340.50	+16 to 106.91/\$1	-0011 to .8122/\$1	+36 to \$63.91

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.94	NASD +2.51	S&P +1.73	DOW -2.76	NASD -6.0	S&P -2.59	DOW +23.38	NASD +26.61	S&P +17.30

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	458.50	464	455.75	459.50	+7.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	366.50	370	366.50	368.50	+2.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1039.50	1047.75	1034	1034.25	-2
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.36	32.72	32.36	32.62	+26
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	377.10	382.80	377.00	377.20	+1.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	63.60	64.24	63.06	63.91	+36
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 18	2.635	2.680	2.586	2.639	+0.14
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 18	1.8150	1.8341	1.8025	1.8267	+0.182

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LOCAL STOCKS

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	60.53	+82	Equity Commonwith	N	29.60	+15	McDonalds Corp	N	163.58	+52
AbbVie Inc	N	121.54	+2.79	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	85.74	-24	Middleby Corp	O	131.07	-3.28
Akorn Inc	O	30.28	+1.16	Equity Residential	N	57.13	+14	Mondelz Intl	O	44.77	+1.02
Allstate Corp	N	95.75	+1.38	Exelon Corp	N	38.03	-21	Morningstar Inc	O	95.51	+60
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.78	-21	First Indl RT	N	63.51	-01	Motorola Solutions	N	106.82	+0.9
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.17	-40	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.76	+77	Navistar Intl	N	23.59	-01
Baxter Intl	N	69.14	+78	Gallagher AJ	N	270.82	+4.63	NISource Inc	N	108.84	+2.28
Boeing Co	N	363.48	+6.82	GrubHub Inc	N	99.13	+2.40	Nthn Trust Cp	O	108.84	+2.28
Brunswick Corp	N	58.88	+05	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	83.88	-18	Old Republic	N	20.72	+47
CBIO Global Markets	O	111.33	+2.58	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	83.88	-18	Packaging Corp Am	N	121.74	+2.38
CDK Global Inc	O	69.67	-33	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	78.56	-1.38	Stericycle Inc	O	61.91	+1.86
CDW Corp	O	73.52	+1.48	IDEX Corp	N	141.80	+1.56	TransUnion	N	58.00	-45
CF Industries	N	42.67	-1.45	ITW	N	165.45	+1.49	Tribune Media Co A	N	42.42	+36
CME Group	O	166.90	+2.88	Ingredion Inc	N	130.23	+1.50	USG Corp	N	34.43	-10
CNA Financial	N	52.05	+89	John Bean Technol	N	122.30	+1.15	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	198.93	-8.18
Caterpillar Inc	N	163.69	+1.28	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	163.27	+3.27	United Contl Hldgs	N	69.26	+1.69
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.53	+25	Kraft Heinz Co	O	69.74	+72	Ventas Inc	N	50.73	+22
Deere Co	N	167.46	+1.22	LKQ Corporation	O	40.44	+34	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.60	+24
Discover Fin Svcs	N	80.43	+1.01	Littelfuse Inc	O	212.66	+2.51	Wintrust Financial	O	86.64	+47
Dover Corp	N	104.39	+1.66	MB Financial	O	42.06	-03	Zebra Tech	O	140.99	-91

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	14.65	+16
Bank of America	32.42	+39
Chesapeake Energy	2.08	-01
Rite Aid Corp	10.89	+19
Ford Motor	10.89	+19
Vale SA	14.65	+45
Snap Inc A	17.09	-36
Hewlett Pack Ent	18.55	+41
Petrobras	14.39	+45
Pfizer Inc	37.09	+83
HP Inc	23.46	+133
Verizon Comm	49.09	+80
AT&T Inc	37.46	+74
Alibaba Group Hldg	194.19	+90
TAL Education Grp	AD36.81	-2.04
Citigroup	77.65	+57
Pennegy JC Co Inc	4.16	+10
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.84	+1.31
Wells Fargo & Co	59.97	+80
JPMorgan Chase & Co	118.77	+1.46
Twitter Inc	32.16	-50
Fitbit Inc	5.54	+26
AK Steel Hold	5.65	+15
Barrick Gold	12.22	+04

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.46	+74
Alphabet Inc C	1143.75	+16.96
Alphabet Inc A	1143.70	+15.61
Amazon.com Inc	1521.95	+21.95
Apple Inc	178.97	+3.42
Bank of America	32.42	+39
Berkshire Hath A	316126	
Berkshire Hath B	210.62	+7.86
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.84	+1.31
Facebook Inc	184.93	+1.64
Intel Corp	49.11	+1.38
JPMorgan Chase	118.77	+1.46
Johnson & Johnson	132.07	+89
Microsoft Corp	95.42	+1.36
Source Cap	41.87	+32
Unitedhealth Group	234.06	+3.90
Visa Inc	124.59	+1.66
WalMart Strs	93.12	+23
Wells Fargo & Co	59.97	+80

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.77	+38	+23.5
American Funds AmrenBAlA m	27.56	+19	+12.9
American Funds CapWldGrInCA m	55.57	+51	+23.9
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	63.05	+43	+12.0
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	58.67	+46	+20.7
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	64.97	+65	+21.7
American Funds GfrAmrCA m	53.27	+54	+26.8
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.54	+15	+10.2
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	42.29	+48	+19.0
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.89	+39	+22.8
American Funds WAMTlnvSA m	47.18	+49	+18.5
DFA EMktCorEq	24.39	+13	+29.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.62	+02	+2.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	47.85	+24	+21.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	212.63	+2.33	+17.2
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.47	...	+1.8
Fidelity 500DlxIns	97.44	+1.15	+19.7
Fidelity 500DlxInsPrrm	97.44	+1.15	+19.7
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	97.43	+1.14	+19.7
Fidelity Contrafund	131.46	+1.66	+22.6
Fidelity ContrafundK	131.40	+1.66	+22.6
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.54	+31	+18.6
Franklin Templeton InCA m	2.36	+02	+5.2
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.42	...	+4
Oakmark IntlInv	29.40	+02	+27.8
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.22	...	+5.9
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.08	+01	+1.6
Schwab SP500Dlx	42.94	+50	+19.7
T. Rowe Price BCGR	106.72	+1.19	+38.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.29	+75	+33.3
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	257.35	+3.03	+19.7
Vanguard 500DlxInv	27.20	+3.01	+19.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.26	+36	+15.5
Vanguard HCAmrl	89.01	+98	+12.1
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.89	...	+2.1
Vanguard InslndxIns	253.85	+2.98	+19.7
Vanguard InslndxInsPlus	253.87	+2.98	+19.7
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	61.77	+66	+18.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	102.48	+62	+14.4
Vanguard MDCpAdmrl	195.99	+1.02	+14.6
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	141.98	+1.81	+28.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.53	...	+2.8
Vanguard SMCpAdmrl	71.70	+38	+12.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.79	+17	+13.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.81	+12	+13.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.32	+23	+14.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.19	+16	+16.4
Vanguard TtBMDlxAdmrl	10.49	+01	+3
Vanguard TtBMDlxIns	10.49	+01	+3
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	21.63	+02	+2.2
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	31.39	+20	+23.9
Vanguard TtInSldxIns	125.54	+80	+23.9
Vanguard TtInSldxInsPlus	125.56	+79	+24.0
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	18.77	+12	+23.9
Vanguard TtInSldxAdmrl	69.30	+75	+18.9
Vanguard TtInSldxIns	69.31	+74	+18.9
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	69.26	+74	+18.7
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	73.31	+58	+11.8
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	64.56	+30	+6.5
Vanguard Wndsr1Admrl	68.89	+71	+14.5

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.645	1.61
6-month disc	1.82	1.80
2-year	2.23	2.27
10-year	2.86	2.87
30-year	3.16	3.16

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1340.50	\$1328.20
Silver	\$16.542	\$16.476
Platinum	\$1001.80	\$998.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.28

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	20.1857
Australia (Dollar)	1.2738
Brazil (Real)	3.2318
Britain (Pound)	1.7159
Canada (Dollar)	1.2679
China (Yuan)	6.3241
Euro	.8122
India (Rupee)	64.830
Israel (Shekel)	3.4868
Japan (Yen)	106.91
Mexico (Peso)	18.6759
Poland (Zloty)	3.39
So. Korea (Won)	1071.29
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.22
Thailand (Baht)	31.29

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	12.42	+35
Micron Tech	47.98	+1.45
Apple Inc	178.97	+3.42
Microsoft Corp	95.42	+1.36
Cisco Syst	45.36	+1.36
Qualcomm Inc	66.98	+3.66
Intel Corp	49.11	+1.38
Nxt-ID Inc	2.72	+54
Akers Biosciences	.57	+07
MIMedx Group	7.35	-48
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.33	+06
Altaba Inc	78.08	+32
Facebook Inc	184.93	+1.64
Applied Matls	58.81	+1.80
VEON Ltd	3.08	-01
Comcast Corp A	39.58	+08
TOP Ships Inc	.17	-01
Mondelz Intl	44.77	+1.02
Nvidia Corporation	246.58	+65
ARCA biopharma Inc	.45	-115
Netfix Inc	294.16	+8.23
Mattel Inc	16.08	-56
Huntgtn Bancshs	16.03	+04
Blue Buffalo Pet Pdt	39.95	-05

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3329.57	+40.6/+1.2
Stoxx600	383.06	+1.9/+0.5
Nikkei	22153.63	+260.9/+1.2
MSCI-EAFE	2078.11	+13.6/+0.7
Bovespa	87652.63	+310.7/+0.4
FTSE 100	7289.58	+45.2/+0.6
CAC-40	534	

OBITUARIES

JAMES P. BOURKE 1945-2018

Trustee in Glen Ellyn
a dedicated volunteerBY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH
Chicago Tribune

James P. Bourke served two terms on the Glen Ellyn Village Board and also was a member of Glen Ellyn's Fourth of July committee for more than four decades.

"Jim was one of the people who didn't just live in Glen Ellyn, he lived Glen Ellyn," said former Village President Alex Demos. "He was a great friend and mentor to me as I became involved in the community, and his contribution in terms of public service was decades long."

Bourke, 72, died of pneumonitis Jan. 21 at Hines VA Hospital, said his wife of 50 years, Jennie. He had been a Glen Ellyn resident since 1973.

Born in Chicago, Bourke grew up in Elmhurst and attended Immaculate Conception Catholic high school before transferring to St. Francis High School in Wheaton, from which he graduated. He received a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Notre Dame in 1967, followed by three years of active duty in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

After his hitch was up, Bourke worked at a bank and formed his own leasing company. He also attended night school at Northwestern University, getting an MBA in 1973.

Bourke later pursued a career in education, working as a substitute teacher at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Ellyn. He ran the school's now-discontinued outdoor education program and advised the school's remote control car club.

"He developed a wonderful reputation with the kids, and he was a great storyteller for them about things that had happened in the past," said former Glen Ellyn Village President Michael Formento, a friend and political ally. And he always seemed to have gold-covered chocolates in his pocket that he gave the



FAMILY PHOTO

Chicago-born James Bourke was in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

kids as rewards."

Bourke was a member of the Glen Ellyn Jaycees until aging out at age 35, and he chaired Glen Ellyn's Zoning Board of Appeals before winning a seat as a trustee on the Village Board in 1983. He won re-election in 1987.

During his time on the Village Board, Bourke became increasingly dissatisfied with the role played by the village's lone political party, the Civic Betterment Party, in village politics, alleging that the party's selection process "virtually disqualifies" good candidates, he told the Tribune in 1988.

"It's approaching the point where it's unwieldy," he said.

Frustrated by the party's decision not to offer up his name as one of its nominees at its November 1988 caucus, Bourke decided to run as an independent in the April 1989 general election to succeed Formento as village president. However, he lost to Arthur Angrist.

Bourke remained active in village affairs after his term as village trustee ended in 1991. He was a longtime member of the Glen Ellyn Kiwanis and worked for years on the village's Fourth of July committee, which plans the Fourth of July picnic, parade and fireworks.

"He was just the kind of person that had to be involved and wanted to get other people involved to do

good for their community," said Jack Breeser, a longtime friend and fellow member of the Kiwanis.

Formento recalled that Bourke's specialty was the fireworks display. "Each year, it was a challenge for him to do something better than he had done the previous year, and invariably, he found a way to do that," Formento said.

Brad Binks, a fellow member of the Glen Ellyn Jaycees who assisted on Bourke's campaign for village president, recalled how Bourke "struck an imposing stature physically and in experience."

"Jim gladly mentored many of us newbie Jaycees as we began our path of community service and learning how to run projects. He was full of history of local Jaycee lore — the people, places and personalities," Binks said.

About 18 years ago, Bourke suffered a bad fall, which limited his mobility to the point where he eventually had to use a wheelchair, his wife said. With that, he pulled back on his teaching work, although he continued to advise Hadley's remote-control car club.

In his later years, Bourke was one of the trustees of the Glen Ellyn Scholarship Fund, which had been created as a grant program by the Jaycees.

"Even as his health was declining, he never stopped coming to the committee meetings and scholarship interviews," Binks said. "Jim not only was dedicated to Glen Ellyn but was a mentor and a friend who would help you any way that he could."

Bourke also is survived by a daughter, K. Bridget; a son, J. Michael; two brothers, Thomas and John; and three sisters, Mary Kathleen, Patricia and Sheila Reed.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 27 ...

In 1933 Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. (The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.)

In 1939 the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960 the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif.

In 1979 Jane Byrne upset Mayor Michael Bilandic to win Chicago's Democratic mayoral primary.

In 1981 Chrysler Corp. reported a 1980 loss of \$1.7 billion.

In 1982 Wayne Williams was found guilty of slaying two of 28 young blacks found dead over a two-year period in the Atlanta area.

In 1986 the U.S. Senate approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis.

In 1991 President George

H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight.

In 1999 Nigerians elected Olusegun Obasanjo president as the country marked the final phase of its return to democracy.

In 2001 President George W. Bush went before Congress with a \$1.9 trillion spending plan that would sharply reduce growth in many government programs while leaving room to give Americans the biggest tax cut in two decades.

In 2003 Fred Rogers, whose public television show "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" taught and entertained millions of children for three decades, died in Pittsburgh; he was 74.

In 2004 a study on the Roman Catholic Church's sexual-abuse scandal, commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was released; church bishops and seminaries are excoriated for their "shame-

ful" handling of allegations leveled at more than 4,000 priests from 1950 to 2002.

In 2005 the Iraqi government announced the capture of Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan, Saddam Hussein's half-brother and former adviser.

In 2010 a massive, magnitude 8.8 earthquake rocked central Chile, killing about 500 people and causing an estimated \$30 billion in damage.

In 2013 a statue of civil rights icon Rosa Parks was unveiled in the National Statuary Hall, the first full-length statue of a black woman in the U.S. Capitol.

In 2014 President Barack Obama launched My Brother's Keeper, a federal initiative to help black and Latino young men succeed.

In 2017 an alarming spate of anti-Semitic acts that year peaked when 31 incidents on one day were reported at synagogues and Jewish cemeteries and community centers across the country.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

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Feb. 26	
Lotto	01 11 20 31 38 44 / 14
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Pick 3 midday	633 / 7
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Lucky Day Lotto midday	05 10 20 29 38
Pick 3 evening	947 / 9
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Lucky Day Lotto evening	06 10 14 38 40
Feb. 27 Mega Millions: \$222M	
Feb. 28 Powerball: \$293M	
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Feb. 26	
Pick 3	945
Pick 4	0714
Badger 5	02 14 15 19 22
SuperCash	06 09 15 16 33 34

INDIANA	
Feb. 26	
Daily 3 midday	497 / 0
Daily 4 midday	6126 / 0
Daily 3 evening	983 / 5
Daily 4 evening	0275 / 5
Cash 5	01 18 36 40 43
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Always in our hearts, but we still miss you dearly. Love, Meera, Rohit and Rajiv

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Beranek, Jr., Irvin A. 'Irvie'

Irvin A. "Irvie" Beranek, Jr., 88, U.S. Army veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Berwyn and Brookfield, IL, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville, IL. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.

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Callanan, Linda S.

Linda S. Callanan nee Hudson. Beloved wife of Kevin Callanan. Proud and loving mother to Lara (Douglas) Reznick and grandmother of Ben and Gillian Reznick. Linda passed away on February 23, 2018 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. Linda was born in Indianapolis, IN to her parents John and Betty Hudson (Glass). She is a graduate of Arsenal Technical High School and attended Indiana Business College. She was employed by Delta Airlines in Indianapolis. Linda and her family moved to the Lincoln Way Area in 1978 where she resided until her death. Linda was employed for a time by Midway Airlines in Chicago. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother James Hudson. She is survived by a sister Joan (Joe) Timbs of Greenwood Indiana. Visitation Thursday March 1, 2018, 3:00-9:00 PM at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 19604 Wolf Rd. Mokena, IL. 60448. Funeral service Friday, 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Interment to follow in St. John's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation www.parkinson.org. For information on services, 708-479-1210 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com.

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Cichowski, Rita

Rita (Cerkleski) Cichowski, 88, passed away February 25, 2018. Rita was born in Chicago and graduated from BA Wright, Jr. College. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard J. Cichowski. Visitation will be held 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM EST on Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven, MI. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church, Douglass, MI on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM EST. Rita will be laid to rest at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery in Niles, IL at 11:00 AM CST on Monday, March 5, 2018.

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Denenberg, Judith

Judith Denenberg nee Sklair, 79, beloved wife of Burton for 60 years; loving mother of Joel (fiancee Cindy Surman) and Fred; dear sister of Arnold "Babe" (Florence "Fuzzy") Sklair, Anita "Nonny" Karm and the late Victor (Marilyn) Sklair; 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.

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DePriest, Virginia

Virginia DePriest, 64, passed away November 22, 2017 in Chicago. For information: **Lakeview Funeral Home**, (773) 472 - 6300 or www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com

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Diamond, William

William Diamond, 94. Decorated WWII Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Gertrude Diamond (nee Panitch) and the late Lee Pollans Diamond. Loving father of David (Susan) Diamond and Paul (Robbie) Diamond. Proud grandfather of Howard, Michael, and Gwen. Special thanks to his wonderful caregiver, Ewa Dziura, for her many years of dedication and service. Private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions in William's memory to The Chicago Lighthouse, www.chicagolighthouse.org/donate or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, <https://www.michaeljfox.org/get-involved/donation>. Shiva info at **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824), or www.mitzvahfunerals.com

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Dwyer, William B.

William B. Dwyer M.D., 96, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Ann nee White; loving father of Mary Anne (John) Paskvan, the Honorable Mark W. (Juliana) Dwyer, Elizabeth J. Dwyer, Joan Therese (Paul) Aspan, Dorothy Ann Dwyer, Virginia (Andrew)

Dwyer-Aoyama and the late Ellen Clare Dwyer; proud grandfather of Christopher, Janet, Mark, Michael, Peter, Neil, Jeremiah, Maria, Paul Edward, Daniel, Megan, Matthew, Mollie, Emma, Sean, Brian, Brianna, Erin and Andrew; cherished great grandfather of 15; brother of the late Walter and Donald. Dr. Dwyer was a physician in Elmhurst since 1952 and took an active role in leadership at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital and Immaculate Conception Church. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2018. Friends are asked to gather at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2018 for Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 134 Arthur, Elmhurst. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for St. Ignatius College Prep, 1076 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608 or Immaculate Conception Parish, 134 Arthur, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com.

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Ellis, Tula

Tula Ellis, age 89 of Geneva, passed away February 24, 2018. She was born to Louis and Amelia Kacheres in St. Charles, Illinois. She was a devoted wife, mother, Yiayia (grandmother), and a life-long member of her church. Tula will be remembered for her work ethic, wisdom, generosity, and dedication to her family.

She is survived by her children Gina (Rich) Fritz, Louis (Mary) Ellis, Melia (Nick) Linardos, grandchildren Michael, Anna, Demi, Nicole, Christine, John, Tina, Connie, nieces Georgea (James) Darras, Louise (Dean) Mamalakis, and her beloved extended family. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years John D. Ellis, siblings, James L. Kacheres, Helen (James) Mangos, George L. Kacheres. Visitation will be 9-10:30 A.M. Friday, March 2, 2018 at **Yurs Funeral Home** 1771 W. State Street, Geneva, Illinois 60134. Funeral Services will follow visitation at 10:30 A.M. at **Yurs Funeral Home**. Contributions may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Scholarship Fund, 601 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL 60644.

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Fessett, Kenneth E

Kenneth E. Fessett, age 70, of Oak Forest, United States Army Veteran, passed away on February 24, 2018. Beloved husband of Marsha (nee Will). Loving father of Dawn Fessett. Dear brother of Gary (Rita) Fessett. Found "Unc" of Alyssa and Christopher.

Funeral Thursday, March 1st at 9:15 a.m. from the McKenzie Funeral Home, 15618 S Cicero Ave., Oak Forest to St. Damian Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. For information: 708-687-2990

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Finnegan, Brian A.

Brian A. Finnegan, age 58, of Skokie. Loving husband of Deborah, nee Conley; dear father of Sean (Christina), Kyle, and the late Cameron; beloved grandfather of Avery; cherished brother of Kevin Finnegan and Lori (George) Alexander; fond uncle of Kristina and Steffani Alexander, Hannah, Molly and Samuel Schiltz; dear son-in-law of Dudley and Connie Conley; fond brother-in-law of Cathy (Paul) Schiltz and Suzy (Jaime) Duran. Memorial Service, Saturday, March 3, 2018, at 2 p.m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ABTA.org or BrainUp.ngo. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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Flaherty, Richard

Richard Flaherty, 77. Dear husband of Joyce. Fond brother of the late Joan Haese. Loving father of Kelly (John) Jones, and Maureen (Bob) Zalewski. Beloved grandfather of Jessica, Brooke & Sam. Uncle Dickie to Kathleen, Shannon, Allison, Heather & Meagan. Private service.

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Gelman, Irving 'Buzzie'

Irving "Buzzie" Gelman, 89, of Las Vegas and formerly of Chicago, passed away February 25, 2018. Irving was born October 16, 1928 in Chicago, IL to the late George and the late Florence (Moshel) Gelman. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict earning a Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars. Irving worked with Irv's Men's Clothing Store in Palatine IL. He is survived by his wife Eunice (Mosak) Gelman; sons Scott (Cheryl) Gelman of Chicago, IL and Jory Gelman of Mt. Prospect, IL; grandson Joseph "Joey" Gelman; sister Jean Modes of Las Vegas and brother Bernard (Marla) Gelman of Vancouver, WA. He is predeceased by his brother William Gelman. Service Wednesday 12:00PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the LUNGevity Foundation 228 S. Wabash Avenue, Suite 700 Chicago, IL 60604 www.lungevity.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Haak, Audrey E.

Audrey E. Haak, nee Klaver, age 79 of Downers Grove, IL. Beloved wife of the late Robert Haak; sister of Glen Klaver; sister-in-law of Donald (Anita) Haak, Kenneth (Delores) Haak, James Haak and the late John C. (Ida) Haak; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 11 AM until time of service at 12 PM at Christ Church of Oak Brook (Corner of York Rd. and 31st St). Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Funeral info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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Halap, Francine Rita

age 79. Beloved wife of the late Leonard. Loving mother of Marc (Robin), Michael (Laura), Faith (Ron) Kerbis, Marni Foxman and Julie Halap; cherished grandmother of Samatha, Stephanie, Sara, Mathew (Allie), Adam, Jordan, Emily, Brian, Jason and Zachary; dear sister of the late Terry Brodsky; sister in law of Doris Fischer. Special friend to the late Irwin Kulbersh. Devoted daughter of the late Samuel and Esther Brodsky. Service Wednesday, Feb 28, 2018 12noon at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk. N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to JourneyCare Hospice, 2050 Claire Ct., Glenview, IL 60025, www.journeycare.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Hognestad, Andree Stryker

Andree Stryker Hognestad, 81, formerly of Glenview, at rest February 24, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Eivind Hognestad. Loving mother of Kirsten Gordon. Proud grandmother of Quintin Crawford, Christy Crawford, Sandra Gordon, Rachel Gordon, and Frederic Gordon. Dear great grandmother of Luca Crawford. Andree was active with the Northwestern University Alumni Association for over 30 years. She served with the Lyric Opera Guild and was an active presence with the Glenview Garden Club. Visitation Thursday 2 p.m. until time of Celebration of Life, 3 p.m. at the N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Rd, Glenview. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL 60022 Funeral Information 847-998-1020.



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Hoos, Donald F.

Donald F. Hoos, 81, beloved husband of Elaine nee Brott; loving father of Delaine (Ted) Staffen and David Hoos; cherished grandfather of Megan, Amanda and Nikki; dear brother of the late Gerald and the late William Hoos. A memorial service will be held Thursday, March 1, 11:00 AM at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1235 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette. Info: **Wm. H. Scott Funeral Home**, 847-251-5700.



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Kanel, George W.

George W. Kanel, 92, of Park Ridge, passed away peacefully February 25, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn Kanel nee Zadrozny. Fond brother of Christine (Art) Miner and Nicholas W. (Jean) Kanel. Dear brother-in-law of John (Nancy) Zadrozny. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. George was a proud WWII Navy Veteran. Visitation Friday, March 2nd, 9:15 A.M. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M. at St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial in George's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Funeral information call 847-255-7800



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Karas, Stella

Stella Karas, nee Karabatsas; beloved daughter of the late Athanasios and Kiki Karabatsas; loving sister of Thomas Karabatsas, and fond cousin to many. Family and Friends will meet on Wednesday at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago for visitation at 12:00 Noon until the time of service at 1:00 pm. Interment Private. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made to COPD Foundation 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd Miami, Florida 33134 (866) 731-2673 ext 200. For information (773) 736-3833.



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Kenney, Terrence J.

Terrence J. Kenney, age 90, W.W. II Army Veteran; beloved husband of the late Eileen D. Kenney (nee Duhig); loving father of Maureen (Patrick) Richel, Terrence (Elizabeth) Kenney and Kathleen (Mark) Wenter; dearest grandfather of Terrence II, Patrick James, Bryan, Luke, Patrick John and Mary Kate; dear brother of the late George (the late Marge) Kenney, Margaret (the late Thomas) Spatz and James (Sue) Kenney. Visitation Saturday 9 A.M. until time of Prayers 10:45 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Alexander Church Mass 11:30 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in memory of Terry. Funeral info: 708-429-3200



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Konieczny Chweddyk, Ph.D., Mary Ellen

58, of South Bend, IN formerly of Buffalo, NY and Chicago, IL. Born to the late John and Florence Konieczny on Nov. 19, 1959 in Buffalo. Surviving is her husband Christopher E.; mother, brothers: Paul and Mark, and nieces Caroline, Jane and Ayra. Graduate, Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart. She was a graduate and Professor at

the University of Notre Dame. She earned both a M.Div. and a Ph.D. degrees.

Mass: Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame on Thursday Mar. 1, at 9:30am with Rev. John Jenkins, CSC, President, officiating. Burial Cedar Grove Cemetery, on campus. Visiting: Wednesday at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, 100 Lourdes Hall - Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN from 4-8pm. Remembrances at 6.30pm.

Memorial donations: Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, Buffalo NY, 3860 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14226. Full obit or condolences: www.McGannHay.com.

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Kubilius, Bernice V. "Bunny"

Bernice V. "Bunny" Kubilius, nee Shopkus; Beloved wife of the late Anthony C. Kubilius Sr.; Loving mother of Anthony Jr. (Paula), and Karen (Mark) Washack; Proud grandma of Daniel (Andrya) Kubilius, Kristy (Bob) Moran, and Jaclyn (John) Craven; Great-grandma of Mason, Landon, Camden, Kaleb, and Holden; Preceded in death by her five siblings; Fond aunt of Elaine (late Louis) Sisto; Great-aunt of Barbara and Louis Jr. Sisto; Dearly loved by all of her friends and neighbors, and proud Beverly resident of 63 years; Visitation Wednesday 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Thursday 11:00 a.m. Chapel Service at **Curley Funeral Home** (T.P. Kerrigan Directors); Entombment St. Casimir Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Marfise, Ella B.

Ella B. Marfise nee Seaholm age 66; beloved wife of Robert J.; cherished twin sister of May (Stuart) Kosmos and Karl (Trudi) Seaholm; loving sister in law of Susan Erlain; fond aunt and Godmother of Eric (Gina) Kosmos; aunt of Jessica (Brian) Knobbe, Tony (Kelly) Erlain and Lauri (Ron) Kramer; great aunt of Emily, Camryn, Gabriella, Elisa, Reese, Evelyn, Harlow, Brady, Maxwell, Jordan and Jackson; also survived by other relatives and friends in Norway and the United States. Ella loved to crochet and sew and patiently taught others. She was active with Ladies Aide, the Altar Guild and was the Church secretary at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church appreciated. Visitation Thursday March 1, 2018, 3 pm to 8 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie. Funeral Friday March 2nd. Lying in State 10 am Funeral Service 11 am at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church 8550 S. Kedvale, Chicago Interment Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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McDonagh, Patrick Joseph

Patrick Joseph McDonagh. Age 70 of Carna Co. Galway Ireland. Beloved husband of Nancy (nee Conneely). Dear brother of Bridget Grehan of Chicago, Anne Devitt, Nora (James) Linnane, and Martin of Ireland and the late Mary and Julia. Dear brother in law of Sister Columba, Michael (Anne) of Ireland, Nora (Tommy) Mulkerrin, Maggie (Larry) Lynch, Joe (Kathleen) and Tom of Chicago, Coleman (Shelly) of North Carolina, Martin of Boston, and the late Paddy and John. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and his good friends. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge Wednesday 3-8pm. Funeral Thursday 9:15am prayers for 10am Mass at St. John Brebeuf Church. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Jude's Hospital would be appreciated. For information 847-685-1002 or www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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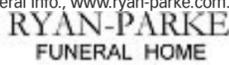
Donna M. Nowak, nee Dudeck, of Delavan WI. formerly of Chicago, beloved wife of the late Thomas M. Nowak Jr., loving mother of Michael (Kris Napoli) Nowak, Sharon (Dan) Halperin, Beverly Nowak and Robert (Cathy) Nowak; cherished grandmother of Ashley (Keith) Magnine, Alyssa, Katlyn, Michael Nowak, Madeline, Caroline, Halperin and Michael Napoli; dear sister of the late William (Barbara) Dudeck and Lee (Patricia) Dudeck; dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday March 1 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm Funeral Service Friday March 2, at 11:00 am, at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Lung Association, Alzheimer's Association, American Diabetes Association or St. Jude's appreciated. 847-966-7302 or sign a guest book at www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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O'Malley, Annamae

Annamae O'Malley. Age 89. Devoted daughter of the late John and Elizabeth. Fond sister of Rev. Mr. James O'Malley and Rev. John O'Malley, O.P. Loving aunt of five nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, Feb. 28, 3-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Thursday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Presence Nazarethville, www.presencehealth.org/presence-nazarethville-des-plaines-skilled-nursing-care. Funeral Info. www.ryan-parke.com.



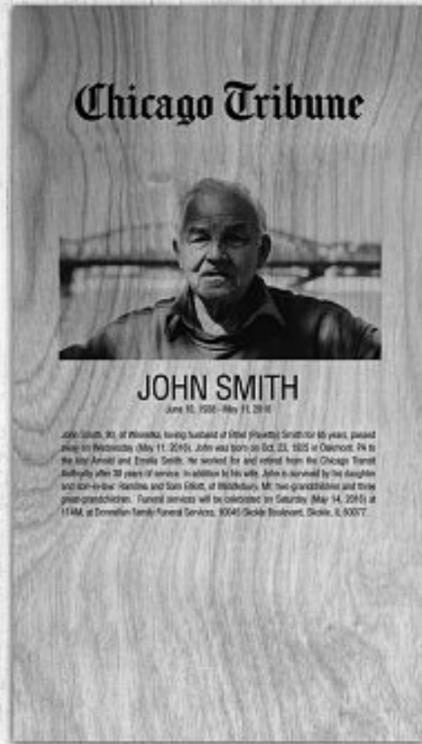
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Regal, Leonard J.

Leonard J. Regal; Korean War Marine Veteran; beloved husband of Sally Ann, nee Waldyn; loving father of Leonard M., Mark CPD (Ann Marie) and Richard J. (Linda); devoted grandfather of Mark, Katie (Matt), Michael CFD, Ricky, Sean, Kevin NPD, Brian, Adam and Bobby CPD; also, dear uncle and friend of many. Memorial Visitation will be held at St. Cornelius Church, 5430 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, IL 60630, on Thursday, March 1, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia Heart of Mercy are appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Schaefer, Donald H.

Donald H. Schaefer, 91 of Arlington Heights was born December 8, 1926 in McHenry, IL to Henry and Gertrude (nee Broughton) Schaefer and passed away February 25, 2018. Don was the beloved husband of 65 years to Estelle "Sis" (nee McMahon) Schaefer; loving father of Mary (Dennis) Mahoney, Donald H. Jr. (Mary) Schaefer, James (Marilyn) Schaefer, Thomas (Jana) Schaefer and Phillip (Kate) Schaefer; cherished grandfather of Molly (William) Opal, Peter, Michael and Alison Mahoney, Geoffrey (Kinga) Schaefer, Melissa Schaefer, Maggie (Keenan) Gilpin, Mickey, Nicholas, Amy and Meagan Schaefer; great-grandfather of Mary Grace Opal; dear brother of the late Earl and Robert Schaefer and fond uncle of many nieces and nephews.

He was educated at McHenry schools, playing football and the French horn, and as a teen worked at the ice cream shop at the McHenry Dairy and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. His 15th birthday coincided with the bombing at Pearl Harbor, but it was another two years before he joined the Army and was trained as an aerial photographer. After the war, he went to work for Illinois Bell. He started as a lineman in Woodstock and worked as an operations engineer in McHenry, Joliet, Springfield and Chicago during a career that spanned nearly 40 years. He also served as an Alderman for the city of McHenry. Don with Sis were active members of St. James Catholic Church for more than 30 years, coordinating the food pantry and attending daily Mass. He was also active in the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Visitation will be Friday, March 2, 2018 from 3-8 PM at **Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home**, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights. Prayers will be said Saturday, March 3 at 9:15 AM at the funeral home and proceed to St. James Church, 831 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights for funeral mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will in All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. James Church Building Fund or The Viatorian Seminary Aid, 1212 E. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 appreciated. Funeral Info 847-253-5423 or visit lauterburgoeehler.com

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Stachniak, Joseph John

It is with great sadness that the family of Joseph John Stachniak announces his passing on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at the age of 88 years. Joe was born on March 23rd, 1929 in Chicago, IL. A graduate of the University of Illinois, he enjoyed a 40-year long career as a dentist in Oak Brook, IL. He is survived by his four children and 5 grandchildren and preceded in death by his wife Mary Anne. He was an avid gardener, scuba-diver and marathoner. Services will be held on March 1, 2018, with calling hours beginning at 9:30am at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs, IL 60558. Mass will follow at 11:15am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. Memorial donations in memory of Joe can be made to the Habitat for Humanity. Condolences may be sent to Mary Weiler 135 Preston Rd., Columbus, OH, 43209. For more information 630-941-5860 or visit www.chapelhillgardenswestfuneralhome.com

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Vincent, Maureen A.

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Adryan Gonzalez
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Rachel Gonzalez (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00366

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Marcos Trinidad (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 3, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/19/2018, at 1:30 PM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 27, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRANSMITTAL FOR THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS FROM THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TAX YEAR 2017.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 12-50 of the Illinois Property Tax Code Section (35 ILCS 200/12-50), the Board of Review of Cook County has, on this date, February 27, 2018, in accordance with Section 16 125 of the Illinois Property Tax Code Section (35 ILCS 200/16-125) transmitted back to the Assessor of Cook County its final action on the following townships in Cook County for the tax year of 2017.

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Dated at Chicago, Illinois by the Cook County Board of Review Room 601, Cook County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, FEBRUARY 27, 2018.

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

ADVERTISMENT DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2018
DESCRIPTION: Online Scavenger Sale Auction of proceeds for Delinquent Property Tax Liens for the Cook County Treasurer's Office
RFP NO.: 1753-16661

MBE/WBE GOALS: Thirty-Five Percent (35%) of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

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

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: Friday, March 9, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. (CST)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE LOCATION: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, 118 North Clark Street, Room 1018, Chicago, Illinois 60602

Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: Friday, March 30, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. (CST)

CONTACT: Kevin Casey, Specifications Engineer (312) 603-6830 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) Kevin.casey@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.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

ADVERTISMENT DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2018
DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Professional Photography and Videography Services
CONTRACT NO.: 1768-16728

MBE/WBE GOALS: There are no MBE/WBE requirements for this contract.

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

PRE-BID CONFERENCE DATE: Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE LOCATION: 118 N. Clark Street, Room #1018, Chicago, IL 60602

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is not mandatory

BID DUE DATE: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

CONTACT: Matthew Bowman, Contract Negotiator (312) 603-2389 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) matthew.bowman@cookcountyl.gov (email)

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Shantay Weekly
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Julesha Weekly (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01263

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Marlin Calvin (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 4, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/19/2018, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, 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 27, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Zomira Weekly Zomara Weekly
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Julesha Weekly (Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01268 17JA01267

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Alfonso Davis (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 4, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/19/2018, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, 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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TO: Richard Seggeling Margaret E. Seggeling William Mark Seggeling Susan Ann Seggeling United States of America c/o Internal Revenue Services United States of America c/o Attorney General Unknown Heirs and Devises of Robert and Margaret E. Seggeling Richard Seggeling County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners, claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2017COTD004531 FILED: December 14, 2017 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold August 3, 2015 Certificate No. 13-00002735 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 630 Austin, Park Ridge, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 09-26-200-025-0000, Volume 093 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 8, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subse-quenty accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 8, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois 60602 on July 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 8, 2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 US BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR PROFS BANKING LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated December 14, 2017 Pub: 2/26, 27, 28/2018 5469945

TO: Talee T. Hassan; Rendered Services, Inc.; Rendered Services, Inc., c/o Donald S. Rothschild, Reg. Agent; City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, Corporation Counsel; City of Chicago, Department of Buildings; Occupant, 2754 N. Rutherford Ave., Chicago, IL 60707; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD001697 FILED: February 22, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 7, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0009425 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 2754 N. RUTHERFORD AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 13-30-400-039-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 9, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 9, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on July 18, 2018, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 9, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: February 23, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 2/27, /28, 3/1/2018 5478971

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It's bye week for Bears and Blackhawks

Released McPhee feels 'disappointment in myself'

BY BRAD BIGGS | Chicago Tribune

C Pernell McPhee was known for making grandiose comments at times, but one of the things that made him valuable to the Bears was that his teammates stopped to listen when he spoke.

It was the outside linebacker who addressed the team the night before facing the Raiders in Week 4 of the 2015 season before what turned out to be the first victory of the John Fox era. After the victory, longtime members of the team talked about how the newcomer McPhee — he was the big prize in general manager Ryan Pace's first offseason — made an impact with his words and then his play. He had an interception and a key third-

REAL TALK

Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer discuss what's next for the Bears on the eve of the scouting combine. **Page 5**

down tackle as time was winding down. Four games after that victory, McPhee suffered a knee injury, one that led to microfracture surgery that offseason, and durability was an issue from then on, ultimately leading to the team's announcement Monday that he and veteran safety Quintin Demps had been released.

"I was sort of surprised but just because of the disappointment in myself for the organization," McPhee said.

Turn to **Bears, Page 5**

Hawks look ahead after trading Hartman, Wingels

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune



Ryan Hartman wasn't on the ice for the last two-plus periods of the Blackhawks' loss against the Blue Jackets on Saturday because of a costly penalty that drew the ire of coach Joel Quenneville.

He wasn't on the ice for the team's practice Monday morning at MB Ice Arena either.

That's because the 23-year-old forward had been traded to the Predators, along with a fifth-round pick in this year's draft, for first- and fourth-round picks in this year's draft, plus 6-foot-5, 214-pound forward Victor Ejdsell.

Hartman, who will be a restricted free agent after this season, has eight goals and

OPENING SHOT

Steve Rosenbloom: For now, then, I guess, the Blackhawks replace "One Goal" with "Yard Sale." More, **Page 2**



17 assists in 57 games.

"It was a tough trade to make," general manager Stan Bowman said. "When you take a step back, I got a lot of calls over the last seven to 10 days about Ryan. The things that were being proposed to me weren't really appealing at all. In the case of Nashville, they made a really strong offer. The value we were getting for him, it was a really tough deal to pass up."

Turn to **Blackhawks, Page 6**

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LOYOLA'S (UPDATED) WALL OF CULTURE

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JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

With NCAA bid uncertain, Porter Moser may need to add a not-so-subtle reminder to the Wall of Culture.

Winning Arch Madness may be Ramblers' only ticket to March Madness



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On college basketball

Raise your hand if you would like to see the little guy get a shot to play in the NCAA tournament. Keep it raised if you would prefer to see scummy programs that have produced mediocre 2017-18 teams.

OK. It appears the only hands still in the air belong to the 10-member NCAA committee that will decide which 68 teams deserve to dance.

This scene will play out in private March 11, but bracketologists Joe Lunardi of ESPN and Jerry Palm of CBS Sports already suspect what will transpire.

I asked them recently whether Loyola must win this week's Missouri Valley Conference tournament to earn a bid.

Lunardi: "Yes, I'm certain of it."

Palm: "Yes, they do. Two bad losses (to Milwaukee and Indiana State) and a (nonconference strength of schedule) around 280 is a killer."

Turn to **Greenstein, Page 7**

LOYOLA'S MVC TOURNAMENT OPENER
Noon Friday vs. Evansville/Northern Iowa winner

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT
Illinois' Leron Black is under control and having the best season of his career. **Back Page**



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox outfielder Adam Engel once turned down a scholarship offer to play college football at Wisconsin.

Ex-QB Engel has offense on his mind

He's all over Sox outfield, but bat is slow to catch up



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

GLENDALE, Ariz. — White Sox outfielder Adam Engel wanted to be the next Brett Favre, but football's loss was baseball's gain.

"My dream always was to play in the NFL," Engel said. The former Loveland (Ohio)

High School quarterback still wonders how different his life might be if he had accepted Wisconsin's scholarship offer. After initially showing lukewarm interest in Engel as a defensive back, former Badgers coach Bret Bielema found, late in the process, a spot in his 2010 recruiting class on the offensive side — too late, as it turned out. By then, Engel had made a commitment to Louisville to play baseball.

"I talked to my family but decided to stick with Louisville," Engel said. "Calling back Coach Bielema to say sorry was one of the hardest things to do, but I don't regret it."

Running into walls beats running into tacklers.

"It's the next best thing," said Engel, who didn't give up the football mentality.

Turn to **Haugh, Page 4**



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CUBS

Keeping it simple

Kris Bryant says he may have suffered from information overload last year, is enjoying "more peaceful" spring. **Page 3**



CROSSTOWN SPRING GAME
White Sox at Cubs
2:05 p.m. Tuesday, WGN-9
■ Paul Sullivan on what Sox fans can look forward to. **Page 3**

BULLS

Basement flooded

In battle of last-place teams, Nets end 8-game skid, extend Bulls losing streak to 4 with 104-87 decision. **Page 6**

TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Hawks still hope to do better

The bad news is the Blackhawks lost faith in one of their former first-round draft picks. The good news is the Hawks get to try it again with the Predators'.

The better news would be that the Hawks move that pick and other pieces before next season to resurrect the former dynasty quickly.

For now, though, the Hawks' trade of Ryan Hartman to the Predators is how the other half has lived for the last 10 years — a virtual non-playoff team swapping young pieces for the hope that their replacements are better.

Hartman and the Hawks' fifth-round pick this year went to Nashville for the Predators' first- and fourth-round picks this year and Victor Ejdsell, 22, a 6-foot-5, 214-pound forward who has 17 goals and 13 assists in 44 games in the Swedish League.

Hartman, the Hawks' first-round pick (30th overall) in 2013, scored 19 goals and finished with 31 points in 2016-17. He leaves with eight and 25 this season.

Last season while skating five-on-five, according to NaturalStatTrick.com, Hartman averaged .93 goals per 60 minutes, fourth on the Hawks, and 1.73 points per 60 minutes, eighth on the team. This season, he fell to .65 goals per 60 minutes, ninth on the team, but raised his points per 60 to 1.95, sixth on the Hawks and ahead of Jonathan Toews and Brandon Saad.

Hartman largely was a bottom-six forward who apparently did not convince the Hawks he had top-six abilities. He could be replaced by John Hayden, for example, while general manager Stan Bowman attempts to find a player who might grow up to be a top-six talent or top-four defenseman.

Or, hopefully, Bowman doesn't wait for that pick to be developed in the system and uses it to juice up another trade that turns around the fortunes of a team that is ninth in the Western Conference in goals and 10th in goal differential.

Bowman gets credit for getting a first-round pick for Hartman. Now, making several other major deals that include a high draft pick or two — the Hawks still have their first-rounder — appears to be the best option if the Hawks expect to return to Stanley Cup contention.

The Hawks made another deal at the deadline, getting a conditional fifth-round



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Ryan Hartman was sixth on the Hawks in points per 60 minutes but deemed replaceable.

pick for Tommy Wingels, who has been one of their better players lately, although that doesn't mean what it once did.

Most nights, the Hawks look like a team in need of several top-six forwards and at least one and maybe two top-four defensemen. They have a big shopping list. Lucky that Menard's is there for all their construction needs.

The Hawks have liked Edjsell's hands and size for a while, and if those traits can

translate to the NHL quickly, that enhances Bowman's chances of making "One Goal" a legitimate proposition next season.

But if the likes of Toews, Saad, Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith can't find enough parts of their best games, or if Bowman asks some of them to waive their no-movement clauses, this could take a while.

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THE LINEUP

A coming attraction?



The courtship of **LeBron James** has taken an Oscar-worthy turn — toward Philadelphia.

Three billboards urging James to sign with the 76ers this summer as a free agent have been installed along Interstate 480 south of Cleveland. The signs are inspired by the movie "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," an Academy Award nominee for best picture.

The signs include one with the slogan "Complete the Process," a play on the 76ers' "Trust the Process" mantra with their young team, and another that reads: "#PhillyWantsLeBron."

ESPN.com reported the billboards were leased by Power Home Remodeling, a company based in Chester, Pa.

James, 33, can opt out of his contract with the Cavaliers this summer. AP

Sweet smell of success



Russell Wilson officially became a Yankee on Monday, calling it a "dream come true" to put on the uniform of what he says has always been his favorite baseball team.

And after practicing turning double plays with shortstop Didi Gregorius, the Seahawks quarterback said he plans to use his week at spring training in Tampa, Fla., in large part to help his football career.

"Really learning about the Yankees and how they have won 27 World (Series) championships," Wilson said. "There's an aroma around here that I've got to figure out."

Wilson wore No. 73 on his Yankees jersey — 7, he said, was his usual baseball number, and 3 is his number with the Seahawks. He joked that he would have worn No. 3 — long retired for Babe Ruth — "but I think somebody had it already." *Seattle Times*

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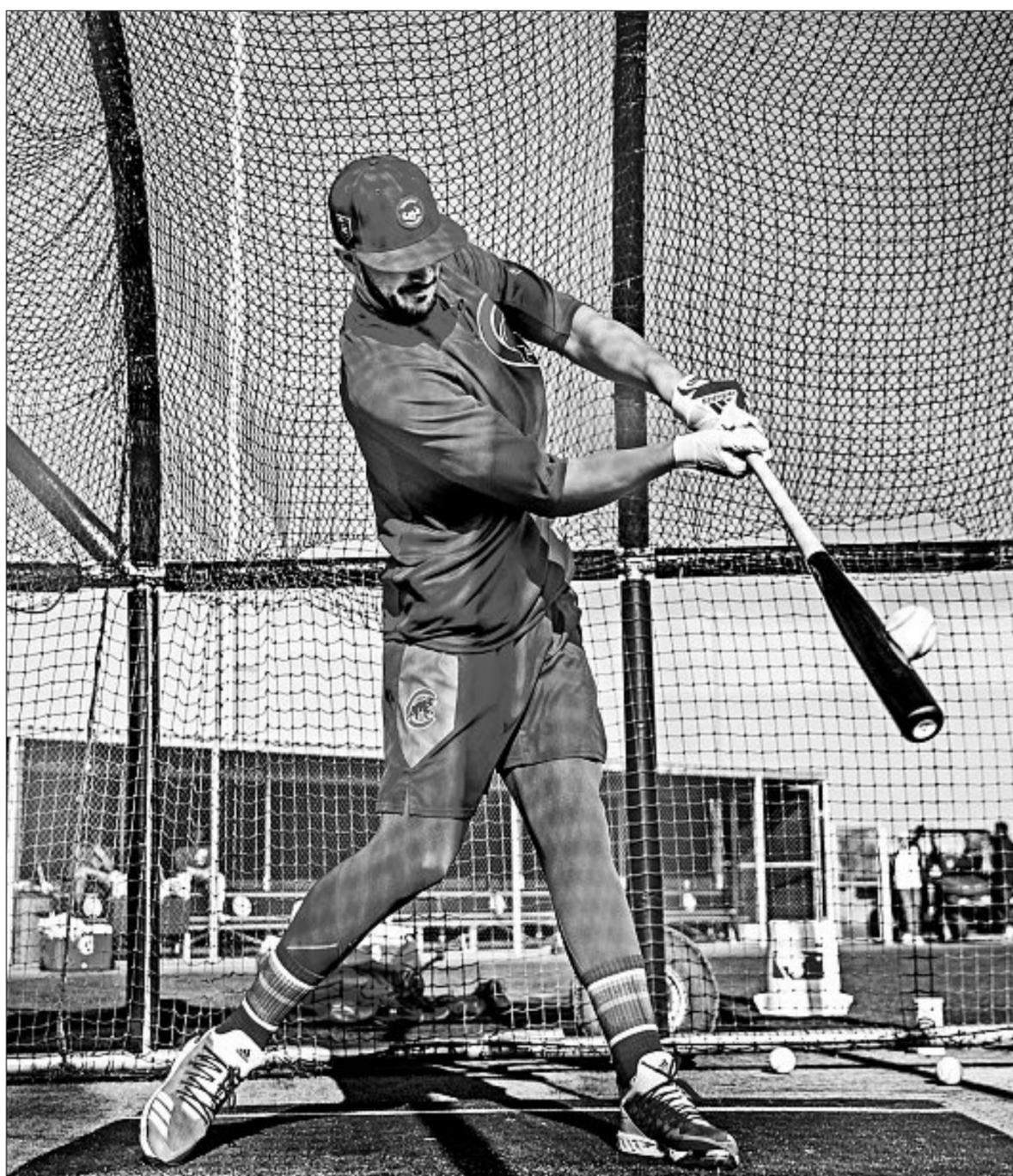
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CUBS AND WHITE SOX



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Kris Bryant puts the bat on the ball in the batting cage Sunday at Sloan Park. Last season, Bryant cut his strikeout total from 154 to 128.

It's basics training

Bryant says he intends to take simpler approach to hitting this season

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — In his relentless search for improvement last season, Kris Bryant admits he might have suffered from brain overload.

"Just almost too much information," Bryant said of his effort to hit to the opposite field more after his 2016 National League Most Valuable Player season. "Last year I was letting certain things affect me in terms of expectations, coming off an MVP year. It's tough to do better than that because then you're basically guaranteed to win the MVP again. And not many people (win) back-to-back (MVP awards)."

"To an extent, it hurt me a little bit. But I've learned a lot from last year, and hopefully I'll apply all that stuff to my game this year."

While Bryant understands that supporters offered suggestions in an attempt to help him, the slugging third baseman feels at peace as the Cubs attempt to recapture the World Series title.

"I like to answer all sorts of questions, but it's kind of nice that it does seem a little more peaceful," Bryant said. "We didn't win a World Series last year, so things are a little different than the previous season. But it's almost a fun position to be in because we want to do that all over again, and then we'll get all those questions all over again."



"My goal this year offensively is to be locked in, ready for each pitch."

— Kris Bryant

as you don't want to feel hurt, sometimes it's good to experience it."

Despite not having an MVP-caliber season, Bryant still achieved career highs in batting average (.295) and on-base percentage (.409) and cut down his strikeout total from 154 to 128.

"My goal this year offensively is to be locked in, ready for each pitch," Bryant said. "If I do that, the result will take care of itself. No worrying about hitting the ball this way, or hitting a pitch that way. It's just locked in. That's all I'm worried about."

Manager Joe Maddon emphasized that those providing tidbits for Bryant were merely doing their jobs but likes the idea of hitters placing themselves in a more reactionary position with a "freer, (more) open mind" and not trying to do things specifically.

"You have all this info out there, and that's the danger for me," Maddon said. "That's why you see on that painting — data versus art. Balance this. You need to balance what you're hearing whether it's watching video, looking at numbers. You have to balance that with what's this pitcher going to do with a runner at second base?"

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CUBS NOTES

Chatwood 'awesome' in debut

BY MARK GONZALES | Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Tyler Chatwood admitted to being nervous before making his spring debut Monday with the Cubs.

"It was awesome," Chatwood said after pitching a scoreless first inning against the Mariners. "I was nervous. I'm not going to lie. I was wearing a different uniform for first time in a while. So it was nerve wracking, but once I got out there and threw the first pitch, I was good."

Much of Chatwood's curiosity with his new team has been quelled thanks to his reunion with former Southern California travel ball teammate Kyle Hendricks.

"He would come in and pitch and do his thing like he does now," said Chatwood, who signed a three-year, \$38 million contract last December after pitching for the Rockies last season. "I played shortstop behind him, so it was fun."

"I'm sure he knew what he wanted to do the whole time. He always has been an intelligent pitcher. And I'm excited to be back with him and learn from him."

Chatwood, however, was surprised twice when Andrew Romine told him before the

game to give him a pitch down the middle. So Chatwood obliged, only to see Romine execute a sacrifice bunt.

"Everyone won on that one," said Chatwood, who subsequently induced an inning-ending double play.

Speedy Schwarber: Kyle Schwarber's mobility has improved noticeably since he no longer is required to wear a brace on his right knee that was repaired two years ago.

And his increased speed has been evident on the basepaths as he stole two bases Sunday, as well as in his ability to recover from a late break on a fly that he caught at Scottsdale Stadium.

Maddon said he hasn't used Schwarber any differently since his substantial weight loss last winter but admitted "maybe you can turn him loose."

"He looks good," Maddon said. "I cannot deny that."

Medical update: Third baseman Kris Bryant was scratched from Monday's lineup because of illness. ... Infielder Ben Zobrist tested his back by doing light field work during Monday's workout.

Sox fans can see the future

Game on TV against Cubs should excite South Siders



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox make their TV debut Tuesday against the Cubs at Sloan Park on WGN-Ch. 9.

It's not exactly must-see TV because it's only a Cactus League

game in late February.

But for the Sox, it's a chance to show their fans what's in store for the future.

"We're excited the fans back home get to see us play," manager Rick Renteria said Monday at Camelback Ranch. "Obviously they're the ones that make the world go 'round for us as an organization. We're excited they're going to see us go against the North Side."

It's the first of three Cactus League meetings between the crosstown rivals, who also meet in the regular season in mid-May at Wrigley Field and in late September at Sox Park.

Though the game is a Cubs telecast, Sox fans can turn down the sound and provide their own commentary, shouting the traditional Hawkisms at the screen whenever necessary.

Here's a Sox viewer's guide to Tuesday's game:

Carson's turn: It's Carson Fulmer vs. Jon Lester, both of whom will be making their spring debuts.

Fulmer, the No. 8 overall pick of the 2015 draft, had a subpar year at Triple-A Charlotte in 2017 but fared well in September with the Sox, going 2-0 with a 1.56 ERA over his final four starts.

That stretch gave Fulmer the leg up on earning a job in the rotation, though he will have to show consistency this spring to seal the deal.

"Carson just has to continue to pitch, and obviously he's in the big mix, the big picture," Renteria said. "I don't want to tell you it's his (job) to lose or for him to win. ... It's about getting him ready for the season."

Still, Renteria agreed Fulmer earned the right to compete for the spot, which is all Fulmer can ask for. Now it's up to him.

"I had to overcome quite a bit,"

Fulmer said. "Last year, just being able to settle in and be confident was the biggest thing."

Fulmer said he hasn't been told the plans for him, and he can't take anything for granted. He was a big deal in Sox camp two years ago before the rebuild began. Now Michael Kopech, who threw two shutout innings on Monday, is the big enclilada, and Fulmer is able to compete under the radar.

"We're all talented in this clubhouse," Fulmer said. "We have a brotherhood and we're willing to help one another have success to win a championship. To single out Kopech (makes sense). He's an unbelievable talent and has a bright future."

Eloy's out: If you're hoping to see the Sox's top prospect, Eloy Jimenez, you're out of luck.

Jimenez, the No. 4 prospect in baseball as ranked by Baseball America, is out of action with a sore left knee.

The Sox say it's nothing serious, and Jimenez concurred, though he has played in only one of the first four Cactus League games. The Sox are being extra cautious, and Jimenez isn't worried about missing a chance to prove the Cubs wrong for sending him to the South Side in the Jose Quintana deal.

"I'll just have to wait for them to come here," Jimenez said, referring to the March 16 home game against the Cubs at Camelback.

Renteria hasn't revealed his lineup, but it could be a chance for another top outfield prospect, Luis Robert, to get some action. The 20-year-old Robert, ranked third in the Sox system after Jimenez and Kopech, hasn't started a game yet and is 0-for-3 coming off the bench in two exhibition games.

Robert put on a hitting display in batting practice again on Monday, and hit so many out last week on a practice field a Sox coach had to ask some fans to throw some of the homers back. Robert is likely to start the season in Class A.

Hold my beer: Renteria vs. Joe Maddon is always an interesting sidebar.

The Cubs fired Renteria after one season so they could hire Maddon, but the team felt so bad they decided to give him a World Series ring anyway.

In his second year of the White Sox rebuild, Renteria is past the hurt the dismissal caused and looks at it as just another game.

Before a Cubs-Sox game last year at Sloan Park, Maddon said the two were fine with each other, adding he would love to sit down and have a beer with Renteria.

"I'm sure we'll have a beer sometime," Renteria said after hearing Maddon's idea. "Absolutely."

We're still waiting on that beer summit.

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CUBS RECAP

A Victor Caratini line drive struck Mariners ace Felix Hernandez on the upper right forearm in the second inning Monday. X-rays were negative. The Cubs rallied from a 9-2 deficit with five runs in the eighth, and Mike Freeman smacked a two-run home run in the ninth to forge a 9-9 tie before 10,021 fans at Sloan Park.

At the plate: Taylor Davis, who knocked the Cardinals out of postseason contention with a game-winning hit on Sept. 28, smacked a home run in the fifth and singled to right in the eighth.

On the mound: Left-hander Brian Duensing looked extremely sharp as he struck out Kirk Nieuwenhuis and Taylor Motter to open the second. But he was tagged for four consecutive hits, starting with a solo shot from Matt Hague and a three-run blast by Dee Gordon.

In the field: Addison Russell fielded a grounder by Gordon before bouncing a throw past first baseman Anthony Rizzo for a throwing error to start the game. Third baseman David Bote made a sliding catch of Ian Miller's popup near the wall for the final out of the eighth.

Key number: 2 — Hits by Cubs leadoff men in first four games.

Up next: Vs. White Sox, 2:05 p.m. Tuesday at Sloan Park. LH Jon Lester vs. RH Carson Fulmer.

WHITE SOX

Duarte: No end to 'nightmare'

Sox prospect discusses sister's death in Vegas mass shooting, insists gun laws must change

By CHRIS KUC | Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Mikey Duarte is broken.

The 23-year-old never will be the same person he was before the life-shattering night of Oct. 1. His parents, Michael and Barbara, never will be the same either.

The White Sox prospect is consumed with sadness, guilt and anger nearly five months after the death of his sister, Christiana, who was among the 58 a gunman killed in Las Vegas in the deadliest mass shooting committed by an individual in the United States.

Mikey and Christiana Duarte were more than brother and sister separated by 16 months — they were best friends.

"She'll never leave my thoughts," an emotional Duarte said Monday at the Sox's spring training complex in Glendale, Ariz. "She's my best friend. She knew everything about me, I knew everything about her. We were really, really close. I'll never be close with anyone like her again. She's my best

friend forever. She'll never leave me, she'll never leave my thoughts and she'll never leave who I am."

Duarte still is trying to pick up the pieces of his life after 64-year-old Stephen Paddock fired more than 1,100 rounds from a hotel window into a crowd that was attending a country music festival.

Mikey Duarte was supposed to be at the concert. He was the one who bought the tickets and asked his sister to go. But a serious injury suffered while playing in a game three weeks earlier meant Duarte had to be at Camelback Ranch for a medical examination so he was not with Christiana when the gunman attacked.

"I had a ticket to go and I had to come here," Mikey Duarte said quietly. "It should have been me."

When he received the news that there had been a shooting and his sister was missing, Duarte raced to Las Vegas and began searching hospitals for any information. Later, he learned his sister had been one of the victims.

"I think about it now, why I wasn't the one dead," Duarte said with tears streaming down his face. "I would do anything to just press a button and she'd come alive because



Duarte

she was so happy, so perfect."

Duarte said his parents, who were in Las Vegas at the time of the shooting, also remain devastated by Christiana's death.

"Every day we wake up it's a living nightmare," he said. "It was the worst mass shooting in United States history and we were involved. And they were there looking for her, on the strip, in the hotel, throwing quarters in the machine while their daughter got shot and killed. They'll never be good again. It's just going to be a daily grind to get through every day like it is now."

Duarte's guilt and sadness is coupled with an anger that surfaces when the subject of gun control comes up.

"Something definitely needs to happen to make concerts safer, to make schools safer, to make the United States of America safer," Duarte said. "I think both sides need to come together, Democrats and Republicans, come together as one because ... we're all the same. If you cut us up, we're all the same inside."

"... There's no reason that a school should be shot up with 17 kids dead. A church, 26 people dead. A concert in Las Vegas, 58 dead. It just keeps happening over and

over again and it's not going to stop until our people high up do something about it.

"There's no reason to have a semiautomatic weapon. If you need to protect your home, you should be able to have a pistol at your house. There's no reason to have an AR-15 or a bump stock weapon to kill hundreds of people at a time. Something needs to be done to help your kids and my kids one day, live in a safer environment."

In the coming days he will report to Camelback Ranch with other minor-leaguers and will attempt to continue on with his career without his biggest fan.

"Coming back and playing baseball for the next seven months is going to mean more now than it probably has before," Duarte said. "Because this is a game all of us love, including her. She was excited to finally come watch me in a professional game, in uniform. ... My mom and dad, too. But we're going to do it for her."

He will have Christiana's name stamped on his bats and embroidered on his gloves.

"It's going to be the best medication," Duarte said of putting on his uniform. "I'm excited to put it back on and play for her."

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Engel's focus on his plate performance

Haugh, from Page 1

The sturdy 6-foot-2, 210-pounder became good enough with the glove to rise through the Sox system after being selected in the 19th round of the 2013 draft. He arrived at spring training as the favorite to be the opening-day center fielder, competing with Leury Garcia and Charlie Tilson.

Engel's Twitter handle, @ManofSteal_10 could apply to blazing speed running bases or dazzling skill robbing hitters. Few center fielders play shallower than Engel, who gets to everything with tremendous instincts and athleticism. New-era metrics show Engel recorded 16 Outs Above Average in 97 games in 2017, third-highest in the majors. Old-school descriptions say Engel's glove is where extra-base hits go to die.

"I just credit a lot of reps," said Engel, 26, an infielder converted to outfield at Louisville. "Defense can keep you around and one day you'll get a feel at the plate and it'll take off eventually."

The Sox would love Engel to improve at the plate so they have a nice problem by the time prized center-field prospect Luis Robert matures into a major-leaguer. There seems nowhere to go but up for Engel after a season when he endured an anemic slash line of .166/.235/.282, with six home runs and 21 RBIs in 301 at-bats. The speedster stole eight bases in nine attempts but, as they say, struggled stealing first.

"Adam is a tremendously gifted center fielder, and we're looking for him to show us what his offensive capabilities are," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "We're confident he's going to be able to do that. At this point, it's a matter of performance."

If only Engel could regain the confidence swinging the bat he possessed earlier in his development, as far back as high school when he hit .537 and shared the Cincinnati-area high school spotlight with a slugger from Middletown, Ohio. ("I was at shortstop when we played Kyle Schwarber's team and I've never seen a ball hit as far as his home run that hit the press box on the football field across the street in right field," Engel recalled, smiling.)

After Engel enjoyed a productive 2014 season offensively at Class A Kannapolis in his first full season as a pro, then-manager Pete Rose Jr. called him the Sox's top overall center field prospect. But the higher Engel ascended, the harder it



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Sox hitting coach Todd Steverson tweaked Adam Engel's mechanics during the offseason.

became to see progress at the plate.

"My journey as an offensive player is well documented and hasn't come as naturally as defense," Engel admitted.

To his credit, Engel openly acknowledged his weakness and devoted his offseason to fixing his swing. Sox hitting coach Todd Steverson and Engel tweaked his swinging fundamentals over the winter. He draws inspiration from All-Star players once known primarily for their defense who became dangerous hitters — "If guys like Anthony Rizzo and Brandon Crawford can do it, so can I," Engel said.

He scrapped what didn't work about his right-handed mechanics for what felt natural. He added movement, involving a slight leg kick and adjusting his hands.

"Most of my career, I've tried to water down my movements but I've seen that actually has had opposite effect," Engel said. "So I'm putting myself in a more athletic position to capitalize on that. I want to establish myself as an offensive player this year. That's the big goal. And I'm ready."

Staying ready on and off the field

enabled Engel to cope with his most hectic week as a rookie. The Sox sent Engel to Triple-A Charlotte on June 11 when the team was in Cleveland — three days before Engel's wife, Jaime, was scheduled to give birth to the couple's first child. A call in the middle of the night alerted Engel the baby was coming early. So Engel rented a car at 2 a.m. and drove 250 miles to his hometown of Cincinnati to discover — this time — he had gotten a good jump for nothing.

"False alarm," Engel said.

Sympathetic to the situation, the Sox told Engel to take his time getting to Charlotte. On June 12, Clarke Isabella Engel was born with both parents present. A week later, after a four-game stint with the Knights, Engel returned to the South Side for the remainder of the season.

A silver pendant with his daughter's name engraved into it now hangs around Engel's neck.

It's a daily reminder that some things are worth the wait.

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Burger suffers Achilles injury; Jimenez sore

By CHRIS KUC | Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — It was a rough day on the injury front for White Sox prospects.

Not long after manager Rick Renteria revealed that Eloy Jimenez, the No. 4 prospect according to Baseball America, has a sore left knee, 2017 first-round draft pick Jake Burger suffered a left Achilles tendon injury during the Sox's 7-6 victory over the A's on Monday at Camelback Ranch.

In the third inning, Burger sent a ground ball to third and got about three-quarters of the way to first base before crumpling to the ground. The Sox's top pick (11th overall) in the '17 draft eventually was helped up but didn't put any weight on his left leg while being loaded onto a cart. Burger's status will be updated Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Renteria said the Sox are being cautious with Jimenez, who was injured during a recent practice and aggravated it in Friday's Cactus League opener against the Dodgers.

"We're very, very cautious with him," Renteria said. "As soon as we get a nice feel for where he's at and he feels comfortable, we'll start inserting him into the lineup."

Jimenez took batting practice Monday morning and later said the injury wasn't "serious."

"I'm feeling pretty good," he said. "I felt some soreness in my knee, but I'm good and getting ready for the games."

Impressive start: Top pitching prospect Michael Kopech was impressive in his Cactus League debut. The right-hander worked two scoreless innings, allowing two hits while striking out three during the Sox's third consecutive victory. Kopech struck out the first batter he faced, Boog Powell, with a 101-mph fastball.

"The velocity is going to be there for me," Kopech said. "I'm excited about my other stuff, throwing my changeup when I can, using my slider as an out pitch. I'm not going to focus on velocity but it's always good when it's there."

Kopech was more pleased with his secondary pitches, a focus for him this spring training.

"I got behind in the count a couple of times and it gave me an opportunity to really work on my changeup and off-speed pitches," the 21-year-old said.

Tribune reporter Paul Sullivan contributed to this report.

WHITE SOX RECAP

The White Sox ran their Cactus League winning streak to three with a 7-6 victory over the Athletics on Monday at Camelback Ranch.

At the plate: Tyler Saladino went 2-for-2 with a run scored and Jose Rondon knocked in two runs to pace the Sox offense. Brandon Moss was 2-for-3 for the A's.

On the mound: Michael Kopech started for the Sox and pitched two scoreless innings, yielding two hits while striking out three. Luis Avilan, Dylan Covey and Aaron Bummer each pitched one inning without allowing a run.

In the field: Left fielder Luis Basabe made a nice read on a liner hit right at him and came up with diving catch to retire Anthony Garcia to end the top of the eighth inning.

Big number: 12. Sox hits against the A's. **Prospect spotlight — Jake Burger:** Third baseman doubled and later scored in the second inning but was carted off the field in the third after suffering a left Achilles tendon injury while running out a ground ball.

Up next: At the Cubs, 2:05 p.m. Tuesday at Sloan Park in Mesa. RH Carson Fulmer vs. LH Jon Lester.

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Bears GM Ryan Pace and new coach Matt Nagy, right, head to this week's scouting combine with lots of personnel issues on their minds.

REAL TALK

Big question marks on Bears' to-do list

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As Ryan Pace and Matt Nagy steer the Bears into the first player-acquisition cycle of their partnership, they must navigate a tricky dynamic. The Bears are again in transition with a first-time coach in Nagy whose focus is on igniting the offense.

Transitions often take time, but in Pace's fourth season as GM, his 14-34 record demands immediate signs of progress.

With the NFL scouting combine beginning Wednesday in Indianapolis, what should we hope to learn about Pace and Nagy over the next two months? What potential roster changes could help the Bears transition to Nagy's program with the necessary urgency?

We discuss in a pre-combine edition of "Real Talk."

Campbell: Because Pace had his contract extended in January and was empowered to hire his second head coach, Nagy did not arrive at Halas Hall with a clean slate. The upside to that: There are building blocks that Pace installed and the last coaching staff developed — Mitch Trubisky, Jordan Howard, Tarik Cohen, Akiem Hicks, etc. The downside, though, is that there's significant pressure on Nagy to engineer the type of quick turnaround John Fox was expected to produce.

We've cited the Rams often, and that example is relevant again in this discussion. A new coach with an incumbent GM can turn the team around quickly. Yet we've already heard Nagy emphasize how it will take time to elevate the Bears offense to the level of success his Chiefs achieved last season. And that's reasonable, given the Bears' relative inexperience at quarterback and deficiencies at other positions.

I'm eager to see whether Pace maintains the disciplined "shotgun" approach to free agency that has produced mixed results at best through his first three seasons. After three straight double-digit-loss seasons, there must be some degree of temptation for him to pay for a top-of-the-market cornerback, for example. Will Pace be affected by the weight of three poor seasons, or does Nagy's arrival relieve any compulsion to change his approach?

Wiederer: You know my mantra this time of year: Wake me on May 1. By that point, we'll have the comprehensive docket of the additions and subtractions the Bears have made during free agency and the draft. And at that point we can reassess what the 2018 Bears look like on paper.



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Bears coach Matt Nagy has tools to reboot the offense such as quarterback Mitch Trubisky and running back Tarik Cohen.

However, what we can do well is assess the Bears' wish list and needs and try to decipher how the Pace-Nagy union will shape the moves in the months ahead. So let's start with the needs. The Bears need a backup quarterback, an overhauled corps of receivers, added depth on the offensive line, more teeth in their pass rush and more stability in their secondary.

Oh, and a kicker. And that's just at the top of the list. So, yes, these next nine weeks are going to be quite busy and pressure-packed for Pace. The fourth-year GM can't get to this point next year and still be looking at a roster with this many holes.

Campbell: On the precipice of free agency, the Bears struggle with the same question that has dogged them since last preseason: How are they going to score?

Pace already made a huge move toward answering that by hiring Nagy and, by extension, offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich and consultant Brad Childress. Schematically, the Bears will be different in Trubisky's second season, and because of the experience he amassed in 12 starts, they should be more advanced.

But what about the supporting cast? The Bears' quarterback uncertainty last March made them a relatively unattractive destination for free agents. For example, they believed they were set to sign Ted Ginn before he reconsidered the opportunity to play with Drew Brees for the Saints.

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Will the Bears have better luck on the open market this year with an offensive-minded (but inexperienced) coaching staff and a young quarterback who showed promise? Keep in mind, the supply of quality free-agent receivers is not as plentiful as the Bears would like.

Wiederer: I've always referred to NFL free agency as a glorified flea market. A lot of junk. A handful of worthwhile purchases. Some good bargains if you search hard enough. Maybe a couple hidden gems.

With a couple of weeks before free agency begins, we're looking at a receiver shelf that could include Terrelle Pryor, Marqise Lee, Donte Moncrief, Albert Wilson, Taylor Gabriel and Jordan Matthews.

Set your expectations accordingly.

Campbell: I wonder what we might glean in the coming weeks about Nagy's personnel preferences and what his offense will look like. We know Josh Sitton (at 31 with an \$8 million salary) didn't fit their vision. What about the types of receivers the Bears are after? Will they seek a deep threat like Paul Richardson of the Seahawks? Does Markus Wheaton still have a role in the quick, horizontal passing concepts that make up Nagy's offense?

Our questions about the defense seem less open-ended because of the continuity ensured by retaining Vic Fangio. Still, the needs you mentioned are plainly evident.

Wiederer: Look, I understand the urge of optimistic fans who haven't seen a three-game winning streak in five years and want to believe this latest wave of changes will produce immediate positive results. Rapid turnovers happen all the time in the NFL. Why not in Chicago?

But we know so little yet about the 2018 Bears. Almost nothing, really. So let's give this feeling-out process some time. At least we'll start to learn more this week.

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McPhee gone, feels 'disappointment in myself'

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"You know, not able to accomplish what I wanted to accomplish while I was there. So it hit me that way. I was disappointed that I wasn't able to stay healthy and staying there and changing the organization around. It's still the same as it probably was before I came and that's the only disappointment I really have, not finishing out my part."

Roster reshaping is an ongoing process for Pace and the Bears, who now have more than \$60 million in projected salary cap space as the team handles business before what projects to be a busy free-agent period beginning March 14. The Bears figure to have another move or two in the near future that could push them well above \$70 million in space because quarterback Mike Glennon is unlikely to remain with the team.

The Bears signed McPhee to a five-year, \$38.75 million contract and he wound up making \$23.175 million. He was set to earn \$7.575 million this season and his release

cleared \$7075 million in space. In three years, he played in 36 games and totaled 14 sacks and three forced fumbles.

McPhee, 29, underwent arthroscopic knee surgery the day after the Bears reported to training camp last summer and that led to him getting only four snaps in the opener against the Falcons. He produced four sacks in the next six games but was placed on injured reserve with a shoulder injury for the final two games. His departure only underscores the team's need to restock the position around former first-round pick Leonard Floyd.

"My knees never really hurt me this year," McPhee said. "I was really surprised. After (the first half of the season), the game plans kind of changed. I never made a big deal about it. That was a battle I knew I wasn't going to win. That's just me being true to myself so I understand why I wasn't as dominant as I should have been."

"What happened to me is a bad thing but it also feels like a blessing because I have a

brand new, fresh opportunity. I had been there three years, and just looking at myself in the mirror, I probably would have done the same thing Chicago did. I probably would have made the same decision Pace did but I can't act like it isn't tough because it is. Once you put in so much work, you have friends and you fall in love with the place and it was a nice place."

Demps, who will be 33 in June, was deemed expendable after free safety Eddie Jackson performed well as a rookie and Adrian Amos had his finest season. He was limited to three games after he suffered a fractured left forearm. The Bears hoped Demps would return from injured reserve but nerve damage in his arm following surgery complicated matters and he wound up being shut down. He was to earn \$3.6 million, and releasing him created \$3.26 million in cap space.

2018

Will Games still bring home gold?

Ad revenue up but viewers down, so youth key for NBC



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On media

And so it is over. The Pyeongchang Winter Olympics are officially done. NBC aired its taped highlights of the closing ceremony, and Johnny Weir appeared out of exclamation points.

The strongest memories from NBC's abridged telecast of the grand finale weren't of athletes decked out in colorful gear and having a good time. The stars who had carried the previous 2½ weeks were eclipsed in the closing extravaganza by K-pop music stars: the group EXO in white and singer CL in black.

In the black of another kind, by its own account, was NBC, continuing a profitable streak it has claimed since London in 2012.

Besides making money, the Games made stars. Even before the flame was extinguished Sunday, U.S. snowboarder Chloe Kim was on boxes of Kellogg's Corn Flakes, with U.S. hockey captain Meghan Duggan headed for the front of Special K packages.

More deals are likely in the offing, including some that don't involve cereals, although the U.S. medal count was down from recent Winter Games.

U.S. viewership also was down, falling below that of Sochi four years ago in a way that suggested fatigue set in after a strong start, although there was a bit of a bounce for the closing ceremony.

Perhaps news headlines lured viewers away. It's possible Team USA's medal struggles in sports it was expected to be stronger in had viewers looking elsewhere. Maybe the events showcased in later days just weren't as compelling.

It still was the biggest draw around.

On NBC alone, Olympics coverage averaged 19.8 million viewers, while the combined average for ABC, CBS and Fox was 9.8 million. That's an 82 percent advantage, up from a 43 percent advantage in Sochi and an 8 percent edge in 2010 in Vancouver. ABC, CBS and Fox actually combined for 38 percent more viewers than NBC's 2006 Winter Games coverage in Torino.

NBC veered from conventional wisdom in carrying Olympic programming simultaneously coast to coast, rather than staggered by time zones. What was live in the East — such as morning events in South Korea in prime time here — was on at the same time in the West. That enabled social media to funnel viewers into events without so much risk of spoiling it.

This also was the first time a network has had live prime-time coverage on two outlets at the same time.

Proof of the Olympics' undeniable and sometimes unexpected appeal: Live coverage of the U.S. men's curling squad's gold-medal match with Sweden averaged a reported 1.58 million viewers on NBCSN and 78,000 streams online in the middle of the night, roughly midnight to 3 a.m. in Chicago.

Viewers under 30 are showing they are as likely to watch the Olympics on devices as on a television. Of some concern is they may not be nearly as interested in the Olympics as their parents.

NBC has aggressively stacked out digital platforms, adding streams of its TV coverage and even producing some content for Snapchat. Whatever the preferred mode of viewing turns out to be in the years to come, NBC needs to be there. If the Olympics is no longer considered binge-worthy programming before today's preschoolers at least reach college, NBC is in trouble.

That's because NBCUniversal parent Comcast laid out \$775 billion in 2014 for a 10-year extension to lock up the U.S. rights to the Summer and Winter Olympics through 2032.

"This is so cute," ABC host Jimmy Kimmel joked at the time in a presentation to advertisers. "They still think there's going to be a winter by 2032."

But Kimmel had to acknowledge the Olympics are a magnet for viewers.

"The video screens above the pumps at the gas stations would have been No. 1 if they had the Olympics," Kimmel said.

NBC's audience numbers in the beginning of the Pyeongchang Olympics were far enough ahead of its pre-Games projections that it could sell \$20 million in extra national commercial time. The slots initially were held in reserve in case advertisers that already spent a collective \$900 million to reach a certain number of eyeballs needed free spots to get their money's worth.

So that's \$920 million in national sales, where Sochi reportedly brought in only \$800 million (about \$850 million in today's dollars).

"With Tokyo, Beijing, Paris and Los Angeles coming up as hosts — and coming off four consecutive profitable Games — we are very bullish on our investment," NBC Sports Group Chairman Mark Lazarus said.

So it's not just K-pop stars singing an upbeat tune. You never know, however, who will still be hot in a few years.

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SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
 EXH SOX 2:05 WGN-9		EXH OAK 2:05	EXH COL 2:05	EXH @LAA 2:10	EXH CIN 2:05 AM-670	EXH @ARI 2:10 AM-670	EXH @COL 2:10
 EXH @CUBS 2:05 AM-720		EXH TEX 2:05	EXH @CIN 2:05	EXH LAD 2:05	EXH @KC 2:05	EXH SD 2:05	EXH @OAK 2:05
 @CHA 6 NBCSCH AM-670				DAL 7 WGN-9 AM-670		BOS 7 NBCSCH AM-670	
 @SJ 9 WGN-9 AM-720					@LA 3 NBCSCH AM-720	@ANA 3 NBCSCH AM-720	

TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	EVENT	NETWORK
Noon	Tigers at Phillies	MLBN
2:05 p.m.	White Sox at Cubs	WGN-9, WGN-AM 720
6 p.m.	Bulls at Hornets	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670
7 p.m.	Wizards at Bucks	TNT
9:30 p.m.	Clippers at Nuggets	TNT
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
6 p.m.	Florida at Alabama	ESPN
6 p.m.	Missouri at Vanderbilt	ESPN2
6 p.m.	Oklahoma State at Iowa State	ESPNU
6 p.m.	St. Joseph's at Rhode Island	CBSSN
8 p.m.	DePaul at Creighton	FS1, WYLL-AM 1160
8 p.m.	Miami at North Carolina	ESPN
8 p.m.	Kansas State at TCU	ESPNU
8 p.m.	Davidson at St. Bonaventure	CBSSN
10 p.m.	Boise State at San Diego State	CBSSN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
6 p.m.	Oklahoma at Texas	FS1
NHL		
7 p.m.	Blues at Wild	NBCSN
9:30 p.m.	Kings at Golden Knights	NBCSN
FA CUP SOCCER		
2 p.m.	Sheffield Wednesday at Swansea City	FS2
TENNIS		
8 a.m.	ATP Dubai	Tennis (more, 4 a.m. Wed.)
3 p.m.	ATP Acapulco	Tennis Channel

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS	AMERICAN LEAGUE	SPRING TRAINING RESULTS, SCHEDULE	NATIONAL LEAGUE
WHITE SOX 3-1	White Sox 7, Oakland 4	Quick Hit 2, *SPLIT SQUAD	BRUINS 2-1
Baltimore 0-4	Seattle 5, Cubs 9	AS' Murchy 1-2, 2 RBI	Arizona 2-1
Boston 4-0	Boston 13, Pittsburgh 2	Cubs' Freeman hit 2-run HR	Arizona 1-3
Brewer 1-2	Trotter 8, Baltimore 6	Red Sox's Sturgeon hit 3-run HR	Arizona 1-3
Detroit 3-1	Minnesota 5, St. Louis 4	Tigers' Jones 2-3, 2 RBI	Arizona 1-3
Houston 4-0	Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 4	Cardinals' Rava 2-4, 2 RBI	Arizona 1-3
Kansas City 2-0	Atlanta 2, Washington 1	Rays' Adams, McCarthy 2-run HRs	Arizona 1-3
Los Angeles 2-2	Houston 8, NY Mets 7	Braves' Suzuki 2-2, 1 RBI	Arizona 1-3
Minnesota 2-1	Houston 11, Houston *0	Astros' Tucker hit 2-run HR	Arizona 1-3
New York 4-0	Arizona 5, Cincinnati 2	Marlins' Van Slyke 3-1, R, 2 RBI	Arizona 1-3
Oakland 2-1	Arizona 7, Colorado 4	D'Backs' Clarke 4-50 in 2 IP	Arizona 1-3
Pittsburgh 2-2	Kansas City 10, San Fran. 6	Royals' Merrifield hit 2-run HR	Arizona 1-3
Tampa Bay 3-2	Milwaukee 7, Cleveland 6	Brewers' Bortone hit 2-run HR	Arizona 1-3
Texas 0-3	San Diego 14, LA Angels 4	Padres' team hits 5 HRs	Arizona 1-3
Toronto 1-3	LA Dodgers 9, Texas 6	D'Backs' Cron 2-4, 2 R, 1 RBI	Arizona 1-3
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
BRUINS 2-1	NY Yankees 4, Philia. 3	Yankees' Andujar walk-off HR	Arizona 1-3
Arizona 2-1	TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE		Arizona 1-3
Arizona 1-3	White Sox vs. Cubs	Site, Team	Arizona 1-3
Cincinnati 1-4	Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay	Mesa, Ariz., 3:05	Arizona 1-3
Colorado 2-2	Detroit vs. Philadelphia	Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05	Arizona 1-3
Los Angeles 3-1	Miami vs. Washington	Clearwater, Fla., 1:05	Arizona 1-3
Milwaukee 4-1	Pittsburgh vs. Atlanta	W. Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05	Arizona 1-3
NY Yankees 3-1	Arizona 5, Boston 2	Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05	Arizona 1-3
Philadelphia 0-3	Houston vs. NY Mets	Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05	Arizona 1-3
Pittsburgh 0-3	NY Yankees vs. Toronto	Dundee, Fla., 1:07	Arizona 1-3
St. Louis 1-3	Houston vs. NY Mets	Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10	Arizona 1-3
San Diego 1-3	Arizona vs. San Francisco	Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05	Arizona 1-3
San Francisco 0-1	Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee	Phoenix, 3:05	Arizona 1-3
Washington 1-3	LA Angels vs. Cleveland	Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05	Arizona 1-3
Games vs. non-MLB opp. do not count in standings through Monday	Texas vs. L.A. Dodgers	Surprise, Ariz., 3:05	Arizona 1-3
	LA Angels vs. Colorado	Glendale, Ariz., 3:05	Arizona 1-3
	San Diego vs. Seattle*	Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10	Arizona 1-3
	Boston* vs. Minnesota	Peoria, Ariz., 3:10	Arizona 1-3
		Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05	Arizona 1-3

WHITE SOX 7, ATHLETICS 6

OAK	AB	R	H	BI	WSOX	AB	R	H	BI
B.Pwell c	2	0	0	0	C.Tison lf	3	1	1	0
S.Mrphy c	2	1	2	1	L.Sbase lf	1	0	0	0
Barreto 2b	3	0	0	0	Silino 2b	2	1	2	0
N.Nonan 2b	0	0	0	0	J.Emre 2b	0	0	0	0
Pescotti rf	2	0	1	0	D.Olmos dh	3	1	0	0
Merrill pr	2	1	1	1	Gilspie ph	2	1	1	0
M.Olson dh	2	0	0	0	Divison 1b	0	1	1	1
Lureau ph	2	0	0	0	M.Skole 1b	0	0	0	0
C.Presser ss	3	0	0	0	J.Breger 3b	1	1	1	0
Darcia pf	2	0	1	0	A.Apolin c	2	0	0	0
B.Moore ss	1	0	0	0	D.Palka rf	2	0	1	1
Htchock pr	1	1	1	0	Jac.May rf	2	0	0	0
M.Canha lf	3	0	1	1	K.Smith c	3	1	1	0
W.Hoffe 3b	1	0	0	0	G.Razack c	1	0	1	1
Maxwell c	3	0	1	1	A.Engel c	1	0	0	0
E.White cf	1	0	1	1	L.Grcia cf	1	0	0	0
S.Neuse 3b	0	0	0	0	J.Rdn s	3	1	2	0
Martini lf	1	0	0	0	Yrizarri ss	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	36	6	9	6	TOTALS	37	12	7	7

E. Yrizarri (1), DP: Oakland 0, WHITE SOX 7

L.OB: Oakland 7, WHITE SOX 8. 2B: Murphy (1), Piscotti (1), Moss (1), Saladino (1), Delmonico (2), Davidson (1), Burger (1), Engel (1), 3B: Gilspie (1), Rondón (1), SF: Merrill (1), Saladino (1), CS: Pin- (1) (SF: Skole (1))

OAKLAND IP H R ER BB SO

TEAM	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gravenand	2	4	1	0	3	3
Castilla	1	2	1	0	1	0
Alcantara	1/3	3	3	2	0	1
Kojisch	1/3	0	0	0	1	2
Blackwood	1	0	0	0	2	1
Diech	1	3	2	1	1	1
Castro	1	0	0	0	1	0
CUBS						
TEAM	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kopech W (1-0)	2	2	0	0	0	3
Aviliev	1	0	0	0	2	3
Beck	1/3	2	1	1	2	1
Clark	1	1	1	1	1	3
Covey	1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Markov	1	3	2	1	1	2
Fry	3/5	3	4	2	1	0
Danish S (1-1)	1/3	0	0	0	0	0

WP: Garner, Umpires: Home, R. Drake; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Mark Caron; Third, Jim Wolf. Time: 3:37. A: 10,021

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore: Agreed to terms with DH Pedro Alvarez on a minor league contract.
Boston: Agreed to terms with OF-DH J.D. Martinez on a five-year contract.
Toronto: Signed RHP Seung-Hwan Oh to a one-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati: Agreed to terms with OF Ben Revere on a minor league contract.
New York: Signed RHP A.J. Griffin to a minor league contract.
BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Atlanta: Waived F Ersan Ilyasova. Called out C Josh Magee and F Andrew White III from Eric (NBAL).
NBA DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE
Agua Caliente: Acquired F Skylar Spencer from the G League available for player pool.
Santa Cruz: Acquired G Jeremy Pargo from the in-season waiver wire.
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Bears: Released LB Pernell McPhee and QB Quintin Demps.
Carolina: Released S Kurt Coleman and DE Charles Johnson.
Cleveland: Claimed WR Larry Pinkard off waivers from Jacksonville.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Blackhawks: Acquired 2018 first- and fourth-round draft picks and F Victor Ejdsell from Nashville for F Ryan Hartman and a 2018 fifth-round draft pick. Acquired a conditional 2019 fifth-round pick from Boston for F Tommy Timmer and a 2019 fifth-round draft pick.
Nashville: Signed C Mike Fisher to a one-year contract. Acquired F Brandon Bollig and G Troy Grosenick from San Jose for a 2018 sixth-round draft pick. Acquired F Tyler Gaudet and D John Ramage from Arizona for FPC Labrie and D Trevor Murphy.
2018 WINTER OLYMPICS
U.S. WINTER GAMES MEDALS
FR G S B T Y **R** G S B T Y
 1924 1 2 1 4 1980 6 4 2 12
 1928 2 2 2 6 1984 4 4 0 8
 1932 6 4 2 12 1988 2 1 3 6
 1936 1 0 3 4 1992 2 2 2 6
 1948 3 4 2 9 1994 6 5 2 13
 1952 4 6 1 11 1998 6 3 4 13
 1956 2 3 2 7 2002 10 13 3 14
 1960 3 4 3 10 2006 9 7 7 25
 1964 1 2 4 7 2010 9 15 13 37
 1968 1 5 1 7 2014 9 7 12 28
 1972 3 2 3 8 2018 9 8 6 23
 1976 3 3 4 10 **Top 105 110 90 305**
US MEDALISTS
-GOLD (9)
W alpine: Mikaela Shiffrin (giant slalom)
W Cross-Country: Kikkan Randall, Jessica Diggins (team sprint)
M Curling: Joe Polo, Tyler George, John Lundsten, John Shuster, Matt Hamilton
W freestyle sk: David Wise (halfpipe)
Ice hockey: Women
M snowboard: Redmond Gerard (slopestyle)
W snowboard: Jamie Anderson (slopestyle)
W snowboard: Chloe Kim (halfpipe)
M snowboard: Shaun White (halfpipe)
-SILVER (8)
W alpine: Mikaela Shiffrin (combined)
W bobsled: Elana Meyers Taylor and Lauren Gibbs
M freestyle sk: Alex Ferreira (halfpipe)
Ice Dance figure sk: Alex Shibutani and Maia Shibutani
M luge: Christopher Mazzer
M short track speedskating: John-Henry Krueger (1000)
M snowboard: Kyle Mack (big air)
W snowboard: Jamie Anderson (big air)
-BRONZE (6)
W alpine sk: Lindsey Vonn (downhill)
Ice Dance figure sk: Alex Shibutani and Maia Shibutani
W figure skating: Nathan Chen, Adam Rippon, Mirai Nagasu, Bradie Tennell, Chris Kriemier, Alexa Scimeca-Kriemier, Alvin Shibutani, Maia Shibutani
W freestyle sk: Brita Sigourney (halfpipe)
W snowboard: Arielle Gold (halfpipe)
W speedskating: Mia Manganello, Heester Bergsma, Brittany Bowe, Carlijn Schoutens (team pursuit)

LATEST LINE

NBA	PREVIOUS	NEW
at Charlotte	10	TUESDAY Bulls
at Cleveland	11 1/2	Brooklyn
Philadelphia	11	at Miami
at Milwaukee	3	Washington
at Portland	1 1/2	at Sacramento
at Denver	3 1/2	LA Clippers
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
at Kent St.	2	TUESDAY Miami (Ohio)
at Buffalo	16	Akron
at Cent. Mich.	Pk	Ball St.
at W Michigan	4	E. Michigan
at Ohio	4 1/2	Bowling Green
at Miss. St.	Pk	Tennessee
at Alabama	1 1/2	Florida
Missouri	1	at Vanderbilt
at Iowa St.	1	Oklahoma St.
at Rhode Island	13	St. Joseph's
at Arkansas	1	at Illinois
at Creighton	10 1/2	Auburn
at Baylor	4 1/2	DePaul
at N. Carolina	11 1/2	Oklahoma State
at St. Bonavntre	2 1/2	Miami
at San Diego St.	2 1/2	Davidson
Boise St.		Boise St.
NHL		
at Pittsburgh	off	New Jersey
at Washington	-201	Ottawa
at Boston	-205	Carolina
at Winnipeg	-119	Nashville
at Florida	off	Toronto
at Minnesota	-147	St. Louis
at Dallas	-145	Calgary
at Las Vegas	off	Los Angeles
at San Jose	-141	Edmonton

NBA

TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STK	HOME	AWAY	CONF
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC									
Toronto	42	17	.712	-	8-2	W-1	25-5	17-12	26-8
Boston	43	19	.694	1/2	6-4	W-3	22-11	21-8	27-13
Philadelphia	32	26	.552	9 1/2	8-2	L-1	19-10	13-16	18-14
New York	24	38	.387	19 1/2	1-9	L-2	16-14	8-24	12-25
Brooklyn	20	41	.328	23	1-8	L-2	12-21	8-20	13-23
SOUTHEAST									
Washington	35	25	.583	-	7-3	W-1	18-11	17-14	22-15
Miami	31	29	.517	4	2-8	W-1	15-12	16-17	21-17
Charlotte	27	33	.450	8	6-4	W-4	17-15	10-18	16-18
Orlando	18	42	.300	17	3-7	L-6	11-17	5-25	11-27
Atlanta	18	43	.295	17 1/2	3-7	L-4	13-18	7-25	8-31
CENTRAL									
Cleveland	35	24	.593	-	6-4	L-1	20-9	15-15	25-13
Indiana	34	26	.567	1 1/2	7-3	L-1	21-11	13-15	24-15
Milwaukee	33	25	.569	2	6-4	L-1	19-11	14-15	20-17
Detroit	28	32	.467	7 1/2	4-6	L-3	19-13	9-19	17-22
BULLS	20	40	.333	15 1/2	2-8	L-4	13-17	7-23	17-19
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
SOUTHWEST									
Houston	47	13	.783	-	10-0	W-13	24-6	23-7	29-8
San Antonio	36	25	.590	11 1/2	4-6	W-1	22-6	14-19	20-15
New Orleans	34	26	.567	1 1/2	5-6	W-1	17-12	12-14	16-19
Dallas	19	42	.311	28 1/2	3-7	W-1	12-19	7-23	10-30
Memphis	18	41	.305	28					

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

BIG TEN POWER RANKINGS BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

The Big Ten tournament begins Wednesday with intrigue. Michigan State is the team to beat. Purdue has the talent to make a run. Michigan enters with momentum with seven wins in eight games. Remember what happened when the Wolverines got hot last year? Bracketologists predict only four Big Ten teams will make the NCAA tournament. Can another team sneak in with a strong run in New York? Here are our final power rankings of the season (last week's ranking in parentheses):

BIG TEN POWER RANKINGS			BIG TEN TOURNAMENT	
Rank	Team	Notes	Seed	Game
1	Michigan State 28-3, 16-2 (1)	The NCAA clearing Miles Bridges of possible recruiting violations is a big boost for the Spartans.	1	11 a.m. Friday vs. 8/9 winner
2	Michigan 24-7, 13-5 (2)	The Wolverines recorded their first victory in four attempts at Maryland since 1937.	5	1:30 p.m. Thursday vs. 12/13 winner
3	Purdue 26-5, 15-3 (3)	Carsen Edwards has scored in double figures in 14 straight games, including 40 points at Illinois.	3	8 p.m. Friday vs. 6/11-14 winner
4	Ohio State 24-7, 15-3 (4)	C.J. Jackson's winner against Indiana with less than 2 seconds left clinched the No. 2 seed.	2	5:30 p.m. Friday vs. 7/10 winner
5	Nebraska 22-9, 13-5 (5)	The Cornhuskers are the only team that went undefeated at home in conference play.	4	1:30 p.m. Friday vs. 5/12-13 winner
6	Maryland 19-12, 8-10 (8)	The Terrapins' struggles have come mostly away from College Park; they were 15-3 at home.	8	11 a.m. Thursday vs. Wisconsin
7	Penn State 19-12, 9-9 (6)	The Nittany Lions hope leading scorer Mike Watkins (leg) returns for the Big Ten tournament.	7	5:30 p.m. Thursday vs. Northwestern
8	Indiana 16-14, 9-9 (7)	The Hoosiers have won six of eight. A season-opening loss to Indiana State seems like eons ago.	6	8 p.m. Thursday vs. 11/14 winner
9	Wisconsin 14-17, 7-11 (9)	Freshman Brad Davison scored 30 points in a three-point loss to Michigan State.	9	11 a.m. Thursday vs. Maryland
10	Minnesota 15-16, 4-14 (14)	The Gophers had promise but finished the regular season with 10 losses in 11 games.	11	7 p.m. Wednesday vs. Rutgers
11	Iowa 13-18, 4-14 (11)	Jordan Bohannon intentionally missed a free throw to avoid breaking Chris Street's record.	12	4:30 p.m. Wednesday vs. Illinois
12	Illinois 14-17, 4-14 (10)	Only Deon Thomas and Kiwane Garris scored more as Illini freshmen than Trent Frazier (12.6 ppg).	13	4:30 p.m. Wednesday vs. Iowa
13	Northwestern 15-16, 6-12 (13)	The Wildcats have lost six straight after upsetting Michigan.	10	5:30 p.m. Thursday vs. Penn State
14	Rutgers 13-18, 3-15 (12)	For the fourth straight year, the Scarlet Knights finished last in the regular-season standings.	14	7 p.m. Wednesday vs. Minnesota



NATI HARNIK/AP

Redshirt junior forward Leron Black leads Illinois in scoring (15.7 ppg), rebounding (5.3 rpg) and 3-point shooting (52.4 percent).

Black on right track

Illini forward has learned to harness his emotions on and off the court, resulting in a career-best season

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

CHAMPAIGN — Two women seated in an otherwise empty fan lounge near the Illinois locker room applauded and jumped up as soon as they spotted Leron Black about a half-hour after a game.

"Leron! Great job tonight!" they said. Black walked over and hunched his 6-foot-7 frame for hugs.

"Do you know them?" a reporter asked. Smiling, he said bashfully, "No, they're fans."

Black, a redshirt junior forward, is a favorite among the Illini faithful, teammates and coaches for reasons beyond his team-leading 15.7 points and 5.3 rebounds per game.

"He's not a look-at-me guy," said assistant coach Jamall Walker, who recruited Black out of Memphis, Tenn. "You ask anybody on this campus; he's one of the nicest kids you'll ever meet."

But at times during his career, Black has been better known for unnecessary fouls — sometimes too vicious and sometimes just pointless — than for his affability or his scoring ability. Unlike his typically warm personality off the court, he would let his emotions boil over on it.

An arrest two years ago, Black said, made him reconsider his on-court actions and off-court direction.

"I needed to change my life," he said.

Black's family moved from Omaha, Neb., to Memphis when he was 9. As the largest player on most youth teams, foul calls often didn't go his way, causing frustration, said his mother, Tola Black, a 6-foot former high school forward and high school girls coach.

"It was old school," she said. "Make it a good foul, we would hear the (opposing) coaches say."

An older cousin was intent on toughening up Black so he would survive on the city's more rugged courts.

"Every time I played him, he was talking, fouling, punching," Black said. "We got into fights all the time. I had to have that aggression and be so tough when I played. ... He knew how it was. Playing in Memphis, that's how you've got to play."

That uncontrolled style doesn't cut it at a Division I college, though.

Coming out of White Station High School, Black was a four-star recruit with offers from top-tier programs such as Kansas, Louisville, Florida and Baylor.

He gained a well-deserved reputation his freshman season for being overly aggressive. Against Missouri, he drew a technical foul and flagrant foul after he swung his arm down and ripped Montaque Gill-Caesar hard to the court as Gill-Caesar went up for a dunk.

"I was horrible at controlling my emotions," Black said. "It showed every game."

He accumulated four or five fouls in 10 games that season despite averaging less than 15 minutes. He was on the same path as a sophomore before a knee injury sidelined him for all but seven games.

"I heard all the horror stories," first-year Illini coach Brad Underwood said, "where he was just kind of having an out-of-body experience and would lose his mind and go club somebody or foul them."

An arrest on Feb. 19, 2016, was transformative — on and off the court.

Black pleaded guilty to misdemeanor aggravated assault after threatening a bouncer at a campus bar with a knife and was sentenced to a year of probation.

Black said a fight that didn't involve him had broken out, and the club's security was overly aggressive trying to kick out him and his friends. He said he saw someone pick up his girlfriend, and it triggered him.

In the aftermath, he worried about spending a year in jail or being kicked off the team. (He was suspended for the first four games of the 2016-17 season.)

Although he said it was the first time he erupted off the court, Black felt something shift.

"I was like, 'I need to not let anger control me so much,'" he said. "I realized it was a problem. It might have worked in Memphis, but here I can't be like that because it's not doing anything positive."

He took seriously the court-ordered anger management classes and his sessions with a university sports psychologist.

"I learned no matter what somebody else does, you can control yourself," he said. "They were talking about how all our incidents were about losing self-control."

When feelings of anger bubble on the court, Black said he has learned to take deep breaths and to pray to calm himself.

"I randomly pray: 'Lord, give me strength. Lord, help me not do something stupid,'" he said. "I pray all day. That's what helps me."

Tola Black said the arrest was out of character. She recalled her son giving away his sneakers to fans and homeless people.

"He was always calm and happy-go-lucky, the one who would give you anything to keep everybody happy," she said. "He was a peacemaker."

His arrest worried her.

"It was a somber time," she said.

Black said he shut down social media to block out critics. His fiancée, Sheila Segura, whom he has dated since their freshman year, said Black worried how he would be perceived.

"Me being black and young and from the inner city, that's what people say we are



RICK DANZ/AP

"I learned no matter what somebody else does, you can control yourself."

— Illinois forward Leron Black

supposed to be anyway," Black said. "I didn't want to be the stereotype. I want to show black people from the inner city are just regular people."

Segura said after the arrest, they both set goals. They studied together and went out less. She did extra workouts with him after practices. He called his tight-knit family even more frequently and attended church more often.

"That was like a wake-up call to not take anything for granted," Segura said.

Black still picks up fouls (3.3 per game this season), but he said they're usually not temper-induced.

And he's having his best season at Illinois, which tips off the Big Ten tournament as the No. 13 seed Wednesday against 12th-seeded Iowa.

He enjoyed career-best 28-point games against Nebraska and Purdue just four days apart. In an eight-day span this month, Black had four 20-point games.

"His game has just expanded," Underwood said. "He does stuff off the dribble. He's a hard matchup on the block and off the block. He's our best 3-point shooter (52.4 percent). I love seeing his confidence. He walks around with a smile on his face."

Never was his grin so wide as after the victory over Missouri this season, when he proposed to Segura in the stands.

He receives morning texts from her with a "be positive" message followed by several exclamation points. His parents, who have been married for 26 years, and his grandmother, who lives with them, also send frequent encouraging texts.

"You never know what can happen, so I try to stay positive," Black said. "(My emotions are) something I've learned to control, using anger to score a bucket or box out instead. I just had to turn it around to help the team."

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10 REASONS TO WATCH

Compelling storylines come to MSG

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN | Chicago Tribune

Big Ten basketball at Madison Square Garden makes as much sense as giardiniera slathered onto a bagel.

That said, there's a reason a Google search of "the world's most famous arena" yields a picture of the circular hoops haven built atop Penn Station in midtown Manhattan.

"It's iconic," said Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, who played twice at the Garden while at North Carolina.

Here are 10 reasons to watch the Big Ten tournament, which begins at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday with 13th-seeded Illinois against No. 12 Iowa. Both teams come in red hot, having won one straight:

1. The championship game might actually mean something. Quick: Who won last year's tournament? Even if you recall that Michigan beat Wisconsin four days after its plane slid off the runway at takeoff, I bet the NCAA tournament selection committee members won't. They rewarded the Wolverines' spectacular run with a No. 7 seed. The tournament is being played a week before Selection Sunday, so the winner actually could get a bump in seeding.

2. To salute Jordan Bohannon. The Iowa guard chose not to break Chris Street's school record, intentionally missing a foul shot after hitting 34 straight. The parents of Street, an iconic Hawkeye who died in a 1993 car accident, embraced Bohannon on the court after Sunday's game against Northwestern.

3. The NBA draft is less than four months away. And the Bulls figure to have a shot at Michigan State's Miles Bridges. As for his teammate Jaren Jackson? The Bulls might have to lose out to get him. Other potential first-round picks are Penn State guard Tony Carr (league-best 19.9 ppg) and Michigan forward Moe Wagner, a poor man's Dirk Nowitzki.

4. Does the Big Ten have a top dog? Can Michigan State get a No. 1 seed if it cuts down the nets at MSG? Does Purdue have any shot? Bracketologists Joe Lunardi and Jerry Palm both have Sparty as a No. 2 and are split on the 2-3 line regarding Purdue.

5. To see the beautiful people. Knicks games attract serious wattage in the form of Spike Lee, Ben Stiller, Kevin Hart, Jon Stewart, Edie Falco and John McEnroe. Seth Meyers said he would come to cheer on alma mater Northwestern if his "Late Night" taping schedule allows.

6. To check out the league's most pleasant surprise. Sports Illustrated projected Ohio State to finish 11th in the Big Ten. The Buckeyes instead earned the No. 2 seed by going 15-3 with conference player of the year Keita Bates-Diop (19.2 ppg, 8.9 rpg) and coach of the year Chris Holtmann.

7. The last dance for Northwestern. The "First Dance," as documented by Big Ten Network, was way more fun than this awkward stumble. Can Scottie Lindsey and the banged-up Bryant McIntosh summon enough energy to beat a Penn State team hunting for its first NCAA tournament bid since 2011?

8. Forget about Madness, can the Illini reach March? Two of the four teams (Illinois, Iowa, Rutgers and Minnesota) that play Wednesday will have their seasons end in February. The Illini have gotten terrific play from freshman guard Trent Frazier (32 points vs. Wisconsin) and forward Leron Black (15.7 ppg on 55.2 percent shooting).

9. The brilliance of Wisconsin's Ethan Happ. The Quad Cities-area native's footwork reminds us old guys of Kevin McHale. And on top of averaging 17.9 points and 8.2 rebounds, his 3.8 assists and 1.5 steals are impressive for a big man.

10. Nebasketball. Can the Big Ten's No. 4 seed miss out on the NCAA tournament? Absolutely. Although the Cornhuskers went 13-5 in conference and are 22-9 overall, they're 1-5 in Quad 1 games and have an RPI of 58.

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USOC comes under fire

Nassar case shines light on handling of prior accusations

BY WILL HOBSON
Washington Post

In March 2013, a few weeks after she publicly accused one of the most accomplished American athletes in her sport of molesting her when she was 15, speedskater Bridie Farrell met with U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun to discuss sex abuse in America's Olympic organizations.

As they met at USOC headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo., Farrell recalled recently, Blackmun praised her courage and then made a request: If other victims approached Farrell, she should tell them to contact the USOC and not to speak to the media.

A few minutes later, as Farrell pressed Blackmun to force U.S. Speedskating to punish Andy Gabel, the retired skater whom she accused of abuse, Blackmun said there was nothing he could do. While the USOC provides funding to Olympic sport governing bodies such as U.S. Speedskating — mostly tied to helping their athletes win medals — Blackmun said he had no authority to intervene in a disciplinary matter, according to Farrell.

"It felt like he was just trying to kind of keep it quiet," said Farrell, now 36. "I told him, 'I don't trust you.' And he's done nothing since to show me any reason to think differently."

Blackmun, who is recovering from surgery for prostate cancer, declined an interview request. "Scott has a very different recollection of his conversation with Ms. Farrell, but she deserves our support, not our disagreement," USOC spokesman Mark Jones wrote in an email.

As the Winter Olympics played out on the other side of the globe, the USOC is facing rising criticism and scrutiny following last month's sentencing of convicted child molester Larry Nassar, the longtime Olympic women's gymnastics team physician accused by more than 260 girls and women, including several Olympians, of sexual assault. Two senators have called for Blackmun to resign, and three congressional committees are demanding answers from the USOC about its knowledge of Nassar's abuse.

As outrage in the public and Congress boiled over during Nassar's sentencing hearing last month, Blackmun and the USOC forced a wholesale change in USA Gymnastics leadership and pledged to help reform an exploitative culture in elite gymnastics that USOC officials have deplored for prioritizing winning medals over protecting children.

But according to interviews with dozens of victims and Olympic insiders and a review of thousands of pages of records produced in lawsuits against Olympic organizations, some of the blame for that culture belongs with the USOC.

Conversations recalled by victims and advocates, as well as in testimony offered in lawsuits, show Blackmun and other top USOC officials identifying winning as many Olympic medals as possible as the organization's core mission, while deferring athlete welfare to the individual sports' national governing bodies, whose autonomy is established in the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act.

But victims and their advocates point out that when abuse scandals garner public attention and congressional attention, as the Nassar case did, the USOC is willing to exercise authority, pressuring governing bodies' CEOs and board members to step down.

"This has been going on



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

CEO Scott Blackmun has drawn criticism for the USOC's failure to act aggressively in response to sex abuse scandals.

for a long time, and it's not just a gymnastics problem," said Nancy Hogshead-Makar, an Olympic champion swimmer, civil rights attorney and victim's advocate who is among those who have called for Blackmun to resign for the USOC's failure to act aggressively in response to prior abuse scandals — most notably one involving USA Swimming from 2010 to 2012.

"The USOC has just not wanted this (abuse prevention) to be on their plate, they didn't want it to be their responsibility, until now," Hogshead-Makar said. "You needed to have a perpetrator that molested this many victims. That was the straw that broke the camel's back."

In an email in response to questions about criticism raised by victims and advocates, USOC spokesman Jones defended the organization's abuse prevention efforts, such as requiring basic child protection measures at Olympic sports organizations in 2014 and the creation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, a nonprofit that opened last year to take over dealing with suspicions of abuse committed by Olympic-affiliated coaches, athletes and officials.

"Athlete protection is everyone's responsibility, and we have repeatedly made that case in words and actions," Jones wrote.

At a news conference in Pyeongchang, South Korea, this month, USOC Chairman Larry Probst defended Blackmun as having "served the USOC with distinction" and said "the Olympic system" failed Nassar's victims.

"Obviously, USA Gymnastics needs to do more. They need a complete culture change. ... The USOC can do more. ... The IOC can do more," Probst said. "Everybody that's part of the Olympic movement needs to step up their game in this area."

But to those who have spoken out about sex abuse in Olympic sports over the years, the USOC's sudden alarm over gymnastics — after failing to crack down on officials during similar scandals involving USA Swimming, U.S. Speedskating, USA Judo and USA Taekwondo — seems disingenuous.

"For Blackmun to say it's not happening anywhere else, or this is only a gymnastics problem, is sheer nonsense," said Mike Saltzstein, a former vice

president of USA Swimming who publicly voiced his concerns about sex abuse in that sport in 2010. "To not know this was going on. ... You would have had to have been blind, deaf and dumb."

In some ways, it's ironic that USA Gymnastics is the organization in the midst of the abuse scandal that has Senators calling for change in USOC leadership. While sport national governing bodies, as a group, were years behind peer organizations in mandating protection measure such as criminal background checks and abuse education programs for coaches, USA Gymnastics actually has been among the more aggressive on child protection within this community.

In 1999, in a letter made public last year as evidence in a lawsuit, former USA Gymnastics chief executive Bob Colarossi warned Blackmun, then general counsel of the USOC, and two other top officials that other national governing bodies lacked basic abuse-prevention measures.

"This is not an issue that can be wished away," Colarossi wrote. "The USOC can either position itself as a leader in the protection of young athletes or it can wait until it is forced to deal with the problem under much more difficult circumstances."

In a phone interview last year, Blackmun pointed out he was not CEO in 1999 and left the organization in 2001, returning nine years later.

"I can't fix what happened before I arrived here. I can only address what's happened since 2010," Blackmun said.

In 2010, a few months after Blackmun returned to the USOC, USA Swimming became the subject of a series of critical media reports about lax sex abuse prevention policies that allowed predator coaches to access children through the Olympic organization.

Just as USA Gymnastics did in 2016, USA Swimming in 2010 publicly acknowledged that for years it required any sex abuse complaints to be in writing and from victims or direct witnesses of abuse. Lawsuits filed by victims of Andy King — a California swim coach convicted in 2010 of molesting three girls, with 12 more claiming abuse dating to the 1970s — produced evidence that USA Swimming chief executive Chuck Wielgus failed to

take action on a complaint raised years before King's arrest.

In 2002, a mother later testified, she called Wielgus to complain about King's behavior around her daughter, and she said she never heard back from him or anyone at USA Swimming. Wielgus — who died last year — claimed he didn't remember the conversation. Evidence also emerged showing Wielgus allowed a USA Swimming national team coach who admitted to having sex with a 14-year-old to resign quietly and take a job working at a country club a few miles away.

In May 2010, Wielgus testified in a deposition in a case filed by an abuse victim of a USA Swimming coach in Indiana. A lawyer asked him to list USA Swimming's core objectives, and Wielgus replied, "To build the base of our sport, to promote our sport and to achieve success at the international level, in competition."

The lawyer noted that child safety wasn't among those and later asked Wielgus if winning medals was his organization's core mission.

"The U.S. Olympic Committee certainly feels that way," Wielgus replied.

Blackmun and the USOC took no punitive measures toward USA Swimming.

Another potential reason for the USOC's inaction is the organization's legal interpretation of its role in governance. The Ted Stevens Act guarantees "autonomy" for the 47 Olympic and Pan American national governing bodies for each sport, and USOC officials have cited that in multiple legal cases as the reason why it cannot discipline coaches or athletes.

In a deposition in a 2016 lawsuit in which a taekwondo athlete alleged she was raped by her coach at the USOC's Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, USOC lawyer Gary Johansen, who has worked for the organization since 1999, displayed the USOC's view of its priorities.

"The USOC has a lot of priorities. ... Chief among them is sending athletes to the Olympic, Pan American and Paralympic Games, and doing well at those Games," Johansen said.

Stephen Estey, the lawyer for the victim, asked Johansen if protecting athletes from abuse was a top priority for the USOC.

"The USOC does not

have athletes," Johansen answered.

"You send athletes to the Olympics, but they're not your athletes?" Estey asked.

"That's correct," said Johansen, who explained that athlete safety was the responsibility of each sport's national governing body (NGB).

Estey asked what, then, the USOC meant by "Team USA," if the organization has no athletes.

"That's a branding terminology," Johansen replied.

In a statement, USOC spokesman Jones wrote that the organization "fundamentally rejected" any characterization of Johansen's words that implies the USOC is indifferent to sex abuse in Olympic sports. Johansen, who is in Korea this week, did not respond to an interview request.

Years before Ronda Rousey was a well-known professional wrestler and mixed martial artist, she was an aspiring Olympic judo fighter who spoke out about ignored allegations of abuse against a top official in her sport.

In June 2008, on her personal blog, Rousey wrote about allegations that Fletcher Thornton, then a member of USA Judo's board of directors, had given some of his teenage pupils alcohol and marijuana and molested them in the late 1970s, when he was in his late 30s. Thornton publicly denied the claims and was never charged with a crime, but three athletes had sent written statements to USA Judo, seeking to get him banned from the sport. USA Judo didn't act on them, its chief executive later explained to a reporter, because the statements had not been submitted under oath, as the organization's bylaws required.

Frustrated at USA Judo's inaction, Rousey's mother — AnnMaria De Mars, herself a former judo fighter who said one of her friends was a victim — called the USOC. She talked to the athlete ombudsman, she said, a position designed to handle Olympic athlete concerns, and cited her concern that a sitting board member was facing such allegations.

The USOC official said the organization couldn't intervene. He then warned De Mars, she said, that her daughter should be careful because judo is a judged sport and speaking out against a prominent official risked incurring vengeful

treatment from judges or referees.

"I don't think it was a threat," De Mars said. "He was genuinely concerned it would happen."

A few weeks later, Rousey's blog post became the subject of a New York Times story. Suddenly, the USOC announced it would investigate. Before an inquiry could be conducted, Thornton resigned.

The USOC ombudsman in 2008, John Ruger, declined to comment on De Mars' recollection. A USOC spokesman, in an email, also declined to address the account because it involved a previous administration.

The USOC's response to the current USA Gymnastics scandal has drawn criticism from victims and their advocates as seemingly dictated more by congressional anger than by the revelations of lapses by USA Gymnastics officials.

In August 2016 — days after an Indianapolis Star investigation revealed USA Gymnastics had for years dismissed sex abuse complaints unless they came in writing from victims or direct witnesses — Blackmun defended USA Gymnastics chief executive Steve Penny and said the USOC wouldn't launch any kind of inquiry.

"We couldn't possibly get in the business of investigating allegations of misconduct in 47 different NGBs," Blackmun said at a news conference before the Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro.

A month later, the Star published the account of two Nassar accusers, prompting dozens more to come forward and file police complaints. In November 2016, Nassar was arrested, and by March 2017, the number of girls and women asserting abuse had surpassed 100.

That month, as a congressional hearing loomed, the USOC's board pressured Penny to resign. Over the ensuing 10 months, as calls mounted for additional changes at USA Gymnastics and for an independent investigation into how the process was handled, the USOC took no further action.

Then last month, after Nassar's sentencing hearing reignited outrage about the case, the USOC called for USA Gymnastics's entire board of directors to resign and announced it had hired a law firm to conduct an independent investigation.

In a letter to that law firm last week, John Manly, attorney for more than 100 Nassar accusers, criticized the USOC's inquiry as a "public relations effort."

"But for the public sentencing hearings and the intense pressure from the media and Congress, the USOC would have simply buried the Nassar case," Manly wrote.

USOC spokesman Jones defended the organization's handling of the case and said Blackmun first suggested USA Gymnastics's entire board needed to step down in a private conversation last year with the organization's new chief executive.

"But make no mistake, the powerful testimony of Nassar's victims and survivors absolutely compelled us to take further, more urgent action," Jones wrote.

De Mars is among those wondering why USOC leadership needed to see and hear the public accounts of sex abuse by 156 girls and women to decide more action had become necessary.

"None of those people give a rat's ass about sports or athletes. They care about money and power," De Mars said. "And I feel bad for those kids ... because the athletes are just a means to an end."

Washington Post reporters Rick Maese contributed from Pyeongchang, South Korea.

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With the Chargers now in Los Angeles, Eric Hosmer and the Padres have San Diego all to themselves. The nation's eighth-largest city doesn't have an NFL, NBA or NHL franchise.

Spotlight to themselves

With Chargers now gone, Padres have city's full attention

BY TOM KRASOVIC
San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — Football was king in San Diego, and the king wore blue and gold, and the king reigned for nearly six decades.

Yes, baseball had moments. There were All-Star games, World Series games, Hall of Fame players. However, the baseball Padres never crowded out the football Chargers for long. The NFL gobbled up too much ground, in San Diego, in the whole country, for the Chargers to stay in the shadows.

"I think the Padres were always No. 2 to the Chargers here," said longtime San Diego broadcaster Bob Chandler, a San Diego State graduate whose career dates to the early 1960s.

Even after the announcement to relocate, the Chargers continued to cast a shadow over the little Pads. It took the football team six months to clear out of San Diego. By then the Padres were more than halfway through another low-watt season.

Now comes a sea change. For the first time for a full year, the Chargers will be elsewhere than the big-league Pads.

Don't crown the Padres just yet. They've not joined a playoff race in any of the last seven years. They have the National League's worst record over the last 10 years. They've not won a playoff game on San Diego soil since San Diegans voted them a new ballpark in November 1998. Odds-makers peg the team for under 75 wins this year.

Nor is San Diego entirely there for the taking, even with the Chargers out of the picture. The digital age has shredded the entertainment dollar into small pieces. Young adults are cutting the cord to cable TV, a main connector between the Pads and San Diegans. Baseball has become an often-tedious three-hours-plus game dominated by outcomes that don't include putting the ball in play.

Let's just say the Padres have a great opportunity within their realm, here and now. They're uniquely situated as the only Major League Baseball franchise of the 30 without an NFL, NBA or NHL team in its market.

Before the Chargers planted



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Philip Rivers and the Chargers were always No. 1 in San Diego. The NFL franchise moved to LA last season.

themselves in San Diego in 1961, the Pads were a minor league team in the Pacific Coast League. A small Navy town then, San Diego now is the country's eighth-largest city.

Padres ownership, which took over in August 2012, says watch out for the team in 2020, give or take a year or two.

The long-term forecast from Peter Seidler, managing partner, is for perennial success like the Pads never have maintained.

"I really expect what we're building now to lead us to 10 years of being in contention for the playoffs. We should make that happen," Seidler said in an interview this week.

The Padres have strung together four winning seasons just once, from the opening of Petco Park in 2004 through 2007.

Seidler defined playoff contention in two parts. Going into baseball seasons, the Padres will be universally viewed as a top-eight team in the 15-member National League. "The second piece of that would be," he said, "you get halfway through the season and you're still there."

The Padres will hit .500 in these 10 at-bats, guesses their lead investor. "I would say this: Five years of being in the playoffs, at least, and maybe three or four other years of being close and maybe not making it, and one year

a bunch of weird stuff happens. At least five years where we get in."

Well aware that San Diego's weather is far easier to forecast than a baseball team's fortunes, Seidler fed some slack into the line.

"When I talk about 10 consecutive years of playoff contention," he said, "I know there will be a year or two when we're out of it by the end of August. But, (the perception will be that) we're a still strong enough team or organization, that it was a weird year. Weird things happened."

What Seidler is describing, the Chargers achieved. And then some.

For the 10 seasons from 2004 through 2013, the Chargers won six playoff berths. Also, they tended to stay relevant when they fell short. In 2010, for instance, when their run of four division-winning seasons ended, they led the league in total offense and defense, only to miss the playoffs due largely to their poor special teams.

In their favor, the Chargers had to get past only three teams to win the West, where the Padres have to surpass four.

Yet, attaining a height Seidler didn't forecast for his team, the Chargers won 60 percent of their games over the 10 years. Perhaps more remarkably, they never reached a Super Bowl and got to only

one AFC championship game. And for all the on-field relevance within a sport that dominated the American sports landscape, team owner Dean Spanos never emerged as a popular figure in San Diego.

While it stands to reason that entertainment dollars not spent on football would go to baseball, and vice-versa, a former Chargers executive didn't see the San Diego sports scene as a zero-sum game.

"I believed that a high tide raised all boats," said Jim Steeg, the team's chief operations officer from 2004 to 2010 and member of the mayoral panel that in 2015 recommended the Mission Valley site for a new Chargers stadium. "I wanted all local teams to do well to build enthusiasm for attending and watching games in the community. This included baseball, colleges, et cetera. I was a Padres season ticket holder."

Yet Padres owners and executives shed few tears, one guesses, when San Diego voters denied the Chargers a new football stadium downtown in November 2016.

The building would've gone in the East Village, next to Petco Park.

Although the Padres never came out against the Chargers' facility measure, their neutral public stance was rather like a passive-aggressive thumbs down, or at least a finger pointing toward

Mission Valley. And if the Padres were in fact opposed to Measure C, the Chargers were understanding of their position.

"They didn't want us in their hair downtown," Chargers counsel Mark Fabiani said in June, while adding he believed the football team's proposal for Mission Valley had a better chance of success.

At any rate, the Chargers are some 90 miles north, in Orange County, and their absence isn't making many local hearts grown fonder. Threading the needle on the topic, Seidler sees opportunity for the Pads yet also doesn't want them to be the only major-sports game in town for decades to come.

"You could debate whether it's good for business or bad for business to have another professional major sports franchise here, but we are the only one," he said. "On the one hand we should take advantage of that from a business standpoint. On the other hand, it's a responsibility (to fare well) from a community standpoint, and I think we do. It doesn't impact the way we operate our business — but I would rather see another major professional sports franchise in town than not. Just because I think it's good for the city."

"It creates overall enthusiasm. The football team did what the football team did. We really feel an obligation to bring a winner here."

Coming off their seventh consecutive losing season and one that ended with the worst run differential in the big leagues, the Padres probably will have to walk before they can run.

Seidler said his optimism begins with a highly ranked farm system that even Padres rivals have told me is legit.

Naturally, ownership is touting its recent high-stakes investments, notably the \$144 million pledge to first baseman Eric Hosmer and the contract extensions awarded last year to general manager A.J. Preller and manager Andy Green.

The former San Diego Chargers are the much better bet to qualify for the next postseason, but there's a Pads fans in their midst: Philip Rivers.

When Rivers moved to San Diego in 2004, the Pads were moving into the new ballpark and on the verge of drawing three million fans for the season.

While Rivers still seeks a first Super Bowl, the Padres will look to just get back on the baseball map.



STEADFAST FILMS

Michael Stahl-David and Stephanie Beatriz star in "The Light of the Moon." Beatriz plays an architect who is sexually assaulted and struggles to regain control of her life.

EYE-OPENING EXAMINATION

'Light of the Moon' star Michael Stahl-David sees hope in film about sexual assault

BY DARCEL ROCKETT | Chicago Tribune

What happens after a sexual assault? After the shock? After the initial reporting to the police and evidence is retrieved? That's the premise of "The Light of the Moon" — a film in which Stephanie Beatriz (of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine") plays Bonnie, a New York City architect who endures the trauma that assault brings. The movie takes the audience through the weeks that follow the event and the subsequent physical, psychological and emotional fallout. Chicago native Michael Stahl-David plays live-in boyfriend Matt, who is trying to help her cope.

A 2017 South by Southwest audience award winner, the film is detailed in its depiction of such a life-altering event — from the decision to tell people the truth about the incident to reconnect-

ing with loved ones on an intimate level to dealing with authorities to find the rapist. We're taken on Bonnie's journey toward reclaiming a life of normalcy that is at times heartbreaking and frus-

trating, but at all times understandable when it comes to dealing with work, family and one's own sense of self after a violation.

"This film is really about trauma, about the ways that trauma tears us apart from each other and looking at it as a man, you can say he's (Matt) trying ... you can tell that his intentions are in the right place except he just can't let her go through what she needs to go through. He's, in a way, trying to control it and trying to steer it and she's really resentful of that, understandably," said Stahl-David. "I think that's what the film can allow right now — it can be a springboard into deeper conversations.

"Somehow I don't feel like it's a depressing movie — it is hopeful," Stahl-David said. "It's revelatory in terms of revealing an experience we haven't considered, and I feel like that's a wonderful thing to experience in a movie. Not just like, 'Oh God, this is so painful and brutal, you come out of it feeling exhausted.' Hopefully, you're coming out of it saying, 'OK, that was intense, but that was also really interesting and also I feel hope for these people and for the resilience that survivors have.'"

We talked with Stahl-David, star of "Narcos," "LBJ" and "Please Stand By,"

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Chicago Humanities Festival gets Graphic! — all year long

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

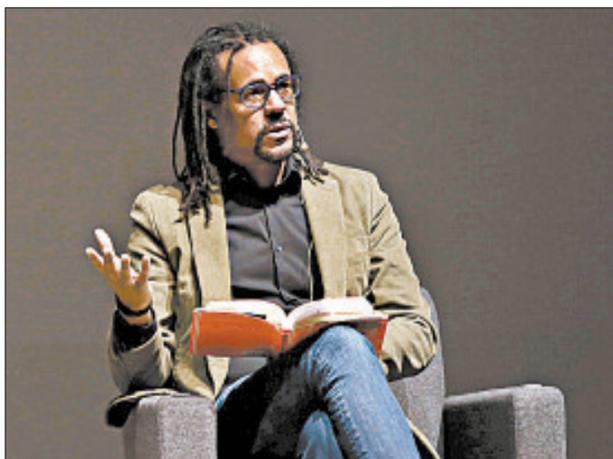
The Chicago Humanities Festival for 2018 will make Graphic! its programming theme, the first time the arts organization has gone with a yearlong theme, CHF announced Monday.

To kick it off, the festival will mount a March 22 event looking at art, technology and social change with #BlackLivesMatter co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors and photographer LaToya Ruby Frazier, a MacArthur "genius grant" recipient.

"It feels like the right time to take stock of our rapidly evolving visual world. In pretty short order we've all gotten used to writing in emojis rather than words, sharing selfies or watching the news and streaming series on our phones," Alison Cuddy, the CHF artistic director, said in a statement.

"But beyond entertainment, visual forms are redefining how we make art, do business, cover major events, and make sense of the mountains of data and information we now produce."

Tickets for the March 22 event, hosted by Deanna Haggag, CEO of the philanthropic group United States Artists, are on sale to CHF members now and will be available to the public March 1 at www.chicagohumanities.org. Called "Art, Technology and



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Author Colson Whitehead at a Humanities Festival event in November.

Social Change," it's slated for 6:30 p.m. at Venue SIX10, 610 S. Michigan Ave., and costs \$20 for members of the public to attend.

On that date, CHF will announce its spring programming lineup, for events on April 24, 28 and 29. This year's Fallfest runs Oct. 27 to Nov. 11, the organization said. In past years the festival has centered its Fall Festival, its major event of the year, on one theme and not worried about whether the Spring Festival or other CHF events matched it. But the Spring Festival has

grown more ambitious and more focused in recent years, and it will now have a concept around which to organize.

Meanwhile, the city's other big public-speaking series event, Chicago Ideas, last week announced its Curiosity Series spring lineup, including TV writer/producer Nell Scovell, chef Stephanie Izard and Broadway's Kenny Leon. Details are at www.chicagodeas.com.

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ALAN DAVIS

Lyle Miller portrays Chuck Berry at the Black Ensemble Theater.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Hail, Hail Chuck: A Tribute to Chuck Berry' ★★ 1/2

More about Berry's music than the man

BY KERRY REID
 Chicago Tribune

Nearly a year after his death at 90, Chuck Berry is getting the bio-musical treatment at Black Ensemble Theater. The man who helped create rock 'n' roll music (as well as writing, well, "Rock and Roll Music") inspired L. Maceo Ferris' "Hail, Hail Chuck: A Tribute to Chuck Berry," which takes us on a journey familiar to long-time audience members at Black Ensemble — from his early days in St. Louis to late-in-life renaissance and induction into the first class at the

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Directed by Daryl D. Brooks, the show features what might be the biggest clash I've yet seen at Black Ensemble Theater between the music and the biography. Berry created a sunny, rollicking canon that blended rhythm and blues with "hillbilly" sounds and inspired a generation in the United States and England. But underneath the grin and the blistering guitar licks was a man with a fearsome chip on his shoulder.

The reasons for that resent-

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CELEBRITIES

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VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Heather Locklear, the former star of "Melrose Place," allegedly injured a boyfriend and faces a felony charge.

Heather Locklear arrested, accused of domestic violence

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Actress Heather Locklear was arrested for investigation of domestic violence and fighting with sheriff's deputies at her California home, authorities said Monday.

Ventura County sheriff's Capt. Garo Kuredjian said deputies responded to a domestic disturbance around 10 p.m. Sunday in Thousand Oaks, west of Los Angeles.

The victim of the alleged domestic violence was a boyfriend who had a physical injury, which makes the offense a felony, Kuredjian said. He did not know details of the injury but said the man declined treatment.

Locklear, 56, also allegedly was uncooperative with the deputies and became combative.

"She was kicking at and pushing our deputies," he said.

The former "Melrose Place" star was also charged with three misdemeanor counts of battery on a peace officer.

Locklear claimed to have been injured before the deputies' arrival and was taken to a hospital and cleared medically before being booked into the county jail. She was released on \$20,000 bail and is due in court March 13.

A voicemail seeking comment from the actress was left at the office of a publicist.

— Associated Press



MICHAEL LOCCISANO/GETTY

Kevin Smith heart attack: Actor-director Kevin Smith says he had a "massive" heart attack after performing at a Los Angeles comedy show Sunday night. Smith said on Twitter early Monday that if he hadn't canceled his second show Sunday and gone to the hospital, he would have died. Smith credited a doctor with saving his life after the 47-year-old "Clerks" filmmaker suffered a total blockage of his left coronary artery.

'Celebrity Big Brother' finale: The first celebrity edition of "Big Brother" came to an end Sunday night, and Marissa Jaret Winokur was crowned the champion by a jury of former housemates, defeating Ross Mathews to claim the \$250,000 grand prize. Three other houseguests — Ariadna Gutierrez, Mark McGrath and Omarosa Manigault — made it to finale night.

Bowie exhibit features \$2,500 ticket: A highly anticipated New York City museum show highlighting the life and work of David Bowie will feature exclusive perks for those willing to pay \$2,500 for a ticket. The Brooklyn Museum's "David Bowie is" exhibition will run from March 2 to July 15. The Wall Street Journal reports the \$2,500 "Aladdin Sane" ticket — named for the 1973 Bowie album — will offer the buyer private access to the exhibit, along with other exclusive benefits.

Feb. 27 birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 88. Actor Adam Baldwin is 56. Singer Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas is 47. Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton is 38. Singer Josh Groban is 37. Actress Kate Mara is 34.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Siblings can't take big sister's drama

Dear Amy: I'm the middle of three sisters. We all live with anxiety disorders. My younger sister and I are very close. She and I both live far from home.

We're having problems with our older sister, "Clare." She's always let her anxiety and depression lead her life. Instead of seeking help, she has the attitude of, "Well, I have anxiety, so you need to deal with it." Clare frequently uses it as an excuse to be mean or start a fight.

The only time we are all together is over holidays. Clare's pattern is to start a huge fight at any holiday. She is in conflict with every family member we have in North America.

There's never any discussion or apology; we're just expected to reach out to Clare and let it all go. My younger sister and I have started to retract from this relationship.

I'm almost 30 now, and I'm tired. She says and does hurtful things to me and the people I love, and then expects us to back her up. It's an unhealthy relationship that has caused me setbacks in my own mental health journey.

After her last flip-out at Christmas, I didn't reach out. She'd acted like a child and then got offended when we didn't come chasing after her.

She's sent my younger sister and me an email outlining why we're horrible people. It reads like a high schooler's revenge letter.

I don't want a friendship with her, at least not right now. We both need to get mentally healthy before we can try this again. I'm currently wait-listed to see a therapist. Amy, how do I

navigate this relationship?
— Anxious

Dear Anxious: Anxiety does not make people mean. Because "Clare" refuses to seek help, you could assume she is laboring under a self-diagnosis, or a misdiagnosis.

I understand why you are waiting to contact Clare, but I'm wondering why you feel the need to contact her at all. She has had her say. She thrives on accusation and drama. Now might be a good time to work on accepting her limitations, detaching from her problems and making a choice to send her silent sister-love from a distance, but declare to yourself that you're just not going to play. You could try to retrain her and reframe your relationship over time. When she behaves decently, you'll always respond positively and have a decent relationship. When she doesn't, you won't.

This is tough because it upends the assumption we all have that sisters should be close, comforting and supportive friends. But it doesn't always work out that way.

This is an ideal issue to explore in therapy. You'll feel much better about yourself — and her — when you can detach without bitterness. It can't be a lot of fun to be Clare.

Dear Amy: I live in drought-prone California. Every morning I swim at the Y and take a three-minute shower after my laps. On several occasions in the shower room, I have found women running all of the showers at once, claiming this helps to get the water hot. I ask them

to turn them off, and then have to endure vulgarities from them.

I report them to reception and have been told they will handle it. I know the reception guy is not about to jump up and enter the ladies locker room. What should I do?

— High and Dry

Dear Dry: The receptionist isn't going to do anything about this. Unless there are signs posted reflecting a clear club policy, the swimmers aren't going to conserve water.

You should take your concerns to management. Ask them what their policy is. If they don't have a policy on this, advocate for them to put one in place. They should post signs in the locker room urging bathers to keep showers short. Once this happens, you'll be spared fighting this battle on your own.

Dear Amy: You missed something responding to "Worried Sick." Worried's husband had recovered from serious heart surgery and was now drinking.

Depression is common after heart surgery. It's a vicious cycle because the alcohol will make the depression worse. Thank you for recommending Al-anon for her, but this needs to be addressed.
— Been There

Dear Been There: Several readers made the same important observation regarding the link between heart surgery and depression. Thank you all.

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3 network TV pilots confirmed to film in Chicago

TV series adaptation of the 2007 movie "Gone Baby Gone" is one of three network pilots confirmed to be filming in Chicago this spring.

The Fox drama is based on the Dennis Lehane neo-noir novel that was later turned into a film directed by Ben Affleck. The pilot will center on "private detectives Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro who, armed with their wits, their street knowledge and an undeniable chemistry, right wrongs the law can't in the working-class Boston borough of Dorchester," according to Deadline. It is unclear whether the set-

ting has since changed to Chicago or if the city will be doubling for Boston.

Chicago already doubles for New York for the Fox series "Empire" — and one of that show's co-creators, Danny Strong, is bringing yet another pilot to the city. He is executive producing an unnamed legal drama that will center the action at a law firm specializing in wrongful convictions.

And as reported earlier, the CBS pilot "Red Line" from Chicago theater veterans Caitlin Parrish and Erica Weiss will also be filming in town.

As with all things pilot-related, nothing is guaranteed. TV networks will announce in May which shows they are picking up for next season.

— Nina Metz

Heather Ireland Robinson to head Jazz Institute

Heather Ireland Robinson, mostly recently the executive director of the

Beverly Arts Center, will take that position at the helm of the nonprofit Jazz Institute of Chicago on Thursday.

Ireland Robinson — who also has worked at the South Side Community Arts Center, Marwen and Gallery 37 — served as education and community coordinator of the Jazz Institute from 2002-04.

"The organization has grown by leaps and bounds since my time there, and I am looking forward to continuing that growth," Ireland Robinson said in a statement. "The Jazz Institute is a pillar of Chicago's arts scene and gives life to communities, youth and musicians by promoting and nurturing jazz in this great city of ours."

The Jazz Institute partners with institutions across the city and beyond to present performance and educational events, most prominently programming the Chicago Jazz Festival.

— Howard Reich

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BOOK REVIEW

Seeing politics through the lens of faith

Robinson probes history and ideology that divides us and brings us together

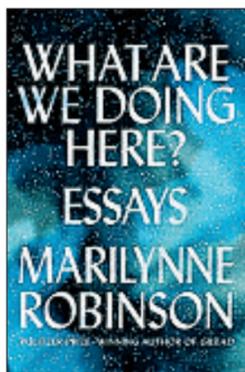
By KATHLEEN ROONEY
Chicago Tribune

What does a set of theological essays — essays that aim plainly to consider the nature of God and religious belief in the context of both politics and individual consciousness — have to offer an increasingly secular country?

Marilynne Robinson intends to find out in her latest book, “What Are We Doing Here?,” an erudite, authoritative and demanding collection that probes questions of faith and doubt, history and ideology that both divide America and bring it together. As she says in her preface, “I know it is conventional to say that we Americans are radically divided, polarized. But this is not more true than its opposite — in essential ways we share false assumptions and false conclusions that are never effectively examined because they are indeed shared.”

The ensuing 15 essays on such philosophical subjects as “Our Public Conversation: How America Talks About Itself” and “Considering the Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Love” prove unsparing in their examination of a dizzying assortment of assumptions about what “our core values” as a nation may or may not be, as well as what “we lose when we ignore early American history and, to the extent that when we notice it, mischaracterize it.”

The author of four acclaimed novels — including 1980’s “Housekeeping,” which won the Hemingway



‘What Are We Doing Here?’

By Marilynne Robinson,
Farrar, Straus and Giroux,
336 pages, \$27

Foundation/PEN Award; 2004’s “Gilead,” which won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Pulitzer Prize; 2008’s “Home,” which won the Orange Prize; and 2014’s “Lila,” which won the National Book Critics Circle Award — Robinson is also an accomplished writer of non-fiction.

This, her sixth nonfiction book, continues in the voraciously intelligent and meditatively faithful vein of such previous essay collections as “The Death of Adam: Essays on Modern Thought” and “The Givenness of Things.” Subjects that could be construed as a bit dry — science, public education, religion, consciousness — receive graceful treatment here.

In the title essay, she contemplates and defends



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In her book of essays, Marilynne Robinson writes about what “our core values” as a nation may or may not be.

the joys and uses of the humanities, citing examples from “Hamlet,” de Tocqueville and Whitman to name a few. “If I seem to have conceded an important point in saying that the humanities do not prepare ideal helots, economically speaking,” she writes, “I do not at all mean to imply that they are less than ideal for preparing capable citizens, imaginative and innovative contributors to a full and generous, and largely unmonetizable national life.”

And in “Theology for This Moment” she observes: “No other species than ours could be called earnest.” Fittingly, this is an extremely earnest book, sincere and intense in its convictions.

The majority of the pieces were delivered as lectures at churches, seminaries and universities;

thus, most have the distinctly instructive and at times admonitory tone of that kind of educational talk to an audience. When she warns against the tendency of both the right and the left to “flatten the historical landscape and to deal in moral equivalencies,” and laments that “we have surrendered thought to ideology,” one sometimes wonders if she is not, perhaps, engaging in some of the same flattening. Of whom exactly does this putative “we” consist?

This elegantly written book’s appeal to general readers who lack an intimate familiarity both with Christian scripture and Protestant history may frankly be somewhat limited. “In What Is Freedom of Conscience?” for instance, she writes: “Conversely, it is somewhat

unrespectable to have an interest in Cromwell, who is stigmatized in a way that makes him a sort of latter-day Albigenian, a religious fanatic hostile to all of life’s pleasures, and an autocrat besides.” But she follows this somewhat insiderish, divinity school observation with “Stigma is a vast oblique. Amazing things are hidden in it” — statements pleasing for their metaphoric and metaphysical beauty and provocativeness.

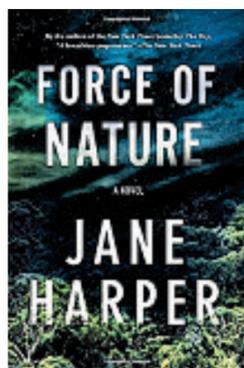
Asserting that the language used by the left and the right to make declarations of value is often fraudulent and impoverished, and that “Between them we circle in a maelstrom of utter fatuousness,” doesn’t quite qualify as bold, or particularly insightful. But if one needs to be reminded that the moral realm is

complex, sophisticated and not always coincident with the realm of politics, then this book accomplishes that in refined prose, and from a Christian — particularly a Calvinist — perspective.

Robinson’s arguments that the state of discourse in contemporary America is frustrating, and that we could all stand to think for ourselves and be kinder, are familiar but evergreen. Heady and forceful, composed and serious, Robinson warns readers against despair and cynicism, encouraging us instead to embrace — ideally, in her opinion, through “Christian humanism” — “radical human equality and dignity.”

Kathleen Rooney is the author, most recently, of the novel “Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk.”

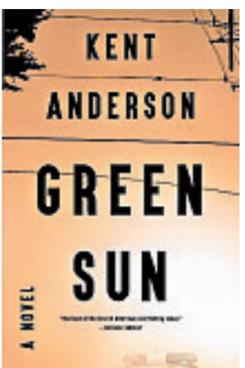
Crime fiction roundup

By LLOYD SACHS
Chicago Tribune

‘Force of Nature’ by Jane Harper, Flatiron, 326 pages, \$25.99

This eagerly awaited follow-up to Australian novelist Jane Harper’s sensational debut, “The Dry,” has a lot in common with that best-seller. Setting again plays a crucial role — the victim is a woman who disappeared during a company retreat in the Giralang Ranges, a rugged bushland east of Melbourne. Like its predecessor, “Force of Nature” moves with methodic ease between present and past, teasing readers with unexplained references. The new novel brings back federal agent Aaron Falk, but he is a supporting character this time. There is barely a mention of the personal traumas at the heart of “The Dry,” making you wonder whether this book was written first.

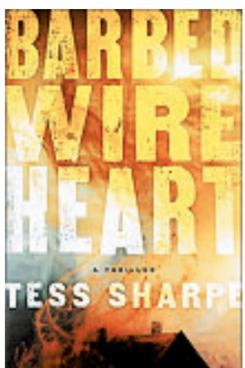
In homing in on the personal stories of the missing woman and her four female colleagues — whose collection of grudges prove too much for any “team-building” concept — Harper eases up in other ways on psychological intensity, leaning toward more traditional whodunit strategies. Though she can be whistled for one plot device that seems a bit too convenient, she is such a good storyteller that you don’t mind the misstep. Harper, anything but a flash in the pan, has again raised the bar for emerging crime writers.



‘Green Sun’ by Kent Anderson, Mulholland, 352 pages, \$27

Kent Anderson is one of the unsung legends of crime fiction, largely because he spreads his work so thin. His quietly staggering new novel, which brings back his alter ego Hanson, completes an autobiographical trilogy he began three decades ago with “Sympathy for the Devil.” That Vietnam novel, inspired by Anderson’s stint as a Green Beret, was followed in 1996 by “Night Dogs,” based on his hellish experience as a cop in Portland, Ore.

Now, after teaching English literature for three years, Hanson is back on the mean streets as a cop in Oakland, Calif. The year is 1983. A reluctant hire at his advanced age (he’s 38) and with his reputation as a troublemaker, he’s putting up with all kinds of abuse from the department as he completes mandatory training. He needs the certification to get hired in a smaller, safer town. But wherever he goes, he’ll be accompanied by his war memories and the strange sensations they produce. The severed head a man is slamming against a tree turns out to be a dead potted plant. A jukebox becomes an attack weapon. At the other extreme, a potentially violent encounter is resolved with eerie politeness. Ultimately, in his kaleidoscopic world, nothing is as unsettling as silence.



‘Barbed Wire Heart’ by Tess Sharpe, Grand Central, 416 pages, \$26

“I’m eight years old the first time I watch my daddy kill a man,” says Harley McKenna, the protagonist of Tess Sharpe’s terrific adult fiction debut, looking back on her life of crime with her meth-dealing father, Duke. She was 12 the first time she pulled a gun on someone and 17 “the first time I get rid of a body.” Now 22, she wants to escape her sordid past, which claimed her mother and the mother of a childhood friend in a meth lab explosion. But her bloodlines refuse to cooperate. “I am who I am,” Harley says. “I’m what Duke made me. There’s no running from it.”

After her father, whom she loves and loathes in equal measure, is diagnosed with cancer and his rivals move in on his operation, Harley plots not only to avenge the murder of her mom but also to burn down the drug scene altogether. In infusing noir tradition with feminist resolve, “Barbed Wire Heart” pulls off something rare. Harley may be ridden with guilt and overcome by the feeling that she’s incapable of being loved, but in her pursuit of a life of her own, she has only begun to fight.

Lloyd Sachs, a freelancer, writes regularly about crime fiction for the Tribune.

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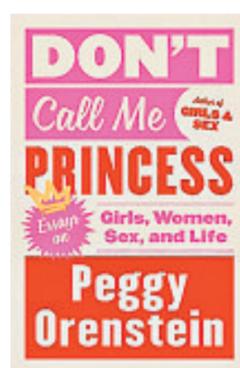
#MeToo adds resonance to Orenstein retrospective

By MEREDITH MARAN
Chicago Tribune

If there’s one piece of good news to emerge from Year One of the Trumpocalypse, it’s this: The brutish, often brutal rule of men is being exposed for what it is; the rights and the equality of women are being exposed for what they are not (yet). We can only hope that this reversal trickles down from the brightly lit halls of Hollywood and corporate headquarters to the shadowy rooms and factory floors where most Americans toil.

Long before the Women’s March of 2017 became likely the biggest one-day demonstration in U.S. history, long before #MeToo was tweeted 1.7 million times and the mighty men began to fall, Peggy Orenstein was in the trenches, writing women’s truths. A contributing writer to The New York Times Magazine, Orenstein’s byline also appears in The New Yorker, Vogue, O and many other print, online and radio outlets. Her signature blend of humor-infused personal storytelling, hard-hitting investigative journalism and unflinching feminism earned her a place among the Columbia Journalism Review’s “40 women who changed the media business in the past 40 years” in 2012.

Like her magazine articles, Orenstein’s previous books (“Schoolgirls,” 1994; “Flux,” 2000; “Waiting for Daisy,” 2007; “Cinderella Ate My Daughter,” 2011; and “Girls & Sex,” 2016) have been game changers, altering not only the gender-based power imbalance she writes about but also the ways in which they are researched and described. As Orenstein explains in the introduction to her first essay collection, “Don’t Call Me Princess,” “Being a



‘Don’t Call Me Princess’

By Peggy Orenstein,
Harper, 384 pages, \$16.99

feminist writer does not just involve whom I write about; it’s about how I write: my stance relative to the reader, a skepticism about hierarchy and expertise. ... I decided early on that if I was willing to hold other women’s lives and decisions up to scrutiny I had better be willing to do the same with my own: if every woman’s life tells a story, mine would, too.”

“Don’t Call Me Princess” gathers 30 years worth of Orenstein’s writings, divided into four sections: “Noteworthy Women,” “Body Language,” “Not Your Mother’s Motherhood” and “Girls! Girls! Girls!” Orenstein’s choice of categories is, in itself, a sort of shorthand for the pressing issues of feminism today. The contents of the essays, each preceded by a new introduction by the author, fleshes the outline out. The conclusions Orenstein draws are often unexpected, always brilliant.

In “The Perfect Mother Trap,” Orenstein deals forcefully with the classic journalistic dilemma: how to wrest honesty from interview subjects, even

when the unsaid truth is unflattering.

“Women complained to me that their husbands didn’t pull their domestic weight,” she writes, “but time after time, I heard them let men off the hook. You know, (a 38-year-old woman) mused, ‘my husband is really involved compared with his own father.’”

“I pushed, pointing out that this sets the bar too low. Shouldn’t we be comparing men’s involvement with that of their wives instead?”

Orenstein’s own confessions are equally blunt. In her introduction to “The Problem With Pink,” she grapples with the realization that the basis of her 1996 New York Times Magazine cover story about the benefits of early mammograms — and the basis of the decisions she made when she herself was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 35 — was incorrect.

“Readers seemed surprised that I was willing to retract something I’d written fifteen years earlier,” she writes, “but as someone whose life may depend on the future of breast cancer research, it was important to me to get it right ... I didn’t relish the idea of returning to Cancerland, not even as a reporter. Then, my own disease returned, and, as it did with the first diagnosis, my material chose me.”

Although “Don’t Call Me Princess” consists of previously published essays stitched together by current commentary, the book is more concentration than compilation — a succinct handbook of Orenstein’s incisive, witty and necessary observations.

Meredith Maran is the author of “The New Old Me.”

Sally Potter still embodies 'auteur'

Writer-director gathers international cast for two-week shoot of satire 'The Party'

BY EMILY ZEMLER
Los Angeles Times

LONDON — Sally Potter's office is tucked away in East London near Haggerston Park, encompassing several floors in an old building where the British filmmaker both lives and works. Removed from the corporate media landscape of central London, it's not an unlikely setting for such a resolutely independent film director, one who wholly embodies the term "auteur."

The building also plays host to Adventure Films, the production company formed by Potter and Christopher Sheppard in 1990, which has been responsible for all of the director's work since "Orlando." Inside, there's a sense that Potter's vision is supported and nurtured without question.

The writer and director's latest effort is a 71-minute, black-and-white satiric comedy, "The Party." It's a contained, fast-paced and carefully wrought piece that unearths essential conversations about health care rights, social politics, friendship, motherhood and love.

The idea for the film came to Potter during Britain's 2015 general election, which pitted Conservative leader David Cameron against Labor leader Ed Miliband at a time when both parties took notably centrist stances.

"Everything became spin," Potter recalls, sitting in one of her office rooms that's filled, floor to ceiling, with books and filing cabinets. "People were no longer saying what they really felt or what they really thought, but what they

thought would be the vote-catcher.

"That felt like it was storing up massive problems, and the massive problems were about the inability to speak the truth. I got this notion that I could write a comedy wrapped around a tragedy and that it could be about the politics of health and the health of ill politics."

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— Sally Potter

In "The Party," which Potter initially wrote as a short story and then adapted into a screenplay, Kristin Scott Thomas plays a politician named Janet who throws a dinner party to celebrate being named the new shadow minister of health. Her political affiliation is never named (although her strong devotion to Britain's National Health Service suggests she may be left-leaning).

A group of her friends, played by Cillian Murphy, Patricia Clarkson, Emily Mortimer, Cherry Jones and Bruno Ganz, join Janet and her husband, Bill (Timothy Spall), in their London home. Over the course of the evening, which unfolds in one space in real time, all hell breaks loose.

"It's like a pressure cooker, and everything builds up," Potter says of

the story. "That's really useful, dramatically."

The film is a true ensemble piece. No one has top billing, and Potter ensured that everyone was paid the same, including herself. Each character has a deep specificity, with well-defined attributes and opinions.

Because of that, the debates that play out during the story feel real. "My main thing is trying to compassionately creep into the shoes of others — people who are not like me and who do not have to have my viewpoints," Potter says.

She found herself interested in this idea of "setting one against the other" and worked to ensure that each character lives in a moral gray area. As details are revealed throughout the film, it becomes evident that each of these seven characters is just as flawed as the next.

The actors met with Potter individually at her office to discuss their characters and then gathered as a group for a few days of rehearsal. But there wasn't time to linger over anything due to scheduling and budget constraints. The entire film was shot over just two weeks on a soundstage in the West London Film Studios in June 2016.

Halfway through production, the U.K. voted to leave the European Union. The Brexit vote sent shockwaves through the cast and crew, reviving the sense of internal civil war that already existed in Potter's script.

"Everyone came in weeping," Potter recalls. "For most people it was a disaster. It was a very, very international crew — like I usually work with. That feeling of people from different nations and even different languages working creatively and happily



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Sally Potter's latest film was shot as the U.K. voted to leave the European Union.

together was massively important for everybody. And, of course, it was a mixed cast as well. So this was going the complete opposite direction."

"People were devastated," Clarkson adds, calling from New York. "It was in the room, on the set, in people's eyes and minds. Even at my hotel, people there were weeping. Every-

where you went, it was present. I felt the sorrow in people and the fear and the disappointment."

Still, the camaraderie was strong among the cast. Clarkson calls the experience "one in a million," partly because of the caliber of the other actors and partly because of Potter's intense attention to detail. "We all had these indi-

vidual journeys," Clarkson says. "And that's, I think, the beauty of this film. We're true to the array of characters. It's a cacophony, but you can hear the separate sounds. I think that's a tribute to Sally and just how well-written each character is."

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Chuck Berry play focuses on the music

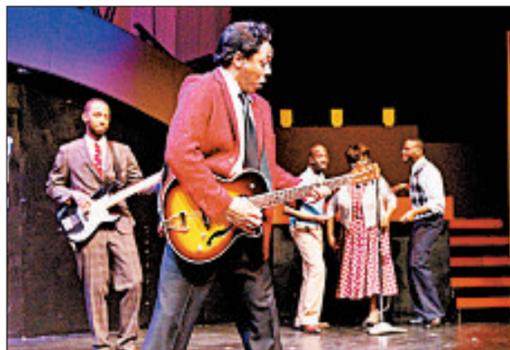
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ment — and the destructive impact it had on some of his most important relationships — don't come into full focus in Ferris' telling. We get an early glimpse of the church-deacon father who wasn't above threatening corporal punishment when his son shows a preference for secular blues guitar over sacred music. Berry's youthful foray into crime — he went to a reformatory for armed robbery in his teens — turns into an opportunity to further his experiments into transforming the blues into what would become rock.

He marries, spends a lot of time on the road away from his wife, Themetta, signs a deal with Chicago's Chess Records and becomes increasingly hot-tempered, even as his fame rises. Yet some deeper notes aren't struck here, despite the fine performances — especially from Vincent Jordan as Young Chuck, who stepped into the role late and shows us the verve and swagger that made the producers of "American Bandstand" (among others) nervous.

Jordan's performance, alive with youthful derring-do (he tells Jeff Wright's Leonard Chess "Go back there and press your little buttons and I'll show you what's going to sell"), is well balanced by Lyle Miller as the more calculating — and frankly less likeable — Older Chuck. (Kylah Williams as Themetta, who was married to Berry for more than 60 years, shows us the only person who could really bring out his softer side.)

A large chunk of his life — from the mid-1960s, when he's released from prison again (this time on



ALAN DAVIS

The young Chuck Berry is played by Vincent Jordan.

When: Through April 1

Where: Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.

Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes

Tickets: \$55-\$65 at 773-769-4451 or www.blackensemble.org

charges of violating the Mann Act by transporting a 14-year-old girl across state lines) to the mid-1980s, when Rolling Stone Keith Richards and filmmaker Taylor Hackford talked him into the documentary/tribute concert "Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll," are simply elided. And Ferris' script handles some of the more unsavory accusations about Berry's personal life with kid gloves — or ignores them altogether.

One thing that does come across is that Berry wasn't above treating others as harshly as he believed (rightly so) that white producers and managers had treated him. His longtime collaborator, Johnnie Johnson, never got the credit he deserved for helping write the songs — and for giving Berry the spot in his band that helped propel him to the big leagues in the first place. (Rueben D. Echoles plays Young Johnnie and Kelvin Davis Old Johnnie, both bringing a fine blend of wit and wistfulness to the man in the shadows of Chuck.)

In one telling and hilarious moment backstage at a London concert, Miller's Older Chuck, in response to an offer to rejoin a manager

who cheated him years earlier, declares, "Anything I can't get on my own, I don't want" — and then yanks Johnnie's bottle of whiskey out of his hands. Johnnie in turn tells the bent-for-vengeance Chuck: "If being a star ain't revenge, then there's no such thing."

Bluntly put, we don't get the same sense of what drove Berry as we have in some past Black Ensemble shows. Was he someone who never fully conquered his id, or did he have early scars that caused him to distrust even those who had his best interests at heart? It may be that Berry lived so long as an elder statesman of rock that the myth overshadows the man. And it's true that Black Ensemble Theater in general focuses more on the triumphs than the dark sides of the musicians it celebrates.

As always, the music carries us over the thinner portions of the story. Though the actors don't play instruments (leaving that in the superlative hands of Robert Reddick and his band), both Jordan and Miller show us the impish crowd-pleasing genius of the man who brought the duckwalk to rock. We may not feel that we really know Chuck Berry by the end of the show. But we get a splendid musical reminder of why we hail him.

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Actor hoping movie furthers conversation

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about being part of a project like this at a time where persistence and resistance are terms in the lexicon of survival. The actor, whose short film "We Win" will be premiering at SXSW in March, talked to us while on a visit to Colombia. This interview has been condensed and edited.

Q: The film is right on point for timing ... would you agree?

A: I know, it's weird you never want to be too excited about that. But look, it's always been happening, but at least now it's being confronted.

Q: What kind of feedback have you received from the film now that we're living in a #MeToo world?

A: I think the feedback has affected us mostly in terms of (film) distribution, in terms of outreach where we're planning a college tour and there's a willingness and a desire for colleges to see what they can do to prevent sexual assault and have conversations about it. Right now, we're kind of discussing taking the film to a college in Michigan — going beyond just having a film screening Q&A to a conversation with men about what is their role in preventing sexual violence against women. It really is a male problem in many ways because men are both the perpetrators and sometimes the victims of male violence. The Aziz Ansari allegations are really interesting as well because there becomes a conversation of what is acceptable, what is the norm, what is consent, what is assault and I think those are super important conversations for young people to consider. What are the kind of more nu-



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Chicago native Michael Stahl-David is also a director.

anced ways that we objectify women on a daily basis that enables this violence to happen?

Q: What do you hope audiences walk away having learned from the film?

A: People have come up to us after the film and said, this happened to me and you really captured what it's like. So, I hope this makes survivors feel seen. I also wish other folks will walk away with greater compassion, greater empathy. If art can bring us into other people's experience outside of our immediate experience to witness something or empathize with something that is outside of our experience and in that way stretches us, I think that's the most we can hope for.

Q: As a Chicagoan in Hollywood during this

#MeToo movement, what is the vibe out there now?

A: I have no idea, to be honest. I don't feel in touch with Hollywood right now. I've been in Colombia and in New York. What I can say is, I think it's complex and I'm glad we're starting to have the conversation. I think helping young people who are forming their identities now, who are essentially inexperienced in the realm of dating and sex are entering that world with a consciousness about what's this other human being in front of me feeling? What is it that they want in this? That's my hope.

"The Light of the Moon" will premiere Wednesday on Amazon Prime as a part of its Film Festival Stars program.

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WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Cress Williams

"Black Lightning" (8 p.m., CW): Jefferson (Cress Williams) is determined to find his father's killer in the new episode "Three Sevens: The Book of Thunder." The newly powerful Anissa (Nafessa Williams) tries to use her abilities to set something right. Gambi (James Remar) desperately needs Lynn's (Christine Adams) help. Chi-na Anne McClain, Damon Gupton and Marvin Jones III also star.

"Lethal Weapon" (7 p.m., FOX): Also appearing these days on "Man With a Plan," Swoosie Kurtz continues her guest role on this show in the new episode "Ruthless," as her character and Riggs (Clayne Crawford) start an improbable friendship while he and Murtaugh (Damon Wayans Sr.) seek guns stolen from a buyback program. A college acquaintance (guest star Wallace Langham, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation") of Captain Avery (Kevin Rahm) has information about a case.

"Fresh Off the Boat" (7:30 p.m., ABC): It's St. Patrick's Day at the restaurant in the new episode "Let Me Go, Bro," but Louis (Randall Park) feels anything but celebratory as he gets orders from on high to fire Matthew Chestnut (guest star Matt Oberg). Eddie's (Hudson Yang) admittance to the Honor Society troubles Evan (Ian Chen). Jessica (Constance Wu) goes on a police ride-along to fine-tune her book. Tig Notaro also guest stars. Forrest Wheeler and Chelsey Crisp also star.

"Bull" (8 p.m., CBS): Roma Maffia ("Profiler") guest stars in a new episode that borrows the title of a classic Agatha Christie tale, "Witness for the Prosecution." She plays a drug dealer whose claim of insanity has kept her from paying the price for killing a police officer — but that could change when Bull (Michael Weatherly) is brought into the case. Tony Plana ("Ugly Betty") also guest stars.

"Modern Family" (8:30 p.m., ABC): Luke's (Nolan Gould) disappearance sends Manny, Phil and Gloria (Rico Rodriguez, Ty Burrell, Sofia Vergara) on a hunt for him in "In Your Head," directed by series co-creator Steven Levitan. Haley (Sarah Hyland) is determined to interview a lifestyle website's mentor, leading her into a showdown with one of Alex's (Ariel Winter) professors (Chris Geere).

"NCIS: New Orleans" (9 p.m., CBS): The opioid crisis hits close to home in "The Last Mile," as FBI man Isler (recurring guest star Derek Webster) seeks the team's help on a case he has a personal connection to. Percy (Shalita Grant) goes undercover in a bid to help solve the matter. Scott Bakula, Lucas Black, Vanessa Ferlito, Rob Kerkovich, Daryl "Chill" Mitchell and CCH Pounder also star.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Joel McHale; actor Anna Paquin; comic Alex Edelman.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Bruce Willis; actress Retta; Towkio performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Kiefer Sutherland; actress Zoe Lister-Jones; American linguist John McWhorter.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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BROADCAST	CBS 2	NCIS: "Keep Your Enemies Closer." (N) ©	Bull: "Witness for the Prosecution." (N) ©	NCIS: New Orleans: "The Last Mile." (N) ©	News (N) ▶			
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Blind Auditions Premiere, Part 2." (N)	This Is Us: "Vegas, Baby." (N) ©	(9:01) Chicago Med: "Down By Law." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ▶			
	ABC 7	The Middle (N) ©	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	blackish (N) ©	Modern Family	Kevin (Probably) Saves the World (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©	227 ©
	This TV 9.3	*(6:30) Rounders (R,'98) **	Matt Damon. ©			The Brothers Grimm (PG-13,'05) **		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		We'll Meet Again: "Coming Out." (Season Finale) (N) ©		American Creed (N) ©	Frontline (N) ©	
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	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶	
	Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Black Snake Moan (R,'07) **	Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci.			
	FOX 32	Lethal Weapon: "Ruthless." (N) ©	LA to Vegas (N) ©	The Mick (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©	
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CW 50	The Flash: "Subject 9." (N)	Black Lightning (N) ©			The X-Files ©	X-Files ▶		
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Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro	Papá a toda madre			Caer en tentación (N)	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	Intervention ©	(8:01) Intervention (N)			Undercover High (N) ©	Inter. ▶	
	AMC	Armageddon (PG-13,'98) **	Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid. ©					
	ANIM	River Monsters ©	River Monsters: "Jurassic-Sized Prehistoric Terror."			Monsters ▶		
	BBCA	Planet Earth: Blue Planet	Planet Earth: Blue Planet			Planet Earth: Blue Planet	Earth ▶	
	BET	*(6:30) This Christmas (PG-13,'07) **	Delroy Lindo.			The Quad (N)	The Quad ▶	
	BIGTEN	▶ BTN in 60	BTN Live 2017-2018 ©	BTN Basketball in 60 ©	BTN Live 2017-2018 ©			
	BRAVO	Real Housewives/Beverly	Real Housewives (N)	Bethenny (N)	Bethenny & Watch (N)			
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©			The Profit (N) ©	Shark ▶	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ▶	
	COM	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk (N)	Period (N)	Daily (N)
	DISC	Street vs. Fast (N)		Street Outlaws ©				Outlaws ▶
	DISN	Andi Mack	Stuck	Bizaardvark	Raven	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack
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	ESPN	▶ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Miami at North Carolina. (N) (Live)			SportCtr (N)		
	ESPN2	▶ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball: Oklahoma at Baylor. (N) (Live)			Basketball		
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	HISTV	Digging Deeper (N)		The Curse of (N)				Oak Island ▶
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	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Pineapple ▶
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	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (N) ©			Winter Break (N) ▶	
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	Ovation	*(6) The Karate Kid Part II (PG,'86) **	Steel Magnolias (PG,'89) ***	Sally Field. ▶				
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 27): Explore and study profitable new tricks this year. Lay the groundwork for community enthusiasm. Fall in love again this summer, before a change in direction inspires your work, health and physical fitness. Regular team practice allows new levels of performance.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Practice your arts, skills and games. Creativity surges to wild heights. The pieces come together with sweet synchronicity. Share your enthusiasm. Discover fresh passion.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Domestic bliss sinks in. A windfall fills your basket. Blend feminine and masculine elements for a perfect balance. Enjoy the fruits of your labors.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. The more you dig, the more you understand. Resolve a puzzle by learning the back story. Observe others with experience. Express your artistic views.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. A lucky surprise places a golden opportunity at your feet. Push beyond old limits and grab it. Profit from the realization of a long-term dream.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. A breakthrough in your relationship with yourself allows for greater intimacy with others. Share dreams, especially the one within reach.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Envision your idea of perfection. Something you've long wanted seems newly attainable. Dream and speculate. Love, beauty and kindness feed your spirit.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Your team harmonizes. It's all for one and one for all. Each role contributes to a larger shared vision. Create beautiful music together.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. A professional prize falls into view. Make important decisions, and sign contracts. You can get whatever you need. Use what you've kept hidden.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Take your adventure to the next level. Study the inside perspective, and make an amazing discovery. Explore, and get farther than imagined.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Make a financial move with your partner. Consider your chess game, reviewing options, possibilities and long-term implications. An incredible opportunity pays fine dividends.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Your collaboration and communication flowers, providing satisfying rewards. You're especially charming (and charmed). It could get sweet. Contribute to a harmonious duet.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. You're in your physical high-performance zone. Dance with satisfying syncopation. Savor beautiful movements and graceful work. Push your own boundaries for new skill levels.

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 ♦ AK3
 ♣ K1093

One of the most abused conventions in bridge is the "lead-directing double." This is the double of an artificial bid to request a lead in that suit should partner be on lead. Also, you must be good enough to defeat that contract should the opponents elect to play there. You must be certain that you want that lead. The literature is full of examples of such doubles that have back-fired.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Dbl	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All pass

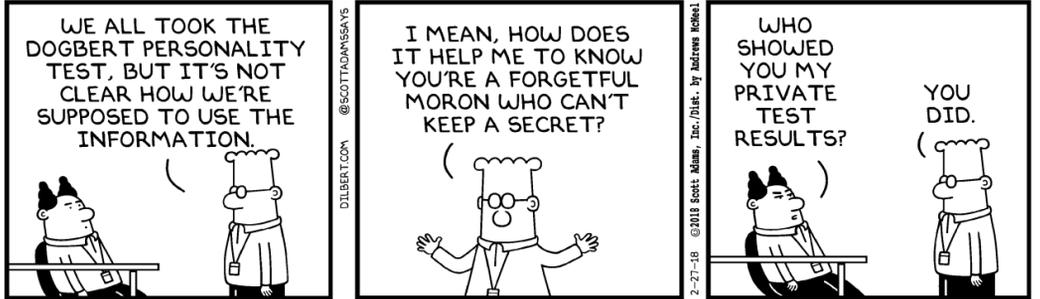
Opening lead: Queen of ♣

directing double from East along the way. Who can blame South for bidding a slam?

West was Subhash Gupta, long considered the guru of Indian bridge. The slam has no play, but chances came alive when Gupta led the queen of clubs. A diamond was discarded from dummy as East won with his ace. South won the trump shift and led the nine of clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy when Gupta played low. Another diamond was shed on the king of clubs, followed by the ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff. Declarer came to hand with the ace of hearts and ruffed his last club with the queen of spades. A heart ruff brought him back to his hand to draw trumps and claim his slam, leaving East with egg on his face. Gupta, a class act, eased his partner's pain by assuring East that Gupta would have led a club anyway.

— Bob Jones
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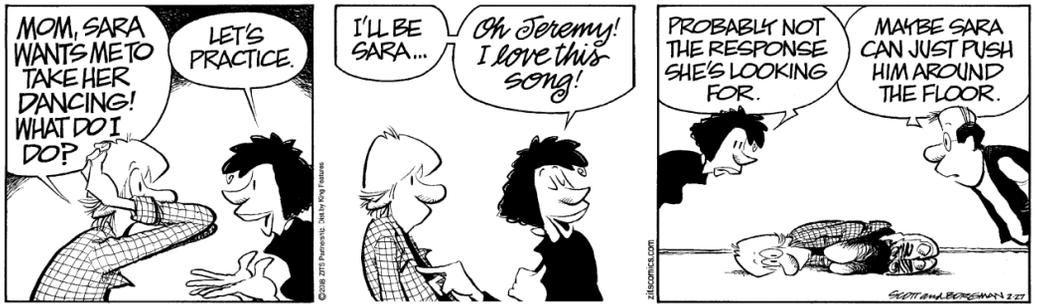
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Baby Blues



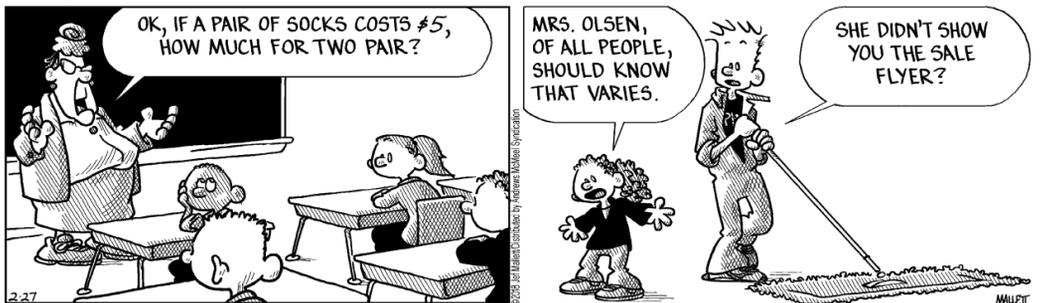
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Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



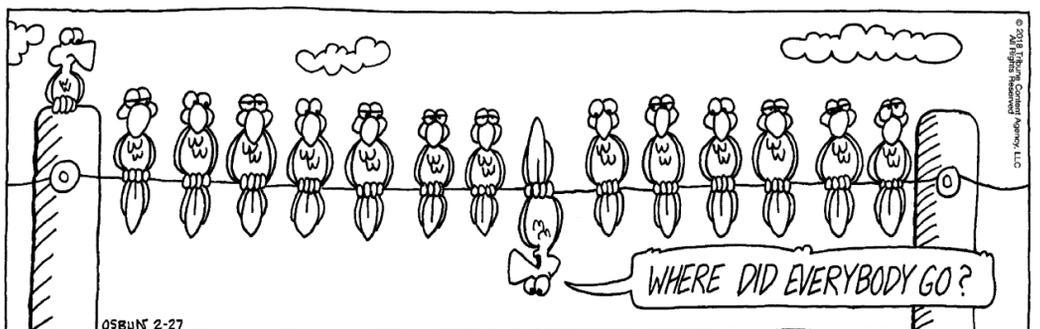
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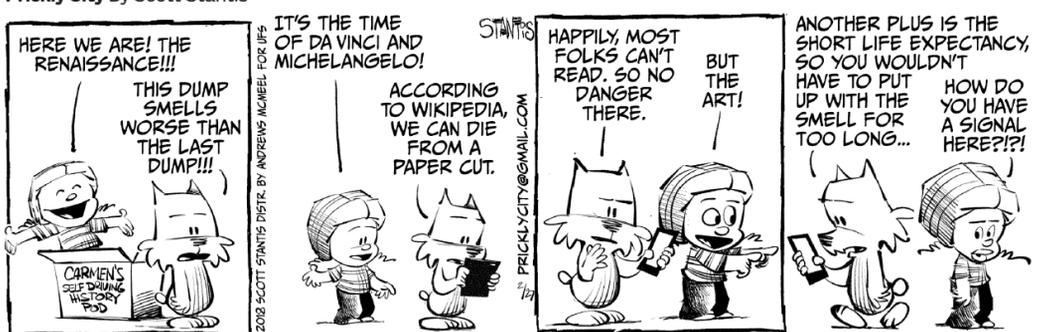
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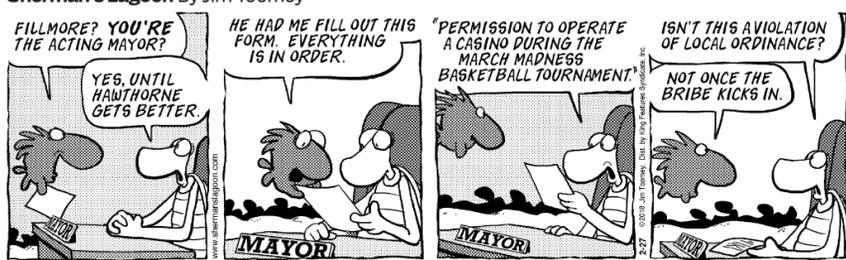
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WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



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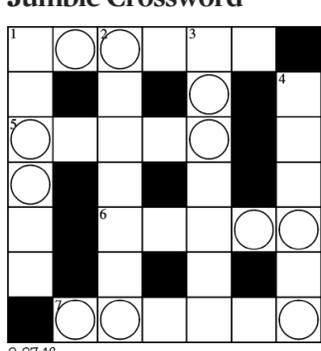
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

The word sabotage is related to the word sabot, referring to a type of what?
 A) Bird
 B) Hat
 C) Scarf
 D) Shoe
 Monday's answer: To protest a tax increase, Lady Godiva shed her clothes and rode on horseback through the streets of Coventry, England.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Chocolate
 5. Location
 6. ___ out
 7. Calm, collected

CLUE DOWN
 1. Spread out
 2. Pump problem
 3. Inactivity
 4. Baby bed

ANSWER
 SERIAL
 ELPAC
 CADTE
 EETDAS

ANSWER
 XPNEDA
 GLAEKEA
 TNEAIRI
 RAEDCL

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.

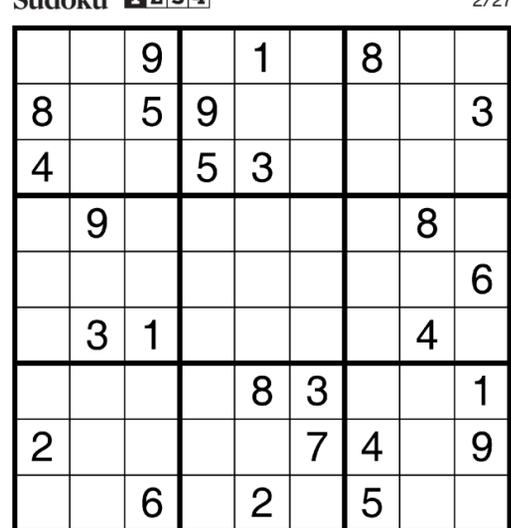
2-27-18 **CLUE:** The ___ was built to withstand winds of up to 200 miles per hour.

BONUS [Grid]

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 ANSWERS: 1A-Eclair 5A-Place 5A-Place 6A-Acted 7A-Setback 1P-Expand 2P-Loakage 3P-Intertia 4P-Cradle 5P-Space Needle
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

2/27



8	5	7	6	9	3	2	1	4
3	6	1	8	4	2	7	5	9
4	9	2	5	1	7	3	6	8
6	2	3	9	5	4	1	8	7
1	8	9	7	3	6	4	2	5
5	7	4	2	8	1	9	3	6
7	3	8	4	2	5	6	9	1
2	4	5	1	6	9	8	7	3
9	1	6	3	7	8	5	4	2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday'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.

DLNAB
 [Grid]

NORGP
 [Grid]

RMILEB
 [Grid]

SCUACE
 [Grid]



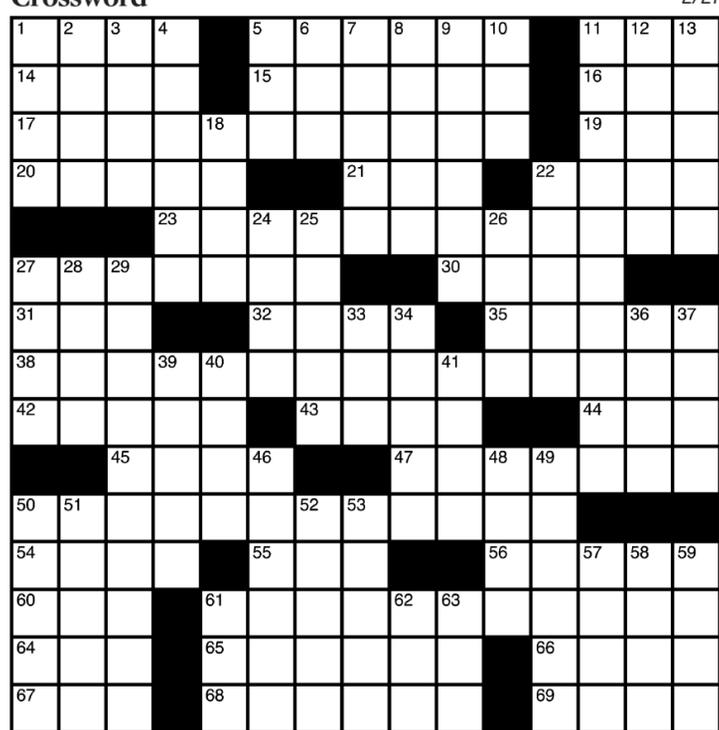
Answer here
 [Grid]

Monday's answers
 Jumbles: DATED BLIMP LUXURY BLURRY
 Answer: The weightlifter who dropped the weight on his foot was a — DUMBBELL

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Crossword

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Across
 1 Actress Swenson
 5 Pops out, as a DVD
 11 White lie
 14 "Little" Dickens girl
 15 Golf goof
 16 Mined metal
 17 Regularly go out (with)
 19 Old horse
 20 Rip off
 21 URL suffix for charities
 22 ___ time: never
 23 Getup for Woody of "Toy Story"
 27 Like some consonants, as the nasal "n"
 30 Actress de Matteo
 31 Press into service
 32 Invalidate
 35 "The Lion King" lion
 38 What "2 + 2 = 4" is an example of
 42 "Say cheese!"
 43 Spreadsheet info
 44 Baton Rouge sch.

Down
 45 Unlikely to throw dirty clothes on the floor
 47 Word after systems or psycho
 50 Preferred way of doing things
 54 "___ girl!"
 55 ___Kosh B'gosh
 56 Listless feeling
 60 Old electrical unit
 61 Front part of a hand tool, say ... and the last word of 17-, 23-, 38- and 50-Across?
 64 Emeril exclamation
 65 Tarzan and others
 66 Like villains
 67 Having five sharps, musically
 68 Creates anew, as a password
 69 Alluring

Monday's solution
 [Grid]

Down
 1 Color printer refills
 2 Old hair-removal brand
 3 TV show about a high school choir
 4 Llama-like mammal
 5 Expressive punk genre
 6 Good name for a phys ed teacher?
 7 Finland's second-largest city
 8 Careful
 9 Overbearing leader
 10 Messy room
 11 Group of related typefaces
 12 Tehran native

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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TUESDAY, FEB. 27

NORMAL HIGH: 40°

NORMAL LOW: 24°

RECORD HIGH: 75° (1976)

RECORD LOW: -6° (1897)

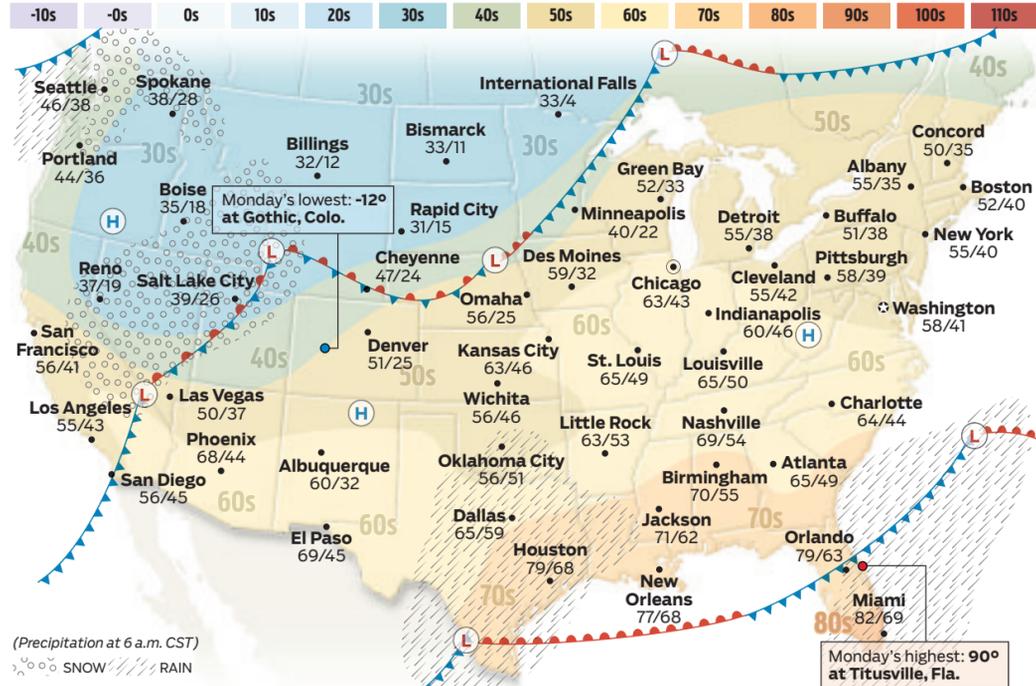
After Tuesday's warmth, it may snow Thursday

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 63 **LOW** 43

- An early taste of spring as February 2018 logs its 3rd 60-degree day.
- A second straight day with unlimited sunshine.
- Brisk south-southwest winds 12-22 mph send temperatures soaring to unseasonably warm levels in the lower 60s, 20-25 degrees above normal.
- Clouds gradually increase overnight. Breezy and mild. Lows in the lower 40s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



It's a meteorologically volatile time of the year in Chicago, and the next few days will provide a prime example. Temperatures surged into the lower and middle 50s Monday as the city basked in unlimited sunshine, the city's first 100 percent sunshine day since Jan. 18. Tuesday could be the second, as temperatures surge to the lower 60s for the third time this month.

Conditions will go downhill rapidly after that, as showers develop Wednesday night in advance of intensifying low pressure. The rain will become steadier and heavier by daybreak Thursday as an influx of colder air turns the rain to snow. The snow could accumulate as temperatures slide toward freezing. Clearing arrives Thursday night, setting the stage for a couple of chilly days followed by weekend warming.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

HIGH 57 **LOW** 40

Cloudy and breezy. Scattered showers evolve into steady rain overnight. Highs from the lower 50s far north to 60 far south but turning cooler lakeside as winds shift east.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

HIGH 40 **LOW** 29

A stormy March open. Gusty east-northeast winds 20-30 mph. Steady cold rain changes to wet snow as temperatures fall from around 40. Accumulations possible.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

HIGH 42 **LOW** 26

Sunshine returns. Brisk north winds 12-22 mph. Seasonable highs in the lower 40s, a bit cooler lakeside.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

HIGH 45 **LOW** 28

A sunny day with highs in the middle 40s, though northeast winds 10-20 mph keep readings in the 30s near the lake.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

HIGH 50 **LOW** 32

Milder weather returns as the mercury approaches 50. Southeast-south winds 10-20 mph. Morning sunshine fades as clouds increase in the afternoon.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

HIGH 54 **LOW** 30

Cloudy and mild with scattered showers. South winds 10-20 mph. Highs reach the lower and middle 50s, more than 10 degrees above normal.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
 With forecast highs in the 40s and 50s and forecast lows not much below freezing for the next week, what is the probability that we'll escape snow for the rest of the winter?
 — John Perry, Hampshire

Dear John,
 The overwhelming odds are that the 2017-18 snow season is far from over. While historically, snowfall this late in the season is certainly on the decline, a typical March and April produce about 6.8 inches, which is nearly 20 percent of the season's 36.3-inch average.

The average ending date of the city's measurable snow season is April 3, but it has come as early as Feb. 27 in 1997 and as late May 11 in 1966.

The city has been hit by some memorable late-season snowstorms that include 19.2 inches on March 25-26, 1930; 9.4 inches on April 5, 1982; and even 2.2 inches on May 1-2, 1940.

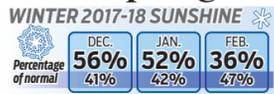
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From spring-like 60s to wind-driven wet snow Thursday



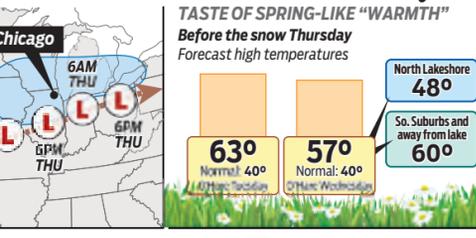
METEOROLOGICAL WINTER 2017-18 UPDATE: IN TERM OF TEMPS, HEADED FOR A 0.5° SURPLUS



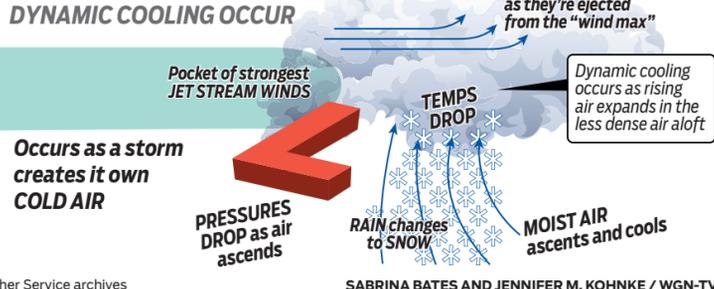
SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

STORM TRACK FORECAST

Band of wet, wind-driven accumulating snow possible



HERE'S HOW DYNAMIC COOLING OCCUR



CHICAGO DIGEST

MONDAY TEMPERATURES

Location	HI	LO	Location	HI	LO
Aurora	53	25	Midway	55	29
Gary	54	27	O'Hare	53	28
Kankakee	52	27	Romeoville	54	26
Lakefront	54	34	Valparaiso	54	30
Lansing	55	25	Waukegan	53	27

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

Period	2018	Normal
Mon. (through 6 p.m.)	0.00"	0.07"
February to date	4.64"	1.63"
Year to date	6.18"	3.36"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

Period	O'Hare	Midway
Mon. (through 6 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	30.3"	32.7"
Normal to date	29.0"	30.2"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

Condition	Tuesday	Wednesday
Wind	\$ 14-26 kts. SW/NE 7-17 kts.	
Waves	1-3 feet	1-3 feet
Mon. shore/crib water temps	37°/35°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

Area	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	41.0%	35.7%
Average snow depth	5.4"	5.4"

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

Monday's reading	Not available
Tuesday's forecast	Not available
Critical pollutant	Not available

TUESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:29 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
Moon	3:06 p.m.	4:53 a.m.

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:55 a.m.	6:21 p.m.
Venus	7:04 a.m.	6:36 p.m.
Mars	2:00 a.m.	11:10 p.m.
Jupiter	11:44 p.m.	9:43 a.m.
Saturn	3:16 a.m.	12:29 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

Mercury	Not visible
Venus	6:00 a.m. 6° WSW
Mars	5:45 a.m. 24.5° SSE
Jupiter	4:45 a.m. 31° S
Saturn	5:45 a.m. 19.5° SSE

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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