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## School threats on rise in wake of Fla. shooting

### Parents, educators, law enforcement try to find balance between calm, concern

BY TED GREGORY  
Chicago Tribune

Early last week, officials in Lake County announced charges against two Mundelein High School students in connection with a threatening Snapchat post that included a photo of a handgun.

Next came news that author-

ities in northwest Indiana had filed a criminal complaint against a 15-year-old girl accused of sending a mass text saying she was "blowing up" Crown Point High School.

The same day, a 16-year-old sophomore at Lake Park High School in Roselle was in court after authorities said the student — frustrated by an earlier threat

that had shut his school down — posted that his peers ought to shut up about school shootings or he would "do one." His lawyer said it was a joke, albeit one in poor taste.

Since the latest mass shooting at a school — this one killing 17 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14 — students have been protesting gun violence. State and federal lawmakers have scrambled to

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A SWAT team member prepares to enter Dumont High School while the school was under lockdown in Dumont, N.J., on Feb. 26.

## GOP lines up against Trump's tariff plan

### Lawmakers appeal to president to back off, citing economic risks

BY ERICA WERNER,  
DAMIAN PALETTA  
AND DAVID J. LYNCH  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans are maneuvering to stop President Donald Trump from levying harsh tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, arguing that the move runs counter to the core of their economic agenda and could even cause political problems heading into the 2018 midterms.

"We are extremely worried about the consequences of a trade war and are urging the White House to not advance with this plan," AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said in a statement Monday. "The new tax reform law has boosted the economy and we certainly don't want to jeopardize those gains."

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee were also circulating a letter criticizing the tariffs, while high-ranking Senate Republicans voiced their own opposition. "My constituents are worried about the cost of their beer cans. It's a concern," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. "The price of cars. A tariff obviously

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## A dream further deferred

Sarah Gruettner, 16, of Palatine, center, protests Monday in front of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building on Congress Parkway. Activists gathered at Willow Creek Church in Chicago and marched to ICE headquarters to show solidarity with recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. As Monday's deadline for a legislative solution passed, immigration attorneys and lawmakers called on the White House to shield those who lost protected status after President Donald Trump moved to end DACA. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

## Donors seek refund on \$100M gift to U. of C.

### Not enough was done toward global conflict institute, lawsuit says

BY DAWN RHODES  
Chicago Tribune

The donation to the University of Chicago in 2015 was as generous as it was ambitious: The Pearson Family Members Foundation pledged an eye-popping \$100 million to establish a center devoted to finding new ways to resolve global conflicts.

Nearly three years later, that donation is in disarray.

The foundation, led by Thomas Pearson and his brother Timothy, is suing the university to recoup the \$22.9 million it has already handed over, saying the university's leaders have failed to demonstrate they are using the landmark gift for its intended purpose.

They say the university, among other shortcomings, has failed to hire a full-time daily director to oversee the institute, develop academic curriculum, hire high-quality faculty or schedule the institute's annual forum as stipulated by the gift agreement, according to the lawsuit.

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## Dart employee took leave, collected \$90K

### IG says sheriff's office worker wasn't entitled to get health benefits

BY GREGORY PRATT  
Chicago Tribune

A high-ranking aide to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart took nearly five years of personal leave to work on his private security business while also collecting nearly \$90,000 in health benefits that a public watchdog said he wasn't entitled to, records and interviews show.

Julius "Jay" Rutili, former special assistant to the sheriff, took a personal leave beginning in November 2011 to manage his personal company, Forest Security, the sheriff's office said. He remained on leave and was improperly covered under the county's health benefits until his resignation in July 2016, an

investigation by Cook County Inspector General Patrick Blanchard found.

"The county law is clear," Blanchard told the Tribune. "The government can't pay for any benefit when you're on a personal leave of absence, period."

Blanchard also found that the reason for Rutili's leave did not fall under the acceptable reasons for extended time off.

Rutili repaid the county \$89,185 on Jan. 4, three months after Blanchard laid out his findings in a letter to Dart.

The sheriff's office agrees the leave was "too long" but disagrees that the reason for granting Rutili leave was inappropriate, said Cara Smith, chief policy officer for Dart. She said Rutili receiving health benefits while on leave wasn't "nefarious."

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# How many asylum-seeking families separated? And why?



REX W. HUPPKE

There is still a girl being detained in Chicago who shouldn't be here.

I told you about her last week. She's 7. She and her mother fled Congo and arrived in Southern California in November seeking asylum.

They followed all the rules, passed an initial screening that found they have a strong case for asylum and then were separated with no explanation. The mother remained at an immigration facility in San Diego — and the child was taken 2,000 miles away.

Four months later, she remains here. And now I'm wondering if there are more children like her being held in Chicago or other places in the country, children who came seeking safety only to be ripped apart from their families because our government wants to send a bullying message to the world: Stay away.

Late Friday, U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, responding to my initial column, sent a joint letter to Kirstjen Nielsen, the head of the Department of Homeland Security, urging her "to immediately reunite this child with her mother."

The senators asked Nielsen to answer a series of questions regarding this case by March 9 and to provide information on the "number of children of asylum-seekers DHS has separated from a parent since President Trump took office."

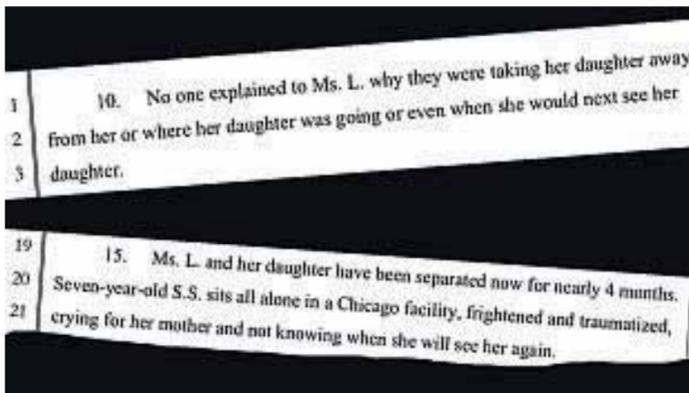
Per the letter: "This is reportedly only one of many recent cases in which DHS has separated the children of asylum-seekers from their parents. ... This would be an unacceptable breach of our legal and humanitarian obligations to innocents who are fleeing war and terrorism."

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the mother and child and on Friday filed an injunction asking a judge to reunite the two. Homeland Security officials have said they can't comment on pending litigation, and initially the department refused to answer even general questions about DHS policy regarding asylum seekers.

Over the weekend, the department's acting press secretary, Tyler Houlton, finally sent me a statement: "DHS does not currently have a policy of separating women and children. However, we retain the authority to do so in certain circumstances — particularly to protect a child from potential smuggling and trafficking activities."

The statement went on to say that due to "numerous intelligence reports and cases where kids have been used and trafficked by unrelated adults in an effort to avoid detention" the government has to "ensure the child is not a victim of trafficking and they are with a bona fide parent or legal guardian."

"If we are unable to confirm this relationship we must take steps to protect the child, which may result in placing them with HHS as an unaccompanied child," Houlton wrote in the statement, referring to the De-



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Excerpts from a lawsuit filed by the ACLU involving a mother and her child from Congo, separated by U.S. immigration officials upon their arrival in San Diego.

partment of Health and Human Services.

He concluded: "We ask that members of the public and media view advocacy group claims that we are separating women and children for reasons other than to protect the child with the level of skepticism they deserve."

I appreciate concerns about child trafficking, of course. Immigration officials have to do due diligence, and I can only imagine how complex it can be to screen asylum seekers — people who often have fled their countries without any documentation — and confirm familial connections.

**"We're very concerned that this could become official policy."**

— Ashley Houghton, tactical campaigns manager at Amnesty International USA

But that doesn't explain the case of the girl in Chicago. Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project and one of the attorneys representing the mother and child, said there has been no accusation that the two are unrelated and the mother isn't facing any allegation of abuse or neglect.

When they were separated, the mother was given no explanation.

A source who has been helping the mother confirmed that she arrived in California without papers — she's Catholic and was rushed out of Congo, formerly Zaire, with the help of a Catholic church there — but is willing to take a blood test to prove she's the child's mother.

It doesn't sound to me like the government is concerned about the child's welfare. It sounds like the government is doing what White House chief of staff John Kelly suggested it might do early last year when he was in charge of Homeland Security — separate families at the border in an effort to deter immigrants and asylum seekers.

That idea was met with extreme criticism, so Kelly reversed course, even testifying before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee that a mother and child would only be separated "if the mother is sick or addicted to drugs."

Asked by Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota if those were the only

circumstances in which separation would be considered, Kelly said he "can't imagine doing otherwise."

But immigrant groups and news organizations have reported dozens upon dozens of other cases of inexplicable separation that seem to fly in the face of Kelly's testimony.

In November, Jose Fuentes and his 1-year-old son, Mateo, arrived at the U.S. border with Mexico seeking asylum, citing the threat of gang violence in their native El Salvador. The father had his passport and Mateo's birth certificate — documents viewed and confirmed by several news organizations that reported the story — but Mateo was taken away to Texas while the father remained in detention in San Diego.

The child was held for three months before being returned to his mother, who entered the country with the family's other child, also seeking asylum. The father's asylum case is still pending, and he remains detained in San Diego.

Ashley Houghton, tactical campaigns manager at Amnesty International USA, told me: "We're very concerned that this could become official policy. But the other concern is that they just do it no matter what."

I reached out to Sen. Heitkamp regarding Kelly's previous testimony, and she said in a statement: "Recent reports of indiscriminate separations without explanation and subsequent long-distance separation of a mother and child are deeply disturbing and go against commitments made by Gen. Kelly and others in the administration. ... I will be working with my colleagues to investigate these cases and help the children who've been traumatized."

The Homeland Security spokesman said in his statement that we should view groups advocating for immigrants and asylum-seekers with the skepticism they deserve.

I would argue that given President Donald Trump's harsh and hateful comments about immigrants, including his labeling of some African nations as "shithole countries," we should view the current administration with the skepticism it deserves.

That leads me to ask: How many other children like the 7-year-old in Chicago has our government separated from their parents?

And what kind of country are we if we allow this to happen?

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Anthony Rizzo is raising money for his high school alma mater, the site of a deadly mass shooting.

## Rizzo's auction for his alma mater raises \$65,000 — and counting

As of Monday afternoon, someone wanted a cameo on "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and lunch with cast member **Jeff Garlin** enough to pledge \$9,100.

If that bid from **Anthony Rizzo's** charity auction wins out, all of that money and more will help the students and the families affected by the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Rizzo's alma mater.

The Cubs first baseman and his foundation have joined with Fanatics to raise more than \$65,000 since the campaign started Feb. 23.

Seventeen students and educators were killed at the Park-

land, Fla., school nearly three weeks ago.

Bidding on fanatics auctions.com runs through March 25, and Rizzo is scheduled to present a check before the start of the Cubs' season opener in Miami on March 29.

"The "Curb" walk-on role and Garlin lunch had the highest bid as of Monday, but here are some of the other popular items being auctioned.

**Eddie Vedder concert package** (leading bid: \$7,350). The Cubs superfan offers tickets for four to one of Pearl Jam's Wrigley Field concert dates in August, along with a meet-and-greet and autographed guitar.

**Rizzo meet-and-greet** (leading bid: \$5,100). Rizzo will host four guests on the field at Wrigley Field during a regular-season game to be determined this year.

**Bill Murray golf tournament** (leading bid: \$1,000). The comedian and celebrity Cubs fan hosts two VIPs at the Murray Bros. Caddyshack Charity Golf Tournament on April 26-27 in St. Augustine, Fla.

**White Sox at Cubs on May 11** (leading bid: \$650). The winner gets two first-row seats behind home plate along with access to Wrigley Field's new 1914 Club.

— Phil Thompson

## Past legal issues dog suburban pastor running for Congress

Arlington Heights pastor **John Elleson**, who is making a bid for Congress, risked the ire of multimillionaire televangelist **Joel Osteen** by including Osteen in a recent TV ad without Osteen's permission.

But Osteen isn't the only one Elleson has upset over the years, court records show. Elleson — who's running in the Republican primary to challenge U.S. Rep. **Jan Schakowsky** in November — was ordered by a judge to complete 150 hours of community service and to return \$49,000 in benefit payments he'd improperly collected after pleading "no contest" to a theft charge in Hawaii in 2003, court records show.

Prosecutors alleged that Elleson and his wife, **Suzanne Elleson**, who pleaded no contest to second-degree theft, had lied about how they were feeding teenagers who attended a religious drug addiction rehabilitation service Elleson ran, so that they could illegally squeeze extra money out of taxpayers.

According to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, the state probe of Elleson began after a teenage client alleged the Ellesons re-



Elleson

quired him and other clients to apply for benefits, then turn over their benefits cards to Suzanne Elleson or face being kicked out of the program. That wasn't the end of Elleson's problems tied to the program. After the church that had hired him to run the program fired him for his "contentious and noncooperative spirit" and his "assumption of dictatorial authority over an assembly," Elleson was sued by the church for continuing to use its "Teen Challenge" trademark without permission.

Elleson, who last week removed text from his campaign website that appeared to falsely imply a Chicago Tribune endorsement, and who continues to falsely claim that he has been endorsed over Schakowsky by an independent voters group, told Inc. in an email that, "There is no sense in engaging in any of this with you, as you are going to write as you see fit."

He described "the Hawaii thing" as "an unfortunate time in our lives," and said he would not have been charged under current law.

— Kim Janssen

## Top cop: 'Death Wish' release 'exploits' Paul Bauer's killing

Don't count on running into Chicago police Superintendent **Eddie Johnson** at your local multiplex to catch a screening of the Chicago-set remake of "Death Wish."

The **Bruce Willis** movie is "not the type of narrative we want for our city," Johnson said Friday, criticizing MGM for releasing the violent revenge fantasy so soon after the killing of Chicago police Cmdr. **Paul Bauer** in the Loop.

"It's unfortunate," Johnson told WLS-AM 890's **Bill Cameron** on Friday when he was asked about the timing of the release of the movie, which opens with the downtown killing of a police officer. "But of course I don't think Hollywood really pays attention to that type of thing."

"When you look at the Paul Bauer shooting, it just really bothers me when people put things out there that would disturb the family," Johnson continued. "Those people are going through enough."

"Give them a chance to process what's happened, and to try to get back to as much normalcy as they can, before we start using differ-



Johnson

ent things to exploit it.

"The bottom line for (Hollywood) is money.

MGM released the remake of the **Charles Bronson** 1974 original last week, just days after Bauer's killing and the school shooting in Park-

land, Fla. A planned earlier release in late 2017 was delayed by the Las Vegas concert shooting that killed 58 people.

While the original was set in New York, the remake is set in Chicago and takes advantage of national headlines about the city's murder rate. Critical reviews have noted the similarities between the portrait painted by the movie and that peddled by President **Donald Trump**.

Johnson said the movie, in which Willis plays an Evanston surgeon who seeks violent retribution for the murder of his wife and shooting of his daughter, is "not the type of narrative we want for our city, because we get poked enough on the crime issues that are in this city."

MGM did not immediately comment Monday.

— Kim Janssen

## Bradley Whitford, Amy Landecker engaged

Get out! "Get Out" star **Bradley Whitford** revealed on the Oscars red carpet Sunday that he is set to marry Chicago-raised actress **Amy Landecker**. Whitford didn't spill details about the engagement, but referred to his former "Transparent" co-star as his fiancée.

Reps for Whitford, 58, and Landecker, 48, did not return a Tribune request for comment. Landecker was spotted wearing a diamond sparkler at the EMILY's List pre-Oscars brunch last week.

Landecker, whose father is



PHILLIP FARAONE/GETTY

The couple were co-stars on the TV show "Transparent."

Chicago radio legend **John Records Landecker**, attended Francis W. Parker School in Lincoln Park. She is best known

for playing Sarah Pfefferman on "Transparent."

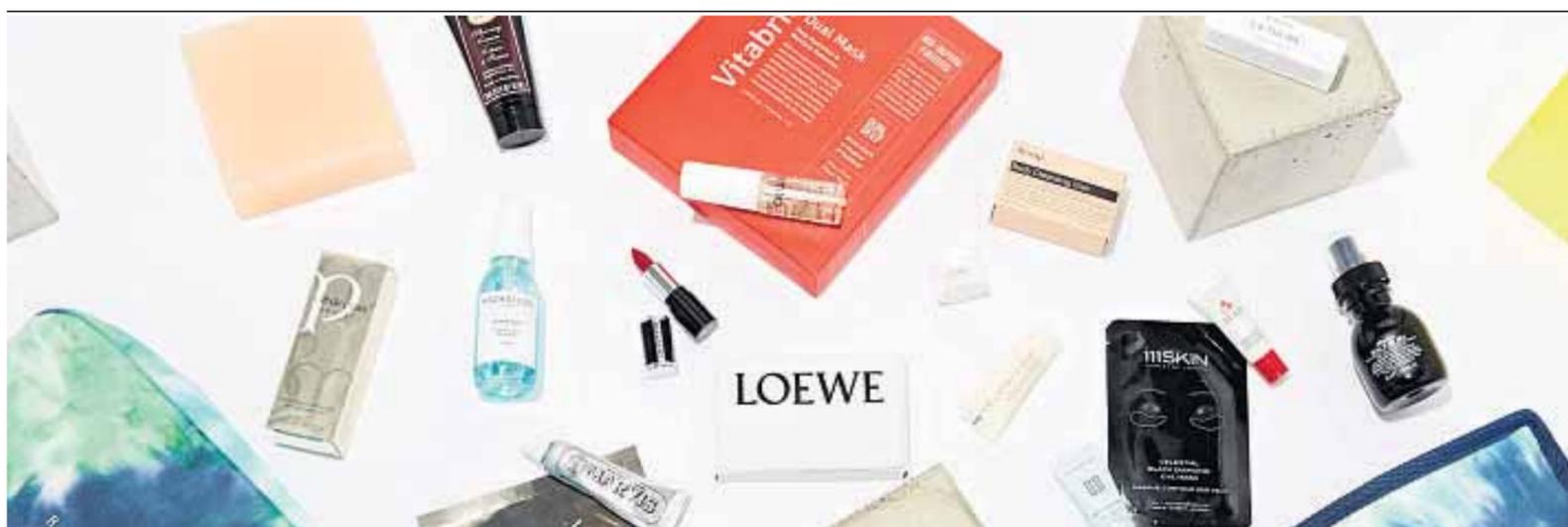
She is also part of the cast of the comedy-drama "A Kid Like Jake," which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January.

Landecker and Whitford made their red carpet debut as a couple in September 2015 at the Creative Arts Emmy Awards.

Whitford was married to "Malcolm in the Middle" star **Jane Kaczmarek** from 1992 to 2010. Landecker was married to journalist **Jackson Lynch**.

— Tracy Swartz

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## It's not brain surgery: Carson made wrong call

He was role model, then said yes to Trump for HUD chief



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

Ben Carson should have said no.

He should have let his phone just ring off the hook when Donald Trump called repeatedly to offer him a job in his administration as secretary of Housing and

Urban Development.

He should have run away as fast as he could the moment he realized that there were "two different Donald Trumps," which is how Carson once described the president. As an expert on matters of the brain, the renowned neurosurgeon should have known better than to fall into the grips of a deviant with a split personality.

Carson should not have believed for a moment that the opponent he says he eventually came to think of as "very cerebral, sits there and considers things very carefully" could actually overtake "the one you see on the stage."

For Trump, life is a performance. There is no curtain between fantasy and fact.

Had Carson walked away when he had the chance, he and his family would not be, as he said last week, "under attack by the media questioning our integrity and ethics."

Had he acknowledged his lack of experience in the affairs of government and turned Trump down, he could have avoided the embarrassing fiasco that has come to define his tenure at HUD.

He would not be accused of wasting \$31,000 in taxpayer money on a dining room set for his office at a time when Trump is trimming \$6.8 billion from the budget of the department that oversees low-income housing for the elderly and poor.

Had he said no to Trump, HUD's inspector general would not be looking into nepotism at the agency, questioning whether Carson's son, Benjamin Jr., and other family members had inappropriate roles in managing department affairs.

If Carson said no to Trump in the beginning, he would not have been tempted to try and bend the rules as far as his boss has in the White House. Carson would not have had the chance to enlist the help of his son after Trump opened the door by enlisting the help of his daughter.

Indeed, had Carson not gotten tied up with Trump, he might have been able to redeem himself as American visionary — lauded for his determination not to let adversity stand in the way of his success.

Ben Carson could have been a role model whom people looked up to.

But he fell under Trump's debilitating spell, stepping freely into his abyss of lies, dishonor and deceit from which there is no route for redemption.

Anyone who falls for such a lure is a fool.

By most standards, Carson would be considered a brilliant man. It is no small feat to work your way out of poverty to become an acclaimed pediatric neurosurgeon. To graduate from Yale University and then go on to medical school. To be named director of pediatric neurosurgery at John Hopkins Hospital at age 33, at the time the youngest physician in the country to hold such a position.

And to gain international prominence after successfully performing surgery to separate 7-month-old twins who were born joined at the head.

That is the stuff of which heroes are made. But Carson is anything but a hero.

Under Trump's tutelage, he has become a political joke, a flunky, a man who was so anxious to follow Trump's drumbeat that he could no longer hear his own.

It would be wrong to blame Carson's unraveling entirely on Trump, though. Much of it is Carson's own doing. He made the mistake of believing his own hype.

Conservatives loved his fabled story of having pulled himself up by the bootstraps. They loved citing him as an example of what African-Americans could achieve if someone just ripped the rug of government dependency out from under them.

Carson was the confirmation Trump and others needed to prove once and for all that African-Americans who struggle in this country do so because of their own lack of drive and ineptitude.

It relieved them of any responsibility to reach back to help those left behind.

That's why Trump needed Carson for this particular job. He was supposed to spread this flawed philosophy throughout impoverished America.

It took a year for Carson to realize that it would not be that easy. It took him that long to realize that "there are more complexities here than in brain surgery," as he recently told *The New York Times*.

Perhaps Carson also will find that everything he thought he knew about Trump was a lie. Perhaps he will understand that Trump never intended to make HUD a viable tool for improving the lives of the underserved.

Perhaps Carson will know that he was just a pawn. Perhaps he will see that he would have been a great man had he just said no.

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People march Monday in the Loop in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

## Local 'Dreamers' remain in limbo after deadline

Lawmakers call on White House to shield those losing DACA status

BY NEREIDA MORENO  
Chicago Tribune

As Monday's deadline came and went for Congress to find a legislative solution for young immigrants who came to the country illegally as children, advocates say the delay has put so-called "Dreamers" at risk for deportation.

Now, immigration attorneys and lawmakers are asking the White House to shield those who lost their protected status after the Trump administration moved to end the program.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., held a news conference Monday and called on the White House to solve the "humanitarian crisis" it created by announcing in September it would end the program March 5.

"We have tried to work with the president. We have given him six different bipartisan solutions," Durbin said. "He has rejected every single one."

A federal judge in January ordered the government to resume accepting renewal applications for the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program while a lawsuit goes forward. But DACA recipients are still at risk of losing their work permits because of higher wait times for application processing.

Immigration officials have been inundated with renewal requests since they resumed accepting applications, said Leonor Garcia, a staff attorney with the Pilsen-based Resur-

rection Project.

Garcia said her office has filed more than 100 renewal applications since January, but that there are probably thousands more in the Chicago area who have yet to renew.

She said it's important for anyone whose status will expire within the next 150 days to apply while the window is open. Immigrants who were previously protected may file for renewal, but the federal court order does not cover first-time applicants.

Durbin said he requested a meeting with Department of Homeland Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and a bipartisan group of senators this week.

"Now, the only way it moves forward is if the Republican leaders get a signal for the president of something he will accept. That's the situation we're currently in," he said.

DACA recipients receive two-year work permits and are considered low priority for immigration enforcement. About 42,700 people in Illinois have been approved for the program since its 2012 inception.

President Donald Trump has previously expressed sympathy for the Dreamers — a nickname that came from the DREAM Act, which was first proposed in 2001 to create a path to permanent residency for the young people. He in turn has blamed Democrats for the stalemate over immigration reform.

Monday afternoon, Trump

tweeted: "It's March 5th and the Democrats are nowhere to be found on DACA. Gave them 6 months, they just don't care. Where are they? We are ready to make a deal!"

Attending Monday's news conference with Durbin was Ana Nino Flores, 24, of Aurora, a DACA recipient and transportation engineer at Clark Dietz in the West Loop Gate neighborhood. She came to the U.S. when she was 5 and earned a civil engineering degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2016.

"DACA gave me a chance at a future. It has been the key to many doors and opportunities," she said.

Nino Flores said she submitted her renewal application in August. As her January expiration deadline approached with no word, Flores said her employer contacted Durbin's office to check on her application. She heard back from immigration officials within 24 hours.

"I am a lucky girl," she said. "But it's painful. I feel guilty. What about the rest of us? It feels like we're being tossed left and right."

Her boss, Chip Craddock, said the nation is facing a "growing shortage" of engineers and that Nino Flores is "indispensable" to his company.

"The U.S. needs all the engineering talent it can get to both maintain and develop our crumbling infrastructure and compete in the global marketplace," he said. "Why would we deport outstanding young people like Ana to other countries to compete with us?"

**"DACA gave me a chance at a future. It has been the key to many doors and opportunities."**

— Ana Nino Flores

Chirayu Patel, 34, is an asset manager and financial analysis accountant. He came to the U.S. from India at age 11.

In 2006, Patel graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a bachelor's degree in political science. He worked part time to pay for school and said his parents had to borrow money for his tuition, since Dreamers aren't eligible for federal aid.

"DACA was obviously a huge relief. It allowed me to leverage my skill set and get a job that pays me what I should be earning with my education," he said. "The repeal is now bringing all of that uncertainty back."

Patel said he has renewed his DACA status three times, most recently in June. Though he was once encouraged by Trump's rhetoric on Dreamers, Patel said he is no longer optimistic Congress will pass immigration reform this year. He said immigrants' struggles are being used as a "political football" by both parties.

"I'm taking it day by day," he said. "I consider Chicago and America home, and so does my family."

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## Attorney: Shooting suspect has support

CMU student charged with killing parents held on \$3M bail

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A Plainfield teen charged with fatally shooting his parents at Central Michigan University last week still has "great love" and support from his relatives, an attorney said Monday.

James Eric Davis Jr., 19, remained hospitalized after being arrested Saturday and charged with two counts of murder and a weapons violation in deaths of James Eric Davis Sr. and Diva Davis.

Authorities hope a court hearing will be held Tuesday for the teen, whose bail was set at \$3 million.

A wake for the youth's parents will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Johnson Funeral Home, 5838 W. Division St., Chicago, according to attorney Brent Hopper, a spokesman for the family. Funeral services will be Sat-

urday, at a time to be determined.

Davis is accused of shooting his parents to death after they came to pick him up following an earlier hospitalization for erratic behavior.

He was arrested after an intensive manhunt around the Mount Pleasant, Mich., campus and is in custody in a hospital in that area.

Hopper said Monday that while relatives were working on a public statement, "they want Eric to know that he has not been abandoned, and that they still have their great love for him and support him."

The \$3 million bail was set Friday on the basis of the arrest warrant for Davis before he had been apprehended, according to Jodi Allen, chief assignment clerk for the Isabella County District



Diva Davis



James Davis Sr.



James Davis Jr.

Court.

Generally, people must appear for arraignment and a bond hearing within 72 hours of their arrest in Michigan, but Davis has not yet appeared for the hearing because he remains hospitalized.

Allen said they are exploring whether a hearing can be held Tuesday via video if Davis is still in the hospital.

Campus police said video surveillance shows Davis leaving his dorm, going to the family vehicle and returning with a handgun that belonged to his father.

Davis Sr. was a police officer in Bellwood and a retired Illinois National Guardsman. His wife had been a real estate agent and a flight attendant with American Airlines, friends said.

Their eldest son, Russell, posted a Facebook message over the weekend asking the public and the media not to rush to judgment against his brother, and Hopper said the family was asking for privacy.

"They have not had an opportunity to properly grieve because of the media involvement — to the point that their (the Davis') minor daughter, somebody got a hold of her cellphone number and was trying to contact her. Contacting a minor is not good," he said.

Hopper said the family has received no additional information from investigators about what led to the deadly shooting, and have had no contact with Davis Jr.

"The only way they have received any information has been through the media, and one of the family members went up to try and see him (Davis Jr.) and they did not allow that," Hopper said.

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# Ives criticizes Emanuel over municipal ID card for voting

Governor hopeful says CitiKey makes fraud more likely

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Republican governor candidate Jeanne Ives on Monday ripped Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other Chicago officials over plans to allow use of a municipal ID card for registering to vote and voting, saying it will open the door to widespread voter fraud by immigrants living in the country without legal permission.

Ives, who's trying to position herself as a more conservative candidate than incumbent Gov. Bruce Rauner in the GOP primary, said she will work to pass a state law prohibiting city-issued ID cards from being used in elections.

Ives accused Chicago

Democrats of "breath-taking" hypocrisy for obsessing over accusations of Russian meddling in President Donald Trump's election while at the same time taking steps that she said would make it easier for people living in this country illegally to fraudulently vote in Chicago.

"Accepting the CityKey ID as a legitimate form of identification for voter registration is literally suborning voter fraud, and the political class in the sanctuary city of Chicago is brazen about this fact," Ives said.

Emanuel dismissed Ives' criticism. "She should just take her Trump rhetoric out of the city," he told reporters before Ives' downtown news conference. "It doesn't reflect our values."

But Far Northwest Side Ald. Anthony Napolitano, 41st, joined Ives and applauded her "for having the

backbone and the strength to do this."

"I wish there were more elected officials that would come up, come out and stand up for what is right, and I commend her for that," said Napolitano, one of four aldermen who voted against Emanuel's plan to create the municipal ID.

While state legislation aimed at blocking a municipal ID from being used as voter identification seems to have little chance of success in the Democratic-controlled legislature, Ives said she thinks she could build a coalition including Downstate Democrats and African-American lawmakers.

And there are political benefits for Ives in proposing it. Monday's news conference allows her to highlight a difference she has with Rauner ahead of the primary. Last year, Rauner

signed into law a bill that protects immigrants who are in the country illegally from being detained solely because of their immigration status. Conservative Republicans like Ives accused the governor of turning Illinois into a sanctuary state.

City Clerk Anna Valencia's office contends the CityKey will just be another in a long list of forms of identification voters can use to establish residency, among them credit cards, firearms owner ID cards, student ID cards and union membership cards. And while only U.S. citizens are allowed to vote, voters are not required under state law to prove their U.S. citizenship. They simply must attest they are citizens.

But Ives said other forms of ID "are legitimately given to citizens, not noncitizens." And Napolitano said if the



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State Rep. Jeanne Ives, a GOP candidate for governor, said she will seek legislation banning city-issued IDs for voting.

city wanted to avoid potential problems with noncitizens voting with CityKey, Valencia could simply issue IDs that include the cardholder's citizenship status.

Emanuel has been pushing hard for over a year to get the CityKey up and rolling, and Valencia has said she plans to start offering the cards on a large scale this spring.

For the mayor, the card program allows him to bol-

ster his credentials as a pro-immigrant, big-city mayor who stands up to Trump's attempts to crack down on undocumented immigrants. In an overwhelmingly anti-Trump city like Chicago, which has an enormous immigrant population, that stance makes political sense as Emanuel prepares to run for re-election in 2019.

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# U. of C. says donation suit 'baseless'

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"As a result of having breached its obligations and having engaged in deliberate misrepresentations over a period of more than two years, the U. of C. has caused the foundation to lose all confidence that the U. of C. is an appropriate or capable steward of the Pearson family legacy," the lawsuit states.

In response, university leaders bristled at the lawsuit, calling it "baseless" and said the institute is flourishing.

The institute is offering 12 courses through the Harris School of Public Policy in the 2017-18 school year, according to its website. There also are 10 fellows and two scholars at the institute this year, the website said.

"In the short time since its formation, the institute has hosted dozens of events, enrolled more than 200 students in courses related to the study of global conflict, and fostered an engaged community of scholars," the university said in a statement. "The remarkable faculty, staff and students at the Pearson Institute will continue their important and meaningful work with the full support and endorsement of the university."

The ongoing dispute highlights the question over what kinds of conditions a donor can attach to a gift and a university's legal or ethical obligation to honor those demands.

The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts emerged with much fanfare a little more than two years ago, and not just because of the mega-gift that made it possible.

The Pearsons made what at the time was the second-largest solo donation to a university accustomed to big-ticket donations. Only David G. Booth, who gave \$300 million to the business school in 2008, had given more. Since then, Ken Griffin has committed \$125 million to the university's economics department.

The institute was conceptualized as the first wide-scale effort using data-based research to develop military, economic and diplomatic strategies to



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U. of C. President Robert Zimmer is flanked by Thomas Pearson, left, and Timothy Pearson, after their \$100 million donation was announced in 2015.

resolve violence in countries that had become hotbeds for terrorism. Global conflicts, university officials explained at the time, were not merely about countries clashing with each other but about different factions within a country creating strife.

In addition to the institute, the gift would help launch the annual Pearson Global Forum where the University of Chicago could showcase its groundbreaking research and bring together international leaders in world conflict to collaborate and exchange ideas.

The Pearsons, who had no connection to the university, said they chose U. of C. from a pool of about a dozen schools.

"Our choice of the University of Chicago for this gift underscores our recognition of the university's history of fostering an environment where rigorous inquiry is successfully applied to society's toughest problems," Thomas Pearson said when the donation was announced.

But the relationship between the university and the Pearsons quickly soured, according to the lawsuit, which was filed Feb. 20 in Tulsa, Okla., where the foundation is based.

Once the grant agree-

ment was inked in spring 2015, the university had until fall 2016 to appoint a director for the Pearson Institute with a one-year extension to September 2017, the lawsuit states. Part of the gift also would endow four named professorships in the Harris School, one of which would incorporate the role of faculty director for the Pearson Institute, according to a university news release at the time.

The university appointed James Robinson as faculty director in June 2016. An executive director tasked with also overseeing the Pearson annual forum was to be announced, "in the near future," according to a university news release.

That never happened, the lawsuit alleges. Instead, as the university neared its 2017 deadline to name a director for the institute, school leaders quietly changed Robinson's title on the website from "faculty director" to "institute director," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit also alleges that the university hired underqualified faculty to fill two of the other named professorship positions. A fourth professorship has not been filled.

The Pearsons said they insisted on the chaired faculty positions, the lawsuit

states. Instead U. of C. chose professors from schools "ranked below the U. of C. in national academic standings," the lawsuit states.

The two professors were not named in the suit, but a university news release shows Chris Blattman and Shoendrilla Dube were named to two of the open Pearson professorships in May 2016. Blattman previously was an associate professor at Columbia University, and Dube was an assistant professor at New York University before joining the Harris faculty.

The lawsuit also alleges that the university planned to use millions of dollars earmarked for the institute to pay for operating expenses for the Harris School, sapping the institute of its primary form of support. And it says the Pearsons were not invited to the majority of events related to the center.

The Pearsons want the court to order U. of C. to pay back all the money the foundation invested for the institute and forum, as well as attorney fees and costs.

"The university has a demonstrated history of responsibly stewarding and administering gifts and grants of all sizes and for many purposes," U. of C.'s leaders said in their statement. "The university hon-

ors its grant agreements with its donors, and it did so with the Pearsons. Further, all academic and hiring decisions are the sole purview of the university and its faculty, guided by the principle of academic freedom."

The lawsuit is among similar disputes between universities and philanthropists over mega-donations of eight and nine figures that have emerged throughout the country.

Descendants of Charles and Marie Robertson, who built their fortune in a popular New Jersey grocery store chain, sued Princeton University in 2002 for mismanaging a \$35 million endowment started in the 1960s to help support students who sought careers in government. The two sides settled in 2008, with the university keeping the majority of the fund but agreeing to pay tens of millions in legal fees and toward starting a new foundation.

Back in 1995, Yale University returned \$20 million from alum Lee Bass, who complained the school had not followed through with its commitment to launch more courses in Western civilization.

Richard A. Mittenhal, president and CEO of the TCC Group, a New York-based consulting firm for

foundations and nonprofit organizations, said revoking a philanthropic gift is challenging and complicated.

Donors and universities can agree to terms of a gift, but once the money is out the door, a benefactor relinquishes almost all control over how every dollar is spent.

Beyond that, the donations translate into a tax break for an individual or they help a foundation fulfill its annual giving requirements, making a refund more complex.

"Donors put in as many conditions as they can, but a lot of it is subject to interpretation," Mittenhal said. "The violation of the arrangement has to be fairly significant for a donor to actually go to court."

This is not the first time the Pearsons have been involved in such a dispute. Thomas Pearson sued the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2011 to try to revoke an endowed scholarship, arguing the Evanston-based institution failed to meet his wishes about which students were qualified to receive the support.

That lawsuit was dismissed late that year, court records show.

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# Day care workers gave melatonin gummies to kids, cops say

3 face charges of endangerment at Des Plaines center

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Three employees of a Des Plaines day care center were charged with endangering the life or health of a child after allegedly giving 2-year-olds melatonin gummies to calm them before naptime, police said.

Management of the center, Kiddie Junction on East Oakton Street, alerted police after learning that a teacher had been giving the

children gummies that contained the sleep-inducing chemical, Des Plaines police Cmdr. Christopher Mierzwa said.

The children's parents had not given permission for their kids to receive melatonin, he said.

As police investigated, they learned that two other teachers were also involved, Mierzwa said. After the employees were taken into custody, they said they didn't think there was anything wrong with giving the kids melatonin because it's an over-the-counter supplement, he said.

"You can't distribute that

without the parents being told," Mierzwa said. "(The teachers) didn't know if the child was allergic to melatonin."

Police contacted the parents of every child in the day care center, he said. None said their children had been sickened by the supplement, he said, though a few reported that their kids recently seemed groggy at pickup.

After police consulted with the Cook County state's attorney's office, the teachers — Kristen Lauletta, 32, of Niles; Jessica Heyse, 19, of Des Plaines; and Ashley Helfen-

bein, 25, of Chicago — were each charged with two counts of endangering the life or health of a child and two counts of battery, Mierzwa said.

They are due to appear in court April 4.

Smita Patel, a neurologist with NorthShore University HealthSystem Neurological Institute, said melatonin is a hormone produced by the body. Supplements are meant to help people fall asleep at a desired time.

She said while it's a bad idea to provide it to children without a parent's consent, melatonin generally isn't

considered to be a harmful substance. The worst side effect, for some people, is nightmares.

But Dr. Anna Ivanenko, a neurologist and pediatric sleep specialist at AMITA Health, said many other countries treat melatonin as a prescription drug.

Some studies have shown that over-the-counter supplements contain unreliable amounts of the chemical, she said, as well as inactive ingredients that can cause their own side effects.

Doctors in her specialty are adamant that melatonin should not be consumed outside of a physician's care,

she said. Giving it to children without informing their parents, she said, is "a very inappropriate and potentially dangerous act."

Managers of Kiddie Junction did not return calls for comment.

Mierzwa said the day care's operators have cooperated with the investigation.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is also investigating. A spokeswoman said the day care has no prior violations.

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After a bomb threat at Niles North High School in Skokie, students were transferred by bus to Niles West on Feb. 21. Police later said that the threat was not credible.

# Slew of threats disrupts area schools

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find legislative solutions.

At the same time, teachers, principals, police and parents across the Chicago region and U.S. are dealing with an uptick of threats to schools that commonly follow mass school shootings — and the difficult, high-stakes task of sorting out those that are real from the vast majority that are not. Dozens of area schools have in recent weeks had to address threats — many vague, some more specific, but each requiring investigation that in some cases can include police searches of students' homes, and each requiring a decision on whether school needs to be canceled.

On Monday alone, officials at northwest suburban Palatine High School and at Chesterton High School in Indiana alerted families to social media threats that were determined to be non-credible but prompted greater extra security at both buildings. And in Woodstock, authorities announced disorderly conduct charges against a 13-year-old student at Northwood Middle School who they said made threats against the school at a bus stop.

Amid all that agitation is the practical, delicate challenge of finding a balance among addressing threats,

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— Elline Eliasoff, parent of a senior at Niles North High School, an eighth-grader and a college student

keeping schools open and maintaining calm.

“We really lean on the idea that if you see something, say something,” Lake Park Principal John Gouriotis said Friday. Like other administrators, he said close relationships among students, parents, teachers, staff and police are crucial in navigating the best course.

Keeping schools safe “is a shared responsibility that reaches outside the walls of Lake Park High School. ... We’re all in this together,” he said, noting a student came forward to report the threat leading to another student’s arrest.

“I can’t say how proud I am of our students for stepping forward,” he added. “It’s a challenging time for them.”

It’s also a challenging time for parents. The earlier threat at Lake Park was also deemed not credible, but officials canceled classes anyway after many parents started showing up at

school to fetch their children.

Similarly, some parents reportedly kept their children home from Palatine on Monday; others were second-guessing the school’s decision to remain open. School officials said it appeared that a doctored photo on social media led to the false rumors of a possible gun attack.

**“The world is terrifying”**

One week after the Florida shooting, Niles North High School in Skokie was evacuated after a bomb threat near the end of the school day. Students were bused to Niles West.

It was another anxious day for Elline Eliasoff, parent of a senior at North, an eighth-grader and a college student.

“I mourn for the young kids in the sense that the world they have to navigate is horrid,” Eliasoff said. “The world is terrifying.”

How does she reconcile that with sending her children to school?

“You don’t really have a choice,” Eliasoff said. “They have to go to school.”

She said she thinks that Niles North “is on top of things,” and she has high regard for the Skokie Police Department.

Eliasoff happens “to love guns and enjoy shooting them,” she said, but believes measures need to be taken to regulate ownership, especially keeping guns out of the hands of people with mental illness. And, Eliasoff said, she is angry the National Rifle Association wields considerable political influence.

She added that she doesn’t blame schools.

“I just fault the world for being so messed up,” Eliasoff said. “I hate that as parents we have to think about this stuff. I hate that as a society we have to think about this stuff.”

Teachers and others who work in schools must be trained on how to assess threats and deal with them beyond reporting them to police and canceling school, said Amy Klinger, co-founder of the Educator’s School Safety Network, an Ohio-based national nonprofit that provides training and resources, and tracks threats against schools.

“Schools are in a terrible position,” she said. “They

can’t ignore it (a threat), but on the other hand you can’t never have school again.”

Niles North has scheduled a parents meeting for Thursday to discuss school security.

Lake Park is auditing its safety protocols and looking to enhance safety. Cary Grove is taking similar steps.

**A complicated problem**

Orland Park police Chief Tim McCarthy said his department has received “about a half-dozen” reports of school threats since the Parkland shooting. With each one, police investigate to determine the motive and examine the threat-maker’s background, particularly his or her mental health history, McCarthy said.

Authorities also make sure the school has a plan if the student shows up at the building.

Schools can insist the student receives treatment before returning to classes, McCarthy said.

Police officers have been trained to move toward the sound of gunfire in active shooter scenarios, McCarthy said. Paramedics and firefighters have practiced treating wounded in makeshift medical areas.

But almost each threat has unique circumstances, he added. Sometimes the

individual is not a student at the targeted school. Sometimes the parents cooperate. Other times the adults “are in complete denial,” McCarthy said.

Access to guns and a lack of funding for mental health in Illinois exacerbates the situation, McCarthy said.

“It’s such a complicated problem that I don’t think anyone has the answer,” he said. “If I were king, we’d have enough security at schools so this would never happen again. But then, would they find a softer target?”

A parent who said his child was one of the students targeted by the alleged threat against Northwood Middle School in Woodstock said he thought the school handled the incident well. The 13-year-old student accused of making the threat was charged in juvenile court and has not returned to school.

The parent speculated he was “trying to make a name for himself” or frighten other children.

“I’m not worried about this in the least. It just didn’t alarm me,” the parent said. “Maybe I’m getting used to it.”

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# Sheriff’s office calls arrangement with worker ‘honest mistake’

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“It was an honest mistake in a large bureaucracy,” Smith said. “We’ve taken steps to ensure it doesn’t happen again.”

Rutili had worked for the sheriff’s office off and on since 1987, Smith said. Since then, Rutili took multiple leaves of absence but received health benefits during only the nearly five years he was on leave under Dart, Smith said.

Smith noted that during his most recent leave, Rutili continued to volunteer in the sheriff’s office. He worked in the office as much as 50 hours per week while on leave, handling critical projects and helping draft bid solicitations from potential vendors, records show.

Smith acknowledged that it “may seem unusual” for Rutili to volunteer at the department while also on leave but said he has “devoted his career to public safety” and wanted to “continue contributing as he was able.”

Through an attorney, Rutili declined to be interviewed by the inspector general, citing his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, the inspector general’s letter to Dart said. Rutili has not been charged with a crime.

Rutili characterized the

continued benefits as a billing error.

“I don’t want anything for nothing,” he said.

When asked whether he received special treatment by the sheriff’s office, Rutili replied: “Oh God, no.”

Asked why he took the Fifth, Rutili told the Tribune he doesn’t know what his attorney told Blanchard but that he wanted to know what the inspector general wanted to discuss beforehand.

Rutili said he also thought the inspector general wanted him to sign something and Rutili wanted to know what it was in advance.

The form Rutili filled out requesting a leave of absence lists “personal” as the reason for the leave and says the employee “may elect to continue their health insurance at their own expense,” with the last four words underlined.

Neither Rutili nor the sheriff’s office told the risk management department that he was on personal leave, the inspector general found.

The inspector general’s September letter to Dart said Blanchard first began looking into allegations that Rutili had a conflict of interest “based on his contract management authority and his personal business.” Rutili told the Trib-

une he did not manage contracts for the sheriff but “assisted with technical oversight and planning on many projects.”

Dart Undersheriff Zelda Whittler told the inspector general Rutili dedicated “approximately 50 hours per week” to the county while on leave and was authorized to do sheriff’s office business on his personal email, according to the letter.

Whittler said Rutili “oversaw all capital planning projects and the radio interoperability program” while on leave and worked closely with the chief financial officer on drafting requests for proposals and requests for qualifications, the inspector general’s letter said.

The sheriff’s office had “a custom” of allowing Rutili to take a leave of absence while continuing to function as a sheriff’s office employee “whenever he was selling or starting a business,” Whittler told the inspector general.

Rutili held 44 companies in his name over the years, and 11 of them were active at the time of the inspector general’s investigation, the letter said. None had been paid any money by the county, the inspector general found.

Rutili told the Tribune he’s had only three busi-

nesses. Several corporations he has registered are tied to Forest Security under different names. He also invested in a car business and security business many years ago, Rutili said.

Other corporations he’s registered were just “a cool name” for potential businesses that never went anywhere, Rutili said.

Blanchard’s letter said personal leaves are meant to “take care of emergency situations,” which Rutili’s leave did not meet.

“An employee’s decision to focus on running a personal business or pursue other employment unrelated to the mission of the Sheriff’s Office cannot equate to a personal emergency situation,” Blanchard wrote to Dart. “In this situation, Mr. Rutili used the opportunity to obtain county benefits which would have otherwise cost him significantly more in the private marketplace.”

Smith praised Rutili as a quality employee and said it made more “operational” sense for Rutili to go on leave than resign.

“Jay did not want there to appear to be any conflict of interest so he took a leave when he wanted to focus on his own business,” Smith said. “He still wanted to contribute to this office ... during the tenure of his leave, and he in fact did.”

Government experts contacted by the Tribune expressed surprise when told about Rutili’s leave.

Illinois Campaign for Political Reform Executive Director Sarah Brune said it’s OK for Rutili to volunteer for the office, but “there should not be benefits associated with that.”

“Only employees who work in the office should receive benefits,” she said. “It’s rudimentary. It’s basic.”

Maryam Judar, executive director of the Citizen Advocacy Center in Elmhurst, said the Rutili situation shows “lots of failures,” including “sloppy accounting (and) sloppy application of policies.”

“How did that fall through the cracks?” she said.

Rutili began working for the sheriff’s office in 1987 and went on leave in 1989, Smith said. He rejoined the office as deputy sheriff in 1994, then resigned in March 1995. That summer, he was hired as deputy sheriff until 1997, then was assigned to vice detection, with a focus on organized crime and gambling.

In September 2000, Rutili was assigned to the sheriff’s police department and was appointed director of the office’s technical operations. In 2003, he was promoted to deputy lieu-

tenant, and in December 2006 became a special assistant to the sheriff overseeing capital planning and radio communications.

Rutili eventually rose to special assistant to the sheriff in March 2011. Dart had no relationship with Rutili before winning the sheriff’s office in 2006 but came to consider him a friend, “like many of his staff that he works closely with,” Smith said.

In response to questions, Smith released a 3½-page document listing projects Rutili worked on while on leave, including design of jail entrances, buildings and fencing; IT trouble-shooting; financial matters; radio systems; and personnel and legal issues.

Rutili is president of Forest Security, a firm that donated \$8,500 to Dart’s political committee while Rutili was on leave, state campaign records show. Rutili said the campaign contributions had nothing to do with his leave or benefits. The sheriff’s office said the same.

Rutili said he donated to Dart because he’s “a great man.”

“Giving him the little bit of support I gave him, you’d do that for any great person,” Rutili said.

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## NATION & WORLD

### Netanyahu finds respite in U.S. visit

Israeli PM, facing probe at home, begins 3-day visit

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WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, under siege from corruption investigations and other scandals back home, found a warm respite Monday at the White House at the start of a three-day U.S. visit expected to center on Iran, not the stalled Mideast peace process.

Even as a criminal investigation into Netanyahu deepened, the prime minister and President Donald Trump shook hands twice, smiled for the cameras and lavished each other with praise in the Oval Office before they sat down to lunch with their wives and Cabinet members.

Trump and Netanyahu have bonded especially closely, in part over their

similar brash political personas, but also over the threat they view from Iran and their shared disdain of President Barack Obama. Their meetings offer a sharp contrast to Netanyahu's visits with Obama, when they both often sat stiff and unsmiling.

In brief comments to reporters, both leaders said U.S.-Israeli relations are stronger than ever. "We are very close on trade deals; we are very, very close on military and terrorism and all of the things that we have to work together on," Trump said. "The relationship has never been better."

Netanyahu offered an enthusiastic endorsement of Trump's decision in December to recognize the divided city of Jerusalem as capital of Israel, which previous administrations had refused to do in hopes of furthering peace negotiations.

Netanyahu compared Trump to Cyrus the Great, an ancient Persian king who conquered a vast em-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump greets Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday.

pire and allowed the exiled Jews in Babylonia to return to their ancestral home to rebuild their temple.

"The Jewish people have a long memory," Netanyahu said. Trump's decision, he said, will be "remembered by our people through the ages."

Trump said he is proud of recognizing Jerusalem, which he said other presidents had promised but never fulfilled. Critics say the decision upended hopes for a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that included an independent state for the Palestinians, who view east Jerusalem as their capital.

Trump said he may travel to Jerusalem later this year when the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv is symbolically transferred to Jerusalem. Initially, the embassy will work out of the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem with a skeleton staff.

Trump seemed confused on this point, saying an embassy could be constructed "quickly" for about \$250,000. Building a complete new embassy that meets security requirements would be expected to cost at least tens of millions of dollars.

Trump and Netanyahu are widely unpopular at home, and could get a

political boost from this visit, at least with their bases.

"They're both expert at building public support by demonizing their foreign enemies, and they have nothing but disdain for what they see as a liberal press corps that is constantly attacking them unfairly," said Jon Alterman, director of the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

But he said Netanyahu has the most to gain.

"The walls are closing in around Netanyahu, as a set of corruption scandals

threaten to end his political career," he said. "He will trumpet apparent success rebuilding Israeli ties with the White House, and his cost-free victory of moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, as an indicator that he is Israel's indispensable leader."

He added that Israeli courts may not agree, noting that a previous prime minister and president each served jail time for actions while in office.

In his Oval Office comments, Netanyahu described Iran as the "greatest challenge" to Israel, the United States and its Arab allies, and warned it is "practicing aggression everywhere."

He said Tehran had emerged from the landmark 2015 nuclear accord "emboldened and enriched." Most world powers, as well as the United Nations nuclear watchdog agency, say the deal has successfully blocked Iran from obtaining, developing or building nuclear weapons.

Trump has threatened to walk away from the disarmament accord and may do so as soon as May, when a deadline for certification of Iran's compliance to Congress comes due.

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### Pentagon: Actions against ISIS 'paused' in eastern Syria

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S.-backed ground operations against Islamic State remnants in eastern Syria have been put on hold because Kurds who had spearheaded combat against the extremists have shifted to a separate fight with Turkish forces, U.S. officials said Monday.

The public acknowledgment of what Col. Rob Manning, a Pentagon spokesman, called an "operational pause" is the most explicit sign yet that Turkey's intervention in the Kurdish-held enclave of Afrin is hindering the U.S. effort to finish off Islamic State, also known as ISIS, in Syria.

For weeks, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and other U.S. officials have called Turkey's operation a "distraction" from the anti-Islamic State campaign. Mattis also has said the U.S. understands that Turkey has an active Kurdish insurgency inside its own borders and that it views Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units, or YPG, to be a terrorist organization. The U.S. says the YPG is separate from the Kurdish fighters inside the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, but Turkey disagrees.

Turkey launched its air and ground offensive in the Afrin enclave on Jan. 20, conducting airstrikes and artillery strikes on a daily basis. It is just one dimension of a complex war in Syria that includes a range of local opposition fighters, extremist elements, Syrian government troops, proxy forces and military units from Russia and the United States.

Manning said that al-



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A Syrian government soldier surveys destruction Sunday in a section of besieged, rebel-held eastern Ghouta.

though ground operations against Islamic State in the Euphrates River Valley have been temporarily suspended, U.S. airstrikes against ISIS holdouts in that area are continuing. He said one airstrike Sunday near the city of Abu Kamal destroyed two ISIS supply routes.

"The nature of our mission in Syria has not changed," Manning said. He said the Syrian Democratic Forces, which are comprised of Kurdish as well as Arab fighters, remain "our major partner" in complet-

ing the war against ISIS in Syria.

Another Pentagon spokesman, Maj. Adrian Rankine-Galloway, said he could not offer an estimate of the number of Kurdish fighters who have left the Euphrates River Valley battlefield to join the fight against Turks in Afrin.

"They're not fighting ISIS any more, and that basically meant that they're not taking territory back from ISIS as quickly as they had been in the past," Rankine-Galloway said.

A U.N. convoy carrying

desperately needed food and medicine to besieged civilians entered the war-ravaged eastern suburbs of Damascus on Monday, but aid agencies said Syrian authorities blocked the delivery of some of the health supplies, including trauma and surgical kits and insulin.

The shipment was the first to enter eastern Ghouta since Russia instituted what it called daily "humanitarian pauses" in the fighting a week ago. It also was the first time in weeks that any aid has been allowed in

amid a crippling siege and a government assault that has killed hundreds of people in the past month.

Despite the truce, at least 50 civilians were killed Monday in airstrikes and shelling, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group. The activist-run Ghouta Media Center said 24 people were killed in Hammouriyeh and another 10 in Harasta, both towns in eastern Ghouta.

The U.N.'s humanitarian office said the 46-truck convoy of health and nutrition

supplies, along with food for 27,500 people, entered Douma around midday.

But it said the Syrian government did not allow 70 percent of the health supplies to be loaded and would not allow them to be replaced by other items.

The government routinely removes lifesaving medical supplies from aid convoys, in a pattern of denying such aid to civilians living in opposition areas. U.N. officials have complained for years about such actions by the Syrian government.

### Video allegedly shows ambush of U.S. troops

BY AMANDA ERICKSON  
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The Islamic State just released a video that allegedly shows three U.S. soldiers being attacked in Niger.

The video, which has been circulating for months among journalists, reportedly shows three soldiers on the run from militants. The men have few resources to fend off dozens of militants armed with machine guns and grenades.

The scene comes from an

Oct. 4 attack on U.S. troops near the Niger-Mali border. A team of 12 U.S. soldiers had been sent on a mission with a team of Nigeriens. (The Pentagon has declined to explain their assignment.)

On their way back, they stopped at a village for food and water. U.S. military officials think a villager may have alerted militants that U.S. commandos were near, setting off an ambush. Four U.S. soldiers were killed in the firefight. The remains of three soldiers were found

the day of the attack. The fourth, La David T. Johnson, was found several days later, prompting questions about how he'd died and whether he'd been captured alive or killed at close range.

Over the weekend, Islamic State released a video via Telegram and to a Mauritanian news outlet that captures three soldiers fighting for their lives.

The video then cuts to footage of several militants running in a desert area.

Next, it shows three U.S. soldiers, allegedly filmed by

a camera on one of the soldier's helmets. In the clip, the soldiers are clearly outgunned and overwhelmed. One is slowly driving an unarmed SUV, ducking because the vehicle is under fire. Two others are walking behind, firing their weapons at attackers.

Then, one of the Americans drops. The two other soldiers try to pull him to safety, then flee into the scrub. Finally, the soldier wearing the camera on his helmet falls to the ground. The last shot shows mili-



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This screen grab purportedly shows a 2017 ambush of U.S. and Nigerien troops in which four U.S. soldiers were killed.

tants surrounding him and firing at him at point-blank range.

The Pentagon says the video shows the Islamic State's "depravity."

# Possible extended rule for Xi on China parliament agenda

BY JONATHAN KAIMAN  
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BEIJING — China's annual parliament opened Monday with the expected show of unity, loyalty and pomp despite concerns about how long President Xi Jinping may hold power.

Nearly 3,000 handpicked delegates descended on the Great Hall of the People — a massive edifice flanking Tiananmen Square — to display their absolute allegiance to the Communist Party and its leader.

But the routine belied China's most monumental National People's Congress in years and perhaps its most controversial.

Chinese officials have proposed scrapping a two-term limit for the country's president from the nation's constitution, paving the way for Xi to rule for decades.

This could thrust the country into a new era of deepening repression and ideology — or greater uncertainty, as the idea of one-man rule, cast off in the late 1970s after decades of atrocities under Mao Zedong, returns to the fore.

"You have a political system in China in which the party's legitimacy rests on its being able to deliver a better tomorrow than today, for its citizens," said Steve Tsang, an expert on Chinese politics at the School of Oriental and African Studies



President Xi Jinping, left, and Premier Li Keqiang applaud Monday at the opening of the National People's Congress.

in London. "And that just grows so much harder with Xi Jinping narrowing the scope for internal policy debate."

Premier Li Keqiang launched the session with a near two-hour reading of his annual state of the nation address, which offered a rosy summary of the last five years under Xi. He acknowledged "formidable" challenges this year in issues such as financial risk

and reducing pollution but vowed China would "rally even closer" around the party and the president.

Li predicted GDP would hit about 6.5 percent this year, keeping in line with last year's target and making it one of the world's strongest. Chinese officials have said growth reached 6.9 percent last year.

The government also reported Monday that China's defense budget will grow 8.1

percent this year to about \$175 billion, up from 7 percent last year. The number, still falls far below the Pentagon's \$700-billion 2018 budget.

Xi has overhauled the military in an attempt to create a streamlined, modern force able to defend its interests, including in the contested South China Sea.

"We will stick to the Chinese path in strengthening our armed forces,

advance all aspects of military training and war preparedness, and firmly and resolutely safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests," Li said in his report.

Officials also used the opening session to explain proposed changes to China's constitution that carry extraordinary implications for the country's future. The constitution was last amended in 2004.

Abolishing the term limit will "maintain the authority and strong leadership" of the party, said Wang Chen, a top leader of the Congress. Delegates and others who saw the "massive achievements" under Xi recommended the amendments, he said, to hurried applause.

Delegates, in addition to abolishing term limits, will vote to enshrine Xi's ideological slogan — "Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era" — in the state constitution's preamble.

Eliminating term limits "is good for the stability and prosperity of the country," said Huang Chao, a delegate from Guangxi.

Chinese politics are notoriously opaque, and experts are sifting through vague clues to understand why a leader who already runs the Communist Party and military wants to keep the ceremonial title of president.

"When we see all this hoovering up of different titles and things, it's always been just as easily explained as someone not feeling super secure as someone feeling powerful and strong," said Kerry Brown, professor of Chinese studies at King's College in London and author of a biography of Xi. "It's as much a sign of uneasiness and weakness as strength."

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5-Star's Luigi Di Maio compared the outcome to other big moments in Italian history.

## Clear winner in Italian vote: Anti-establishment anger

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ROME — Italy's victorious anti-establishment forces declared a new epoch of their country's political life Monday, hours after an election demolition of the traditional parties that dominated the nation for decades.

Both the surging populist 5-Star Movement and the anti-migrant far-right League party claimed a win after Italians cleared their rivals and left them as the most potent forces in the country. The shift all but guarantees an anti-establishment leader for Italy and was a powerful display of Italians' fury with old-line politicians and with the European Union in Brussels.

Luigi Di Maio, the 5-Star leader, compared the day to other monumental moments in Italian history when the old political order was swept out the door.

"Today, for us, the third republic commences," Di Maio said. "At last, the republic of Italian citizens."

With 99 percent of the vote counted on Monday

evening, the traditional center-left and center-right parties combined had managed to beat 5-Star's 32.6 percent vote total by only a sliver of a percentage point — an extraordinary collapse for them and a confirmation of the new populist power.

And well over half of Italians voted for EU-skeptic parties that have questioned Italy's use of the euro currency and its alliance with the West against Russia. The League, whose leader Matteo Salvini last year signed an agreement with the political party founded by Russian President Vladimir Putin, claimed its own victory on Monday with 17.4 percent of the vote. They now stand astride a center-right coalition, which received 37 percent of the vote, and in which they had been forecast as junior partners.

"I see this as a vote for the future," Salvini told supporters on Monday. "I am and will remain a populist, one of those who listens to the people and does their duty."

Analysts said that even as the results were messy, the combined power of the anti-system candidates pointed to one clear victor:

anger. "There are two sides of this common root: rage and of rebellion against the political elites," said Massimiliano Panarari, who teaches politics at Rome's LUISS University.

With the shattered landscape leaving no single force with a clear route to power, it remained unclear on Monday whether the 5-Star Movement or the League would get the first chance at trying to form a coalition. Either is likely to make Europe's establishment nauseous. If Salvini came to power, he would be Western Europe's first far-right leader since 1945. Di Maio, meanwhile, questions European integration and rules that restrict free spending. The two parties could also ally with each other since they share many views about the economy. But many analysts say a coalition is unlikely because 5-Star's left-wing voters might be repelled by the League's anti-migrant stances.

The choice of which party gets the first chance to form a government will be made by Italian President Sergio Mattarella. Many here expect the haggling will last months.

## GOP lines up against tariffs

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is going to get passed on to the consumer eventually in the price of goods, and that ought to be everybody's concern."

Amid mounting Republican dismay over Trump's protectionist path, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, predicted the president ultimately will back off plans for the new trade levies.

"I think he's thinking it through. We'll see," Hatch said Monday. "I think he's shooting one across the bow and letting people know that we're not being treated fairly in these international matters, and frankly I don't blame him."

Hatch blamed White House trade adviser Peter Navarro for encouraging Trump to impose the tariffs. The veteran Republican said he had written the president to urge him to reverse his decision, adding: "I think it would be a tragedy if they continue on the course that was announced."

It's unclear whether the GOP pushback will have any effect on Trump, who surprised fellow Republicans on Thursday when he announced tariffs of 25 percent on steel and 10 percent on aluminum. He has repeatedly defended the plans, and after the statement from Ryan's office Monday, the president said in Oval Office remarks that he was "not backing down."

White House officials still have not decided how precisely the tariffs will be applied or how broadly they will be imposed, according to two people briefed on the discussions who were not authorized to speak publicly. There was still an active debate among top advisers to exempt Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom, with supporters of this move alleging these countries don't pose a national security risk.

Trump has tried to use the threat of tariffs to force Mexico and Canada to ca-



A steel worker focuses Monday on a structure in Ontario. President Donald Trump plans tariffs on steel and aluminum.

pitulate on the NAFTA negotiations, and it remains unclear where Trump will ultimately land.

For all of the controversies Trump has faced, the tariffs decision marks one of the few times he has taken a step that runs directly counter to congressional Republicans' legislative and economic goals. Many lawmakers have voiced concerns that the move will undermine the \$1.5 trillion tax cut bill they passed in December.

They also said it could cause political problems ahead of this year's midterm elections. Democrats hope to take back control of the House and Senate in November, while Republicans planned to run on an economic argument to defend their majorities.

But it is difficult to predict how far Republicans would go to stand up to Trump, who remains popular with core GOP voters.

The tariff decision has not been finalized, but that is expected to happen later this week or next. Congressional Republicans want to prevent that from happening — but are considering fallback options, according to a congressional aide who spoke anonymously to discuss the private deliberations.

The Constitution gives

Congress authority over taxation and tariffs.

A spokeswoman for House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, said in a statement that "the administration and Congress must work together on trade policies that build off the momentum of the president's tax cuts, which is why any tariffs should be narrow, targeted, and focused on addressing unfairly traded products, without disrupting the flow of fairly traded products for American businesses and consumers."

Trump dismissed fears Monday that the trade moves could damage the economy.

"Our country on trade has been ripped off by virtually every country in the world, whether it's friend or anybody — China, Russia, people we think are wonderful, the European Union," Trump said while meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office. "We lost \$800 billion a year on trade. Not going to happen."

Republicans and others have warned that major U.S. trading partners could retaliate by imposing tariffs on U.S. products, but Trump, who tweeted Friday that a trade war would be "easy to win," dismissed those concerns as well.

## Former Trump aide reverses, says he'll cooperate with Mueller

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former Trump campaign aide spent much of Monday promising to defy a subpoena from special counsel Robert Mueller, even throwing down the challenge to "arrest me," then backed off his defiance by saying he would probably cooperate in the end.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Sam Nunberg said he was angry over

Mueller's request to have him appear in front of a grand jury and turn over thousands of emails and other communications with other ex-officials, among them his mentor Roger Stone. But he predicted that, in the end, he'd find a way to comply.

"I'm going to end up cooperating with them," he said.

It was a reversal from his tone throughout the day,



Nunberg

when he lashed out at Trump and his campaign and threatened to defy Mueller in a series of interviews.

"Why do I have to do it?" Nunberg told CNN of the subpoena. "I'm not cooperating," he said later as he challenged officials to charge him.

In the earlier interviews, Nunberg said he thought Mueller may already have incriminating evidence on

Trump directly, although he would not say what that evidence might be.

"I think he may have done something during the election," Nunberg told MSNBC of the president, "but I don't know that for sure." He later told CNN that Mueller "thinks Trump is the Manchurian candidate." A reference drawn from a Cold War novel and film, a "Manchurian candidate" is an American brainwashed or otherwise compromised to work on behalf of an adversarial govern-

ment.

Shortly after Nunberg lobbed the first allegation, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders rebuffed him during the White House press briefing.

"I definitely think he doesn't know that for sure because he's incorrect. As we've said many times before, there was no collusion with the Trump campaign," Sanders said. "He hasn't worked at the White House, so I certainly can't speak to him or the lack of knowledge that he clearly has."

Nunberg also said he thinks former Trump foreign policy adviser Carter Page, a key figure in the Russia investigation, worked with the Kremlin. "I believe that Carter Page was colluding with the Russians," Nunberg said on CNN. "That Carter Page is a weird dude."

Page called Nunberg's accusations "laughable" in a comment to The Associated Press.

A spokesman for the special counsel's office declined to comment.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Trump blames Democrats for failing to fix DACA by March 5

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is blaming Democrats for failing to pass legislation extending protections for young immigrants that he has tried to end.

Trump tweeted, "It's March 5th and the Democrats are nowhere to be found on DACA." He added: "We are ready to make a deal!"

Trump announced last year he was ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program but

asked Congress to come up with a legislative fix in six months.

Trump had insisted that any legislation saving DACA had to be coupled with funding for a border wall and an overhaul of the immigration system. Democrats and some Republicans balked at those demands.

Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders blamed both parties, saying it's "terrible that Congress has failed to act."

## Mississippi GOP Sen. Cochran says he will resign April 1

WASHINGTON — Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi announced Monday that he will resign effective April 1.

Cochran, a Republican, said in a statement released by his office that his health "has become an ongoing challenge." He missed weeks of work last fall because of recurring medical issues.

"I intend to fulfill my responsibilities and commitments to the people of

Mississippi and the Senate through the completion of the 2018 appropriations cycle, after which I will formally retire from the U.S. Senate," said Cochran, who is 80.

Under Mississippi rules, GOP Gov. Phil Bryant will appoint an interim senator, who will serve until a special election in November. The winner will hold the seat until 2020, when Cochran's term would have ended.

## Florida Senate passes bill to put age restriction on gun sales

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida's Senate narrowly passed a bill Monday that would create new restrictions on rifle sales and allow some teachers to carry guns in schools.

The 20-18 vote came after three hours of debate. Support and opposition crossed party lines, and it was clear many of those who voted for the bill weren't entirely happy with it. The bill raises the age to buy a firearm from

18 to 21. The Senate voted to name a program that will allow some teachers to carry guns in schools after Aaron Feis, an assistant football coach who was killed in a Feb. 14 high school massacre.

In Oregon, meanwhile, a bill prohibiting domestic abusers and people under restraining orders from owning firearms became America's first new gun control law since the Florida massacre.



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**Focusing on military ties:** An officer on the carrier Carl Vinson takes a photo of the Vietnamese coast Monday. The port call by nearly 6,000 sailors to boost military ties is the largest U.S. presence in Vietnam since the 1970s withdrawal after years of combat.

## N. Korea's Kim hosts envoys from Seoul for the first time

TOKYO — Reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong Un hosted a South Korean presidential delegation for dinner in Pyongyang on Monday, the latest surprising development in the thaw between the estranged neighbors aided by the Winter Olympics.

This is the first time the 34-year-old North Korean leader is known to have met with any South Korean officials. He has not met any heads of state — including the presidents of historical allies like China and Russia — since he took over the totalitarian state after his father's death in late

2011. South Korean President Moon Jae-in sent a 10-member delegation to Pyongyang to begin preparations for an inter-Korean summit, the first in 10 years, and to persuade Kim to start talks with the U.S. on denuclearization and stave off a potential conflict with the United States over his nuclear program.

The envoys also planned to discuss with Pyongyang officials the release of three Korean-Americans detained in North Korea.

Kim Jong Un last month invited Moon to visit Pyongyang, with the invita-

tion hand-delivered by his sister, Kim Yo Jong, when she visited South Korea last month for the opening ceremony of the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

The South's delegation is led by Chung Eui-yong, Moon's national security adviser and someone who talks regularly to his American counterpart, H.R. McMaster.

After their two-day trip to North Korea, the South Korean envoys are due to travel to Washington later this week to discuss with the Trump administration the results of their discussions.

## British media: Ex-Russian spy in critical condition

LONDON — British media reported Monday that a former Russian spy was in critical condition after coming into contact with an "unknown substance," a case that immediately drew parallels to the poisoning of former Russian agent Alexander Litvinenko.

Authorities did not iden-

tify the man, saying only that he and a woman were found unconscious Sunday on a bench in a shopping mall in Salisbury, about 90 miles west of London.

British media identified him as Sergei Skripal, 66, who was convicted in Russia on charges of spying for Britain and sentenced in

2006 to 13 years in prison. Skripal was freed in 2010 as part of a U.S.-Russian spy swap.

Police said the man and woman appeared to know one another and "did not have any visible injuries." Both are in a critical condition in intensive care, police said.

## Protesters, supporters of Spencer clash at Mich. State

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Protesters clashed Monday with police and supporters of white nationalist Richard Spencer during his visit to Michigan State University.

Police say at least a dozen people were arrested Monday. Michigan State allowed Spencer to appear, but the venue was an auditorium at a remote end of campus.

Students are on spring break. But hundreds of protesters turned out, shouting profanities at Spencer supporters and police. Officers formed lines outside the auditorium to try to keep the peace and protect people who had tickets as they entered the event. The officers wore helmets and clutched batons.

Spencer popularized the term "alt-right" to refer to a fringe movement that's a mix of white nationalist and anti-Semitic beliefs.

**Washington became** the first state Monday to set up its own net-neutrality requirements after U.S. regulators repealed rules that banned internet providers from blocking content or interfering with online traffic. The FCC prohibited state laws from contradicting its decision, so some say the Washington law will lead to suits.

**A senior** Cuban official on Monday condemned Washington's decision to make the withdrawal of 60 percent of the U.S. Embassy staff permanent in response to mysterious ailments affecting U.S. diplomats. Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said the decision was motivated by politics and had nothing to do with safety.

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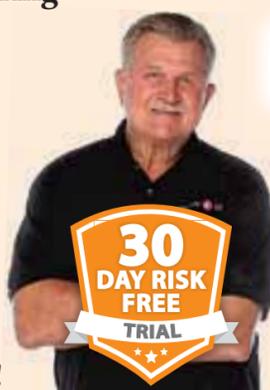


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## EDITORIALS

# Collar county endorsements

Here are the Tribune's endorsements for contested county-wide races in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. You'll find the candidates' answers to our survey, and all of our endorsements to date for the March 20 state primary election, at [chicagotribune.com/candidates](http://chicagotribune.com/candidates).

### DuPage County

**Sheriff:** Two sheriff's department veterans, patrol Cmdr. **James Mendrick** of Woodridge and Undersheriff Frank Bibbiano of Elmhurst, vie in the Republican primary to replace longtime Sheriff John Zaruba, who is not seeking re-election. Our strong preference is Mendrick, who has innovative and budget-conscious ideas to improve efficiency in the office. Mendrick seeks to expand the canine unit to battle drugs, create an elder assistance and abuse prevention program, and improve communication between the offices of the sheriff and County Board chairman. Mendrick gets the nod.



James Mendrick



Stanton J. "Stan" Bond



Kevin Tindall

gets the nod over former Hawthorn School District 73 educator Robin M. O'Connor of Libertyville in the Democratic primary. Broad currently works as a political researcher for American Bridge 21st Century, an organization that does opposition research into Republican candidates. He vows to increase efficiency in the office and improve election judge training. He is endorsed.

### McHenry County

**Clerk:** We endorsed Republican **Joe Tirio** of Woodstock in the 2016 county recorder's race for one reason: He pledged to lead a campaign to eliminate the office and fold it into the county clerk's office to save money. Result: The primary ballot includes a binding referendum to merge the two offices, effective in 2020. A poll keeping his promise? Bravo. In this primary, Tirio is strongly endorsed over Janice C. Dalton of McHenry, a legal assistant who filed for bankruptcy on the same day she filed to run for this office.



Ron Hain



Lark Cowart



Elizabeth Flood

**Circuit judge (McIntyre vacancy):** Judge **Robert Wilbrandt** of Woodstock is the clear choice in this Republican primary. He was appointed to the vacancy last year after serving as an associate judge since 2006. Also on the ballot are prosecutor Demetri Pete Tsilimigras of Cary, private attorney Ray Flavin of Woodstock and McHenry County Clerk Mary Elizabeth McClellan of Holiday Hills.

**Circuit judge (Fawell vacancy):** No endorsement.

### Kane County

**County clerk:** Our choice in this Republican primary is **Stanton J. "Stan" Bond** of Montgomery over longtime incumbent John A. "Jack" Cunningham. Cunningham missed many County Board meetings in 2017 and has suffered serious health problems. Bond, who works in the circuit clerk's Kane County information technology department, has the expertise and energy to revamp the office — within budget. He promises to "examine every purchase order" to save money and improve efficiency. Bond is endorsed.



Adam R. Broad



Joe Tirio



Robert Wilbrandt

**Circuit judge, 1st subcircuit (Weech vacancy):** Also on the Republican ballot, Judge **Tiffany Davis** of Woodstock, a former prosecutor appointed to the bench last year, is endorsed over Associate Judge Joel Berg of Harvard.

**Sheriff:** Incumbent Republican Donald E. Kramer faces a strong primary challenge from **Kevin Tindall** of Sugar Grove, a sergeant in the sheriff's office bomb squad. Kramer gets high marks for his focus on officer training, mental health initiatives and community involvement. But he has stumbled in budgeting, starting in 2015 when he scrapped a \$2.5 million contract to house federal detainees in the county jail. Kramer argued that the move would make the jail safer, but worries over jail safety persist. That move left his office with a huge budget shortfall and led to clashes with Kane County Board members, who have been reluctant to bail out Kramer's department. Tindall vows to bring more fiscal discipline to the office. He suggests several ideas,



Tiffany Davis



Denise Mushro-Rumchak



David Garcia

### Will County

**Clerk:** Democrat **Denise Mushro-Rumchak** of Crest Hill, currently Lockport Township clerk, promises to modernize the office and improve customer service. She is endorsed over Lauren Staley-Ferry of Joliet, a Will County Board member, who says she is "truly sorry" for a felony forgery charge she faced in Arizona in 2002. The charge was later dismissed. The nod goes to the more experienced Mushro-Rumchak.

**Circuit judge (Rozak vacancy):** Associate Judge **David Garcia** of Joliet is endorsed in the Democratic primary over prosecutor Moira K. Dunn of Shorewood and Daniel O'Connell of Joliet.

including creating an auxiliary program of recently retired police officers willing to volunteer for light duties like traffic control during severe weather, freeing full-time officers for more serious enforcement missions. We'll go with Tindall.

On the Democratic ballot, Kane County Sheriff's Sgt. **Ron Hain** of Sugar Grove is an aggressive officer who has written a book about drug trafficking interdiction. He also works as marketing director and lead instructor of the Desert Snow program, which

trains officers in detecting criminal and terrorist threats. Hain vows to set up a hotline to help battle the opioid crisis, seeks to beef up drug trafficking interdiction programs and would hire a "cyber-crimes/child sex trafficking specialist" to thwart internet predators. He is endorsed over Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Willie M. Mayes Sr. of Aurora.

**Circuit judge (Akemann vacancy):** For the Democrats, former prosecutor **Lark Cowart** of St. Charles is endorsed over

former state Sen. Michael J. Noland of Elgin. For the Republicans, associate judge and former prosecutor **Elizabeth Flood** of St. Charles is endorsed in a close call over associate judge David P. Kliment, a former public defender, also of St. Charles. Circuit Court Clerk Thomas M. "Tom" Hartwell of Elgin also is on the Republican ballot.

### Lake County

**Clerk:** Vernon Township trustee **Adam R. Broad** of Buffalo Grove

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## Time for Hollywood stars to put up or shut up

The most noteworthy event in the film industry in the past year was not a film, a performance or a box-office record. It was the raft of claims against one of the most powerful moguls in Hollywood, Harvey Weinstein, who was accused by dozens of actresses and other women of raping them, groping them, masturbating in front of them and other appalling behavior.

The scandal shattered the Weinstein Co., which had been among the most distinguished studios. Headed toward bankruptcy, it was purchased by an investor group composed — not coincidentally — mostly of females. It spurred other women to come forward to accuse other Hollywood men of sexual assault and harassment. It generated two movements, #MeToo and Time's Up, aimed at combating such abuses, in the workplace and elsewhere.

The question now is: Will the glossy people wearing buttons and ribbons be up to the hard work of truly remaking the industry? Or is this a passing fad among people who are eager to claim enlightenment but will lose interest as soon as they're asked to do something concrete?

After all, a lot of the support comes from actors, who are masters at pretending to be something they are not. Some now acknowledge they had some knowledge of Weinstein's treatment of women but kept quiet. Skeptics are entitled to ask if many of the matinee idols are just preening for the cameras — and will lose interest when the lights go off.

Frances McDormand, accepting her Oscar for best actress, ended by saying, "I have two words to leave you with tonight, ladies and gentlemen: inclusion rider." That term refers to contractual language requiring casts and other workers to meet certain representation goals, such as 50 percent women, 40 percent ethnic and racial minorities, and the like. Big name actors negotiating deals can insist on this sort of provision. If you want Meryl Streep to star in your next movie and she insists on an inclusion rider, rest assured, she can get it.

But will she or other coveted actors actually insist? Contract negotiations being what they are, getting an inclusion rider may mean accepting less money. It may mean alienating studio executives who don't want to change. It may even mean

losing a plum role to another, more compliant performer.

We're glad to note the signs that many important people are willing to do more than just strike a flattering pose. Time's Up has marshaled hundreds of actresses, agents, directors and other key players to fight the use of nondisclosure agreements in legal settlements, correct gender disparities in Hollywood and create a legal defense fund to help women in assorted sectors combat harassment.

A number of industry heavyweights, male and female, formed and funded a commission to "lead the entertainment industry toward alignment in achieving safer, fairer, more equitable and accountable workplaces — particularly for women and marginalized people."

We hope these steps are sincere and sustained. As TV producer Shonda Rhimes said recently, "It's very hard to speak righteously about the rest of anything if we haven't cleaned our own house." Hollywood's house, which has always glittered on the outside, turns out to have a lot of grime inside. The industry people decrying it should go on speaking, but the real test is in the scrubbing.



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Frances McDormand pushed for inclusion riders in her acceptance of an Oscar.

# Chicago Tribune

## PERSPECTIVE

# If 2018 is another 'year of the woman' in politics, will it matter?

BY JEFFREY LAZARUS  
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This year, women are poised to make great gains at the ballot box.

Across the country, women are running for office in greater numbers than ever before, in particular for seats in Congress. Including incumbents and challengers, more than 500 women are running for seats in the U.S. House and the Senate. Currently, only about 20 percent of all members of Congress are women — 22 of the 100 U.S. senators are female, as are 84 of the 435 members of the U.S. House.

The 2018 election is reminiscent of the "year of the woman." In 1992, women ran for office in numbers previously unseen in American politics. The results were dramatic. After the elections, the number of women in the House jumped from 33 to 55, and the number of women in the Senate tripled to six.

Skeptics may wonder, does the gender of the person who represents you in Congress really matter?

The answer is most certainly yes. Women have a harder time winning re-election than men do, and as a result they work harder in office to serve their constituents.

### Working harder for votes

A large amount of research has shown that female candidates face many more obstacles when running for office than men.

For instance, the media treat female candidates for office differently than male candidates. The media generally do not give as much coverage to women as men, although some data show that disparity may be easing. However, it is still true that the stories published about female candidates overwhelmingly focus on soft news aspects of the race, such as women's appearance or their family lives, as opposed to their policy positions. Simply adding information about a female candidate's clothes to a news story — such as discussing Nancy Pelosi's heels or Elizabeth Warren's glasses — has been found to decrease the likelihood of voters casting a ballot in her favor.

Female candidates often face well-funded and high-quality opponents. Typically, a strong challenger who enters a race will deter other challengers from running, or will "clear the field." However, when a woman enters a race — even if she is an objectively strong candidate — other candidates usually persist in running against her. Female incumbents are similarly more likely to face strong challengers, including primary challengers, than their male counterparts. Even now, eight candidates are running against 26-year incumbent Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., even though she won her last election by over 20 percentage points.

Women must also contend with voters who hold gender stereotypes and interest groups or potential donors who often do not take female candidates as seriously as they do male ones. A recent experimental study finds that at least some voters explicitly prefer male candidates, even when evidence clearly indicates the female

candidate is more qualified. Survey data also reveal a sizable segment of the population, 39 percent, explicitly favors a majority-male government — as opposed to only 9 percent who report a preference for a majority-female government.

Aside from these concrete electoral factors, there are a number of ways women both inside and out of politics are socialized to doubt their own abilities, leading them to perceive the electoral environment as being tilted against them, even more than it actually is.

All these forces result in female politicians believing that they must spend more time guarding against opposition from constituents, potential challengers and even other politicians. As a result, female officeholders adopt a distinctly different approach to legislating than men — an approach that results in women providing better

representation for their constituents.

### Are women better representatives?

Here's the support we've found for this argument:

First, women spend more time and effort communicating with their constituents than men.

Even in the 21st century, old-fashioned snail mail is one important way that members inform voters of what's going on in Congress. Members of Congress send out well over 100,000 pieces of mail a year on average. They do so because it helps them curry favor with their voters and ultimately win elections. And, female House members send on average 17 percent more mail to constituents than men do.

Another important way members interact with constituents is by sta-

tioning staff members in offices in their home states and districts. These staff members perform casework and other services for voters. We find, after controlling for a number of alternative explanations, that female senators post an average of 3.5 more staff members in their home state offices than men do.

Second, women deliver more government spending to their districts than male representatives do. There are lots of ways members funnel money to their districts, such as in earmarks or via bureaucratic awards. Depending on the method, women direct 20 percent to 100 percent more spending to their voters.

For example, we examined the money spent as a result of the stimulus package that Congress passed in response to the 2008 recession. On average, even after controlling for factors such as population density and poverty level, we find that House districts represented by women received \$55 million worth of stimulus funds. Meanwhile, House districts represented by men received only an average of \$35 million.

Third, we find female Congress members more closely represent their constituents' interests and needs when participating in the legislative process. When we crunched the data, we found that female members are more likely than male members to take on committee assignments that reflect the interests and demands of their districts. Women also introduce more bills related to policy areas that are important to their constituents, and, based on an assessment of the correspondence between district interests and member ideology, they are more likely to vote in ways that reflect their constituents' needs.

### The case for women in office

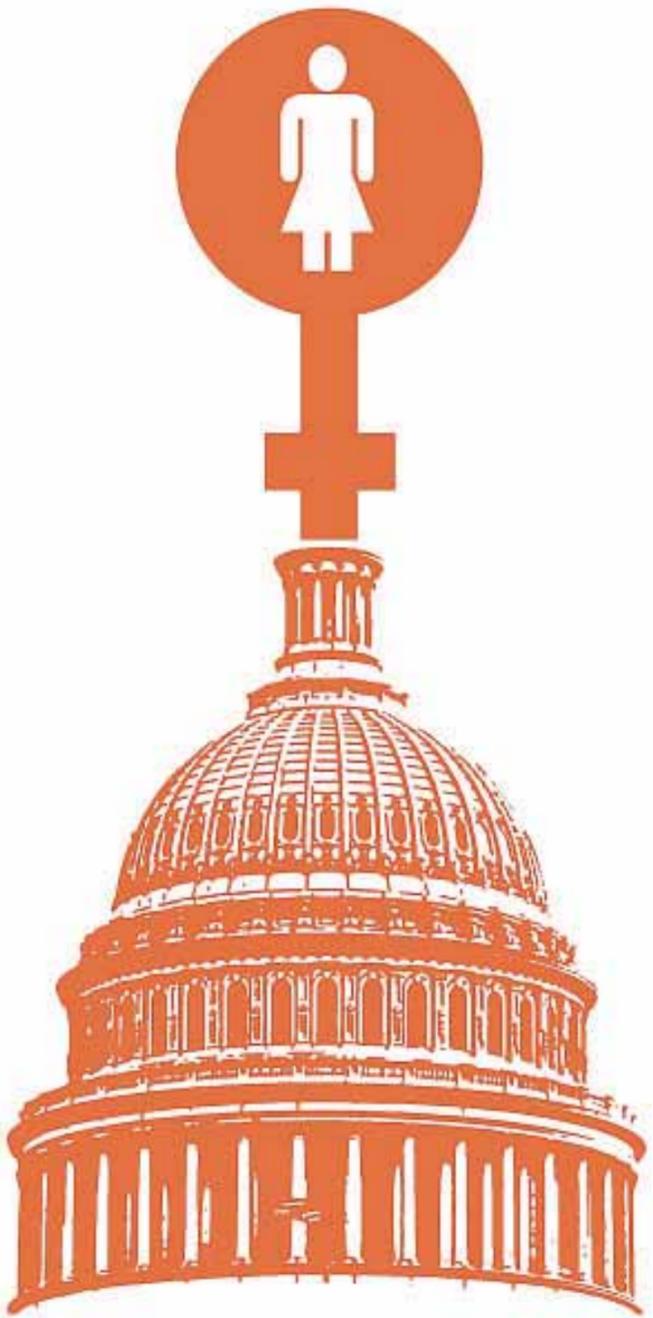
There are other intuitive reasons why electing women is important. For example, electing women makes Congress better reflect the number of women in the United States. Women make up 51 percent of the United States' voting population, but currently only 20 percent of Congress members.

Electing women would likely also increase the amount of time Congress spends on "women's issues" such as education, sexual harassment and family leave. Female legislators at all levels are significantly more likely to devote their time and energy to these issues, so electing more of them increases the amount of pressure they can put on the chamber as a whole to take them up.

However, electing women is not simply about identity politics. Yes, electing women is important for women. But we also found that across a wide range of activities, women take their constituents into account more than men do. This gives us a Congress that better represents America and its varied interests as a whole.

*The Conversation*

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## SECURITY CLEARANCE DOWNGRADE

BY JOE "NOW WHO WILL BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST?" FOURNIER



# PERSPECTIVE



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There are thousands of licenses, covering almost a third of U.S. workers, and licenses are proliferating at county and city levels, such as New York's dog-walking licenses.

## A dog-walking license? Please. Here's how to stop this silliness.

BY TYLER COWEN

Criticism of the proliferation of occupational licensing is now bipartisan. Occupations such as dog walkers, interior designers, auctioneers and barbers do not need state licenses, and those legal restrictions serve mainly to raise prices for consumers and restrict supply, eventually limiting innovation and job creation too.

But how to move forward? There are thousands of licenses, covering almost a third of U.S. workers, and licenses are proliferating at the city and county levels too. Constitutional and antitrust and legal challenges to this trend are beneficial, but they bring only piecemeal victories and cannot undo the current morass of restrictions.

Maybe a court will strike down New York's licenses for dog-walking, but in the meantime Seattle and other municipalities might license dog walkers. The machinery for creating new licenses is much better organized and funded than the institutions for getting rid of them, and once in place these requirements have natural defenders, namely those who have invested in the credentials.

My radical proposal is therefore for the federal government to pre-empt as much occupational licensing as is possible. That's right, these functions would be taken away from the state and local governments.

Unfortunately, I don't expect the federal bureaucracy to usher in the reign of Milton Friedman's Chicago

School of Economics. But the federal regulatory process would likely pay less heed to local special interests, and it would produce a more homogenized and less idiosyncratic body of regulatory law more geared toward the most important cases, such as medicine and child care. The federal government is less likely than many state and local governments to obsess over licensing rules for fortunetellers, florists and athletic trainers.

A federal approach to these regulations would also bring standardization and uniformity across state lines, making it easier to move from one part of the country to another, and helping restore the great American tradition of mobility. As it stands now, imagine yours is a military family and you are transferred every few years or so, and your spouse works in a profession that would require relicensing. What justification could there be for such a hardship and inconvenience?

In short, the federalization of licensing would lower prices for consumers, create more jobs and bring a net increase in economic liberty.

To be clear, I would prefer it if the state and local governments dismantled their excess occupational licensing on their own. But that does not seem to be in the cards. And these days we have a deregulation-leaning federal government, and a fair amount of willingness to think outside the box, so let's put that to good use. National pre-emption could clear away state and local licensing, or at

least significant parts of it, in one fell swoop.

Federalizing occupational licensing would be legally tricky. For instance, the 1889 Supreme Court case *Dent v. West Virginia* established the right of the states to require medical licenses. So under one view, we might need this and other court decisions to be modified, perhaps on the grounds that much licensing legislation exists to restrict competition and perhaps violates principles of equal protection and nondiscrimination. Still, we do now have a Supreme Court that places some value on economic liberty.

Possibly, congressional action could be taken too. For instance, the National Labor Relations Act of 1935 pre-empts the ability of the states to regulate labor unions, and Congress could pass something analogous to establish control over many parts of occupational licensing.

If need be, Congress could keep regulatory authority with the states in areas where differences in local conditions matter for determining the best laws. But is there really a sound reason why one city or state should license makeup artists and massage therapists but another should not?

Defenders of American federalism may be loath to take such steps, and I share some of their concerns, based on a fear of centralized power. But are state and local governments, in this capacity, truly representing the interests of the governed, or are their actions reflecting

valuable local information? Are competitive pressures really checking their ability to stick with bad, wealth-destroying policies? Or rather have political technologies evolved in such a way that those governments are being systematically captured by special-interest groups for the purposes of income protection?

If my idea sounds too ambitious, a smaller first step against anti-competitive licensing would have state governments pre-empt requirements at the city level, as Tennessee did last year. That doesn't raise major constitutional issues, and at least it limits the possibility that American cities become a crazy patchwork of mobility-limiting interventions.

Keep in mind that the alternative to my suggestion is not the status quo but rather a regime where occupational licensing becomes progressively worse at multiple levels of government. The defense of liberty requires changes, and sometimes that means recognizing that small local governments are infringing upon our rights rather than protecting them.

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## Imposing tariffs is stupid policy, from soup to nuts

BY MAX BOOT

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross may have looked ridiculous hoisting a can of Campbell's soup on TV, but he has a valid if narrow point when he seeks to minimize the immediate economic consequences of President Donald Trump's proposed 25 percent tariff on steel imports and 10 percent tariff on aluminum. Given that 82 percent of the steel we use is produced domestically, the impact on consumers from higher prices on imported steel will be limited; the impact on aluminum, of which only 39 percent is made domestically, may be larger. But Campbell's soup won't double in price — not that a billionaire like Ross would care if it did.

It is still a stupid policy. When President George W. Bush imposed tariffs of up to 30 percent on some steel products in 2002, he may have saved as many as 10,000 steel-making jobs while costing up to 200,000 jobs in steel-using industries such as automobile manufacturing. The consequences of the new tariffs might not be so disastrous if they were imposed in isolation while the United States continued to pursue a general free-trade policy, as it did under Bush. But that's not the case today.

Trump has loudly and repeatedly signaled his intention to abandon more than 70 years of America's commitment to free trade. One of his first acts was to pull the United States out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a proposed free-trade zone incorporating 12 countries with about 40 percent of the world's economic output. Trump's decision was an economic and geopolitical gift to China, which can now pursue its own Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, an alternative to the TPP that is designed to facilitate Chinese hegemony over East Asia. Already, China has signed free-trade agreements with 21 countries, compared with only 20 for the United States, and it is negotiating



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Coils are stored on trains in front of the ThyssenKrupp steel mill on Monday in Duisburg, Germany. The EU is one of the biggest exporters of steel to the United States.

more than a dozen additional pacts.

Rather than concluding new deals, Trump is renegotiating old ones — specifically the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement. The conventional wisdom until now had been that, after a lot of huffing and puffing, the dealmaker in chief ultimately would make only minor adjustments and claim major victories. But his decision to impose steel tariffs was taken in the face of opposition from most of his advisers and without going through the normal policy-vetting process. What's to stop him from scrapping KORUS or NAFTA in the same impetuous fashion?

With Trump imposing tariffs on imported washing machines and solar panels along with steel and aluminum — and soon,

perhaps, on foreign automobiles — other countries won't turn the other cheek. The European Union is threatening to slap \$3.5 billion in tariffs on U.S. exports. Canada, America's No. 1 supplier of imported steel and aluminum, also vows to strike back if it is not granted an exemption.

Trump welcomes a trade war — he says that "trade wars are good, and easy to win" — but no serious economist would agree. Neither does Wall Street. The stock market was spooked by the tariff decision, and for good cause. The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930 triggered a trade war that spread the Great Depression from the U.S. to the rest of the world. The resulting economic meltdown contributed to the rise of totalitarian regimes in Germany and Japan, and led to the outbreak of World War II.

After 1945, U.S. policymakers pursued a free-trade policy. They midwived the creation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in 1947 and the World Trade Organization in 1995. Free trade became one of the pillars of the Pax Americana, along with support for democracy, international law and collective security. This altruistic approach paid off: Currently, the United States has 4.4 percent of the world's population and 24.3 percent of its gross domestic product.

But America's farsighted postwar policy — and all of the economic and security benefits it delivered — may not survive Trump's mindless acts of vandalism. The president is undermining democracy at home and supporting dictators abroad. On Saturday, he actually declared that it's "great" that China's Xi Jinping is making himself president for life and said, supposedly in jest, "Maybe we'll have to give that a shot someday." Now Trump has launched a war not just on "unfair" trade practices but also on the very idea of an open, rules-based international system of trade.

There will be a high price to pay for eroding the foundations of the world order that the United States built — and it will not be limited to the economic realm. If Trump scraps KORUS, he will find it difficult to win South Korean cooperation against North Korea. A trade war with the EU will make it harder to win the cooperation of the Europeans to deal with Russia and Iran. The only winners will be America's enemies.

It's easy to cry "MAGA!" and let slip the dogs of trade war; much harder to put them back into the kennel before a lot of people get mauled.

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# PERSPECTIVE



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Efforts are underway in some parts of the U.S. to try to reform bankruptcy filing procedures. Attorney fees and complicated paperwork are cited as major issues.

## What if you can't afford to go bankrupt?

BY PAUL KIEL

A ritual of spring in America is about to begin. Tens of thousands of people will soon get their tax refunds, and when they do, they will finally be able to afford the thing they've thought about for months, if not years: bankruptcy.

It happens every tax season. With many more people suddenly able to pay a lawyer, the number of bankruptcy filings jumps way up in March, stays high in April, then declines.

For the past year, I've traveled the country trying to understand why bankruptcy often fails those it's supposed to help. I analyzed millions of filings and interviewed dozens of judges, lawyers and people struggling with debt. The answer turns out to be simple: People are too broke to go bankrupt. Filing costs money, as does hiring an attorney, which is the best way to make sure you actually get debt relief.

### If you had the \$1,000

Scores of people considering bankruptcy told me the same thing again and again: If they had \$1,000 to pay an attorney, then they probably wouldn't need to file in the first place. "It's funny how you buy bankruptcy," marveled Trina Wright of Memphis.

People who hire lawyers to help them file under Chapter 7 have their debts wiped away almost without fail, national filing data show. And debtors with attorneys fare far better than those who go it alone, filing pro se. Studies show clear benefits for those who successfully wipe out their debts, from higher credit scores to higher incomes. Moreover, this sort of targeted relief can help buoy the broader economy.

Those who can't afford attorneys often turn to bad options with predictably bad outcomes. Some try to wrangle the complicated bankruptcy forms on their own, risking costly mistakes. Others are lured by unregulated "petition preparers" who promise bankruptcy on the cheap. In Los Angeles, I found a whole industry of petition preparers who often flout bankruptcy laws because of a lack of enforcement.

In the South, debtors often avoid the

upfront costs by filing bankruptcy under Chapter 13. Unlike Chapter 7, which clears debts after a few months, Chapter 13 is a payment plan that usually lasts five years. Lawyers in the South will often start a Chapter 13 for \$0 down, allowing their much larger fees (usually \$3,000 to \$4,000) to be paid through the plan. This provides immediate protection to low-income debtors, but most are unable to keep up with the payments. If they fall behind and their cases are dismissed, their debts return.

### From bad to worse

Faced with options like these, many people simply try to muddle through, often under the threat of having their wages seized by creditors.

Over the past decade, the number of consumer bankruptcies filed each year has ranged from about 800,000 to 1.5 million. That's a small share of the millions of financially struggling households; researchers have long argued that many more people would benefit from filing. And while the reasons someone may or may not file for bankruptcy can be complex, it's clear that an important ingredient is affordability.

So if attorney fees can determine whether, and how, someone declares bankruptcy, can anything be done about them? The good news, I found, is that the answer is yes. The bad news is that none of the fixes are easy.

In a Chapter 7 case, attorney fees, like any other debt, are wiped out. As a result, most bankruptcy lawyers require that clients pay in full before filing because otherwise their bills would be erased too. There's ample evidence that people struggle to gather the money to do this. It's what you'd expect in a country where nearly half of adults say that if they were hit with an emergency expense of \$400, they wouldn't have the cash on hand to cover it. Black Americans are particularly likely to have low savings, resulting in a variety of bad outcomes such as being unable to save up to file for bankruptcy.

A 2005 bankruptcy bill made the problem worse. In the name of preventing people from cheating their lenders, the bill

heaped new requirements on debtors and their lawyers. The scope of such abuses was questionable, but the burdens of the new requirements drove up attorney fees nationwide by about 50 percent. The average attorney fee for a Chapter 7 today tops \$1,100, with court fees adding \$335 more. The result? Fewer filings, especially by low-income people.

### In need of a fix

The cleanest solution would be to change the law to allow more flexibility in how debtors pay their lawyers in Chapter 7 cases. That's an idea with broad support among bankruptcy judges, and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., a bankruptcy scholar herself, told me she thought it's a needed reform. But the near-term prospects for legislation in Congress are, to say the least, unclear.

In the interim, there are some lawyers who try workarounds: One of the oldest is for clients to hand over a stack of postdated checks before filing for Chapter 7. After the case is filed, these checks are deposited over several months, resulting in a jury-rigged installment plan. Most judges have decided that arrangement violates the law, but not all.

In the Southern District of Alabama, the chief bankruptcy judge, Henry Callaway, is working on a different fix. Troubled by the fact that more than 70 percent of bankruptcies in the district are under Chapter 13, he's drafting a rule that would allow lawyers to break their fees into two parts for a Chapter 7 filing instead. The first would cover services rendered before the bankruptcy petition is filed; the second, services afterward. Because the second agreement is signed after the petition, it has a different legal status and isn't wiped out like other debts.

It is, to be sure, a convoluted arrangement. But some judges — in federal appellate court and in Florida and Michigan — consider it legal, and more and more attorneys are trying it all over the country. Typically, the first agreement is for \$0, and the client pays the full fee through the second agreement in installments. (Unlike in a Chapter 13 case, where debt relief is condi-

tioned on completing a payment plan, this would give clients relief and then allow payments to lawyers over time.) This can be a salvation for people who wouldn't be able to file for bankruptcy otherwise, but there are pitfalls: Attorneys are often tempted to raise their fees. Sometimes that's because of uncertainty that they'll be paid in full. Other times, it's to cover the cost of hiring outside companies that facilitate these arrangements.

### Lawyers may cringe

Compared with these complicated maneuvers, another solution to the problem of attorney fees seems blessedly simple: Find a way to make legal help with bankruptcies free. But civil legal aid organizations, which are the main source of this kind of assistance, are also financially strapped.

"We don't have enough resources to provide bankruptcy services in all of our counties," said Steven McGarrity, executive director of Community Legal Aid, which serves clients in central-northeast Ohio.

This year, his group, along with legal services organizations in 11 other states, will begin using a new tool called Upsolve to help more poor debtors file. Developed by a nonprofit in New York, Upsolve is a kind of TurboTax for bankruptcy, walking debtors through the process of gathering the necessary documentation and asking questions in plain language. The software populates the small stack of forms necessary to file, and then a lawyer reviews them. Cases are filed pro se, but if complications arise, the debtor can get help from the lawyer.

Perhaps in the future, free help will be available to all who need it. Or maybe Congress will rewrite the law to allow debtors to pay attorneys over time. In the meantime, people struggling with debt will keep on doing what they've always done: waiting and hoping for relief.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Collective bargaining

Your March 3 editorial "The First Amendment and compelled speech" conveniently omits some key issues.

You do not adequately address the question of what to do about collective bargaining and the fact that unions are forced by law to represent all workers, whether they are in the union or not.

You dismiss the fact that unions are not allowed to use union dues for political purposes. This is indeed law and unions ask members to donate extra funds to support, for example, political campaigns. Members are not required to do this and are not punished for not doing so.

The First Amendment argument is specious. Mark Janus'

rights are in no way being violated. He can say and write anything he wants.

You also omit the fact that unions merely support the parties that support them. Unions exist for the benefit of their members. Democrats typically are pro-labor and pro-union. If Republicans were pro-union, believe you me, unions would throw their support to them and have done so in the past.

Let's see a Tribune editorial in support of unions no longer being forced to negotiate for nonmembers.

— Michael Swisher, Chicago

### Mueller's mission

Special counsel Robert Mueller has oodles of experience in law

enforcement, much of it in the public sector including 12 years as FBI director. How did a man with his record of failure and bad judgment acquire the power he now has? Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein charged Mueller "to ensure a full and thorough investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election." Whatever happened to that investigation?

At the moment, Mueller is investigating if the United Arab Emirates attempted to buy influence with the Trump campaign during the 2016 election. There are 195 recognized countries in the world. Mueller may be at this a while.

Mueller doesn't care about the truth or justice. He wants scalps. He will stop at nothing and destroy as many people along the way as necessary. You see, in the Marine Corps in Vietnam he learned all about collateral damage. Like the

Terminator, he has no remorse. Mueller is soulless with motives known only to him.

— Dave Kampfert, Lisle

### Safety first

On Feb. 25, the Chicago Tribune published an editorial titled "The absurdity of teachers packing heat." As a current student, I would like to address my concerns on the proposed idea of allowing teachers to carry guns inside of their classrooms.

My mom has been a teacher for 21 years, and she is one of the many teachers who are opposed to having guns in classrooms. She believes that we should focus on giving educators resources to help teachers identify and work with kids in crisis and kids with mental health issues instead of giving teachers guns. We should also teach nonviolent, productive ways to handle conflict and disappointment, such as the "see something, say some-

thing" policy where bystanders report something that they see.

Like many other teachers, she believes that having guns in classrooms would be ineffective in protecting the children during a shooting. Teachers would have to react quickly, and many things could happen to prevent a teacher from effectively using a gun against a shooter.

As a student, I would not feel safe going to school when teachers are armed. Many things could go wrong, such as an accidental firing of the gun, a student getting ahold of the gun, or a teacher firing at a student.

Instead, students and teachers should focus on positive ways to help students to deal with crisis situations. We should focus on working together and coming up with solutions that help everyone who's in crisis before violent acts occur.

— Beth Clow, student, Mundelein High School, Mundelein

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## Democrats join GOP on Dodd-Frank bill

Proposal would roll back scrutiny of some smaller banks

BY ERICA WERNER  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate is preparing to scale back the sweeping banking regulations passed after the 2008 financial crisis, with more than a dozen Democrats ready to give Republicans the votes they need to weaken one of President Barack Obama's largest legislative achievements.

Congress' appetite for pulling back bank regulations shows the renewed clout of the financial sector in Washington, not just in the GOP but also among Democrats.

Eight years after nearly every Senate Democrat backed a sweeping set of new rules for financial firms large and small, the party is now split, with moderates, several of them facing tough



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Sen. John Tester, D-Mont., supports a bill to lighten regulation on about two dozen banks.

midterm election contests, working with the opposing party.

The core of the new bill exempts about two dozen financial companies with assets between \$50 billion and \$250 billion from the highest levels of scrutiny by

the Federal Reserve, the nation's central bank. Supporters argue that the legislation would bring much-needed relief to midsize and regional banks that were treated like their much larger counterparts under the 2010 legislation known

as Dodd-Frank. Opponents say it would weaken the oversight needed to stave off the type of dangerous lending and investing that brought the U.S. economy to its knees.

The Senate is slated to take an initial procedural

vote this week to move the measure forward.

"On the 10th anniversary of an enormous financial crash, Congress should not be passing laws to roll back regulations on Wall Street banks," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. "The bill permits about 25 of the 40 largest banks in America to escape heightened scrutiny and to be regulated as if they were tiny little community banks that could have no impact on the economy."

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., a Banking Committee member and one of the new bill's leading Democratic supporters, said banks in his largely rural state have been going out of business in part because of the regulations imposed by Dodd-Frank.

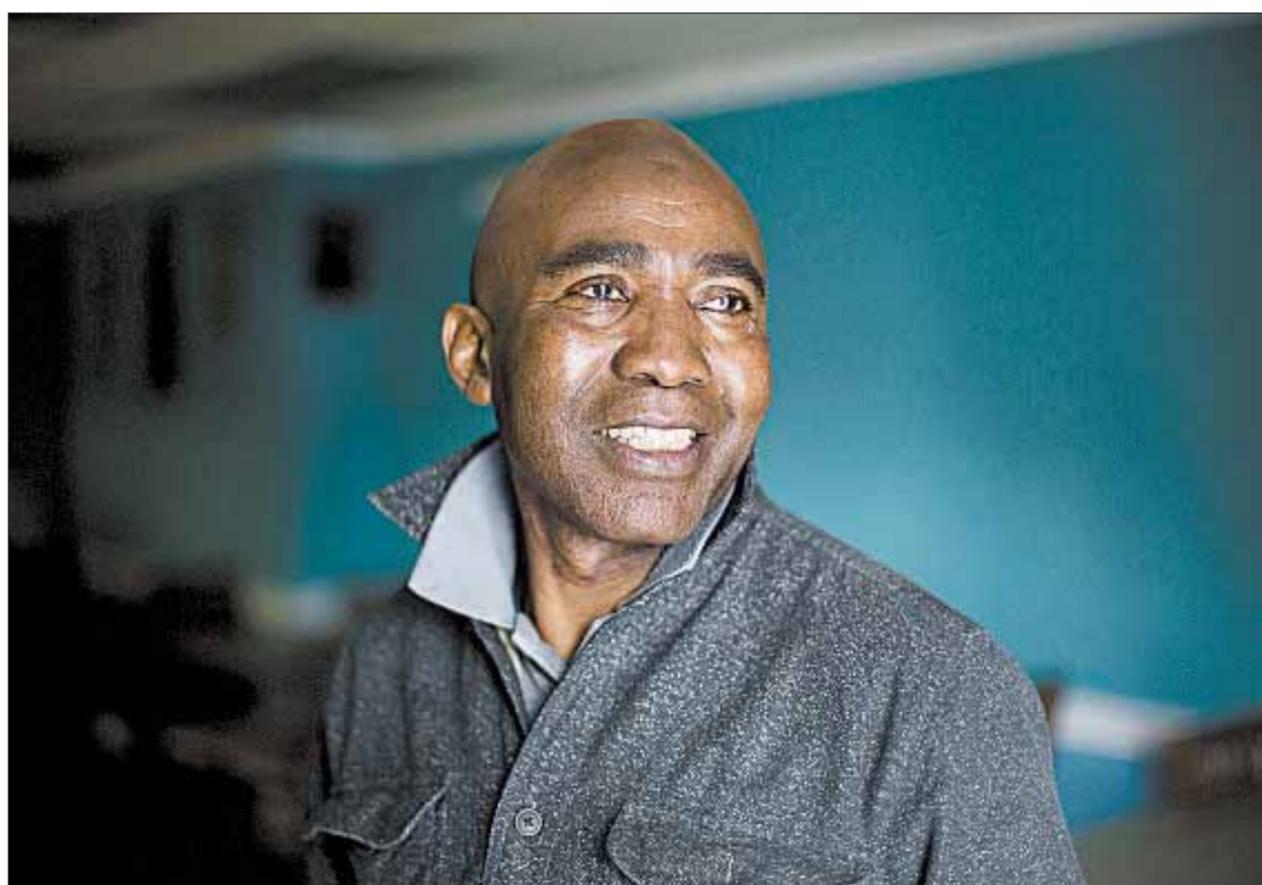
Critics dispute those claims, echoing a Democratic Party schism over financial regulations that pits liberals such as Warren and top Banking Committee Democrat Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, against moderate-leaning Demo-

crats including Tester and Sens. Heidi Heitkamp, N.D., and Joe Donnelly, Ind.

Many of the moderates face political pressure to establish a centrist voting record, particularly after voting against the GOP tax cuts in December. Tester, Heitkamp and Donnelly are all up for re-election in November in states President Donald Trump won by large margins. All three helped negotiate the banking legislation with its GOP sponsor, Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

Yet the coalition of Democrats supporting the bill also includes lawmakers such as Tim Kaine, Va., Hillary Clinton's running mate in the 2016 election, and Mark Warner, Va., who was among the lead authors of the 2010 law but also voiced concerns about over-regulating smaller banks.

Financial firms upped their campaign contributions to key Senate Democrats over the last year.



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Amara Sumah started Sumah's West African Restaurant & Carry Out in Washington, D.C., after immigrating from Sierra Leone.

## Immigrants' American Dream: Starting a business

Report says new arrivals start nearly 30% of ventures

BY PAUL WISEMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From AT&T's Alexander Graham Bell to Google's Sergey Brin, immigrants have long been more likely than native-born Americans to realize the dream of owning their own company.

"Immigrants are about twice as likely as natives to start new businesses," said Arnobio Morelix, an analyst at the Kauffman Foun-

datation, which promotes entrepreneurship.

Analysts note that that entrepreneurial drive has become a more critical need as the number of newly formed American businesses has declined — to 414,000 in 2015 from a pre-recession average of 524,000 a year in 2002-2006, the Census Bureau reports.

Curbs on immigration pushed by President Donald Trump and his Republican allies in Congress alarm critics who regard foreign newcomers as a vital source of entrepreneurship.

"It sends a very powerful negative signal to the rest of the world: 'Don't come to the United States.

We don't want you,'" said John Dearie, president of the Center for American Entrepreneurship, a nonpartisan group that supports immigration. "That's terribly damaging."

In a report last year, the Kauffman Foundation concluded that in 2016, nearly 30 percent of new American companies were started by first-generation immigrants, up from 13 percent in 1996.

In Pittsburgh, Kenyan immigrants Lavender Wachira and May Lebo, who met as college students, started a cleaning business five years ago with an investment of less than \$500.

They hope to hire people to handle marketing, accounting and

other administrative tasks that they now do themselves.

Immigrants have always been disproportionately entrepreneurial, in part because many can't find work that they qualify for on paper.

Some U.S. employers don't know what to make of, say, a college degree from India or job experience in Lithuania. So they tend to pass over immigrants in favor of native-born applicants whose credentials they understand.

Brin, born in Russia, co-founded Google. South African-born Elon Musk created electric

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## United grounds bonus lottery

Idea of rewarding some workers, not others, drew fire

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP,  
LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

United Airlines on Monday reversed plans to begin awarding employee bonuses through a lottery system that angered workers.

Scott Kirby, president of the Chicago-based airline, said United was "pressing the pause button" on changes that would have handed out much larger bonuses — including vacations and luxury cars — but to only a fraction of its workers.

"Our intention was to introduce a better, more exciting program, but we misjudged how these changes would be received by many of you," Kirby said in a letter to employees Monday.

Kirby said the airline would reach out to employee work groups and changes made would "better reflect your feedback."

Kirby originally announced the new lottery-style system — called "core4 Score Rewards" — in a note to workers late last week, according to employees and union officials. The lottery system was intended to replace a program that allowed each employee to receive a bonus of up to \$300 per quarter if the company hit certain operational targets.

The core4 system called for a small number of eligible employees to receive prizes per quarter, including cash awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$40,000, luxury cars and vacations. A single employee would receive a grand prize of \$100,000 under the plan, media reports said.

United has more than 80,000 employees, although not all of them are eligible for bonuses. United spokeswoman Maddie King said that front-line employees — those that deal directly with customers — and some members of management would be eligible for the bonus program.

King said the company doesn't have a timeline for re-evaluating the bonus program.

"Right now we are going to collect feedback from our employees to make sure we can create a new incentive program that will be mean-

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## Judge orders 'Pharma Bro' to forfeit \$7.3M in fraud case

Unique Wu-Tang Clan album, other collectibles on line

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge has ordered "Pharma Bro" Martin Shkreli to forfeit more than \$7.3 million in assets in his securities fraud case.

The order issued Mon-

day would allow the government to go after personal property prosecutors say includes a one-of-a-kind Wu-Tang Clan album and other valuable collectibles owned by the quirky former pharmaceutical CEO. It says the assets won't be seized until Shkreli has a chance to appeal.

The 34-year-old Shkreli was known as "Pharma Bro" on social media. He

was found guilty last year on charges he cheated investors in two failed hedge funds.

The defense had argued that Shkreli shouldn't have to forfeit anything because the hedge fund investors actually ended up making a profit.

His lawyer didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.



ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

A courtroom sketch shows Martin Shkreli, left, next to his lawyer Ben Brafman in federal court Feb. 23 in New York.

## Meat firm settles green card allegations

By SAMANTHA BOMKAMP  
Chicago Tribune

An Iowa-based meat processing company has been ordered to pay \$52,100 as part of a settlement with the Justice Department over claims that it routinely asked some — but not all — of the workers at its plant in Bolingbrook to present proof of legal U.S. residency or work authorization.

The Justice Department said West Liberty Foods violated the Immigration and Nationality Act when it asked non-U.S. citizens to provide green cards or other documents showing they were legally authorized to work in the United States, but did not ask the same of those workers it believed to be U.S. citizens.

In addition to the civil penalty, West Liberty Foods has agreed to put its human resources staff through new training and to post notices around the plant informing workers of their rights under federal anti-discrimination laws.

The company is also subject to Justice Department monitoring for two years.

West Liberty Foods did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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## Immigrants start nearly 30% of new businesses

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car maker Tesla. Three immigrants — Peter Thiel of Germany, Luke Nosek of Poland and Max Levchin of Ukraine — founded PayPal.

A study last year by the Center for American Entrepreneurship concluded that 43 percent of the companies in the Fortune 500 were founded by first- or second-generation immigrants.

Then there are the humbler ventures started by new arrivals — Indian hotels, Korean groceries, Greek diners.

“This country is just as full of promise as it was during the days of Ellis Island,” says Alvaro Maurice, an immigrant from Venezuela who started a Dayton, Ohio-based consulting firm in 2011.

For a quarter-century, Amara and Isata Sumah have been serving up jollof rice, hot pepper soup and other West African dishes from their eatery in Washington, D.C. The husband-and-wife team puts in 12 to 14 hours daily at . They say they managed to save enough to buy a house in the Maryland suburbs and put two daughters through college.

The restaurant sits across the street from the \$100-a-month apartment that Amara rented when he first arrived in the U.S., when he worked in hotel restaurants and drove a cab to get by.

“If you work hard, you can support yourself and your family,” said Amara, who remembers the day (Nov. 28, 1978) he arrived in Washington from impoverished Sierra Leone without any money. “You can make a better life for yourself and your kids.”

# Walmart enters meal-kit market

Company's move to bulk up grocery could squeeze dining industry

By MATTHEW BOYLE  
Bloomberg

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Walmart will start offering prepared meals at its stores for the first time, a move that could help the nation's biggest grocer sell more food while siphoning customers from restaurant chains.

Ten different meals are now available in 250 stores, and the program will expand to 2,000 locations by year's end, Walmart executives said in an interview. The company also is introducing four \$15 meal-kit options in stores, expanding a business that had previously only been offered online through outside vendors.

“More than 80 percent of Americans don't know what they will have for dinner tonight,” said Tyler Lehr, a Walmart senior vice president.

Scrambling to find a meal “puts pressure on a family,” he said.

The move is the latest step to improve Walmart's



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Ten different prepared meals are now available in 250 Walmart stores, and the program will expand to 2,000 locations by year's end, according to company executives.

grocery business, the chain's biggest source of revenue. It has upgraded its beef to certified Angus, cultivated a sweeter variety of cantaloupe that can be sold year-round, and recently developed a better way to track the freshness of fruits and vegetables as they travel from farms to its shelves.

The company also is looking to ward off competitors on multiple fronts, including Amazon.com, German discounter Aldi and meal-kit purveyor Blue Apron Holdings.

Prices of the prepared meals will range from \$8 to \$10, and varieties include pot roast with mashed potatoes and chicken enchi-

ladas. Given the massive scope of Walmart's grocery business, the meals could depress sales at restaurant chains if shoppers choose to grab a quick and cheap dinner from Walmart.

It's not good timing for the dining industry. Sales growth at the nation's top 500 restaurants has slowed

for two straight years, according to research firm Technomic, while growth at full-service chains like Olive Garden and Chili's went from 4.7 percent in 2015 to flat last year.

For Walmart, the meal push also may let it get more out of its deli section. Nearly all supermarket chains have such departments, yet only 12 percent of shoppers regularly visit that part of the store, according to data tracker Nielsen Homescan. Higher-income households are 20 percent more likely to purchase deli items, Nielsen and the Food Marketing Institute found.

It's increasingly common practice for supermarkets to offer prepared meals, but Walmart held off until it could find the right approach, Lehr said. The meals, developed internally in about two months at the company's culinary innovation center, have a shelf life of three days.

“It's no big secret that they are offered in other retailers, and we have looked at them previously, but we were not thrilled with quality levels,” Lehr said. “We were not going to make a move in this space until we were comfortable.”



ROBERT ALEXANDER/GETTY

Airline industry experts had questioned United's plan to reward select workers via a lottery-style bonus plan. The airline is putting the idea on hold.

## Union cheers bonus plan pause

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ingful to employees as we continue running a great operation and providing excellent customer service,” she said in an email.

After the memo detailing the new lottery program was released last week, a petition was created on Change.org deriding the new system. The petition was addressed to the carrier's management and signed “United Air-

lines Flight Attendants.”

The petition received more than 1,100 signatures before the poster, who is anonymous, commented: “I was told to take down this petition. Great job everyone but I'm sorry.”

In a statement after Monday's reversal, the Association of Flight Attendants said it was “encouraged to see that United management has taken flight attendants' feedback seriously and decided to

pause any changes,” according to spokeswoman Taylor Garland. Earlier, the union had said that employees were “entirely opposed to and offended by this new ‘select’ bonus program.”

Airline industry experts had questioned the new lottery system and its impact on employee morale.

Seth Kaplan, managing partner of Airline Weekly, said he couldn't recall another case where an airline

swapped regular cash bonuses for a lottery system, “which I think is the problem,” he said. “If the idea is to motivate people, it doesn't seem to be having its intended effect.”

Henry Hartevelde, travel industry analyst and president of Atmosphere Research Group, said he thought United focused too much on possible cost savings and failed to consider the core4 move, given the potential to divide

employees.

“You can't tell people, ‘If all of you do a good job, a percentage of you win,’” he said. “It's exactly the wrong message to send.”

While \$300 might not go a long way, “employees don't want to lose something that makes a difference,” he said.

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A worker removes the Trump name from a sign Monday after control of a property shifted to the majority owner.

## Trump executives booted from Panama hotel

By JEFF HORWITZ,  
MARK STEVENSON  
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Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Workers removed the Trump name from signs outside a luxury hotel in Panama on Monday, as executives of President Donald Trump's family company were ousted under orders from Panamanian officials from their offices in a business dispute. Trump's security guards also left.

The end to a 12-day

standoff over control of the property came early in the day when a Panamanian judicial official and police officers backed the hotel's majority owner, Orestes Fintiklis, as he took possession of the offices. The Trump-affiliated management and security officials then left the 70-story, waterfront high-rise.

“This was purely a commercial dispute that just spun out of control,” said Fintiklis, a Miami-based private equity investor and head of the hotel owners'

association. “And today this dispute has been settled by the authorities and the judges of this country.”

The episode was a rare occasion when a foreign government has stood up against the operations of one of Trump's family businesses, and it was unclear whether Trump might consider retaliating diplomatically.

The Panamanian Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment. U.S. government officials re-

ferred questions to the Trump Organization, which did not respond to phone messages and emails requesting comment.

The judicial intervention resolved the most contentious part of the dispute between Trump's hotel business and Fintiklis, who sought to take physical control of the property on behalf of the hotel owners. Though the owners tried to fire Trump's company last year, the Trump Organization had disputed the termination as legally invalid.

# TreeHouse turning to former Smucker exec

New CEO charged with helping processed food company rebound

Chicago Tribune

TreeHouse Foods, the Oak Brook-based private label food company, is hoping a former J.M. Smucker Co. executive can lead the company out of its recent struggles.

Steve Oakland, 56, former president of Smucker's

U.S. food and beverage business, will take over as TreeHouse's new president and CEO on March 26, TreeHouse announced Monday. Like other processed food companies, TreeHouse has faced challenges in recent



Oakland

years as consumers increasingly buy fresh food at the perimeter of grocery stores instead of the center store aisles.

TreeHouse, which makes store-brand food products like cereals, snack bars and other products, is in the process of a multiyear cost-cutting plan. It will have shut down

34 production lines by the end of this year, the company has said.

Oakland will replace Chairman and CEO Sam Reed, who was serving as president after the abrupt departure of Robert Aiken, the company's president and chief operating officer, in November.

Reed will continue as nonexecutive chairman until July 1, at which point he will retire from the com-

pany, according to the TreeHouse news release.

"No company is better positioned than TreeHouse to capitalize on the growing importance of private label in today's dynamic retail landscape, which is a credit to Sam Reed and his vision," Oakland said in the news release.

"The initiatives that Sam and the team have put in place are the right ones, and I look forward to hitting the

ground running to improve our execution and performance in the near term, while assessing the long-term strategic drivers of the portfolio."

The company's stock was up more than 5 percent to almost \$42 per share in early Monday trading after the news of Oakland's hire. That's still less than half of what it was worth in July 2016 at \$103 per share.

# 'Non-poaching' clauses targeted

Senate Democrats introduce bill to ban such practices

BY JEFF STEIN  
The Washington Post

Say you work at a Jiffy Lube 30 miles from your house. You're happy enough there, but when you see an opening at another Jiffy Lube that's around the corner from where you live, you can't resist applying. You think you've got a decent chance; after all, you're already trained for the job. After you apply, however, you don't hear anything back.

It's possible you just weren't the candidate they wanted. But it's also possible that you were never even considered, as your local Jiffy Lube was barred from hiring you thanks to a "non-poaching" agreement it signed with the corporate headquarters. The non-poaching pacts vary, but generally they eliminate or limit franchise owners' ability to hire workers from other locations within the franchise.

The agreements are common at fast food giants and other chains, such as Burger King and H&R Block, and they're gaining prominence: Non-poaching clauses are now included in up to 56 percent of large franchises, up about 20 percent from two decades ago, according to a report published on Wednesday by two prominent economists.

Worker advocacy groups have long opposed such agreements, arguing they hurt employees' leverage in negotiating raises and stifle worker pay. And now the agreements are drawing renewed scrutiny from Democratic lawmakers—as well as from the Justice Department.

Democratic Sens. Cory Booker, N.J., and Elizabeth Warren, Mass., have introduced the first legislation in Congress that would make these arrangements illegal. The bill would term these no-poaching clauses an "anti-competitive" practice, giving workers the ability to sue and the right to claim damages.

"This is patently unfair and against the ideals of a so-called free market," Booker said in an interview.



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Sens. Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., have introduced legislation that would ban non-poaching agreements, labeling them as "anti-competitive."

"It's anti-democratic and it's hurting people."

Their bill reflects the rising concerns among some academics and on the Hill about the role of "monopsony" power, a monopoly held by a purchaser or employer, rather than by a seller, in restraining wages, a theory that has gotten increasing attention among Democratic policymakers since the 2016 election.

Industry advocates defended the practice of "non-compete" clauses, arguing companies need to protect the investments they make in personnel. "Franchising has generated more wealth

and opportunities for employees to move up the income ladder than any other business model in our nation's history," said Matthew Haller, a spokesman for the International Franchise Association, while also acknowledging that in some cases changes to the law may be appropriate. "Provisions in franchise agreements allow franchise owners to protect the significant financial investments they make to train employees the skills and methods necessary to deliver the product or service to customers."

The Trump administra-

tion's Justice Department is also reviewing the legality of these agreements, and it argues some violate federal antitrust law. Officials said in January that the agency plans on taking criminal actions against some companies with "no poaching agreements," according to reports in multiple news outlets. Makan Delrahim, the DOJ's assistant attorney general for the antitrust division, told reporters that the DOJ has been "very active" in reviewing potential criminal actions against employers whose no-poaching or no-compete clauses violate federal an-

titrust law, noting that companies had already been warned about the practice in a 2016 DOJ letter, Bloomberg Law reported.

So far, however, attempts to push back on the agreements in court have had little success. Courts have dismissed a number of class-action lawsuits against these arrangements, and federal regulators have few resources to try cracking down on them, said Alan Krueger, of Princeton, and Eric Posner, of the University of Chicago, in their new report.

That has created the opening for the Booker-

Warren bill. The legislation, likely dead on arrival in a Republican Congress, would force upward of 70,000 fast food restaurants alone to eliminate the clauses, according to a policy aide for Booker. The agreements appear most prevalent in the fast food industry, where about 40 different companies have those provisions. Eleven major fitness chains, 14 lodging chains and 11 retail giants have similar arrangements, Krueger and another Princeton researcher, Orley Ashenfelter, said in a 2017 study.

State policy may provide another avenue for freeing workers from poaching legislation. Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Hampshire are considering legislation restricting non-compete clauses, while in 2016, Illinois banned non-competes for those earning less than \$13 an hour, according to Krueger and Posner. The vast majority of states have no such bans.

Experts say it's hard to pinpoint exactly how much of an effect the rise of so-called buyer's monopolies have on wages, but they argue it may explain why take-home income remains relatively flat even amid low unemployment, a strong stock market, and rising business investment in the American economy. One in five workers with a high school education or less signed "noncompete" agreements of some kind, the researchers find. Since the 2016 election, this idea has gained currency in the Democratic Party, helping to shape the party's "Better Deal" legislative package, which incorporated proposals to bust up monopolies; in the campaigns of a number of House Democratic candidates running on anti-monopoly messages; and in this latest effort against "no-poaching" clauses.

"We've seen 20 years of stagnant wages in this country contributing to marked inequality in income, contributing to people who are working harder and harder than their parents but making less money," Booker said. "A lot of this is due to the growing influence of large corporate consolidation, as well as large corporate practices."

## Aspen Dental bringing 250-job office to Chicago

N.Y.-based clinic company chooses Fulton Market site

BY ALLY MAROTTI  
Chicago Tribune

Aspen Dental Management is opening a facility in Chicago that will be like a second headquarters and employ about 250 people, the dental clinic company said Monday.

There's no set timeline on the hiring, but spokeswoman Kathy Dwyer said Aspen Dental plans to start moving in June to the new location in the Fulton Market district.

The East Syracuse, N.Y.-based company provides administrative and business support to its more than 660 branded dental practices in 36 states. There are 31 practices in Illinois, and the company is growing quickly, Dwyer said. Nationwide, 70 locations are expected to open

this year, including two in Illinois.

Much of the work that helps fuel that growth will be done at the Chicago center.

The facility will serve as Aspen Dental's second practice support center outside New York, "so that we have a home base in the Midwest as well," Dwyer said.

The office will house a learning and development center for dentists around the country whose practices operate under the Aspen Dental brand.

Some employees will be relocated to Chicago, but many of the 250 workers at the facility will be new, Dwyer said.

The Aspen Dental-branded practices are independently owned and operated, and Aspen Dental does not employ the workers at the dental clinics. It offers the clinics business support, including assistance with leasing,

acquiring equipment and accounting.

Aspen Dental will occupy the space vacated by Sterling Bay at 1040 W. Randolph St. when the real estate developer moves to its new headquarters nearby. It will take over two floors, or about 50,000 square feet.

The announcement comes as Site Selection Magazine named Chicago top among metro area with populations over 1 million for new and expanded corporate facilities, a superlative the city has achieved before.

"Companies such as Aspen Dental choose Chicago because they know Chicago is the place where they can truly thrive," Andrea Zopp, president and CEO of the city's economic development arm, World Business Chicago, said in a news release.

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## Top consumer complaint in Illinois: Identity theft

Attorney general's office blames rise on Equifax breach

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE  
Chicago Tribune

More Illinois consumers filed complaints with the state about identity theft last year than any other type of fraud.

It's the first time since 2007 that identity theft — which often involves stolen credit card numbers, data breaches and stolen government documents (such as tax forms) — has topped the list, with 2,511 complaints, according to the Illinois attorney general's office.

The boost is most likely due to the Equifax data breach, the attorney general's office said, which affected as many as 147.9 million consumers nationally who had their Social Security numbers, credit

card account data, driver's license numbers and other sensitive personal information siphoned out of the credit bureau's database.

"Every year, my top 10 list shows that scam artists, predatory companies and cybercriminals devise schemes to steal people's money," Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said. "This year's top 10 list confirms that contending with financial challenges such as identity theft, student loans and other personal debt are the major issues confronting Illinois residents."

Second on the list was education-related complaints about student loan debt, loan consolidation and for-profit schools, which spiked more than 41 percent from the previous year, to 2,399 complaints filed. A close third was potential consumer debt fraud involving collection agencies, mortgages and banks, with 2,395 com-

plaints.

In all, the attorney general's office received 24,699 complaints of potential consumer fraud last year.

Madigan was joined at a news conference by Steve Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau, who urged consumers to check their credit reports annually.

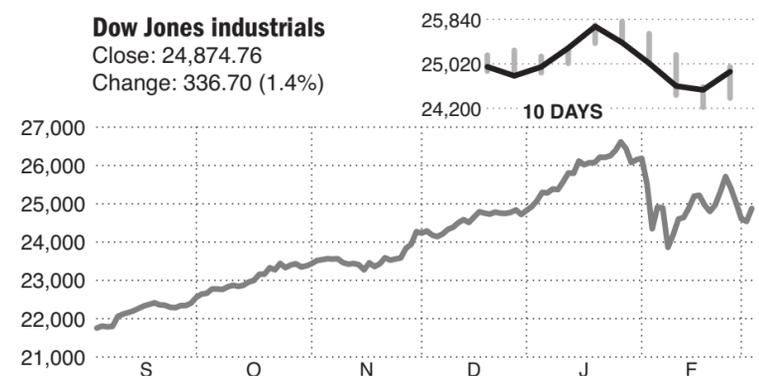
"The biggest problem has been people not checking out the 'businesses' calling to ask for money," he said.

Rounding out the top 10 issues on which complaints were received were construction and home improvement; telecommunications; promotions such as phone scams, lottery scams or investment schemes; used auto sales; internet and mail order products; motor vehicle and nonwarranty repair; and new auto sales.

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# MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 24,961.00 Low: 24,387.15 Previous: 24,538.06



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
<b>+72.84 (+1.00%)</b>	<b>+29.69 (+1.10%)</b>	<b>+12.88 (+.84%)</b>
Close: 7,330.70	Close: 2,720.94	Close: 1,546.05
High: 7,350.07	High: 2,728.09	High: 1,550.76
Low: 7,205.31	Low: 2,675.75	Low: 1,525.08
Previous: 7,257.86	Previous: 2,691.25	Previous: 1,533.17

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
<b>+0.01</b> to 2.88%	<b>-3.00</b> to \$1,318.10	<b>+0.66</b> to 106.20/\$1	<b>+0.0003</b> to .8112/\$1	<b>+1.32</b> to \$62.57

## Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-3.25	-1.22	-2.11	+2.17	+5.21	+2.72	+18.71	+25.33	+14.55

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	497	502.25	493	502.25	+10.25
		May 18	506.50	510.25	495.25	509.25	+9.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	376.25	378.50	374.75	378.25	+1
		May 18	385	387.50	384	387.25	+2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1063.50	1068	1056.75	1066.75	+6
		May 18	1074.25	1079.25	1066.50	1077.50	+6.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.15	32.25	31.97	32.01	-.05
		May 18	32.30	32.58	32.17	32.21	-.09
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	392.40	392.60	383.60	389.30	-.90
		May 18	395.30	396.10	385.80	393.20	+0.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	61.55	62.79	61.10	62.57	+1.32
		May 18	61.37	62.61	60.94	62.39	+1.30
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.717	2.726	2.673	2.704	+0.09
		May 18	2.753	2.754	2.709	2.738	+0.11
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.9144	1.9382	1.8841	1.9349	+0.0355
		May 18	1.9281	1.9508	1.8994	1.9475	+0.0328

Source: The Associated Press

## LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	60.37	+91	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	83.74	+14
AbbVie Inc	N	115.66	+62	Equity Residential	N	56.47	+51
Allstate Corp	N	92.89	+1.28	Exelon Corp	N	37.68	+76
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.40	+72	First Indl RT	N	28.78	+63
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.72	+52	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	61.10	+09
Baxter Intl	N	66.85	+57	Gallagher AJ	N	69.66	+100
Boeing Co	N	352.95	+8.08	Grainger WJ	N	259.83	+4.53
Brunswick Corp	N	61.18	...	GrubHub Inc	N	101.98	+2.27
CBOE Global Markets	O	115.35	+35	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	83.16	+58
CDK Global Inc	O	69.03	+55	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	76.20	-36
CDW Corp	O	73.94	+80	IDEX Corp	N	138.90	+1.45
CF Industries	N	44.56	+2.69	ITW	N	159.68	+1.12
CME Group	O	168.49	+2.23	Ingredion Inc	N	131.54	+34
CNA Financial	N	51.47	+1.27	John Bean Technol	N	111.50	+05
Caterpillar Inc	N	151.12	+4.74	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	163.91	+3.10
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.79	+92	KapStone Paper	N	34.89	+19
Deere Co	N	157.54	+4.23	Kraft Heinz Co	O	67.43	+26
Discover Fin Svcs	N	77.07	+1.23	LKQ Corporation	O	38.92	-07
Dover Corp	N	98.57	+60	Littelfuse Inc	O	208.40	-1.55
Equity Commonwh	N	29.90	-01	MB Financial	O	42.49	+74
				McDonalds Corp	N	151.03	+2.76
				Middleby Corp	O	120.01	+1.15
				Morningstar Int'l	O	45.06	+64
				Morningstar Inc	O	94.66	+1.51
				Motorola Solutions	N	107.27	+1.56
				Navistar Intl	N	37.62	+1.56
				NiSource Inc	N	23.53	+36
				Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.36	+1.65
				Old Republic	N	20.34	+31
				Packaging Corp Am	N	116.93	-39
				Scytec Corp	O	63.00	+1.68
				TransUnion	N	57.98	-26
				Tribune Media Co A	N	41.80	+68
				USG Corp	N	34.27	+8.82
				Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	197.88	+3.88
				United Cont'l Hldgs	N	67.21	-30
				Ventas Inc	N	50.77	+91
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.55	-03
				Wintrust Financial	O	86.03	+95
				Zebra Tech	O	141.02	+5.57

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	14.42	+30
Xl Group plc	55.92	+12.62
Bank of America	32.13	+50
Ford Motor	10.58	+18
Rite Aid Corp	1.95	+04
Chesapk Engy	3.12	+16
Twitter Inc	34.58	+1.58
Sthwstn Energy	4.45	-02
Square Inc	50.42	+4.40
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.65	+07
Valeant Pharma	15.40	+52
Snap Inc A	18.25	+24
Ambev S.A.	6.88	...
Wells Fargo & Co	57.59	+18
Penney JC Co Inc	3.78	+07
AT&T Inc	36.70	+35
Pfizer Inc	36.12	+17
Vale SA	13.42	+03
Petrobras	14.62	+42
Colony NorthStar Inc	5.92	+23
Oracle Corp	51.29	+97
Freeport McMoran	18.19	-13
Citigroup	74.42	+74
BRF SA	7.59	-1.83

## LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.70	+35
Alphabet Inc C	1090.93	+12.01
Alphabet Inc A	1094.76	+10.62
Amazon.com Inc	1523.61	+23.36
Apple Inc	176.82	+61
Bank of America	32.13	+50
Berkshire Hath A	304500	+1400
Berkshire Hath B	203.24	+1.90
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.27	+72
Facebook Inc	180.40	+3.78
Intel Corp	49.75	+77
JPMorgan Chase	115.06	+1.74
Johnson & Johnson	129.79	+97
Microsoft Corp	93.64	+59
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.59	+50
Source Cap	41.24	+35
Unitedhealth Group	228.38	+3.19
WalMart Strs	89.98	+1.21
Wells Fargo & Co	57.59	+18

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.36	+35	+21.4
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.13	+15	+10.7
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	248.63	+2.71	+16.4
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	61.85	+32	+8.3
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.90	+12	+24.6
American Funds FdmntInvsA m	63.36	+59	+17.9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	52.45	+56	+23.8
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.10	+12	+8.0
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	41.31	+37	+15.5
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.96	+37	+24.6
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	46.13	+45	+15.2
DFA EMktCorEq	23.71	-02	+26.7
Dodge & Cox IntStk	13.60	...	+2.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	207.90	+2.61	+13.3
DoubleLine TIRetBdl	10.46	...	+2.5
Fidelity 500DlxIns	95.43	+104	+16.4
Fidelity 500DlxInsPrm	95.42	+104	+16.4
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	129.34	+1.35	+29.4
Fidelity ContrafundK	129.29	+1.35	+29.5
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	10.96	-01	+1.5
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.51	+37	+16.1
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.31	+01	+3.0
Metropolitan West TIRetBdl	10.40	-01	+1.0
Oakmark IntlInv	28.22	+02	+19.9
PIMCO IncInclSt	12.19	-02	+5.5
PIMCO TIRetIns	10.05	-01	+2.3
Schwab SP500Dlx	42.06	+46	+16.4
T. Rowe Price BCGR	105.24	+1.11	+35.7
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.41	+76	+30.3
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	252.04	+2.75	+16.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.61	+23	+12.2
Vanguard HCAmrl	87.85	+1.16	+8.6
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.89	...	+2.7
Vanguard InsldxIns	248.61	+2.71	+16.4
Vanguard InsldxInsPlus	60.65	+66	+16.0
Vanguard InsTISMlInPls	50.65	+66	+16.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.66	+73	+36.8
Vanguard MDCpDlxAdmrl	194.27	+2.45	+13.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	139.37	+1.43	+24.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.51	-01	+1.0
Vanguard SmCpDlxAdmrl	71.16	+71	+11.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.38	+13	+11.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.52	+08	+12.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.75	+18	+12.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.80	+13	+14.0
Vanguard TtBMDlxAdmrl	10.47	-01	+1.0
Vanguard TtBMDlxIns	10.47	-01	+1.0
Vanguard TtInBldxAdmrl	21.63	-01	+2.5
Vanguard TtInBldxIns	30.45	+10	+19.9
Vanguard TtInSldxIns	121.75	+40	+19.9
Vanguard TtInSldxInsPlus	121.78	+40	+19.9
Vanguard TtInSldxInv	18.20	+06	+19.8
Vanguard TtSMldxAdmrl	68.04	+73	+16.0
Vanguard TtSMldxIns	68.05	+73	+16.0
Vanguard TtSMldxInv	68.01	+74	+15.9
Vanguard WngntAdmrl	72.04	+46	+9.4
Vanguard WlsyInAdmrl	63.85	+24	+5.5
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	67.20	+65	+19.9

## TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.66	1.61
6-month disc	1.83	1.79
2-year	2.24	2.25
10-year	2.88	2.87
30-year	3.15	3.14

## SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1318.10	\$1321.10
Silver	\$16.338	\$16.392
Platinum	\$962.10	\$965.10

## 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)	20.2122
Australia (Dollar)	1.2883
Brazil (Real)	3.2480
Britain (Pound)	.7229
Canada (Dollar)	1.2996
China (Yuan)	6.3502
Euro	.8112
India (Rupee)	65.020
Israel (Shekel)	3.4705
Japan (Yen)	106.20
Mexico (Peso)	18.8573
Poland (Zloty)	3.40
So. Korea (Won)	1079.86
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.28
Thailand (Baht)	31.40

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# SAVE THE DATE

## OBITUARIES

ROGER BANNISTER 1929-2018

## British miler was first to break 4-minute mark

BY CHRIS LEHOURITES  
Associated Press

LONDON — It was a typical British afternoon in early May: wet, cool and blustery. Not exactly the ideal conditions for running four laps around a track faster than many thought humanly possible.

A lanky Oxford medical student named Roger Bannister looked up at the white-and-red English flag whipping in the wind atop a nearby church and figured he would have to call off the record attempt.

But then, shortly after 6 p.m. on May 6, 1954, the wind subsided. Bannister glanced up again and saw the flag fluttering oh-so gently. The race was on.

With two friends acting as pacemakers, Bannister churned around the cinder track four times. His long arms and legs pumping, his lungs gasping for air, he put on a furious kick over the final 300 yards and nearly collapsed as he crossed the finish line.

The announcer read out the time: “3”

The rest was drowned out by the roar of the crowd. The 3 was all that mattered.

Bannister had just become the first runner to break the mythical 4-minute barrier in the mile — a feat of speed and endurance that stands as one of the seminal sporting achievements of the 20th century.

The black-and-white image of Bannister, eyes closed, head back, mouth wide open, straining across the tape at Oxford's Iffley Road track, endures as a defining snapshot of a transcendent moment in track and field history.

Bannister died peacefully in Oxford on Saturday at the age of 88. He was “surrounded by his family who were as loved by him, as he was loved by them,” the family said in a statement Sunday. “He banked his treasure in the hearts of his friends.”

British Prime Minister Theresa May remembered Bannister as a “British sporting icon whose achievements were an inspiration to us all.”

Bannister's time of 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds captured the world's imagination and buoyed the spirits of Britons still suffering through post-war austerity.

“It's amazing that more people have climbed Mount Everest than have broken the 4-minute mile,” Bannister said in an interview with The Associated Press in 2012.

While he will forever be remembered for his running, Bannister considered his long medical career in neurology as his life's greatest accomplishment.

“My medical work has been my achievement and my family with 14 grandchildren,” he said. “Those are real achievements.”

Bannister was born on



AP 1954

Roger Bannister's mark in the mile stood for less than two months. Bannister was also a neurologist.

March 23, 1929, in the London borough of Harrow. At the outbreak of World War II, the family moved to the city of Bath, where Bannister sometimes ran to and from school.

Bannister's passion for running took off in 1945 when his father took him to a track meet at London's White City Stadium, which was built to host the 1908 Olympics. They watched British middle-distance star Sydney Wooderson, who had emerged as a rival to the trio of Swedish runners who had taken the mile world record down close to the 4-minute mark.

As a first-year student on an academic scholarship at Oxford, Bannister caught his coaches' attention while running as a pacemaker in a mile race on March 22, 1947. Instead of dropping out of the race as pacers normally do, he kept running and beat the field by 20 yards.

With the 1948 London Olympics approaching, Bannister was running mile times of around 4:10. The 19-year-old was selected as a “possible” for the British Olympic team, but decided he wasn't ready and focused on preparing for the 1952 Helsinki Games.

By then, Bannister was a full-time medical student and had to juggle his studies with his training.

Bannister was considered the favorite for the Helsinki gold in the 1,500 meters — the shorter metric mile distance run in the Olympics. Just before the games, he learned that organizers had added an extra round of heats, meaning he would have to run on three consecutive days.

Bannister finished fourth in a final won by Josy Barthel of Luxembourg.

Had he won Olympic gold that day, Bannister almost certainly would have retired. But, criticized by the British media and disappointed in his own perform-

ance, he decided to keep running.

By 1954, Hagg's record mile time had stood for nine years. Bannister, Landy and American miler Wes Santee were all threatening to break the mark, and it became a matter of who would get there first.

“I thought it would be right for Britain to try to get this,” Bannister said in 2012. “There was a feeling of patriotism. Our new queen had been crowned the year before, Everest had been climbed in 1953. Although I tried in 1953, I broke the British record, but not the 4-minute mile, and so everything was ready in 1954.”

Bannister scheduled his attempt for May 6 during a meet between Oxford and the Amateur Athletic Union.

He started the day at the St. Mary's Hospital lab in London, where he sharpened his spikes and rubbed graphite on them so they wouldn't pick up too much of the track's cinder ash.

Bannister had lined up English runners Chris Brasher and Chris Chataway as pacemakers. Brasher, a steeplechaser, ran the first lap in 58 seconds and the first half-mile in 1:58. Chataway moved to the front and took them through three laps in 3:01. Bannister would have to run the final lap in 59 seconds.

He surged in front of Chataway with about 300 yards to go.

Bannister crossed the line and slumped into the arms of a friend, barely conscious.

The record lasted just 46 days.

Bannister married Moyra Jacobson, an artist, in 1955. They had two sons and two daughters.

Former AP European Sports Editor Stephen Wilson contributed.

## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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

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## Death Notices

**Borse, Patricia Susan**

Patricia S. Borse. Beloved sister of Robert J (Marlene), Thomas A (Susan), Michael R (Margaret), Joseph J, and John E (Donna). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 9: AM to 11:00 AM (Prayers at 10:30 AM) at **COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME** 7508 S. County Line Road (one block south of 155/Stevenson) Burr Ridge. Interment Queen of Heaven. 630 654 8484 or [www.coglianesecom](http://www.coglianesecom)  
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**Bouquet, Kevin J.**

Kevin J. Bouquet, age 37. Cherished son of Christina (Bill) Fingl and the late Michael Bouquet Sr. Loving brother of Michael Bouquet Jr. and Ashley Ann Mills. Devoted grandson of Ann and John Fenlon and the late Barbara and Bill Bouquet. Loving nephew of Mary Carlson and Rick Fenlon. Dear stepbrother of Clay, Hailey, Bill Jr., Heather, Carol Ann and Jeff. Dearest stepfather of Tyler, Nathan, Jillian and Kyle. Dear cousin of Aimee, Jessica, Josh and Jacob. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Many years of service with Window Works-Addison. Visitation Thursday 3-9 PM at the **Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home**, 11028 Southwest Hwy. (7700W) Palos Hills. Funeral Friday 1030 AM from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church for 1130 AM Mass. Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at [www.palosgaidasfh.com](http://www.palosgaidasfh.com) (708) 974 4410

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**Brunke, Ralph L.**

Ralph L. Brunke, age 87, passed away March 3, 2018. Ralph was a Veteran in the United States Marine Corps. Beloved husband of Sally (nee Mika) for 66 years. Loving father of Richard (Laurie), Ralph (Julie), Nancy (Steve) Commare, Sally (Larry) Evanshank and Robert (Linda). Devoted grandfather of Richard (Kate), Jen (Renie), Monica (Jon), Laurie, David, Joseph (Kari), John, Audrey (Bruce), James (Jenny) Daniel (Carrie), Michael and Melissa. And great grandfather of Kaili, Hayden, Cyrus, Devin, Emma, Rylee and Alyssa. Dear brother of Louise Smith, Carl (Barbara) Brunke and the late David and the late Ernest. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations to Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org) would be appreciated. Ralph was the founder and broker of Century Realty on Belmont Ave, in Chicago, for more than 50 years. Visitation Thursday March 8, 2018 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Friday, beginning at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. and will then proceed to St. Eugene Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708-456-8300

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**Bukowski, Nancy L.**

Nancy L. Bukowski, nee Poczowski; Loving wife of Robert; Beloved daughter of the late Walter and Helen; Caring sister of Jerry (Carol) Poczowski; Dearest sister in law of Barbara (Daniel Sr.) Pepke, Peggy (Wayne) Maher; Cherished aunt of Tory (Carla) Poczowski, Joseph (Shaina) Poczowski, Cyndi (Ray) Cooley, Daniel (Laura) Pepke, Nicole Pepke, George Sliwa, Kimberly Sliwa, Sean (Anne) Maher; Fond great aunt to her nieces and nephews & devoted friend to many; In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Centers of Hope & Healing, P.O. Box 82, Glenview, IL 60025 or [www.mcgivneycenter.net](http://www.mcgivneycenter.net); Visitation Thursday 3 to 9 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Funeral prayers Friday 9:15 a.m. from **Belmont Funeral Home** to St. William Church, Mass 10 a.m. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery; Info. 773-286-2500 or [www.belmontfuneralhome.com](http://www.belmontfuneralhome.com)

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**Cap, Alice F**

Alice Friedman Cohan Cap (nee Friedman), born May 25, 1934 is at peace with G-d in Heaven. Alice's children Larry (Barb) Cohan, Rich (Lesli) Cohan, Steve (Cara) Cap and Dan (Rose) Cap with Alice's grandchildren Jeremy, Nathan and Rachel Cohan said goodbye to Alice on March 5, 2018. Private graveside service followed by a Memorial service Wednesday 1 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Rd.), Skokie. Memorial donations can be made to Dupage Animal Friends at [dupageanimalfriends.org](http://dupageanimalfriends.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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**Carlson, Judith Ann**

Judith Ann, nee DeVita, Carlson. Judith was the college sweetheart, as well as the apple of the eye of her late husband of fifty years, Walter Carlson, Retired CFD. Smartest, funniest, and sassiest Mom to her adoring children Tim, Jill (David) Klusendorf, Kerry Carlson, and Matthew (Tara) Carlson. Beautiful Bébé to her adoring grandchildren Hannah (Will) Cousino, Conor Klusendorf (Carmen Otubusin), Sloan, Henry, Lily, Violet, and Max. Sister in shenanigans to Annette (Wayne) Rasmussen, Janis Beckford, and the late Carole Kellogg. Kind and loving Aunt Judy to her many nieces and nephews. She was an example of friendship to us all, and her friends dated back to Lakeview High School, College Sorority Sisters, “Club,” and within the Basilica of Queen of All Saints Parish, which she loved so dear, and where she was the Parish Secretary for nearly 20 years. Visitation Wednesday 4-9pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Friends and family will meet Thursday at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash, Chicago, for Mass at 10am. Interment private. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Judy's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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**Chen-McClone, Grace**

Grace Chen-McClone age 67 of Wilmette. Beloved wife of Kevin Patrick McClone; loving mother of Matthew Chen McClone. Visitation Friday, March 10, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Saturday, March 11, 2018, 11:30 a.m. at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 9th and Linden Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Evanston. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Catholic Relief Services for Syrian Refugees: <http://bit.ly/2Fcd96r>. info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.

### Donnellan FAMILY FUNERAL SERVICES

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**Dunne, Betty M.**

Betty M. Dunne nee Haas, 92 years, passed away March 4th after a long battle with strokes. Devoted and beloved wife of William R. Dunne for 71 years. Cherished mother of Kathleen Masulis, Tom (Cynthia) Dunne, Patricia (the late Robert) Stewart, Nancy Dunne & the late Betty Jean (William) Doyle. Fond grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 6. Preceded in death by 8 cherished brothers and sisters. Loving sister in law of Howard & Eileen Groves. Dear aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Thursday 10:00 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, for Mass at 11:00 am. Interment private for family at St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday from 3 pm until 8 pm. Betty was an outstanding example of a faithful Catholic wife, mother, homemaker, sister and aunt. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Little Company of Mary Hospice, Our Lady of Loretto Church or Masses would be greatly appreciated. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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**Flomenhofs, Carol J.**

Carol J. Flomenhofs, nee Jacobi, 75. Treasured wife of the late Howard C. Flomenhofs; loving mother of Michael, Steven (Debbie), and Michelle; adored grandmother of Charlie (Tali), Sam, and Eli; caring sister of Joan Golder; and beloved mom of dog Lucky. Memorial service Tues March 6, 10 AM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to America's Vet Dogs, 371 East Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown, NY 11787-2976, 1-800-548-4337, [www.vetdogs.org](http://www.vetdogs.org). For info: 847-256-5700.

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**Frankos, William**

William Frankos, 83, of Greece, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018. He is the loving father of Cynthia Frankos (Aaron Griffin); proud grandfather of Eli and Leo Griffin; fond uncle of John (Rita) Makris and Martha (Peter) Koelle. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Georgia, and his siblings Sam, Jim, Dina, Eleni, Stavroula, and Ellie. Family and Friends will meet on Wednesday at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago for visitation from 1:00-4:00 pm. Interment private.

Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis Funeral Director, Ltd.** For information 773-736-3833

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**Frohman, M.D., Lawrence Asher**

Lawrence Frohman, 83, beloved husband and best friend over 60 years of Barbara (nee Hecht), proud and devoted father of Michael (Stella Tsirkia), Marc (Susan LaPalombara), Erica Frohman and Rena Frohman (Andrew Hamblin). Proud and special grandpa to Evan, Dafni, Alicia (Zach Ciccone), Hannah, Zoe, Aaron, Leah and Zach. Professor Emeritus

and former Edmund F. Foley Chairman of Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, 1992-2001. Former Head of Endocrinology and Metabolism at SUNY Buffalo, Michael Reese Hospital, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. 1958 graduate of the University of Michigan College of Medicine. Distinguished career as a scientific and clinical mentor, researcher, clinician, teacher, administrator, author, and editor of numerous professional publications. Recipient of the Outstanding Leadership in Endocrinology Award. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the charity of your choice. Visitors welcome at the Frohman home Thursday, March 8, 6 to 9 p.m. Memorial service in Larry's honor to be announced. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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**Garcia**

See Charles L. Provo notice.

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March 5	
Lotto	17 19 33 34 36 43 / 25
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Pick 3 midday	286 / 3
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Lucky Day Lotto midday	25 31 36 39 41
Pick 3 evening	272 / 1
Pick 4 evening	3051 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening	15 18 20 27 40

March 6 Mega Millions: \$265M  
March 7 Powerball: \$34.8M

WISCONSIN	
March 5	
Pick 3	831
Pick 4	0534
Badger 5	01 06 12 16 21
SuperCash	03 04 06 15 32 33

INDIANA	
March 5	
Daily 3 midday	139 / 9
Daily 4 midday	2676 / 9
Daily 3 evening	684 / 1
Daily 4 evening	1573 / 1
Cash 5	11 17 32 35 45

MICHIGAN	
March 5	
Daily 3 midday	990
Daily 4 midday	7444
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### Hughes, Thomas Charles

Thomas "Thom" Charles Hughes, 78, died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on March 1, 2018.

Thom was born in Chicago to Thomas John and Jean Hughes. He served his country as a Marine and then as a Sergeant Deputy Sheriff for Cook and Lake County before joining the Chicago Police as a Field Training Officer (FTO) as well as serving in the Air National Guard until he retired.

Thom will be forever remembered by his loving wife and best friend Deborah (Debbie); his children, Susan (Stan), Charlene (Sieg), Lisa (Charles), the late Jennifer and by his grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Brody, Micaela, Samantha, Luke and Charlese, and by his brother, Frank (the late Clara), his sister Susan (the late John), and his brother Danny (Sharon) as well as many nieces and nephews.

Per Thom's wishes there will be a small gathering to celebrate his life with family only.

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### Jaderholm, Ruth Lujean Alldritt

Ruth Lujean Alldritt Jaderholm Born January 25, 1929 and passed away March 2, 2018. Lujean Jaderholm was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and raised in Wichita, Kansas by her parents Earl and Millie Alldritt. Her four siblings included Mary, Donald (Maxine), John (Evelyn) and Ann (John) McCarty. She attended East High School and graduated from Wichita State University in 1951. It was during her college years that she met her husband, Russell Jaderholm. They were married for over 64 years. Lujean and Russ were long time residents of Glen Ellyn.

Lujean and Russ have three sons, Kurt (Kathy) of Fishers, IN, John (Carol) of Hoffman Estates, IL and Ron (Diane) of Wheaton, IL. Loving grandmother of Megan (Dave) Keating, Abby Jaderholm, Jayne (Timo) Betina, Timothy Jaderholm, Daniel Jaderholm, Thomas Jaderholm, Katherine Jaderholm, and great-grandmother to Kira and Keegan Keating. They have been active members of Glen Ellyn Covenant Church for over 60 years.

Lujean loved being a mother to her three sons and grandmother to their families. She served in the Navy and worked for a brief time for Northern Trust Bank. She was active in the local Garden Club and Bible Study Fellowship. She loved reading, shopping, eating out and playing bridge and solitaire. They spent many years enjoying family and friends in Glen Ellyn, St. Germain, Wisconsin and Venice, Florida. We will all miss her loyal friendship, kind heart and sincere Christian love.

In memory of Lujean we would appreciate any contributions to the following charity: Covenant Point Bible Camp, 358 West Hagerman Lake Road, Iron River, MI 49935-7912, [www.cpbcc.com](http://www.cpbcc.com). Visitation will be on March 9, 2018 from 4-8 PM at **Leonard Memorial Funeral Home** (630-469-0032 or [www.leonardmemorialhome.com](http://www.leonardmemorialhome.com)), 565 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn. Funeral service will be Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:00AM at Glen Ellyn Evangelical Covenant Church, 277 Hawthorne Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Interment at Forest Hill Cemetery, Glen Ellyn, IL.

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### Jedlicka, Kathryn

Kathryn "Kada" Jedlicka nee Stevens; beloved wife of Edward "Jay"; loving mother of Kathryn (Patrick) O'Donnell, Christine (Anthony) Costello, Susan (Daniel) Durkin and Edward (Katherine) Jedlicka; cherished grandmother of Kailyn, Claire, Christopher, Conner, Danny, Declan, Ashlyn, Joe, Courtney, Makenna, Delaney, Harper and Hadley; dear daughter of Justice John Paul Stevens and the late Elizabeth Jane; fond sister of Susan (Kevin) Mullen, Elizabeth (Craig) Sesemann and the late John Stevens. Funeral 9:15 A.M. Thursday from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to St. Mary of Gostyn Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donation to America Heart Association appreciated. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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### Khamis, Marcia A.

Marcia A. Khamis, 73, of Skokie, loving daughter of the late Albert and Ann; beloved sister of the late Edward; best friend of 45 years of Renee Sophier; cherished aunt of Scott and Steven Sophier. Retired from Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center after many years. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Thursday 9:30 a.m. to St. David's Episcopal Church in Glenview. Mass at 10 a.m. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m. Sign online guest book at [www.simkinsfh.com](http://www.simkinsfh.com). (847) 965-2500



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### Kosover, Dolores 'Dolly'

Dolores "Dolly" Kosover, 89, passed away on March 3, 2018 /16 Adar, 5778 in Scottsdale, AZ. She was born May 1, 1928, to Aron and Mary Tishman in Chicago, IL. Dolly was married to her husband Louis for 60 years. She is survived by two daughters Rhonda O'Brien (son-in-law Steve Rosen), Patricia Chinitz (son-in-law Daniel Chinitz), and her cousin Walter Romanek. She was Grandmother to Aaron, Jay, Caroline, Elizabeth and Laura and Great-Grandmother to Charles.

Dolly was a proud Teacher for many years in the Chicago Public School District, teaching Elementary Grades and was known for running a strict classroom where education was taken seriously. She retired to Scottsdale, AZ and resided with her husband and many friends at Westminster Village. She was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother and will be forever remembered for her devotion to family and friends. She was known for her sense of style, beauty and grace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her memory to the Hospice of the Valley, Phoenix, AZ. Services have been held. Arrangements by Sinai Mortuary.

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### Lewandowski, Eleanore M.

Eleanore M. Lewandowski (nee Kozlowski), age 89, passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2018. She was born on October 1, 1928 in Chicago, IL. Eleanore is survived by her loving children, Dennis Lewandowski (Pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Naperville) and Debra (Richard) Gardner; grandson, Nicholas Gardner She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Lewandowski. Services and Entombment at Resurrection Cemetery are private with a Memorial Mass to be scheduled at a future date. Arrangements entrusted to **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**. Info: 630-922-9630 or [www.beidelmankunschfh.com](http://www.beidelmankunschfh.com)



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### Mrakovic, Ivan 'John'

Ivan "John" Mrakovic, beloved husband of Mildred "Ann" nee Kirby; loving father of John Mrakovic; dear son of the late Simon & Marija Mrakovic; brother of Anton and the late Damir Mrakovic; brother-in-law of Howard Kirby, & the late Bobby Kirby, Jerry (the late Josephine) Kirby, Eva (the late Rich) Engles, Reba Taylor & Linda (the late Joe) Kelley; fond uncle of many nieces, nephews, & great-nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd. (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Interment private. For info 708-430-5700 or [www.lackfuneralhome.com](http://www.lackfuneralhome.com).

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### North, Elizabeth Marie

Elizabeth Marie North, nee Yentz, 90, of Lake Barrington formerly of Hoffman Estates, IL. Beloved wife of the late Raymond P. North and previously married to the late Robert W. Kontney. Loving mother of Kathryn Kontney, John "Jack" (Beverly) Kontney, Janice (the late Alfred) Smith, Paula (John) Connor and Christopher (Nancy) Kontney. Cherished grandmother of Brian Haller, Paul (Maria) Rogers, Jessica Kontney, Linnea "Beth" Kontney, John "Jack" Connor, Benjamin Kontney, Curtis Kontney, great grandmother of five and great-great grandmother of two. Dear sister of Joan (the late John) Moss, the late Barbara (the late Bill) Atkinson and the late Mary Ellen (the late Jack) Genoshe, and fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 80 W. Northwest Hwy., Palatine, IL 60067 or Memorial Mass in Elizabeth's name. Visitation Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 3-8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Holy Family Church, 2515 W. Palatine Road, Inverness, preceded by church visitation from 9:30-10:15 AM. Interment will follow Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. 847-359-8020 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

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### Nudera, Sr., Jerome A. 'Jerry'

Jerome A. "Jerry" Nudera, Sr., age 87, U.S. Army veteran, of Shorewood, IL, formerly of Wheaton, Cicero, and Chicago, IL, passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2018. He was born December 13, 1930 in Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Elsie A.

Nudera (nee Turek), loving father of Jo Ann (Gary) Kujawinski, Jerome A. (Marianne) Nudera, Jr., James A. (Linda) Nudera, Judith A. (David) Petrosky, John A. (Gail) Nudera, Jacqueline A. (Michael) Gulczynski, and Jeffrey A. (Beth) Nudera, adored grandfather of 21, including the late PFC Leonard Gulczynski II, cherished great-grandfather of 3, devoted son of the late Jerry A. Nudera and Bessie Penner (nee Zima), dear brother of Janice Gonzales, fond brother-in-law of Mary Lou Counce. Visitation Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00-8:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, March 9, 10:00 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church, 600 Brook Forest Ave., Shorewood. Interment: Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Joliet Area Community Hospice, (815) 740-4104, [www.joliethospice.org](http://www.joliethospice.org) For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com)



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### Peshek, Janet Amanda

Janet Amanda Peshek, nee Bottari, age 75, of Palatine. Beloved wife of the late Robert Donald Peshek. Loving mother of Steve (Maggie) Peshek, Susan (Dave) Pedersen and Sheryl (Rick) Gayeski. Cherished grandmother of Kiersten, Christian, Caelen Peshek, Jonathan and James Pedersen. Dear sister of Joyce (Allan) Bicek. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Janet was born in Chicago on May 4, 1942 to the late Anthony and Amanda Bottari, and she passed away on March 2, 2018. Visitation will be Thursday, March 8th from 3:30-7:30 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. Funeral Friday, March 9th, 9:15 AM from the funeral home to St. Colette Church, Rolling Meadows for Mass at 10 AM. Interment at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. A celebration of life will follow. 847-359-8020 or [smithcorcoran.com](http://smithcorcoran.com).

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### Phillips, Rita N.

Rita N. Phillips, nee Napolski, age 92; beloved wife of the late Urban Phillips; loving mother of Catherine Heggaton; cherished grandmother of Jennifer Heggaton; dear brother Bernard (Debbie) Napolski and Raymond (the late Jean) Napolski; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Funeral Thursday, 10:45AM from **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Mary of Gostyn Church. Mass 11:30AM. Entombment Assumption Cemetery. 630/968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)



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### Prioletti, Phyllis M.

Phyllis M. Prioletti (nee Long), age 82, of Naperville, IL, former resident of North Olmsted, OH and Carillon in Plainfield, IL, passed away on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. She was born February 2, 1936 in Boston, MA. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213.



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### Provo, Charles L.

Charles L. Provo, age 94, of Skokie. Beloved husband of the late Juliette, nee Van Cleven; loving father of Gilbert (Bernice) Provo; cherished grandfather of Kristine (Derek) Blackwelder; fond great-grandfather of Clarke and Brynn Blackwelder; dearest companion to Maria Garcia. Visitation, Wednesday, March 7, 2018, from 4 to 9 p.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Service, Thursday, March 8, at 11 a.m., at the funeral home. Interment, Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst. Info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com).



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### Reynolds, Nancy

Nancy Reynolds, nee Hurley, age 70. Dear mother of Brian (Julie), Sean (Dawn), Kevin (Becky), Keith (Colleen) and Todd (Jamie). Loving grandmother of Liam, Zachary, Anna, Madeline, Nicole, Daniel, Joshua, Kyle, Samantha, Quinn, Dillon, Justin, Emily and Aaron. Dear sister of Fr. John "Jack", James, William and Debra (Robert) Bularzik. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday 10:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. to St. Christina Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

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### Roppolo, Margaret 'Peggy'

Margaret "Peggy" Roppolo nee Finley, passed away surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the love of her life & best friend the late Richard. Loving mother of Margaret Anderson, Mary Kay (Tom) Determann, Valerie (Tony) Nudo, Loretta (Jim) Griseto, Rosanne (Jim) Spanola, Patrick Roppolo & the late Eileen Roppolo. Fond Nana of Eric, Amanda (Christian) Anderson, Ashley (Teddy) Kervin, Melissa, Ryan, Maggie Determann, Rich (Adrienne) Nudo, Katie (Steve) Merzweiler, Samantha, Nick, Maddy Griseto, Catherine, Jimmy, Megan Spanola, Patrick & Michael Roppolo. Nana Nana of Natalie, Anthony, Leo & Mack. Former mother in law of Bert Anderson & Dena Napoli. Loving sister of the late Catherine (Bill) Charnota. Daughter of the late Patrick & the late Margaret Finley. Aunt, godmother & friend of many. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL. Funeral services will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home & proceed to St. Eugene Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum In lieu of flowers preform an act of kindness in memory of Peggy. Info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708.456.8300

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### Rossetti, Anthony I.

Anthony I. Rossetti, age 89, Korean War Army Veteran, formerly of Homer Glen. Beloved husband of the late Marga. Loving father of Steven (Denise), Ursula (Mike) O'Reel and Mike (Gina). Devoted grandfather of 7. Great-grandfather of 7. Dear brother of Celeste Hoffman. Visitation Wednesday 9am until time of Chapel Service 11am from **RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St, Homer Glen to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Mass 11:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Member of Council #15022 K. of C. Founding parishioner of St. Rene Goupil Church. 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com).

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### Rossi, Ernest Allen

Ernest Allen Rossi, age 73, longtime Naperville resident, passed away on Fri., Mar. 2, 2018. Ernie was born in East Orange, NJ on Mar. 9, 1944, to Ernest and Christine Rossi. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Florida and the University of Southern California, respectively. Ernie's career, which took him all over the country, was spent largely in service to Exxon-Mobil. He continued to work as a consultant until the age of 70. Among colleagues, he was known as an ingenious manager, a supportive mentor, and a loyal friend. Ernie was united in marriage with his beloved wife, Sheila, on September 3, 1977. He was the proud patriarch for three sons, two daughter-in-laws, and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law and two nieces. For more than forty years, his family was the chief benefactor of Ernie's tireless industry. He loved fishing, woodworking, and a good story. He could fix anything and was a constant steward of his home and condo association. Over his life, he owned more than 60 cars. He was a man of integrity, tenacity, and solid values. He was kind, generous, and endlessly curious. The five birdfeeders in his yard were always full. Memorial Visitation: Friday, Mar. 9th 2-5 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home** at 44 S. Mill St. in Naperville, IL 60540. Memorial Service to follow at 5 PM at the funeral home. Info: 630-355-0213 or [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com)

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### Smith, Mary "Jane"

Mary Jane was born February 12, 1933 in Hobart, IN. She passed away peacefully March 4, 2018 in Barrington, surrounded by her loving family. Mary Jane is survived by her children; Douglas (Debra) Smith and David (Cynthia) Smith; grandchildren, Mitchell Smith, Kara Smith, David (DJ) Smith, and Kevin Zyrkowski; and son in law, James Zyrkowski. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald and her daughter Linda Zyrkowski. Memorial visitation will be 4-8pm Friday, March 9 at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 941 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich. Memorial visitation will continue at 10am Saturday, March 10th at the funeral home until the memorial service at 11am. Inurnment will be private at Windridge Memorial Park, Cary. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to JourneyCare Foundation, 2050 Claire Court, Glenview, 60025. Arrangements were entrusted to Davenport Family Funeral Home, Lake Zurich. Please visit [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com) to send condolences or call 847-550-4221 for information.

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### Solzman, David M.

David Solzman, 83, passed away Monday, February 19, 2018 after a brief illness. Beloved husband of L. Rachel McKinzie, loving Father of Nancy (Tomas Alarid) Solzman, Andrea (Jon-deceased) Goldberg, fond ex-husband of Bamboo (Eli Lewis) Solzman, treasured brother of Michael (Donna) Solzman and adoring grandfather of Ariella Alarid.



David received his bachelor's degree from UoC undergrad program before returning to Omaha and earning his master's degree at University of Nebraska, Omaha. Once again he returned to Chicago to earn his PhD from UoC in urban geography focused on industrial land use along the Chicago River and Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Upon completion of his studies David joined the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago where he taught geography, meteorology, and astronomy full time from 1965-2000. During his tenure at UIC he received the prestigious Silver Circle Award 5 times. After retiring from full time teaching, he continued to teach a class or two for the Honors College of the University until 2016.

An accomplished photographer, most recently 50+ of his photographs were made a permanent installation, The David Solzman Gallery, in the offices of the Friends of the Parks.

There will be a memorial service at Rockefeller Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 60637 on May 11, 2018 at 1 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Friends of the Chicago River, 411 S. Wells Street, Unit 800, Chicago, IL 60607 [chicagoriver.org](http://chicagoriver.org) or The Greater Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632 [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org). Arrangements entrusted to Unity Funeral Parlors, Inc. 4114 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago (773-624-2703) [unityfuneralparlors.com](http://unityfuneralparlors.com)

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### Swanson, Rose M.

Rose M. Swanson (nee Gusti) beloved wife of Frank Swanson Sr.; loving mother of James (Brenda), Dawn and Frank Jr. (Kelly) Swanson; dearest grandmother of Jamie; dear great grandmother of Tyler and Leo; fond sister of Vito (Norma) Gusti. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7909 State Road (5500W) Burbank, IL 60459. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society, 225 N Michigan Ave Suite 1200 Chicago IL 60601, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). Funeral info: (708) 636-2320.

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### Varno, Heidi M.

Heidi M. Varno (nee Stielau), 70, of McHenry, at rest Friday, March 2, 2018. Retired from Condacore where she worked for 28 years assembling picture frames and McHenry East High School where she was a custodian for eight years. Beloved wife of Robert Varno; daughter of the late Gerhart and Ingeborg (nee Storm); sister of the late Ingrid Williams; aunt of Michael (Christine) Staley and Rich (Marge) Williams; sister-in-law of Jerry (Norma), Ralph (Elizabeth), Sharon (Russell) Hardesty, Ruben (Sandy), Diane (Robert) Lisowski, and the late Dorothy (Bobby) Boutwell, and Richard (Susan). Visitation 3-8 p.m., Friday, March 9, at **Hamsher Lakeside Funerals and Cremations, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake**. Funeral 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 10, at funeral home. Private interment. In lieu of flowers, memorials to your favorite Cancer organization, appreciated. You may leave online condolences for the family at [www.HamsherLakeside.com](http://www.HamsherLakeside.com), or for information call 847-587-2100.

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### Yesia, Betty

Betty Yesia, 84, of Oswego passed Sat, Mar. 3, 2018 at Edward Hospital. Betty was born Sep.18, 1933 in Chicago. She married Walter M. Yesia Sep.18, 1954 in Chicago. Walter passed August 27, 2015. She is survived her son, Jeff (Jaruan) Yesia of Oswego. A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wed, Mar. 7th at the **DUNN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 1801 S. Douglas Rd. Oswego, IL, 60543. Memorials may be directed to the family. Phone 630-554-3888 for information or visit [www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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### Zirzow, Donald R.

Donald R. Zirzow, age 91, of Brookfield. WWII Navy Veteran. Beloved husband of Eileen R. Zirzow, nee Rockhoff; loving father of Randy (Sherrrie) Zirzow, and Lori (Wesley Ostick) Heckman; dear grandfather of Michelle Zirzow; brother of the late George (Esther); uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Lying in State Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 10:30 A.M. to time of Service 11 A.M. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Corner of Park and Grant, Brookfield. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, Oakbrook Terrace. Memorials appreciated to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 9035 Grant Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513 or the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 6060. Information 708-485-2000 or [www.HitzemanFuneral.com](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com)



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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**A'Shawn Warren** AKA A'Shawn Davis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Neosha Warren (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01103

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Antoine Pittman (Father)**, and **to All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 25, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/23/2018, at 11:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**March 6, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Baby Boy Piatek** AKA Phillip Piatek

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Urszula Piatek (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA01021

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Rowell Wang AKA Rowell Weng (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 5, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/23/2018, at 9:30 AM** 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**March 6, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Brandon Kuras Summer Kuras Joshua Kuras Isabella Kuras**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Meigan Carroll (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00871 17JA00872 17JA00873 17JA00874

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Joshua Kuras (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 30, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/27/2018, at 1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**March 6, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Diamond Shumate** AKA Diamond Tranea Shumate

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Crystal Shumate (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 09JA00174

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jermaine Shifferness (Father)** and **Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 7, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/23/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**March 6, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Diamond Shumate** AKA Diamond Tranea Shumate

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Crystal Shumate (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 09JA00174

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Jermaine Shifferness (Father)** and **Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 7, 2013**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/23/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, 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.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**March 6, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Heaven D Snerling**

A MINOR  
NO. 2018JD00257

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is given you, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 14, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Katz** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/19/2018 at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 55 COURTROOM 5,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT  
**March 6, 2018**

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### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Jacques Turner**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lydia Mattison (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00929

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Edward Turner (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 12, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/23/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**March 6, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Janiyah Turner**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lydia Mattison (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00928

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Edward Turner (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 12, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkelis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/23/2018, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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**March 6, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Jeremiah Mattison**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lydia Mattison (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00927

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**March 6, 2018**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Kamille Miller Kylie Miller**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Aaliyah Miller (Mother)**

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**March 6, 2018**

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IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Kurtis Knox, Jr.**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Dinetta Mc Reynolds (Mother) AKA Dinetta Mc Reynolds**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00006

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## Sunny side's up

Confident Bryant isn't bothered by criticism of his 2017 run production



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The end of Bryzzo as we know it may be at hand. Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant, half of the fictional partnership featured in a series of commercials made by Major League Baseball, said he and first baseman Anthony Rizzo have nothing in the

works for 2018.

"On the field we'll be great," Bryant said Monday at Cubs camp. "But in terms of commercials, I don't think we have anything planned."

Shocking news. Bryzzo is being shuttered after only two years?

"I think we need to make more of a name for ourselves rather than having MLB take all the credit for it," Bryant said. "So maybe we'll do something on the side."

Sure. Cut out the middleman?

"Yeah," he said. "We're going to cut them out."

It's no surprise Bryzzo may already be an anachronism in this era of the five-minute news cycle. MLB has new young stars to promote, a new World Series champion to hype and Giancarlo Stanton in Yankees pinstripes.

The Cubs in 2018 are old hat, just another contending team among many. They lost the quality that made them unique when they



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Kris Bryant is confident as he heads into his third season with the Cubs. He hopes he can post MVP-caliber numbers again this year.

ended the title drought.

Bryant is still a marketable star, but he's no longer baseball's next big thing. After winning the National League MVP award in his second season in the majors, he dropped to seventh in MVP voting last year. A season with 29 home runs and 73 RBIs seemingly paled in comparison with his 39-homer, 102-RBI season in 2016.



**OPENING SHOT**  
Steve Rosenbloom

In trying to retire runners, Jon Lester is working on throwing the ball into the ground to get it to the base. Wait, isn't that what he already does? **More Page 2**

Or perhaps not.

"I thought I had a great year," he said. "I don't care what people think, honestly."

Advanced metrics suggest Bryant has a point. He ranked second among NL hitters with 6.7 wins above replacement, according to fangraphs.com. But not many fans judge players by their WAR, which is nearly impossible to calculate.

Bryant said he has heard the criticism about lower run production.

"Oh, for sure, and I was getting questions about it (all season)," he said. "I (couldn't) care less because I'm very comfortable with who I am as a baseball player and as a person. So if I'm going to let something like the RBI stat inhibit me in any way in how I feel each and every day, then I really shouldn't be playing baseball."

"I know that I do a lot of other things really (well) on the field and a lot to help the team win, and that's what I'm all about. Each year you have your career highs, your career lows. I guess that's what I get for doing super well my first two years."

Did doing "super well" set up Bryant for Trout-like expectations?

"Yeah, it's tough to perform at the level of Mike Trout and Albert Pujols, and you know what they're going to do each year," he said.

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## In Fuller talks, rays of hope on both sides

Tag unlikely as Bears, corner may work way to long-term contract



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

The deadline for NFL teams to use the franchise or transition tag comes at 3 p.m. Tuesday. It's important to keep an eye on Bears cornerback

Kyle Fuller, and there are players around the league worth monitoring as well when it comes to potential targets in free agency.

Start that list with Allen Robinson of the Jaguars, who most folks I spoke with believe will not be tagged, and Sammy Watkins of the Rams. Those are two wide receivers who would stand above the rest of the options if they reach the open market.

But back to Fuller, who plays another position where the Bears have glaring roster holes. General manager Ryan Pace spoke last week and made it clear everything was still on the table in terms of Fuller. That means the franchise tag, the transition tag, a long-term deal, all of it. After speaking with as many folks as I could, here are four things I believe when it comes to the Bears' first-round draft pick from 2014: ■ Fuller would like to return to the Bears. I think the team feels this way right now and therefore probably has a little optimism that things can be worked out in the long run.

■ The Bears are not going to place the franchise tag on Fuller. I can't say for sure if the transition tag will be in play, but multiple people have told me they do not expect the Bears to franchise-tag Fuller, something that would come at a price of a little more than \$15 million per season. This isn't a surprise because it creates a difficult situation to get a long-term deal done and, well, that's probably too rich for Fuller.

■ Fuller isn't going to sign a multi-year contract until after the start of the new league year. I guess you can't rule out something happening before March 14, but it seems rather unlikely the Bears could get something done with Fuller before free agency opens. This is Fuller's best shot at a lucrative, long-term payday, and doing a deal early would only eliminate the other 31 teams from the bidding process. With free agency less than two weeks away, he shouldn't be in any hurry.

■ The Bears would like to bring Fuller back. As Pace said, the Bears have taken an aggressive approach to Fuller and, as best I can tell, he is their top target at the position. That would make sense. The team has a shaky track

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## Smith's departure leaves Illini looking unsteady

On Illinois' first day of basketball practice in late September, freshman guard Mark Smith spoke about following in the footsteps of fellow Edwardsville native Mannie Jackson and Smith's hopes of helping to rebuild the Illini program.

Coach Brad Underwood called Smith the most improved player he had worked with and raved about Smith's potential and versatility. He compared Smith to Jason Kidd.

Those big dreams didn't work out at Illinois.

Smith, the state's Mr. Basketball winner in 2017, confirmed to the Tribune on Monday he has decided to transfer. The school



**SHANNON RYAN**  
On Illinois

later announced the departure in a news release.

"I just don't fit the system," Smith told The Telegraph of Alton, Ill. Something was certainly amiss this season.

The 6-foot-4 Smith's freshman season was defined by its lack of productivity. He averaged only 5.8 points on 33.7 percent shooting, including a meager 23.2 percent on 3-pointers. His scoring average dipped to 3.1 points in Big Ten play.

Translation: He was a typical freshman, not the phenom many Illini fans expected.

While Smith's numbers were

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STEPHEN HAAS/AP

Illinois freshman guard Mark Smith announced Monday his intention to transfer.

## Messages received after Ramblers' rise?

Illinois hoops community can learn thing or two

Around Chicago sports over the years, perhaps only Bears fans fixated on 1985 more than Loyola basketball followers.

So when the Ramblers ended 33 years of waiting Sunday by returning to the NCAA tournament, the moment carried meaning that went beyond words.

Coach Porter Moser tried anyway, calling a 65-49 victory over Illinois State in the Missouri Valley Conference championship game in St. Louis a "watershed moment." Donte Ingram, a senior from Simeon who was the tour-



**DAVID HAUGH**  
In the Wake of the News

namer's most outstanding player, declared on the podium that "it means a lot for the city of Chicago." Somewhere in Homewood, Alfredrick Hughes just smiled. From Rogers Park to every playground in the city, and on campuses across the state, the context of Loyola basketball had changed.

What the NCAA tournament achievement says to the various basketball constituents in Illinois depends on who's receiving the message.

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STEVE ROSENBLUM

## Keith's slippage is showing

Is it just me or is anybody else worried about Duncan Keith?

Maybe it's just the recency bias of a bad three-game trip to California in which the Blackhawks defense was exposed, as if each unit has to take a turn looking awful in this season that refuses to end. Or maybe Keith is the last of the core players to succumb this season to the fall of the dynasty. Or maybe it's long-lasting and irretrievable. The last possibility is the scary one because Keith has always been the barometer of good Hawks and bad Hawks. The Hawks offense has always started with the defense, and the defense starts with Keith, and unfortunately of late the defense has been inept and inert, not to mention soft and slow.

In Sunday's loss in Anaheim, Keith aided and abetted Ducks forward Rickard Rakell's power-play goal by doing little to prevent it. In the previous game, Keith committed two awful giveaways that led to Kings goals. In the first game of the jaunt in San Jose, Keith was on the ice for four Sharks goals while skating five-on-five.

Today's edition of Sesame Street hockey is brought to you by the letters P and U.

Only six times in the last 14 games when skating five-on-five has Keith been above 50 percent in the Fenwick metric that counts only unblocked shots, according to NaturalStatTrick.com. The raw numbers in those games show he has been on the ice for three goals for and 19 against at even strength for a minus-16.

Now, plus-minus in isolation is an out-moded way to evaluate players, but something that extreme is hard for me to ignore. It might not always be Keith's fault, but he's not doing enough to make it better.

By comparison, Keith's five-on-five Fenwick metric was over 50 percent 10 times in the 20 games before the last four weeks. His raw numbers were 17 goals for and 12 against.

Overall, his goals-for percentage of 39.78 at five-on-five is the worst of the 10 defensemen the Hawks have dressed this season, according to NaturalStatTrick.com. The raw count is 37 goals for and 56 against.

Last season, Keith's goals-for percentage at five-on-five was 56.48. The raw count was 61-47. So, yeah, Keith misses Niklas Hjalmarsson — a lot. The whole team does. Keith has had to adapt to different part-



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Duncan Keith's recent stats indicate a drop-off in efficiency, which has hurt the Hawks.

ners while continuing to play a lot and play against the opponent's top line. All of those are legit causes for Keith's unseemly numbers. But still it's a problem when a team's best defenseman isn't delivering, especially on a team that relies on defensemen to start the offense.

The eye test — my eye test anyway — sees a guy whose reactions can't quite keep up with his instincts. Keith has played several lifetimes of hockey the last decade — a lot of regular-season minutes, then even more minutes in an astounding 126 playoff games and, oh, two Olympics — so it would be reasonable to expect that at 34 even the indefatigable one would lose a half-step. That half-step can keep a player from getting to a spot first, from breaking up a play, from getting a stick on an opponent, from taking away a puck and moving it up ice.

Keith's remarkable ability seemed to make him a one-man neutral-zone trap. He regularly broke up plays and controlled the

puck to create a lot of offense — a lot of quick offense. The Hawks were playing on a lot of short fields.

Thing is, the Hawks still control the puck at even strength more than one would think a bad team would, but the forwards aren't turning that into goals. That would help Keith's numbers look respectable, and maybe that changes next season. Maybe the scorers start scoring next season. Maybe another long offseason will help. Same goes for improved ability and consistency from the rest of the young defensive corps.

This isn't to bury Keith. He can still play, even if not at his former Norris Trophy level. So perhaps the biggest thing that would help the Hawks regain their contending ways is if general manager Stan Bowman could bring in a defenseman who makes Keith only the second-best on the roster.

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### THE LINEUP

#### That's a strange eye test



Notre Dame wide receiver **Equanimeous St. Brown** tested well at the NFL scouting combine by running the 40-yard dash in 4.48 seconds and doing 20 reps of 225 pounds on the bench press. But he received an odd request in an interview when a team representative asked how long he could keep his eyes open.

"They just timed me," St. Brown told reporters at the combine. "And I kept my eyes open as long as I could. I think (it was) like 15 seconds."

He also spoke about his family — father John Brown and football-playing brothers Osiris and Amon-Ra St. Brown — who were the subject of a recent HBO "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" segment. He said he has gotten positive feedback about the show and accepted a comparison to the controversial basketball family of LaVar Ball.

"I see a lot of similarities between us and the Balls," St. Brown said. "We have similar fathers and we have all three brothers trying to make it in our sports."

Colleen Kane

#### Forte going out as a Bear



**Matt Forte** plans to retire as a member of the Bears.

The two-time Pro Bowl running back told NBC Sports Chicago on Monday that he will sign a one-day contract so he can officially go out as a Bear. Forte announced last week he is calling it a career after 10 seasons.

A second-round draft pick out of Tulane in 2008, Forte spent his first eight seasons with the Bears and his last two with the Jets.

Forte's 9,796 yards rushing rank 33rd on the NFL's career list. His 14,468 yards from scrimmage were the most in the NFL the past decade.

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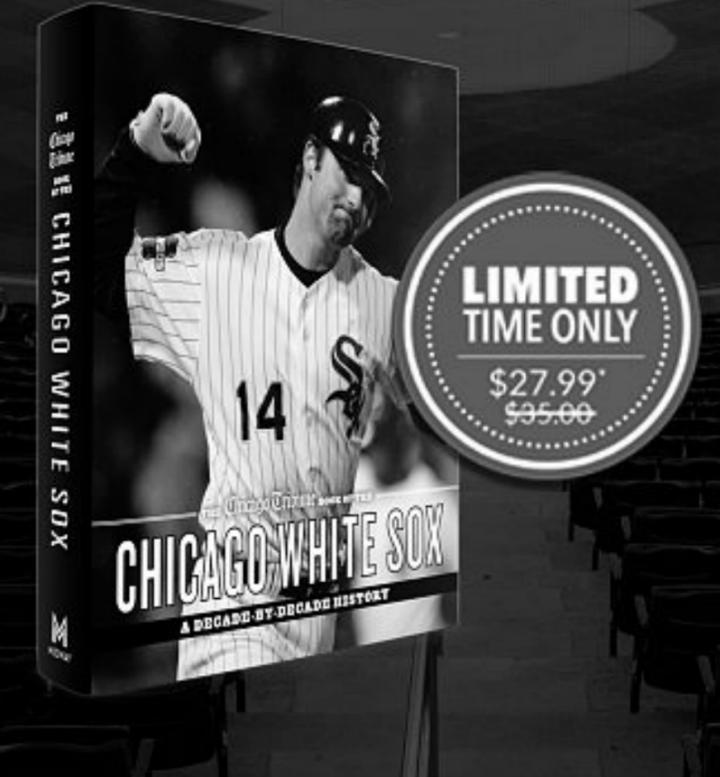
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## WHITE SOX



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Rob Scahill has appeared in three spring games and is 2-0 with a 1.59 ERA and six strikeouts in 5<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

## Scahill builds a case

In bid to land in Sox pen, Villa Park native putting up solid stats

By CHRIS KUC  
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — On the night of Oct. 26, 2005, Rob Scahill bolted through the door of his Bradley University dorm room and ran up and down the hall hooting and hollering.

The freshman on the baseball team was celebrating the World Series championship of his favorite childhood team, the White Sox.

"People were like, 'What's going on?'" Scahill recalled. "But they weren't too concerned — it's a dorm, so you see some strange things at night."

A welcome sight for Scahill these days is the Sox uniform he's wearing in spring training.

"Not a lot of people get an opportunity to play for the team that they grew up rooting for," Scahill said. "It's definitely not lost on me."

The 31-year-old right-hander grew up and still lives in Villa Park and graduated from Willowbrook High School, where he was a three-sport athlete, also playing football and basketball. As a kid, he had a Frank Thomas poster on his bedroom wall.

So when the rebuilding Sox were among the teams he spoke with while searching for a minor-league contract, it was an ideal landing spot. He signed Jan. 22 and has been grinning ever since.

"I talked to a good amount of teams going through the minor-league free agency process," Scahill said, "but in the end I felt like coming here was the best opportunity to get to play for the team I grew up rooting for and also have an opportunity to make the team."

Scahill is among a group of

### WHITE SOX RECAP

The White Sox coughed up a nine-run lead and eventually tied with the Athletics 9-9 on Monday at Hohokam Stadium.

The Sox scored two in the first, two in the third and five in the fourth, but the Athletics kept coming and pulled into a 9-9 tie with a four-run ninth aided by two Sox errors.

The Sox's Cactus League record stands at 5-5-1.

**At the plate:** Matt Skole went 2-for-5, including a double and a long three-run home run, and scored two runs to lead the Sox offense. Matt Davidson also had two hits and three RBIs, while Yoan Moncada went 2-for-3 with three runs and a stolen base from the leadoff spot.

**On the mound:** Dylan Cease started for the Sox and pitched two scoreless innings, allowing one hit and two walks while striking out four. Chris Volstad and Joakim Soria each threw a scoreless inning.

**The quote:** "This is the major leagues, man. This is not a joke. It's a hard game and you have to adjust." — Soria, who rebounded from a rough Cactus League debut Friday.

**Prospect spotlight — Seby Zavala:** Drafted by the Sox in the 12th round in 2015, the 24-year-old catching prospect went 1-for-3 and was hit by a pitch.

**Up next:** Vs. the Brewers, 2:05 p.m. Tuesday at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz. LH Wade Miley vs. RH Reynaldo Lopez.

veterans general manager Rick Hahn brought in to compete for spots in the bullpen, and he's building a case for himself. Scahill has appeared in three Cactus League games and is 2-0 with a 1.59 ERA and six strikeouts in 5<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. He is scheduled to pitch again Tuesday against the Brewers.

"Rob is doing very, very well," manager Rick Renteria said. "He's starting to work on trying to use backdoor breaking balls to lefties, trying to command that and being able to own it a little bit more, working inside a little bit more. He's continued to hammer the strike zone, (and) hopefully as he continues to develop his execution on pitches on both sides of the plate, he'll at least give himself a chance to be able to handle both lefties and righties."

While he doesn't have overpowering stuff, Scahill knows how to pitch and has a 5-7 record with a 3.79 ERA in six seasons with the Rockies, Pirates and Brewers. He was 1-3 with a 4.43 ERA in 22<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings for the

Brewers last year, splitting time between Milwaukee and Triple-A Colorado Springs.

"What I do well is keep the ball down and get ground balls," said Scahill, who was drafted by the Rockies in the eighth round in 2009 and made his big-league debut Sept. 11, 2012. "I just have to keep attacking the zone and letting the defense work. There is an opportunity here to make the team. I just need to do what I do well and make the decision as hard as I can for them."

If Scahill doesn't make the opening-day roster, he is prepared to head to Triple-A Charlotte and continue his quest to play for his hometown team.

"There are revolving goals," Scahill said. "You set a goal right now, and mine is to make this team out of camp. And if that doesn't happen, I'll go to Charlotte and do my best there and hopefully get an opportunity at some point."

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## CUBS

## CUBS NOTES

## Darvish's debut will draw a crowd

Dugout figures to be packed to see his first spring training start

By PAUL SULLIVAN  
Chicago Tribune

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Yu Darvish's long-awaited Cubs spring training debut Tuesday at Sloan Park should bring more players into the dugout than usual.

Even players allowed to leave camp early for their day off might be interested in seeing what Darvish can show in his first start, facing his former Dodgers teammates. Darvish was sick and missed his first scheduled start.

**Kyle Hendricks**, who pitched Monday, said he'll definitely stick around and watch Darvish. The two have lockers next to each other and have had several discussions as Darvish speaks English.

"We talk about the Rangers, how it was over there since we both played there," Hendricks said. "We talk pitching. He's asked me questions about my changeup. There are a lot more conversations than I expected."

Darvish said when he signed it was important to be in camp at the start and not become a distraction to his teammates if he reported in the middle. Manager **Joe Maddon** agreed it was important from a work standpoint and also "culturally speaking."

"Just to know the guys," Maddon said. "One of our strengths is (we've been) four years together now with a lot of success. I've been looking at other teams put together relatively in this past off-season. Nice names. Really nice names. But how do you get that on the same sheet of music quickly? It's not that easy to do."

"He needed to be here right from day one. Teammates saw it, loved it. It's good for him, good for us."

**Lester redux:** Maddon insisted **Jon Lester's** bounce throw to first Sunday was "perfect," adding the first baseman simply stretched too early. Lester has been instructed to bounce his throws to first instead of risking an error because of his deficiency throwing to bases. Lester called it the "Jordan-to-Pippen bounce pass."

Can the Cubs' mental skills coaches help Lester get over his throwing issues, or is it too late to change him?

"I think if he was like 15 or 16, you'd have a better shot," Maddon said. "I really don't want him to worry about it. That's what we want him to do, what he did yesterday. It's going to work."

"He's probably a little more comfortable throwing the ball to **Anthony (Rizzo)**. ... They're working on different methods to get this done, and I'm actually pretty pleased with it."

Coach **Brian Butterfield** recalled working with Lester on the



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Yu Darvish will go up against his former teammates when he faces the Dodgers on Tuesday.

### CUBS RECAP

After being shut out by the Diamondbacks on Sunday, the Cubs knocked out 13 hits in a 5-4 win over the Rockies at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. Ryan Court's solo home run in the ninth was the difference, helping the Cubs improve to 7-2-2.

**On the mound:** Making his second start, Kyle Hendricks allowed two runs on three hits in three innings, serving up a two-run homer to Charlie Blackmon in the first before adjusting. Brian Duensing added a scoreless frame, and Oscar De La Cruz finished it with a scoreless ninth for the save.

**At the plate:** Court's home run was one of three for the Cubs. Ian Happ went 3-for-4, cranking his fourth homer from the leadoff spot. Anthony Rizzo added his second home run.

**Key number:** .500. Happ has a .500 OBP in the Cactus League, solidifying his status as the new leadoff man.

**The quote:** "First inning I was mechanically off, pulling pitches, but was able to make the adjustment. ... At this point, to be able to recognize that even and work on making that adjustment and do it, that's a positive for me."

— Hendricks.  
**Up next:** Vs. Dodgers, 2:05 p.m. Tuesday at Sloan Park, Mesa.

RH Wilmer Font vs. RH Yu Darvish.

bounce throw when they were in Boston.

"One of the big things is you try not to make too big a deal out of it," Butterfield said.

The media contingent laughed, knowing it will be a big deal in Chicago because it hasn't been fixed and because it's the Cubs.

"I know," Butterfield said. "But any facet of the game where you start thinking about it too much, then it just might make it that much more difficult. He's tough mentally, and whatever we do, at some point in time he's going to be able to conquer a lot of it."

## Run production debate isn't bothering Bryant

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"I'm sure they'll tell you it's pretty dang hard, but they make it look so easy."

"It is nice to get those expectations (put) on you and for people to root you on to get those numbers, but at the same time you've got to realize it's not going to be attainable every year, every game. You're not going to get the job done every time."

Bryant expects to post MVP-caliber offensive numbers again in 2018, and he has been working on his fielding this spring with new coach Brian Butterfield.

Manager Joe Maddon expects Bryant to spend less time playing outfield this year, which should help his consistency at third base.

"When I first got here," Maddon said, "the concern was that he's so tall, a lot of his movement was going to be unnatural or difficult, especially the slow roller, charging a ground ball, diving and getting up. He's done all that stuff. He's such a good athlete. I've seen nothing but progress from him. And he and Butter have been getting after it pretty good."

"I don't think it's impossible to think of him as a Gold Glove candidate. It's just there are so many good third basemen that would be holding him back. But I feel like he's capable of doing that."

Bryant conceded beating out the Rockies' Nolan Arenado for a Gold Glove would be tough sled-

ding. But he has been picking up some things from Butterfield and believes his defense is better than advertised.

"I feel like my defense has only improved in each of my three years," he said. "Hopefully I can continue that trend."

The possible end of Bryzso may be a blessing in disguise for Bryant. After three years of trying to live up to everyone else's expectations, Bryant appears comfortable being himself. He has been more low-key than usual this spring, shying away from the spotlight to get in his work.

"When I first came up, there was a ton of hype and all the attention, but I just want to be another person in the crowd," he said. "I do realize that being a key player, it takes more responsibility."

Whenever Bryant and I discuss Bryzso, it gets mentioned that the term was coined in this column and then used by MLB without the express written consent of the Tribune.

"They didn't give you any credit," Bryant said. "Not even an asterisk in small font."

Not even a coffee cup, I reminded him.

"Terrible," he said. "Actually, that's why we're not doing it — they didn't give you any credit."

Hmm. Somehow I don't believe we've seen the last of Bryzso.

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### WHITE SOX NOTES

## 'Encouraging' sign for Rodon

Left-hander lets loose in throwing session as recovery takes big step

By CHRIS KUC  
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — **Carlos Rodon** has been playing catch most every day during spring training as he recovers from shoulder surgery.

On Sunday, he finally decided to let loose.

During a flat-ground session that included throws from 120 feet, the White Sox left-hander reared back and fired his fastball.

"I was throwing pretty close to as hard as I can and I feel good," Rodon said Monday. "That's a good sign."

"You have to test it every once in a while."

Rodon underwent surgery on his left shoulder in September and has been taking baby steps in his recovery. Sunday's session had him as encouraged as he's been since the rehabilitation process began.

"It's definitely encouraging," an upbeat Rodon said.

"I'm just waiting to get up on a mound and start throwing bullpens. Hopefully by the end of

the month I can do that if everything goes well."

Rodon said he has to remind himself to take it easy with his rehab because "We're in it for the long haul, not just this year."

To that end, he did not put a target date on his return to the rotation.

"I definitely try not to because if I don't reach it then it's going to be a disappointment," Rodon said.

"I just go day by day and try to knock off the days in this throwing program so I can get back on the mound and be with my team again."

**Future shock:** Sox prospects had big days in a pair of games Monday, including during a 9-9 tie with the Athletics in Cactus League play at Hohokam Stadium.

**Dylan Cease** was strong during two scoreless innings in his first start. Cease allowed one hit with two walks and four strikeouts.

"I was able to spin stuff and throw it in there for strikes," said Cease, ranked the No. 61 prospect in baseball by MLB Pipeline. "I can still have better command and get ahead more so there is stuff to learn from it. It's about

preparing myself.

"These guys are consistent every day (so) it's way harder than it looks. I just wanted to be relaxed with my body and just attack (and) not overthink it."

In a B game against the Dodgers, **Lucas Giolito** pitched three scoreless innings and allowed two hits with a walk and three strikeouts. The right-hander threw 53 pitches, 32 for strikes.

Center fielder **Luis Robert** went 2-for-3, including a rocket off Dodgers closer **Kenley Jansen** that went for a double. The 20-year-old Robert later added a stolen base and an infield single.

**Better result:** After being shelled in his Cactus League debut Friday against the Dodgers when he gave up four runs on five hits without recording an out, **Joakim Soria** had a much better effort against the Athletics. The veteran right-hander allowed a single in one inning of work and later credited pitching **Don Cooper** with discovering a flaw in his mechanics after viewing video.

"I was leaning a little bit in front so I stayed tall and it made the pitches better," Soria said.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



ROBERT FRANKLIN/AP

Notre Dame's Bonzie Colson (35) and Matt Farrell celebrate the win over Pitt last week in South Bend, Ind.

## NOTRE DAME

## This mission's possible

Healthy Colson has given Irish boost at the right time

By LAMOND POPE  
Chicago Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame's lead, once at 22 points, had dwindled to 12 with eight minutes left in Wednesday's game against Pittsburgh.

Matt Farrell calmed the nervous Purcell Pavilion crowd, making a 3-pointer in the right corner. The Irish regained the momentum with the basket on the way to a 73-56 victory.

Farrell finished with 14 points in a game highlighted by Bonzie Colson's return to the lineup. Colson missed eight weeks because of a left foot fracture.

Both will be vital as the postseason begins. Notre Dame (18-13) will play Pittsburgh (8-23) for the second time in less than week Tuesday in the first round of the ACC tournament at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

"We've gone through a lot of stuff — injuries, close losses," Farrell said. "It's going to help us to be mentally strong."

The 10th-seeded Irish know they'll have to make a lengthy run to catch the attention of the NCAA tournament selection committee. It starts against the 15th-seeded Panthers.

"We've got to worry about Pitt, do what we have to do and see what happens," Colson said. "We've got to play our best and

## ACC TOURNAMENT Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

## Tuesday

(12) Boston College vs. (13) Georgia Tech, 11 a.m., ESPN2  
(10) Notre Dame vs. (15) Pittsburgh, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2  
(11) Syracuse vs. (14) Wake Forest, 6, ESPNU

## Wednesday

(8) Florida State vs. (9) Louisville, 11 a.m., ESPN  
(5) N.C. State vs. 12-13 winner, 1:30 p.m., ESPN  
(7) Virginia Tech vs. 10-15 winner, 6, ESPN2  
(6) North Carolina vs. 11-14 winner, 8:30, ESPN2

## Thursday's quarterfinals

(1) Virginia vs. 8/9 winner, 11 a.m., ESPN  
(4) Clemson vs. 5/12-13 winner, 1:30 p.m., ESPN  
(2) Duke vs. 7/10-15 winner, 6, ESPN  
(3) Miami vs. 6/11-14 winner, 8:30, ESPN

Friday's semifinals 6 and 8:30 p.m., ESPN or ESPN2  
Saturday's final 7:30 p.m., ESPN

empty the tank every game."

Having Colson back provides new hope. The preseason All-America forward had 12 points and nine rebounds in 21 minutes in his first game back.

"We've got work to do, there's no question about it, but having him back helps," coach Mike Brey said. "I'm sure a lot of committee members watched (Wednesday) and wanted to see. They see him being productive. That definitely can help us."

Colson had 24 points and 15 rebounds while playing 37 minutes in a 62-57 loss Saturday against No. 1 Virginia in the regular-season finale.

Farrell had nine points Saturday. He's averaging 18.8 points in nine games since an ankle injury sidelined him for the second time this season. The stretch includes a career-high 37 points on Feb. 17 at Boston College. He

tied a school record with 10 3-pointers.

Two games later, he made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 5.8 seconds remaining in a 76-71 win against Wake Forest. He earned third-team All-ACC honors Sunday.

"(Farrell) has a highlight reel of all kinds of plays he has made last-second to get us the win," forward Martin Geben said. "It's been awesome playing with him and we've got to keep this going."

Farrell missed five games during the season because of injuries. Colson missed 15. They're healthy at the right time.

"We've had to embrace challenges all year," Farrell said. "We feel we've gone through more adversity than anybody in the country. The only way to look at it is it can only make you stronger."

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## Ramblers' rise sends messages

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## DePaul: Clock ticking louder than ever

At least it should be. Every Blue Demons fan or alumnus has the right to wonder why DePaul can't turn its program into a source of pride the way Loyola has. Every bit of pressure applied to athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto after seeing Loyola make the NCAA tournament is appropriate.

Selection Sunday hasn't mattered at DePaul since 2004. That's embarrassing for a school that once enjoyed such a rich basketball tradition, but not even Loyola's success figures to shake the status quo in Lincoln Park.

For reasons hard to grasp, Lenti Ponsetto enjoys job security rare for an athletic director whose marquee program continues to fail. From whiffing on Jerry Wainwright and Oliver Purnell to rehiring Dave Leitao, the DePaul AD escapes accountability many of her peers can't avoid. Chances are the university hierarchy, led by new President A. Gabriel Esteban, will view Loyola's emergence as a testament to the patience shown Moser, who won only 32 games over his first three seasons with the Ramblers.

Leitao has won 29 in the same period during his second tour. While president at Seton Hall, Esteban saw coach Kevin Willard post losing records in two of his first three seasons before achieving Big East consistency. One can almost predict Lenti Ponsetto's talking points if she ever addresses the sad state of the DePaul program, which has a shiny, new building but the same old, tired results.

## Illinois: More in-state competition for talent looms

Coach Brad Underwood experienced a fairly typical first season full of mixed results. Offensively, the Illini lacked the proper personnel to execute his system, struggling to finish 10th in the Big Ten in field-goal percentage. Defensively, they established more of an identity, leading the conference in steals with a swarming style that bodes well. The continued development of Trent Frazier and the arrival of Morgan Park's Ayo Dosunmu offer the Illini reasons for hope. Underwood shows promise, but recruiting Chicago and the rest of the state just got a little tougher.

Much the way Butler emerged in Indiana to give in-state recruits another option besides Indiana, Purdue and Notre Dame, Loyola threatens to become a player in recruiting capable of landing homegrown talent. Look at Ingram and NBA player Milton Doyle, the Marshall product who transferred to Loyola from Kansas. They paved the local lane for Lucas Williamson of Young and Cameron Krutwig from Jacobs. The Loyola roster includes four contributors who prepped in Illinois — enough to get the Illini's attention.

## Northwestern: Honeymoon over

The darlings of March only 358 days ago, the Wildcats just quietly ended an underachieving season as forgettable as last year was memorable. Complacency wore purple this winter as Northwestern rested on its laurels, expecting its NCAA tournament pedigree to matter and it didn't.

The Wildcats spent so much time living in the past that they neglected the present, something they will regret forever in the future. Now, in a market swallowed by pro sports, Northwestern basketball finds itself back in a familiar position of fighting for relevance — with Loyola suddenly making bigger headlines.

## UIC: Keep grinding

Besides Loyola, UIC came the closest to capturing Chicago's interest this season. Coach Steve McClain deserves credit for the job he did in winning 17 games for the second straight year after going 5-25 in his first season. McClain, an indefatigable recruiter, attacks the job the same way Moser does.

The Flames will head into the offseason believing they can challenge for the Horizon League title next season — and the automatic NCAA berth that comes with winning the conference tournament.

## Chicago Public League coaches and players: Door to Gentile Arena is open

Come in, look around and soak in the culture Loyola preaches every day. Ask Ingram or Doyle or Williamson. Tell a tall friend. Consider being part of a program that competes in a conference full of tradition for a coach who makes the game fun. And take the L if you like.

## Porter Moser: Faith pays off

Illinois State fired Moser in 2007 after a 51-67 record over four seasons with three years left on his contract.

Redemption came in cutting down the nets Sunday after defeating the team that thought he couldn't coach.

Moser never doubted himself, and neither did the late Saint Louis coach Rick Majerus — who offered an assistant coaching job that rejuvenated Moser's career.

At Loyola, Moser maintained enthusiasm despite struggling his first three years at a program that had only five winning seasons since 1985 before he arrived. He never changed. The culture did.

Now, Moser's team is in the NCAA tournament, and his name will be mentioned for jobs that offer more money and bigger stages. But Moser, a Benet graduate who grew up in Naperville, feels at home in a place that has become more than a steppingstone for coaches — because of Moser's belief it could be.

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## Smith departure leaves Illini looking unsteady

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disappointing, his departure is still a blow to a rebuilding team that needs every brick. It's also an eyebrow-raiser when it comes to Underwood, who recruited Smith and was expected to develop him within the coach's system.

Guard Trent Frazier (12.5 points per game) had an impressive freshman season and it's reasonable for Illini fans to dream about the dynamic potential he and incoming Morgan Park star Ayo Dosunmu could have together in the backcourt. But that's no panacea for the Illini, who ended Underwood's first season with a 14-18 record and first-round exit from the Big Ten tournament.

Underwood has picked up two Class of 2018 commitments from 45 offers, according to Illini Inquirer. Illinois' deficiencies are obvious: scorers, athleticism, post play. While Illini players responded to Underwood's intensity and grasped the defensive toughness he demands, the gap between Illinois' talent and that of other Big Ten teams was too often glaring.

Fans ask me if Underwood can turn around Illinois. His

coaching style will win some games, but whether he can fully resuscitate the program will come down to recruiting.

Expect Illinois to add some transfers this offseason. It's an important one for Underwood and his staff to find players who fit his system and will stay put in Champaign.

According to The Telegraph, the university will release Smith from his scholarship in the next few days. He told the paper athletic director Josh Whitman would not block his transfer to any other program.

"We thank Mark for the effort and contributions he made to our team this year," Underwood said in a news release. "We wish him nothing but the best as he continues to pursue his dreams."

Some fans have speculated that Smith could wind up at Missouri, where he committed to play baseball before his emergence as a basketball prospect. It's where Jeremiah Tilmon decided to play after decommitting from Illinois when former coach John Groce was fired.

For Illinois, the focus now must be on who is coming in rather than who is leaving.

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## ROUNDUP

## NIU loses in MAC tourney opener

Tribune news services

Kevin Zabo had 19 points, including a layup as time expired, and Jalen Avery scored eight of his 13 points in the final seven-plus minutes to help Kent State slip past Northern Illinois 61-59 on Monday night in the first round of the Mid-American Conference tournament in Kent, Ohio.

Adonis De La Rosa scored 10 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Danny Pippen had eight points, eight rebounds and six blocks for Kent State.

Kent State (16-6) led by as many as 10 early in the first half.

Northern Illinois (13-19) used 19-4 run, including seven points by Levi Bradley, to take a six-point lead with nine minutes left in the game. Dante Thorpe's free throw

gave the Huskies a 56-52 lead with 2:27 to play, but Avery hit a 3 and then made two free throws and, after Bradley made a jumper at the other end, Zabo's layup put Kent State up by one with a minute left. Eugene German hit a free throw to tie it with seven seconds remaining before Zabo took the inbound pass coast-to-coast for the winner.

Bradley had 18 points for the 12th-seeded Huskies.

**Beard gets new deal:** Big 12 runner-up and No. 14 Texas Tech gave coach Chris Beard a new \$19 million contract that goes through the 2023-24 season.

Texas Tech goes into the Big 12 tournament as the No. 2 seed with a 23-8 overall record.

Beard is 41-22 at Texas Tech since replacing Tubby Smith two

years ago.

**Automatic bids:** Roland Griffin scored a career-high 29 points to help Iona earn its third straight NCAA tournament berth with a 83-71 win over Fairfield in the Metro Atlantic tournament final in Albany, N.Y. ... Demetrius Troy and Jordy Kuiper each scored 13 points to lead UNC Greensboro to a 62-47 win over East Tennessee State in the Southern tournament final in Asheville, N.C. The Spartans last played in the NCAA tournament in 2001.

**Layup:** Arizona C Deandre Ayton was named Pac-12 player of the year and freshman of the year. Ayton, who's averaging 19.9 points and 11.4 rebounds per game, is just the third Pac-12 player to do so.

## CELTICS 105, BULLS 89



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Lauri Markkanen and Al Horford of the Celtics battle for the basketball Monday night.

# Hoiberg: 'Offense absolutely brutal'

Even without Irving, Celtics leave the Bulls in starting gate

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN  
Chicago Tribune

OK, so maybe the Celtics were smart to rest Kyrie Irving against the Bulls. And smart to keep Marcus Smart as part of their second unit.

The Celtics didn't need their elite point guard to crush the Bulls 105-89 on Monday night.

This one was over before new starter Bobby Portis broke a sweat.

The Celtics scored the first seven points and took a 26-5 lead on an Al Horford dunk.

"I'm really disappointed the way we came out of the gate," Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said. "Things got tough, and we shut down. We quit playing. ... Our offense was brutal, absolutely brutal. We got stagnant, we quit moving. When things got tough, we just kind of gave in and said: OK, this is too hard for us. That was embarrassing the way we got outworked."

Zach LaVine called the effort "terrible all around. No excuses for what we did."

The score was 35-16 after a quarter that must have felt more like a five-hour flight to Hoiberg, who had to suffer through several indignities: His team allowed multiple alley-oops, letting the Celtics assist on 10 of their 15 baskets. On the other end, Cameron Payne surrendered the ball with no defenders on him.

The second quarter started with Denzel Valentine firing a behind-the-back pass to ... no one. (He expected Cristiano Felicio to cut harder to the hoop.)

The Bulls trailed 55-29 at the break, leaving the court to a smattering of boos.

"When things got tough, we were stone-faced," Hoiberg said. "We quit talking and competing."

Said LaVine: "That's what happens when you're getting your ass whipped. We have to be better."

The Bulls fell to 21-42, losing for the 14th time in their last 17 games as they kinda, sorta try to keep pace with the Nets, Hawks, Magic, etc.

**No boost from Bobby:** Portis, making his second start of the season, finished with just seven points and six rebounds in 27 minutes.

He got the nod partially as a reward for outplaying the low-post Felicio but more so because Hoiberg wanted to see how he'd mesh with LaVine, Kris Dunn, David Nwaba and Lauri Markkanen.

"We're experimenting with different lineups," Hoiberg said. "With Bobby and Lauri out there, we're going to be small, so we have to gang rebound, especially against a team with athletic wings (such as the Celtics). This gives us an opportunity to spread teams out, which is the direction the league is going. I'm excited to see what we have."

That first unit got drubbed by a Celtics

THE BOX SCORE									
CELTICS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS		
Horford	22:06	6-8	0-0	1-7	2	1	13		
Tatum	19:50	5-12	2-2	0-5	2	2	14		
Baynes	17:40	2-4	0-0	3-7	1	2	4		
Brown	28:10	9-13	2-2	0-4	3	0	21		
Larkin	16:03	3-3	0-0	0-4	4	1	9		
Rozier	31:31	4-11	2-2	0-3	7	0	13		
Smart	26:29	2-7	2-2	1-2	4	0	7		
Morris	22:14	3-10	0-0	1-5	1	2	7		
Monroe	19:28	5-7	0-0	3-9	0	1	10		
Theis	17:57	2-3	0-0	2-6	1	2	4		
Nader	12:00	0-3	3-4	0-0	0	0	3		
Ojeleye	6:32	0-3	0-0	1-1	0	1	0		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41-84</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>12-53</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>105</b>			

**Pcts:** FG .488, FT .917, 3-pointers: 12-36, 333 (Larkin 3-3, Rozier 3-8, Tatum 2-6, Horford 1-1, Brown 1-4, Morris 1-5, Smart 1-5, Ojeleye 0-1, Theis 0-1, Nader 0-2). **Team rebs:** 2. **Team turnovers:** 18 (15 PTS). **Blocks:** 5 (Baynes, Horford, Monroe, Tatum, Theis). **Turnovers:** 18 (Monroe 5, Brown 3, Baynes 2, Smart 2, Horford, Larkin, Morris, Nader, Rozier, Theis). **Steals:** 7 (Larkin 2, Horford, Monroe, Morris, Rozier, Theis). **Technical fouls:** None.

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Markkanen	30:18	5-10	0-0	0-4	1	1	12
Nwaba	29:41	3-7	3-6	2-3	3	3	10
Portis	27:20	2-8	3-3	1-6	1	1	7
Dunn	28:29	3-10	0-0	0-4	4	3	7
LaVine	27:05	1-11	2-4	0-0	1	2	4
Valentine	28:36	7-11	2-2	0-5	2	3	20
Felicio	21:44	4-5	0-0	1-5	1	2	8
Payne	19:31	4-7	0-0	0-0	2	1	10
Vonleh	16:38	1-7	1-2	3-9	2	0	3
Grant	7:59	2-4	2-3	0-0	1	0	8
Eddie	2:59	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32-81</b>	<b>13-20</b>	<b>7-36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>89</b>	

**Pcts:** FG .395, FT .650, 3-pointers: 12-33, 364 (Valentine 4-6, Grant 2-3, Payne 2-4, Markkanen 2-5, Nwaba 1-1, Dunn 1-3, Eddie 0-1, Portis 0-3, Vonleh 0-3, LaVine 0-4). **Team rebs:** 9. **Team turnovers:** 13 (22 PTS). **Blocks:** 2 (Markkanen, Valentine). **Turnovers:** 13 (Dunn 3, Nwaba 3, LaVine 2, Portis 2, Valentine 2, Payne). **Steals:** 14 (LaVine 3, Payne 3, Nwaba 2, Valentine 2, Dunn, Felicio, Grant, Markkanen). **Technical fouls:** None.

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starting five that was devoid of Irving, who has knee soreness and could miss a few more games.

"It doesn't sound like a long-term concern," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said, "but he could last throughout the week."

Shane Larkin started at the point for the Celtics (45-20), playing 16 efficient minutes. He hit all three shots — all 3s — and finished with four rebounds and four assists.

Hoiberg called Valentine (20 points, five rebounds, two assists) the lone bright spot. The 20 tied his career high, and he drained 4 of 6 from downtown.

"Denzel was out there competing, out there talking," Hoiberg said.

**Hard times:** Nwaba airballed one from the foul line. Noah Vonleh went 1-for-7. LaVine had a rough night, hitting 1 of 11 from the field. He missed the rim on a corner 3, drawing some jeers.

LaVine had his first single-digit scoring game (four points) since Jan. 28 versus the Bucks but said he was not concerned about the misses: "You've got to take shots to make shots."

**Copy cat:** Hoiberg called Stevens "one of the top minds in the game" and said, "I watch as much from their games as any (team) to pick some things up. We're all stealing each other's things, and I've added a lot of his wrinkles to our offense. He does a great job of spreading the floor. His spacing is impeccable. He's great after timeouts. His late-game stuff is excellent."

Hoiberg wants to incorporate elements of the Irving/Al Horford combo into the LaVine/Markkanen two-man game.

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## BLACKHAWKS

# Hawks start to think about tomorrow today

Quenneville says there's been talk of what's next

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The only seasons that matter now for the Blackhawks are the offseason and next season.

And that's where the rest of this season comes into play for coach Joel Quenneville.

Quenneville isn't much of a "wait till next year" guy, even if this year is over for all intents and postseason purposes. He's more of a "wait till this year is over before talking about next year" guy.

His mind, Quenneville said, is on the final 16 games, though he has had some discussions with general manager Stan Bowman about 2018-19.

"We talked a little bit looking ... beyond this season," Quenneville said Sunday morning before the Hawks' 6-3 loss to the Ducks at the Honda Center. "Organizationally, there's ideas on what's going on after."

"We've had some talk about (how) this year potentially could give us some answers for next year, (but) I'm not thinking of next year. I'm thinking of where we're at now."

Which, relative to the last nine seasons, might as well be on another planet.

The Hawks are last in the Central Division. Barring a miracle, for the first time in 10 years they will be spectators come playoff time. Hockey-reference.com no longer has a percentage assigned to the team's postseason hopes.

Evaluating the future on NHL ice won't be easy, either, because, barring a major injury, the team has one call-up remaining. It could sign 2014 sixth-round draft pick Dylan Sikura and give him a look.

Other than that, what Quenneville sees now is basically what he gets for the rest of this season.

While the coach might not be ready to talk in depth about tomorrows, Bowman hasn't been shy about addressing them.

"We are where we are, but we're trying to get better and we're optimistic and looking forward," Bowman said Feb. 26, which was trade-deadline day.

"It's disappointing for sure, but ... you can't feel sorry for yourself. You've got to try to plan for the future. We don't want to be in this position obviously, but you are where you are and you've got to try to make the best of it."

The reaches of Bowman's disappointment, though, are clear. He used several variations of the word to describe this season, which comes on the heels of back-to-back first-round playoff exits.

Many things have ailed the Hawks. All-Star goalie Corey Crawford has been out for months. The defense is thin, aging at the core and has disappeared at times. Brandon Saad hasn't been Brandon Saad. The list goes on.

But there are some bright spots, according to Bowman, who named Nick Schmaltz, Alex DeBrincat and Vinnie Hinostroza as a few.

"The best thing that's happened this year is the progression and emergence of some of our young players," Bowman said. "The fact they've been able to take the next step forward certainly bodes well. ... We've got a lot ... more younger players (who) are trending up. So there's a lot of reasons to be optimistic."

## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

# Tough times: Hawks get by without tough guys

BY PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

ANAHEIM, Calif. — When the going already was tough for the Blackhawks, the tough got going.

The Hawks traded two of their more physical players Feb. 26 when they dealt **Tommy Wingels** to the Bruins and **Ryan Hartman** to the Predators. And with **Lance Bouma** and **John Hayden** in the minors, the team lacks physicality.

"You need some abrasiveness in certain areas in your lineup," coach **Joel Quenneville** said Sunday. "I thought those guys played well."

"I thought that line (of Bouma, Wingels and Hayden) really gave us a purpose early on. (Hayden) was part of that. He's still around (in Rockford)."

Captain **Jonathan Toews** on Sunday engaged in his first fight of the season, and just the seventh of his career, with longtime nemesis **Ryan Kesler** of the Ducks.

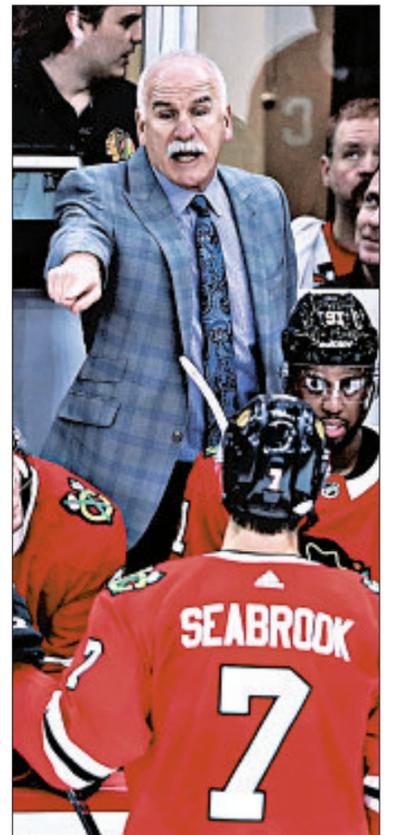
Toews and **Connor Murphy** are the only players on the active roster who have been in a fight this season.

"You've got to play hard for one another," Quenneville said. "Stick together is always the strategy. And push each other in the right way."

**Feeling better:** **Artem Anisimov** has four goals in his last five games, two more than he had in his first 14 games after he was activated from injured reserve Jan. 22.

Anisimov missed nearly a month with an upper-body injury.

"(I) feel pretty good lately," he said Saturday after scoring a goal during a 5-3 win over the Kings. "My injury gets better each day. I work every day to prevent that stuff from happening again."



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Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville prefers to talk about the remainder of this season, not what may lie ahead for next year.

## AVALANCHE AT BLACKHAWKS

TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; WGN-9, WGN-AM 720.

**Storylines:** The Avalanche are one point out of the second Western Conference wild-card spot, so the Hawks once again will try to play the spoiler role.

**Trending:** Nick Schmaltz has five points in his last five games and, with 20 goals and 25 assists, is second on the Hawks with 45 points. ... The Hawks have lost three of four.

"But clearly we're not where we want to be."

Getting back there no doubt will prove to be a challenge.

Crawford, who reportedly is suffering from concussion-related symptoms, will have to be healthy. Saad will have to be Saad. Those younger players will have to continue to emerge. And some of the "older" players, such as Jonathan Toews, Brent Seabrook and Duncan Keith, will have to re-emerge.

As for what might happen between now and then, Toews, the team's captain, said that's better left to people who wear suits and ties.

"I don't really understand or see the whole picture right now, and obviously that'll take shape as we go along," he said after the Hawks dealt Tommy Wingels and Ryan Hartman on trade-deadline day.

"I'm sure management knows what they're doing."

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He stands 6-foot-4, but the Hawks' Artem Anisimov doesn't play a tough-guy role.

**One-timers:** **Vinnie Hinostroza** had two assists Sunday and has eight points (one goal, seven assists) in his last nine games. ... **Alex DeBrincat's** 41 points are fourth on the Hawks and were tied for fifth among rookies through Sunday. ... Winger **Tomas Jurco** has two goals in his last four games after going without one in his first 11.

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# SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	
	EXH LAD 2:05	EXH @CLE 7:05 WGN-9	EXH SD 2:05	EXH LAA 2:05 AM-670	EXH SOX, 2 AM-670 @LAD, 8	EXH @OAK 3:05		
	EXH MIL 2:05 AM-720	EXH CIN 2:05	EXH @TEX, 2 KC, 2	EXH @SD 2:10	EXH @CUBS, 2 WGN-9 AM-720	EXH ARI 3:05 AM-720	EXH @SEA 8:40	
		MEM NBCSCH AM-670		@DET 6 WGN-9 AM-670		@ATL 2:30 WGN-9 AM-670		
	COL 7:30 WGN-9 AM-720		CAR 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@BOS Noon NBCSCH AM-720	BOS 11:30 am NBC-5 AM-720		
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## TUESDAY ON TV/RADIO

**MLB EXHIBITION**  
**Noon** Astros at Mets **MLBN**  
**2:05 p.m.** Brewers at White Sox **WGN-AM 720**  
**7:30 p.m.** Rockies at Mariners **MLBN**

**NBA**  
**7 p.m.** Rockets at Thunder **TNT, WMVP-AM 1000**  
**9:30 p.m.** Pelicans at Clippers **TNT**

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**11 a.m.** ACC first round, Boston Coll. vs. Georgia Tech **ESPN2**  
**1 p.m.** ACC first round, Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh **ESPN2**  
**6 p.m.** Horizon final, Cleveland St. vs. Wright St. **ESPN**  
**6 p.m.** Northeast final, LIU Brooklyn at Wagner **ESPN2**

**6 p.m.** ACC first round, Syracuse vs. Wake Forest **ESPN2**  
**6 p.m.** Colonial final, Coll. Chas vs. Northeastern **CBSSN**  
**8 p.m.** West Coast final, Gonzaga vs. TBA **ESPN**  
**8 p.m.** Summit final, S. Dakota St. vs. S. Dakota **ESPN2**

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**11 a.m.** Horizon final, Green Bay vs. Wright St. **ESPN2**  
**1 p.m.** Summit final, S. Dakota vs. S. Dakota St. **ESPN2**  
**3 p.m.** West Coast final, Gonzaga vs. San Diego **ESPN2**  
**4 p.m.** American final, UConn vs. USF **ESPN2**  
**6 p.m.** Big East final, Marquette vs. DePaul **FS1**

## NHL

**6 p.m.** Red Wings at Bruins **NBCSN**  
**7:30 p.m.** Avalanche at Blackhawks **WGN-9, WGN-AM 720**  
**9 p.m.** Capitals at Ducks **NBCSN**

## UEFA CHAMPIONS SOCCER

**1:30 p.m.** Real Madrid at Paris St.-Germain **FS1**  
**1:30 p.m.** Porto at Liverpool **FS2**

## TENNIS

**1 p.m.** ATP BNP Paribas Open **Tennis Channel (more, 9 p.m.)**

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE	RESULTS, SCHEDULE	MONDAY'S RESULTS	QUICK HIT	*-SPLIT SQUAD
White Sox	5-1	Cubs 5, Colorado 4	Cubs' Ian Happ: 3 H, HR, 2 RBI.	
Baltimore	5-1	White Sox 9, Oakland 9	Yankees' Aaron Judge: 2 H, 3 RBIs.	
Cleveland	7-4	Houston 5, Miami 3	Hou.'s Dallas Keuchel: 4 H, 2 ER.	
Detroit	6-5	Phila. 4, Minnesota 3	Mark Leiter: 3 IP, 4 K for Cards.	
Houston	8-3	St. Louis 2, Washington 1	Danny Santana: HR, 4 for Astros.	
Kansas City	6-2	Atlanta 7, Pittsburgh 1	Brandon Nimmo: leadoff Mts HR.	
Los Angeles	6-5	N.Y. Mets 4, Detroit 2	LAD scored 7 R over last 2 innings.	
Minnesota	4-6	LA. Dodgers 8, Cleveland 5	Adrian Beltré: 2 H for Texas.	
New York	3-5	Texas 5, San Francisco 4	Angels' Whitstod 5-R, Reds 8-R.	
Seattle	5-1	LA. Angels vs. Cincinnati 5	J. Reinheimer: 3-R 3B in 6-R Ari. Th.	
Tampa Bay	6-5	Arizona 10, San Diego 3		
Texas	3-6			
Toronto	3-7			

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

RESULTS, SCHEDULE	TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME
Cubs	7-2	Milwaukee vs. White Sox	2:05
Arizona	7-2	LA. Dodgers vs. Cubs	12:05
Atlanta	5-6	Baltimore vs. Minnesota	12:05
Cincinnati	3-8	Boston vs. Tampa Bay	12:05
Colorado	3-8	Houston vs. Washington	12:05
Los Angeles	6-1	N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit	12:05
Miami	6-4	St. Louis vs. Miami	12:05
Milwaukee	7-3	San Francisco vs. Oakland	12:05
New York	4-6	St. Louis vs. Washington	12:05
Pittsburgh	4-8	Houston vs. N.Y. Mets	12:10
San Diego	3-6	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	2:05
San Francisco	6-5	Texas vs. Oakland	2:05
Washington	6-5	LA. Angels vs. Arizona at San Diego vs. Kansas City	2:10
		Colorado vs. Seattle	7:40

## WHITE SOX 9, ATHLETICS 9

WSOX	AB	R	H	BI	OAK	AB	R	H	BI
Moncada	2b	3	2	0	Fowler	cf	3	0	0
Slimo	2b	1	0	0	Ramirez	3f	3	0	2
Anderson	ss	3	1	1	MSMien	ss	3	1	2
Alvrez	ss	1	0	0	EWiltsie	ss	3	0	0
Shible	lf	5	2	1	Lewis	2b	3	1	2
Davidson	df	4	0	2	Nonan	3b	2	0	0
Gilspie	rf	1	0	0	KDavis	dh	3	0	0
Diminco	lf	4	0	2	Mrtini	ph	1	1	0
McKay	pr	1	0	0	SMay	ph	0	0	0
Cornell	cf	2	0	0	MOSON	lf	3	0	0
LSbase	pr	1	0	0	Lureano	rf	2	0	0
LGria	3b	4	1	0	Pacty	rf	3	0	0
TRibes	3b	1	0	0	HHtch	cf	0	0	1
Szcala	c	3	0	0	SNiaki	ph	1	0	0
CTsonr	4	1	0	1	AGria	cf	3	1	0
					Mxvll	c	2	0	0
					Lmbudz	2b	1	0	0
					Neuse	2b	1	0	0
					Schvz	3f	2	0	0
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## CUBS 5, ROCKIES 4

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	COLO	AB	R	H	BI
laHapp	cf	4	2	3	Dsmid	dh	3	0	0
CYoung	ss	2	0	0	ODGbn	ph	1	1	0
KBynt	3b	3	0	0	LMheu	2b	3	1	0
Daibots	3b	3	0	0	Hvps	pr	1	1	0
Rizzo	2b	3	1	1	Bkmm	cf	2	1	2
RDmchr	lf	3	0	0	Camp	cf	2	1	0
Russell	dh	2	0	1	Arenado	3b	0	0	1
JVlsler	pr	2	0	0	Mundell	lf	1	0	0
RCourt	pr	1	0	0	Castro	ph	2	0	0
CBurks	lf	1	0	0	RDgrs	pr	0	0	0
Cratin	c	1	0	0	INrns	c	2	0	0
ASolis	c	1	0	0	Bmbm	c	2	0	0
LSilla	2b	4	0	0	McMm	1b	3	0	0
RCourt	pr	1	0	0	Castro	ph	2	0	0
Zagurs	rf	3	1	0	Hillsrd	pr	2	0	0
BRnard	rf	0	0	0	PTtarr	pr	2	0	0
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Schwz	3f	2	0	0					
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## DP: CUBS 1, COL 0

**DP:** CUBS 1, Col 0. **LOB:** CUBS 15, Col 4.  
**2B:** Happ (2), Schwarber (1), Cuevas (1).  
**3B:** Story (2). **HR:** Happ (4), Rizzo (2), Coors (2), Blackmon (1). **SB:** Heathcott (2).  
**CS:** Hampton (1).

## CUBS

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hendricks	3	2	2	0	4
Duensing	1	1	0	0	0
Bass	1	1	0	0	0
Butler	BS, 1	1	3	2	0
Farrell	1	3	0	0	0
Hancock	W (1-0)	1	1	0	0
De La Cruz	S, 2	1	0	0	1

## COLORADO

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anderson	3	2	2	3	0
Pounders	1	0	0	0	3
Shaw	1	1	0	0	0
Dunn	1	4	1	1	0
Ottavino	1	2	0	0	1
Almonte	L (1-1)	2 1/2	1	1	2
House	1/2	0	0	0	0
HPB: Pounders (Carating), WP: Almonte.					

**Umpires:** Home, Brian Knight; First, Gerry Davis; Second, Jim Reynolds; Third, Bill Miller; Fourth, Alfonso Marquez. T: 3:29. A: 4,302

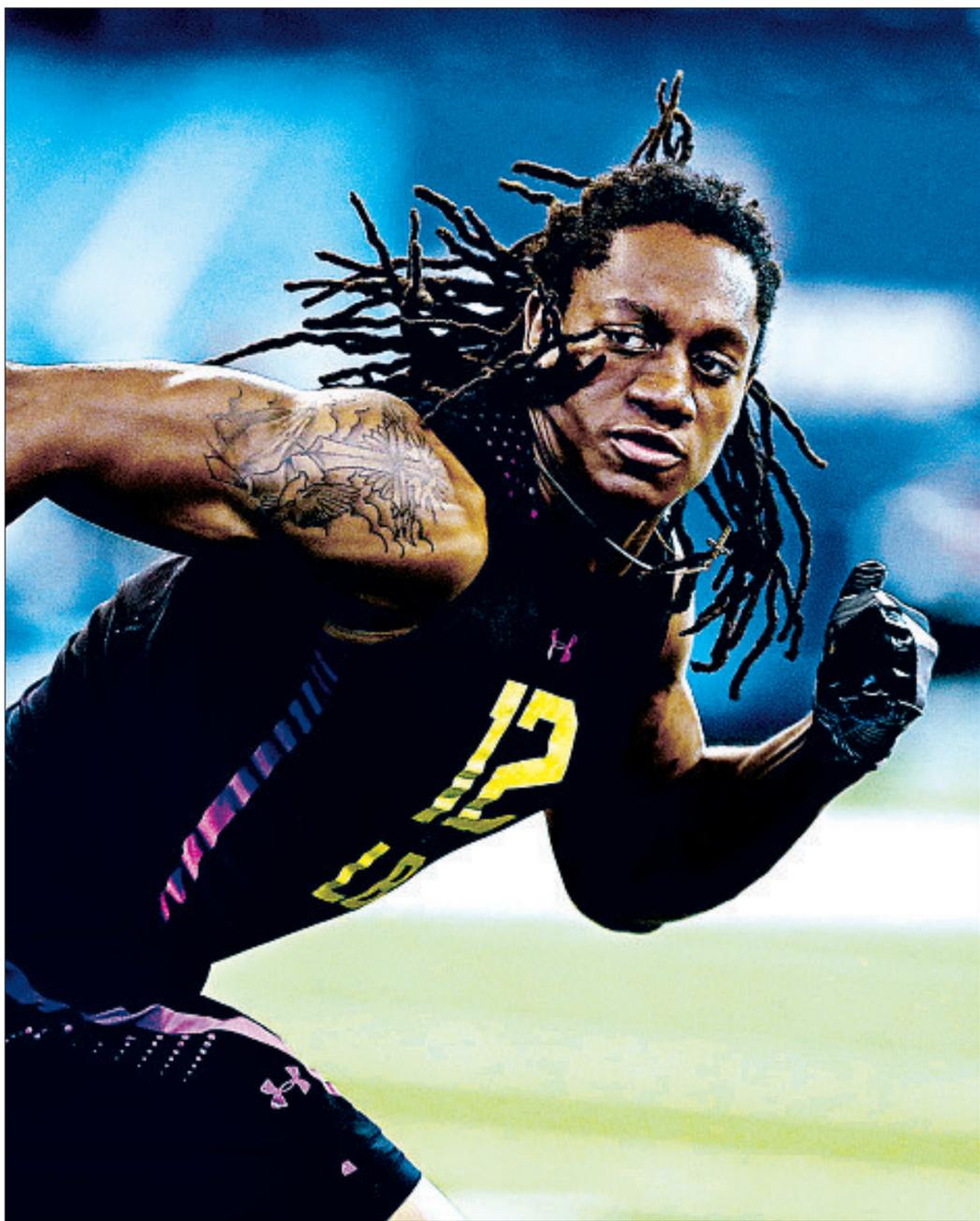
## PREP SECTIONALS

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**In bracket ends Tuesday.**  
**W: Wednesday; finals Friday**  
**CLASS 4A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS**  
**At Alton**  
 T: Belleville West vs. Quincy, 7  
**At Pekin**  
 T: Moline vs. Rock Island, 7  
**At Romeoville**  
 T: Bolingbrook vs. Joliet Central, 7  
 W: West Aurora vs. Lincoln-Way East, 7  
**At Joliet**  
 T: Larkin vs. Rockford Auburn, 7  
 W: Dixon-Crown vs. Rockford Jefferson, 7  
**At Glenbard East**  
 T: Naperville North vs. Willowbrook, 6  
 T: Benet vs. Bartlett, 8  
**At Lake Zurich**  
 T: Lake Zurich vs. Libertyville, 6  
 T: Barrington vs. Fremd, 7:30  
**At Maine East**  
 T: Evanston vs. Loyola, 7  
 W: North Trier vs. Niles North, 7  
**At Thornton**  
 T: Simeon vs. Brother Rice, 7  
 W: Marist vs. Homewood-Flossmoor, 7  
**At Riverside-Brookfield**  
 T: Curie vs. Proviso East, 7  
 W: Young vs. Lincoln Park, 7  
**CLASS 3A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS**  
**At St. Laurence**  
 T: Morgan Park vs. St. Laurence, 6  
 T: Bogan vs. St. Rita, 7:30  
**At Little Village**  
 T: Farragut vs. De La Salle, 6  
 W: North Lawndale vs. Crane, 6  
 T: LaSalle-Peru  
 T: Peoria Manual vs. Sterling, 7  
 W: Dixon vs. Metamora, 7  
**At Pontiac**  
 T: Marian Central vs. Pontiac, 7  
 W: Karanek vs. Rich East, 7  
**At Centralia**  
 T: Columbia vs. Marion, 7  
 W: Centralia vs. East St. Louis, 7  
**At Decatur Eisenhower**  
 T: Springfield Langhiser, 7  
 W: Springfield Southeast vs. Mahomet-Seymour, 7  
**At North Chicago**  
 T: DePaul Prep vs. Antioch, 7  
 W: North Chicago vs. Carmel, 7  
**At Woodstock North**  
 T: Woodstock Central vs. Johnsburg, 7  
 W: Rockford Boylan vs. St. Francis, 7  
**CLASS 2A SUPERSECTIONALS**  
**Tuesday's schedule; winners to state tournament, Friday-Saturday**  
**Carver Arena, Peoria**  
**At SIU Arena, Carbondale**  
 Mount Carmel (Ill.) vs. Pinckneyville, 7:30  
**Convocation Center, DeKalb**  
 Corliss vs. Winnebago, 7:30  
**At Joliet Central**  
 Hope Academy vs. Orr, 7  
**Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield**  
 Deer Creek-Mackinac vs. Bloomington Central, 7

## CLASS 1A SUPERSECTIONALS

**At Convocation Center, DeKalb**  
 St. Joseph vs. St. Michael, 7  
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## BEARS



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The draft lacks pass-rush talent, but analyst Mike Mayock says Virginia Tech's Tremaine Edmunds has a "scary" skill set.

# Supply runs short

Bears need upgrade to pass rush, but draft class lacks solid depth

BY RICH CAMPBELL  
Chicago Tribune

In terminating the contracts of Pernel McPhee and Willie Young last week, the Bears cut from their roster a pair of veteran edge rushers who last season accounted for six sacks, 15 quarterback hits and a slew of injury-related concerns about availability and effectiveness.

The latter explained the moves and why there was minimal hand-wringing in Chicago about them. But jettisoning McPhee and Young, however justifiable, only magnifies the Bears' need for push rushers.

Leonard Floyd is the only rusher under contract with proven game-wrecking potential, a shortage that casts doubt on the Bears' ability to improve on last season's No. 10 ranking in total defense.

Suddenly, a strong case could be made that edge rusher is the Bears' greatest positional need in free agency and the draft over the next eight weeks.

"We're always going to be looking for pass rushers," general manager Ryan Pace said in announcing Young's release Wednesday. "Outside linebacker is an important position for this defense, and it's something we'll be mindful of as we go through this process."

Disrupting the opposing quarterback is so critical to NFL success that good, healthy pass rushers rarely are available in free agency. Teams simply don't let them get away.

That leaves the draft as the Bears' most likely avenue to an upgrade. The problem, though, is that the supply of elite prospects this year probably won't match up with the timing of their eighth overall selection.

North Carolina State's Bradley

Chubb widely regarded as the best edge rusher and is equipped to be a top-five pick. Behind him, though?

"It's a huge drop-off back to Marcus Davenport from Texas-San Antonio ... and after that there's a big drop-off," ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper said recently. "(Chubb) is the best guy by miles. This is a bad, bad year for down defensive ends."

The Bears could try to find a productive outside linebacker/edge rusher on Day 2 or 3. But before that they must determine how Virginia Tech linebacker Tremaine Edmunds projects as an NFL pass rusher.

Physically, Edmunds has a profile that fits Pace's affinity for monster traits. At the combine, he measured 6-foot-5, 253 pounds with exceptionally long arms — 34½ inches, more than an inch longer than Floyd's.

Edmunds' 40-yard dash time of 4.54 seconds was six-hundredths of a second faster than Floyd's was when the Bears drafted him ninth overall in 2016. Floyd's broad jump was 10 inches longer than Edmunds' mark of 117.

Edmunds was predominantly an inside linebacker in college, but he has flashed edge-rush ability — a skill on which NFL teams put a premium. The 19-year-old is working to advance those skills during his pre-draft training.

"Just learning new techniques," Edmunds told reporters in Indianapolis on Saturday. "Every time I practice, just developing new things, just trying to develop my game a little bit more. Always adding to my craft and always perfecting my craft."

NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock believes Edmunds would be "great" as an inside linebacker in a 3-4 front, which the Bears use as their base alignment. But there's more.

"He also has a scary skill set as an edge rusher, which he did a little bit at Virginia Tech, and I know for sure he's working on that now," Mayock said. "So I see incredible upside."

If the first night of the draft ends

with Edmunds holding up a Bears jersey, it wouldn't be surprising to hear the team explain how defensive coordinator Vic Fangio could mold Edmunds into the edge rushing force they desperately need. After all, coaching outside linebackers is Fangio's specialty.

But if the Bears aren't comfortable using such a high pick on a player that requires such a projection, there are rushers who provide value later in the draft.

Assuming Davenport is selected before the Bears pick in the second round (39th overall), the list continues with LSU's Arden Key and Boston College's Harold Landry.

Key (6-foot-6) had 12 sacks as a sophomore but only four in a discouraging 2017 season. He spent about four months away from the program last offseason for personal reasons that he has repeatedly declined to publicize.

He weighed 238 pounds at the combine after ballooning to 280 last year, a positive sign that he is dedicated to his pre-draft training. He touted his length (33½-inch arms) as his best trait.

"I can bend the corner," he told reporters. "I can spin. I can move the offensive lineman's set and use a move off of that, and, of course, speed rush."

What Landry (6-3, 252 pounds, 32⅞-inch arms) lacks in height, he tries to make up for with length, speed and athleticism.

"Nobody in this class has a first step like mine, the bend like mine and the burst to the quarterback like me," Landry said at the combine. "I'm not saying I'm perfect. There are plenty of things I can improve on in my game, but in this draft I do believe I'm the best pass rusher."

Best or not, the Bears need more good ones for their defense to remain formidable. And this year's draft class will test their ability to find and develop them.

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# Chicago money behind Oscar winner 'Icarus'



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Chicagoans Steve Cohen and Paula Froehle, co-founders of the Chicago Media Project, were instructed to be on a certain street corner in Santa Monica, Calif. Met there at the predesignated time, Cohen and Froehle were

led to a nondescript building, which turned out to be a dentist's office.

With talk of burner phones and encrypted emails and texts, it played like a scene straight out of a spy novel rather than a prelude to an award-winning sports documentary scoring critical funding.

"We went up the stairs into this room that was completely covered in black curtains, where we watched a very early cut of the movie," Cohen recalled Monday. "Afterward, Paula and I looked at each other and said we were very glad we got to see it but very concerned that somebody was following us here because this was the sort of movie that was going to shake the world."

The movie, Bryan Fogel's "Icarus," now streaming on Netflix, won the Academy Award on Sunday for best documentary.

What Cohen and Froehle did not know at the clandestine screening was that Dr. Grigory Rodchenkov — the Orwell-quoting one-time head of Russia's supposed anti-doping effort who becomes the film's de facto star in exposing how Vladimir Putin's state-run sports program avoided detection for performance-enhancing drugs — would go into hiding before filming completed.

But, Froehle said, Fogel's fellow producer Dan Cogan "was very clear about threats that exist and still exist, particularly for Grigory."

That life-or-death gravity gives "Icarus," which started off as one kind of story but becomes another, the feel of an espionage thriller. So the fact that its revelations about Russian chicanery becoming common knowledge is not critical to its appeal.

"We had a sense of the magnitude of the story," Cohen said. "What we didn't know until it was completed was how compelling the story was going to be and how it was going to really grab the viewer in a way that would make it much more impactful."

The International Olympic Committee would shrug off a recommendation by the World Anti-Doping Agency to ban Russian athletes from the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Games, though it would issue temporary sanctions for the Pyeongchang Winter Games that it now seems poised to lift despite two Russian athletes testing positive.

Audiences at the Sundance Film Festival in early 2017 were wowed. Netflix bought the film for a reported \$5 million and has been streaming it since August, and now it's an Oscar winner, perhaps buoyed by suspicions in the zeitgeist that extend beyond sports.

"We dedicate this award to Dr. Grigory Rodchenkov, our fearless whistleblower who now lives in grave danger," Fogel said while accepting his statuette from "Lady Bird" director Greta Gerwig after his film's victory was announced by actress Laura Dern.

"We hope 'Icarus' is a wake-up call, yes, about Russia, but more than that about the importance of telling the truth — now more than ever."

The Chicago Media Project helps fund about a dozen documentaries a year, roughly half through a nonprofit arm. The others are funded through a for-profit fund that enables investors to recoup money (or lose it) through an equity stake.

"Icarus" is one of the for-profit investments that yielded a return. Three of its co-executive producers — Ken Pelletier, Ken Nolan and the Lagralane Group — have ties to the Chicago Media Project. And now it's the Chicago organization's first Academy Award winner.

Froehle said the group's investment was "significant, a third maybe of the financing of the film," as reflected in the fact that Chicago Media Project's on-screen credit comes in the documentary's first minute after Netflix, Impact Partners and Diamond Docs, ahead of Alex Productions.

Originally, Fogel had set out in his first documentary to use steroids himself and conceal it while competing in a semipro bicycle race to show how ineffective testing is, a steroidal version of Morgan Spurlock's "Super Size Me."

What he wound up with is closer to "Citizenfour," Laura Poitras' Oscar-winning documentary on Edward Snowden, who fled the United States after leaking espionage secrets.

In seeking an expert to help him, Fogel winds up connected to Rodchenkov, who is stunningly candid. Their relationship and the film veer off as the Russian doping program draws scrutiny and officials start dropping dead. Soon Fogel becomes a literal lifeline for Rodchenkov but gains incredible access as the scientist meets with lawyers, the press and others.

The film doesn't exactly have a happy ending, but neither does Rodchenkov. Among his entanglements is a multimillion-dollar defamation suit filed last month by now-retired Russian biathletes who were stripped of silver medals, backed by Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov.

"One thing that's really important is there's a legal defense fund to help fund what it's basically taking to keep Grigory alive," Froehle said. "In everything Grigory has done in order to help us know what was going on, there's legal support behind that."

The Chicago Media Project, through its nonprofit side, has set up a legal defense fund for Rodchenkov. Froehle said a link can be found at the top of chicagomediaproject.org website "if people are truly moved by the story of the film and want to support the idea of whistleblowers and of telling the truth in the face of grave danger."

**Sound changes:** CBS and TBS on Monday announced their assignments for the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Among the additions are Lisa Byington and Candace Parker.

Byington, who in September became the Big Ten Network's first female play-by-play football announcer, will team with Brian Anderson and Chris Webber through the regional finals. Parker, a former star with Naperville Central, Tennessee and the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks, is to be an Atlanta-based studio analyst through the first weekend.

For what it's worth, seven of the eight tournament announcing teams include women.

**Meet the new boss:** Jimmy Pitaro was named Monday as the new president of ESPN, replacing John Skipper, who resigned abruptly in December.

Previously head of consumer products and interactive media for parent Walt Disney Co., Pitaro will report to Disney Chairman and CEO Bob Iger.

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# Outlook on Fuller deal not bad

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going in free agency and if you're going to invest big in a player, why not pay the guy you know?

There is risk involved in allowing Fuller to reach the open market and waiting to see if your offer is the one he picks once he has sorted through what else is out there. No question about that. But there's a risk involved in using the franchise tag as a goal of achieving a long-term relationship for the team and the player. It makes everything more difficult, and three of the last four players the Bears used the franchise tag on ended up playing

that season under the tag, and two of the four departed after that one year.

It would be surprising if there isn't good interest in Fuller. Where his market heads and what he's seeking money-wise remains to be seen. The good news is there is solid depth at cornerback in free agency. Most folks I spoke to placed Trumaine Johnson of the Rams, Fuller and Bashaud Breeland of the Redskins in the top three. Malcolm Butler of the Patriots is viewed in the next tier by most observers.

Some readers have made the point that because the Bears are flush with salary-cap space (they project to have

roughly \$80 million in available space) and because Fuller played so well last season at a position where the depth chart is currently barren, the only wise move would be to tag him and ensure he doesn't leave. I can understand that logic, but if you place a value on a player, you can't blow past that number just because you have a need there. Start making decisions that way and in a couple of years you will have a roster with overpaid players and you might find yourself in a tight cap situation.

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# New factors hamper vets

Tanking, analytics, drug testing risk to labor peace

BY THOMAS BOSWELL  
Washington Post

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The foundations of Major League Baseball's long, wonderful period of peace are starting to shake.

Baseball is undergoing the first stage of a dramatic paradigm shift in the way players are valued in the free-agent market as well as experiencing a tilt in MLB's balance of power toward owners and away from the powerful players' union.

How the game copes with these tectonic forces between now and the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement after the 2021 season will profoundly impact the health, wealth and popularity of the sport for a generation.

The game has what seems like an eternity — four seasons — to adjust to changing market dynamics and extend what will be a 27-year era of labor peace. But conditions are changing so fast that players are disoriented and disturbed, while owners click their heels with their sport awash in new revenue streams.

The stunning symbol of this confluence of factors is the current spring training camp, run by the union, for players who have no job even though the exhibition season is underway. More than 100 free agents remain unsigned. A few are stars, but dozens are vets who are in shock they have not had multimillion-dollar offers.

A team of these "outcasts" would include some players who just don't want to sign fat contracts because they aren't fat enough, but also many who don't even have an invitation to come to a spring camp to try to make a team.

Such a hypothetical club could have Jake Arrieta, Lance Lynn, Alex Cobb, John Lackey and Ricky Nolasco in its rotation, National League saves leader Greg Holland as its closer and a lineup with Carlos Gonzalez, Jon Jay and Jose Bautista in its outfield, an infield of Matt Holliday, Neil Walker, J.J. Hardy and Mike Moustakas, Jonathan Lucroy at catcher and Jayson Werth and Mark Reynolds on its bench. These guys have won batting, home run and RBI titles or helped take teams to World Series. Not one has a deal? Really?

Three weeks ago, MLB Players Association President Tony Clark said: "A record number of talented free agents remain unemployed in an industry where revenues and franchise values are at record highs. ... This year a significant number of teams are engaged in a race to the bottom. This conduct is a fundamental breach of the trust between a team and its fans and threatens the very integrity of our game."

Last week, the next shoe dropped as the union filed a grievance against MLB accusing the A's, Marlins, Pirates and Rays of failing to abide by the rules on how they spend their revenue-sharing money.

Whether that is true or not, players will have to recognize that other trends also are undermining their salary leverage.

In recent years, analytics-driven teams have come to value young, controllable talent more than ever, while avoiding over-30 vets, especially on long contracts. And many teams now shy from signing top free agents, those who have rejected qualifying offers, because of the steep cost in compensation they must pay.

Adding to this youth-over-age and cheap-over-expensive trend is MLB's confidence that its drug testing for PEDs and amphetamines is effective. That means older players are even less likely to be able to extend their careers through chemistry.

As a result, MLB's basic model for paying players — underpaying players in their prime years in their 20s, while spurning all but the best star players in their 30s — means that the sport may have to reinvent the way it does business. The last such upheaval, from the arrival of the first free agent in 1976 through the strike that canceled the 1994 World Series, produced almost 20 years of labor war. I covered it all. It was hellish.

In the last two weeks, three major signings — Eric Hosmer, Yu Darvish and J.D. Martinez for a

**"Because of analytics, the days when 30-year-olds get seven-year deals aren't going to happen very much anymore."**

— Ryan Zimmerman, Nationals first baseman

combined \$392 million — have shown that the market for stars, while crimped, is hardly crashing. Perhaps this offseason is just a recalibration or a financial deep breath by teams that want to save money for next winter's far more impressive cast of free agents, led by Bryce Harper and Manny Machado.

But plenty of players are mad. They exchange stories, such as an All-Star who got three low-ball offers from three tail-end teams, then weeks of silence from the other 27 teams. Softening him up to sign for half of his market price a year ago?

So far, calm players such as the Nationals' Sean Doolittle are trying to see both sides and figure out where common ground can be found for "the long-term serious conversation that we need to start having — now."

"But it is concerning. I don't know enough about the moving parts behind the scenes to come right out and call it collusion, because that's a really serious charge," said Doolittle, aware that 30 years ago owners were fined \$280 million for three straight winters of coordinated salary suppression. "But the later you get in this process, and we're now in spring training, it does make you wonder what's going on. Because you hope that's not the case, right?"

Baseball's labor-war death wish era need not be repeated. But take heed. Now is the time for measured evaluation, not a rush to condemn either side. Positions, once taken publicly, are hard to walk back.

Players need to understand that the realities of their situation have changed, not through deviant actions but by evolution in our understanding of the sport. Analytics and PED testing are advances for baseball. But they've damaged the perceived value of older players while boosting the status of young ones.

Nonetheless, players, agents and the union are wise to be skeptical. Club officials have sworn to me on their grandmothers' graves that they aren't colluding. They all just got analytical at the same time and came to similar evaluations of almost every player's worth. What a convenient coincidence.

Luckily, baseball has four years to work through this briar patch.

"We're definitely in a transition period," the Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman said. "Because of analytics, the days when 30-year-olds get seven-year deals aren't going to happen very much anymore. I don't blame teams for that. It's smart."

"But if owners are going to put so much value into the first part of people's careers, then (future) players should be compensated at the beginning of their career more than they are now."

"Most guys don't get to the big leagues until they are 24, 25. I'm not a genius, but 24 to 25, plus six years (until free agency), is 30 or 31. Look around at how many 30-, 31-year-olds are basically just getting pushed out of the game right now. So the system, I don't want to say it's outdated, but ..."

But it is. Many players fear they won't get their fair share of MLB's huge revenues at the beginning or the end of their careers. How do you fix that?

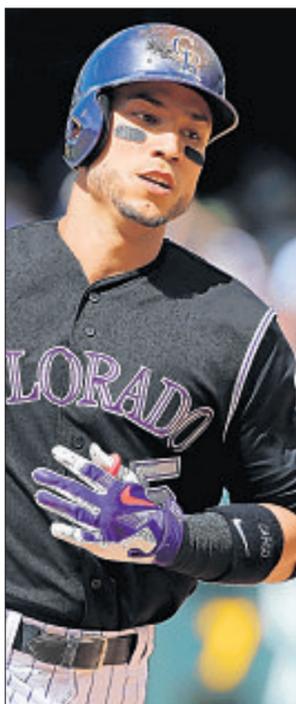
"I don't even know where to start that discussion," Zimmerman said. "You'd be switching the entire thing. That's above my pay grade."

Rim shot, irony. But someone better figure it out.

The last time MLB had to create a new system, it was a 30-year brawl. Scars still show. Bud Selig is in the Hall of Fame; Marvin Miller isn't.

Four years seems like plenty of time to avoid a disaster. I promise, it'll fly past.

## ALL-UNSIGNED FREE AGENT TEAM



DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY

Carlos Gonzalez, outfielder



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Jon Jay, outfielder



LM OTERO/AP

Jose Bautista, outfielder



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Matt Holliday, infielder



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Neil Walker, infielder



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J.J. Hardy, infielder



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Mike Moustakas, infielder



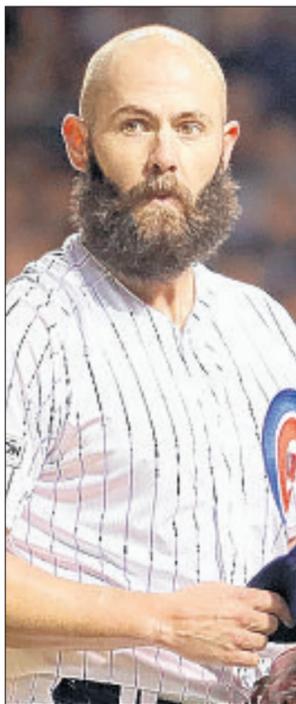
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Jonathan Lucroy, catcher



HARRY HOW/GETTY

Jayson Werth, bench



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jake Arrieta, starting pitcher



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Lance Lynn, starting pitcher



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Greg Holland, closer

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## COMMENTARY

# Promoting a wrong idea

## Rose, Williams hypocritical for urging boycott of tournament

By **CARRON J. PHILLIPS**  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Jalen Rose and Jay Williams are two of the biggest reasons college basketball is my favorite sport.

In fact, the first two basketball jerseys I owned as a child were Jalen Rose's. I had his maize No. 5 jersey from his Fab Five days at Michigan and the navy blue one from his rookie year with the Nuggets.

Jay Williams' performance during his freshman year at Duke is the single reason I became a Blue Devils fan 18 years ago. That dude was so good he made a Michigan native cheer for Duke.

I'm a fan of not only who Rose and Williams were as players but also what they've done in their post-playing careers as a school founder (Rose), an author (Williams) and as commentators on ESPN.

That is why I was caught so off guard to learn that both men have selfishly suggested current college basketball players boycott the NCAA tournament to effect change. Their careers, after all, were built off what they did in that very same tournament.

I contacted Rose to see if he would be available to share his thoughts in a column I wrote called, "Racism and money are at the core of the NBA's one-and-done rule." Over the years, Rose has hinted at the very subject on which my column was based.

And when it comes to sports commentary, I usually agree with Rose and Williams. But I can't rock with this boycott idea.

"I wish NCAA players understood the power that they now have," Rose recently said on his show "Jalen & Jacoby." "In a climate of so many things changing, so many discussions now (at) the forefront that have been closeted for so very long — for a multitude of reasons I wish NCAA players would exercise that power by boycotting the NCAA tournament.

"If they banded together and said, 'We're not performing tonight. We want to make a statement,' do you think reform would start happening real fast? I do."

Williams feels the same way.

"I agree players should boycott," he said in a video he released on his Twitter feed. "But it's how you boycott that's going to be the major difference.

"You can essentially equate a scholarship to the salary cap of the NBA; they're both businesses. Business goes across the board. So as gross revenue increases, guess what happens in the NBA? The salary cap rises. But as gross revenue increases in collegiate sports, and in particular college basketball, the scholarship stays absolutely the same. That's a problem.

"Wouldn't it be a crazy thing if players didn't just boycott a game in the NCAA tournament but (decided to) boycott the Final Four? Imagine how quickly the NCAA would realize that this is not only a business for themselves but a business for the athletes as well."

The idea behind the boycott makes sense. But the execution of it is what's so problematic.

This isn't the same as when analysts and commentators called for NFL players to boycott games during the ruckus around kneeling for the anthem. Those men are professionals who are paid millions of dollars. It's wrong to ask teenagers to fix a flawed and archaic system they didn't create, one in which many of them willingly choose to play.

Also, the numbers don't add up.

Only 60 players get

drafted into the NBA every summer, and only 30 receive guaranteed contracts. And with the influx of foreign players entering the draft, the chances of becoming an NBA player over the last decade have become even slimmer.

That is why March Madness is such a huge part of the allure of playing college basketball. Some guys understand that this is their end-all, be-all, and playing in the NCAA tournament would be a dream come true.

They can't be asked to give that up.

Many people in this country are familiar with Rose and Williams because of how great they played in the NCAA tournament. So to ask teenagers to give up their dream and sit out the event that made Rose and Williams who they are is not only wrong, but hypocritical.

Rose was the point guard and leader of Michigan's Fab Five, the cultural and iconic group of freshmen who went to back-to-back Final Fours. The Fab Five's performance in the 1992 and 1993 NCAA tournaments is the sole reason college coaches are not afraid to let freshmen be the face of their programs. Before Rose, Jimmy King, Ray Jackson, Chris Webber and Juwan Howard showed up, freshmen rarely started, let alone made up the entire starting five.

Williams' performance in the 2001 NCAA tournament is a big part of why he is a Duke legend and was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame last year.

During the 2001 tournament run, which led to the Blue Devils' third national championship, Williams went on a personal 17-point run against UCLA in the Sweet 16. He also hit the 3-pointer that gave Duke the lead against Maryland in the Final Four after the Blue Devils had been down 22 points in the first half. The 33-point turnaround is the largest in NCAA tournament history.

The resume Rose and Williams created for themselves on that stage is why it's hypocritical for Rose to ask Michigan senior Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman to miss out on a chance to lead his team in March. And it's why Williams can't ask someone such as Grayson Allen at Duke to boycott his last NCAA tournament when he's playing on maybe the most talented roster in the country.

Rose and Williams were great players before they ever played in an NCAA tournament game, but the stage they got a chance to perform on made them household names.

Also, back in 2016, CBS/Turner signed an eight-year, \$8.8 billion extension with the NCAA to keep the broadcasting rights to the tournament. If ESPN had the March Madness deal, would Rose and Williams be calling for players to boycott their employer?

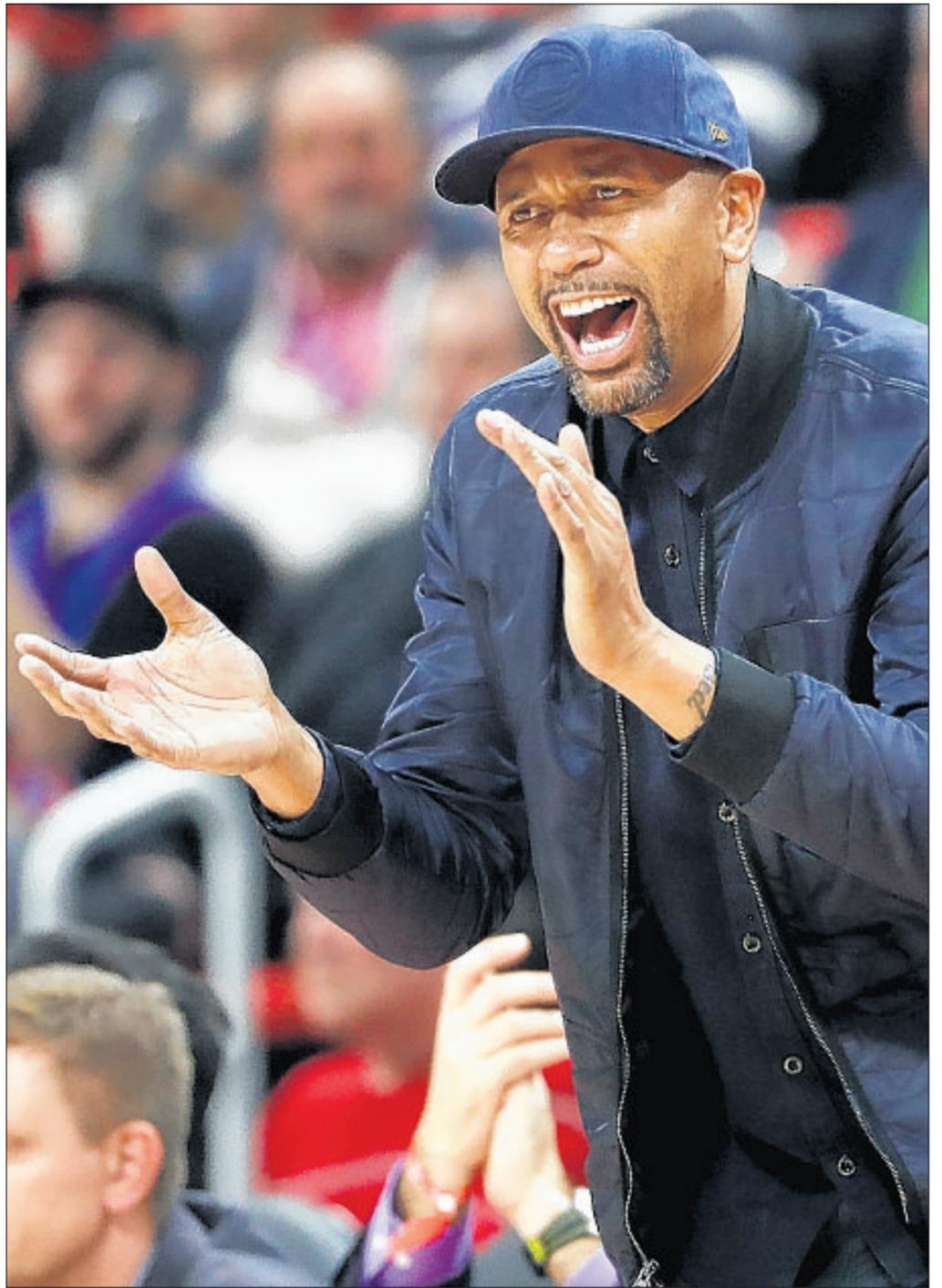
I don't know, but it's a fair question to ask.

If the last few weeks have taught us anything, it's that the NCAA needs a major overhaul. But former players asking current players to boycott one of our country's biggest sporting events just isn't right.

Rose and Williams were McDonald's All-Americans and got a chance to have their "One Shining Moment."

But the overwhelming majority of college basketball players will never be stars or become household names. Some play for mid-majors, while others are role players at the blueblood programs.

And that is why we should leave these kids alone and let them have a chance to make their own memories.



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Former NBA player and Michigan star Jalen Rose wishes "NCAA players understood the power that they now have."



WILLY SANJUAN/INVISION/AP

Jay Williams suggests college basketball players boycott the NCAA tournament to show it's "a business for the athletes."

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Beatrice Farinas, a student at Curie Metro High School, takes the stage during a recent Poetry Out Loud regional competition at the Poetry Foundation in Chicago.

# Poetry under pressure

Only the most composed high school students move on from competitive recital

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI  
 Chicago Tribune

Last month, as the world watched the Winter Olympics in South Korea, another nail-biter was unfolding across the United States, in classrooms throughout Illinois, and in the same rural hamlets and urban centers that gave us speedskaters and Alpine skiers. It was a sport requiring a murderous degree of precision, a contest played by young people asked to show poise beyond their years, a tournament in which countless hours of repetition could crumble in a microscopic flub. No one stood on a mountain and launched themselves into Korean airspace, no one hurled her body down a canyon of ice at 80 mph. But it takes guts of steel to survive a competitive poetry recital.

Zak Kahn, a senior at Northridge Preparatory School in Niles, stood before a room of writing professionals and teachers and students and parents, and fixed himself with the coiled body language of a man about to rocket skyward, Superman-style. Instead, he recited “Break of Day,” from the 16th-century metaphysical Anglican poet John Donne.

*’Tis true, ’tis day, what though it be?  
 O wilt thou therefore rise from me?*

Cara Neidenbach, of Metea Valley High School in Aurora, set her arms at her sides, and began: “Acquainted with the Night” by Robert Francis — no wait, Robert Frost. My bad.”

Her face sank. A row of judges, seated behind a long table, “Flashdance”-like, waited for her to continue, their faces washed of expression, their hands hovering above their score sheets.

What kind of monsters does this to children?

For the past 13 years, the Chicago-based Poetry Foundation has partnered with the National Endowment for the Arts to present Poetry Out Loud, an improbably popular nationwide competition that seeks to revive the antiquated, often-feared tradition of classroom poem memorization. That the event has gone on for years with little public attention is not much of a surprise. But that it’s attracted students from more than 10,000 schools — including 9,000 students annually in Illinois alone — is startling.

And what is it? Think the Scripps Na-



Judges and others working the poetry event listen to a competitor recite work selected from a Poetry Foundation catalog. The state finals are in Springfield on Friday.

tional Spelling Bee — indeed, that beloved contest was a model — but instead of words, students deliver entire poems. Not their own — this is not a poetry slam or Louder Than a Bomb spectacular. Students perform works that they select from a vast catalog offered by the Poetry

Foundation, poems by old dependables such as Emily Dickinson and new stars such as Chicago’s Eve Ewing, easy poems by Longfellow and difficult poems by Ashbery.

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## New home for dogs in Shedd Aquarium training program

BY STEVE JOHNSON  
 Chicago Tribune

The era of dogs at the Shedd Aquarium ended over the weekend, and with it ended the era of people being surprised to learn that the Shedd Aquarium has dogs.

It’s true. The home to (mostly) aquatic life by the lakefront has kept canines on the premises for most of the past five years, partly to showcase its positive-reinforcement training methodology, partly to model animal rescue behavior for show staffers.

And now it is sending those canines out into the greater world to live with staffers and former staffers.

“It’s bittersweet,” said Lana Vanagasem, who will probably need to get new business cards because her title has been

“manager of penguins, sea otters and dogs.” “We are rehoming all of our dogs.”

When the Shedd tells you that Marlin, its male Labrador mix, has gone to live on a farm in Washington state, that’s not a euphemism.

That’s an actual destination, a place owned by former head of training Ken Ramirez, who has adopted Marlin. Rescuing abandoned baby sea otters and blinded sea lions is one thing. But there’s another level of connection, staffers said, when the animal reminds people more directly of the one they’ve got at home.

Audiences “love marine mammals, but dogs they can really relate to,” said Vanagasem, explaining the role the rescued dogs played when brought out during the now-retired “One World” aquatic



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Adam Glover, an animal care specialist at the Shedd, works with Peach, a dachshund-terrier mix.

**“It’s bittersweet. We are rehoming all of our dogs.”**

— Lana Vanagasem  
 of the Shedd Aquarium

show. Their presence, she said, reinforced the show’s conservation message by saying, “‘Hey, this is what you can do in your

own backyard.’”

A visit to the soon-to-be-converted “Dog Lounge” on Friday showed a dry-erase board packed with feeding and training tips, messages like: “Do not put Show Bandanna on unless going directly to show” and “Do not let dogs pee in ... the two gardens @ the end of the driveway.”

But there was still one key question to be an-

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## What happened to Ferris’ big wheel?



RICK KOGAN  
*Sidewalks*

The experiment began in early February. Called “Ask Rick,” it is intended to be a way for readers to ask me questions that they might have about the place we all call home.

There was a time, before Google, Wikipedia and all those other sources of often suspect information, when people might ask questions of the nearest bartender, teacher or call the neighborhood library.

The thought, by some of the bosses around here, was that “Ask Rick” would be a good way to connect with readers. I told them that I always answer email questions that come my way and still answer my own office phone. But I’m

game for any new twist in this ancient business and so agreed to take any and all who chose to write to [www.chicagotribune.com/askrick](http://www.chicagotribune.com/askrick).

A bonus might be that the answers to some of the questions might be sufficiently complex and interesting as to warrant a column in the paper.

So, a month in and a few dozen questions later, I realize that some readers surely did not get it and asked such questions as “What makes Jason Alexander such a great actor?”; “Where can you get a good grape shake in this darn town?” and “How’s everything going, Rick?”

Some took the form of commentary: “As you probably know, (David) Mamet co-founded St. Nicholas Theater, which staged a kids musical written by William H. Macy! (Captain Marbles When You Wish Upon a Cookie).” And one

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## CELEBRITIES

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Frances McDormand, who won the best actress Oscar, holds her statuette Sunday at the Governors Ball.

### McDormand's Oscar briefly taken at ball

A man was arrested and is accused of stealing Frances McDormand's Oscar after the Academy Awards on Sunday night, Los Angeles police said.

Terry Bryant, 47, was arrested on suspicion of felony grand theft, said Officer Rosario Herrera, a police spokeswoman.

"After some brief time apart, Frances and her Oscar were happily reunited. They celebrated the reunion with a double cheeseburger from In-N-Out Burger," McDormand's publicist, Simon Halls, told The Associated Press.

McDormand received the Academy Award for best actress for her performance in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

The Oscar statuette was allegedly stolen during the Governors Ball after-party, authorities said. Bryant had a ticket for the event, Herrera said.

According to New York Times reporter Cara Buckley, chef Wolfgang Puck's photographer snapped a photo of a man in a tuxedo walking off with McDormand's Oscar. The photographer also stopped the man and got the Oscar back, much to McDormand's relief.

Security personnel searched for the man, but he had disappeared. "Apparently Frances has said to let him go," Buckley tweeted.

Bryant was being held on \$20,000 bail Monday morning, police said.

— Associated Press and Martha Ross, East Bay Times



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**Cosby wants case tossed:** Bill Cosby went to court Monday in a bid to get his sexual assault case thrown out — or at least stop some of his dozens of accusers from testifying at his retrial. Cosby's retooled defense team, led by former Michael Jackson lawyer Tom Mesereau, argued that telephone records, travel itineraries and other evidence show the alleged assault couldn't have happened when prosecutors say it did and thus falls outside the statute of limitations.

**ABC to air Comey special:** ABC says a special "20/20" interview with James Comey will air April 15, two days before the former FBI director's book "A Higher Loyalty" is released. The interview will be conducted by "ABC News" anchor George Stephanopoulos. The announcement, which aired during the Academy Awards, declared, "Nothing's off limits."

**"House of Cards" preview:** Netflix gave the first glimpse of the revamped final season of "House of Cards," following star Kevin Spacey's departure, during Sunday's Oscars telecast. The 45-second spot zooms through a busy West Wing set into the commander in chief's office. Robin Wright's Claire Underwood spins around in a chair behind the desk. She stands up confidently with her hands planted on the desk and declares: "We're just getting started."

**March 6 birthdays:** Director Rob Reiner is 71. Comedian D.L. Hughley is 55. Actress Connie Britton is 51. Rapper Tyler The Creator is 27.



## ASK AMY

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### Child's 'vocal fry' irks grandparent

**Dear Amy:** I DETEST the grating, creaking and dragged-out tonal quality of "vocal fry," as epitomized by the Kardashians' voices. Not only is this croaking like fingernails on the chalkboard, but it also damages the vocal cords. Why does anyone want to sound like this?

Suffice to say, it's a terrible habit that has spread like wildfire. It's by far more shallow-sounding than the overuse of "like."

My 8-year-old granddaughter is taught by a fantastic third-grade teacher who presents with a shrill vocal fry. Unfortunately, my granddaughter is now emulating her teacher's voice and, not only has her beautiful singing voice suffered, it's distressing to me that her strong, clear speaking voice may be forever lost. My daughter agrees with me, but also says, "It is what it is."

How can I make this manageable? It's not that I'm out of touch, but this trend is ...

— Driving Me Nuts

**Dear Nuts:** "Vocal fry" is the lower-pitched and sort-of shredded speaking tone that many of us have when we first wake up.

This lower tone with a little smoky croak around the edges can sound casual and natural — to some — or neurotic and unsure to others. To me, vocal fry sounds the way a person speaks if they simply aren't trying very hard.

Yes, this speaking style seems to have become popular, which illustrates how even something as basic as the way a person speaks can be trendy. For a great contrast,

watch an American movie made in the '30s. Not only do the actors seem to force more air out of their lungs when they speak (perhaps a function of having to project more for ancient recording technology), but many of them seem to have British — or British-like accents!

I don't think vocal fry will damage your granddaughter's voice, her vocal cords or her singing voice, even though she may adopt a singing style that you (also) don't like.

I'm an (amateur) musician and I don't like the way very young singers emulate pop stars because it seems so reductive, but ... so WHAT?! I emulated pop stars when I was young too.

My mother sang like Rosemary Clooney; I tried to sing like Mama Cass. They sing like Rihanna.

So yes, it is what it is. Correct this child on her use of "like," but encourage her to use her voice as a tool for empowerment, no matter how it sounds to you.

**Dear Amy:** My husband and I are in our 50s. He recently had knee replacement surgery.

I am very surprised that my close circle of friends has not been more supportive. A couple of them haven't even gotten in touch.

Two friends texted the day after the surgery and asked how things went, but in the week since, we have heard nothing from them. Even some family members are the same way — sending a message on Facebook? Come on. Can't anyone pick up the phone and actually call and have a

conversation? Can't anyone come over and visit my husband?

I realize it's not open-heart surgery, but texting "Let me know if you need anything" is an easy way out. Am I expecting too much? Is this just the way things are now?

— Wondering

**Dear Wondering:** Sometimes, texting (or FB message) is the preferred way of communicating because it does not obligate the recipient to answer and speak. And yes, texting can also be a lazy way of fulfilling a "check-in."

But when someone asks, "Let me know if you need anything," your answer should be: "Thank you! Barney would love a visit. Can you swing by after work?"

This does not absolve people from their thoughtlessness, but you and your husband can also create a Facebook post encouraging people to help (if you're inclined). If you provide specific tasks and ask, people will step up.

**Dear Amy:** "Confused" was a man who was in a domestic situation with his girlfriend and her mentally ill sister which you compared to a Tennessee Williams play. Thank you for suggesting a home renovation for this group. Some of their problems could probably be solved with some drywall.

— Done That!

**Dear Done That:** Some separation was definitely in order.

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## IN PERFORMANCE

### Problems abound for Maniscalco

Comedian eternally exasperated with family and the world

By ZACH FREEMAN  
Chicago Tribune

"Problem is ... I got a problem with everything." So says comedian and Arlington Heights native Sebastian Maniscalco early on in his wide-ranging (but primarily problem-focused) set Friday night at the Chicago Theatre. (Maniscalco has three more shows through Saturday in Rosemont.)

As one of the top 10 highest-paid comedians of 2017, Maniscalco — whose titles also include author, actor and podcaster — doesn't seem to have a problem selling tickets.

With nothing but a single black stool on a bare-bones stage stripped back to the exposed black brick wall,

Maniscalco, clad all in black — black leather jacket, black shirt, black pants, black shoes — confidently emoted, interjected and expounded for 80 minutes on his upbringing, the birth of his daughter and why he wasn't mad at United for yanking that guy off the plane last year ("Just do what you're told!" he exclaimed definitively).

For those unfamiliar with Maniscalco, imagine the tough guy persona of Andrew Dice Clay softened up with the alternatively tentative and explosive vocal stylings of Adam Sandler, with just a dash of Jim Carrey's physicalization thrown in to accentuate a specific bit or highlight a punchline, and you've got a fairly accurate

portrait of his stage presence. Occasionally his physicality is the punchline, especially when he's expressing his exasperation with literally any person who is not him.

In this set, the person he's most often exasperated with is his wife. "This is my wife, though," he says with a resigned shrug. "This is what I gotta deal with."

Still, this is by far Maniscalco's most outwardly self-aware set to date. By his own account, his wife's input seems to be affecting his take on — and reactions to — the world. "My wife keeps me kind of sane," he admitted in a reflective moment. His previous three specials — "Why Would You Do That?," "What's Wrong With Peo-

ple?" and "Aren't You Embarrassed?" — bore titles that made it abundantly clear who was to blame for any irritation arising in his life (hint: not him).

This tour is simply titled "Stay Hungry" after his recently released memoir of the same name, and in its current incarnation focuses much more on how just maybe his own neuroses play a part in his — often hilarious — frustration with the way things work.

"My wife grew up with encouragement," he says at one point. "I grew up with a negative family."

It's only a slight change of focus — from "everyone around me is an idiot" to "I was raised to think that everyone around me is an idiot" — but it's a big step toward evolving his routine and it makes a difference in how certain bits play out. For example, in one story his wife tells him she's denied the car and as he loses his cool, his incredulosity at how she could have done this is juxtaposed and short-circuited with her telling him, "You need therapy. Something's wrong with you and your entire family."

It's a smooth update to a working model of comic outrage, undercutting his own infallibility without forcing him to have a different, less exasperated reaction. Call it self-awareness without enlightenment. And it leaves him room to stick to his ever-present sense of being overwhelmed by other people's seemingly constant poor choices.

Whether he's riding on a Jet Ski with his wife or riding in a car with his father, his impression is the same: a sense of staying forcefully alert amid jolts, surprises and indignities. In the scenes that Maniscalco sets onstage, the world is untrustworthy and a host of unreliable other people are



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Sebastian Maniscalco, one of the most popular stand-ups, is also an author and podcaster.

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in control.

But unlike in previous specials, he starts to examine the root causes of his paranoia and worry. "He's polluted my mind," he says of his father at one point, describing how in his mind a simple trip to a gas station is rife with peril and the potential for being murdered. "I think like him now."

It's in this story (and another, later one) that he could stand to do a bit more examination. After saying that the cashier at the gas station is Indian, he immediately turns on the audience for an imagined quietness. "I'm making fun of my grandfather dying of polio, everyone's dying laughing," he says. "I say 'Indian,' and everybody's like, 'Oh ...'"

Maniscalco has been performing for two decades, and he knows how things work.

Jumping on this moment is a clever way to reassure the audience that he's got things under control, and

it's OK to laugh here while also pre-empting any claims of unthinking insensitivity. It's what comes next that matters.

If from this Maniscalco made a pivot to rail against perceived political correctness or to subvert the expected stereotype and give the store clerk a Midwestern accent, he'd have something. But instead he plows ahead with a dated comedy trope, launching into broken English in a racist Indian accent. The only punchline in this bit is the accent, and — grandfathers with polio aside — that type of shtick ain't gonna cut it today.

In other words, it's a problem.

Friday and Saturday at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont; 847-671-5100 and [www.rosemont.com/theatre](http://www.rosemont.com/theatre).

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# Haddish's dress 3-peat was realest Oscars moment



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
Balancing Act

Tiffany Haddish's white dress accomplished what 1,000 ham-fisted Oscars skits could never do: make it a show for regular folks.

With Maya Rudolph, Haddish presented the Oscars on Sunday night for animated and live action short films, and she did so wearing the same white gown she wore to host "Saturday Night Live" in November and to the "Girls Trip" premiere the previous summer.

"I wore it on the red carpet for 'Girls Trip' and my whole team, they told

me, 'Tiffany, you cannot wear that dress on 'SNL.' You already wore it. It's taboo to wear it twice,'" she said on "Saturday Night Live." "And I said, 'I don't give a dang about no taboo.'

"I feel like I should be able to wear what I want, when I want, however many times I want," Haddish said on "SNL." "As long as I Febreze it."

She paired it Sunday night with bedroom slippers.

On a night that saw host Jimmy Kimmel and a handful of stars carry sub sandwiches and hot dog cannons into a movie theater filled with Regular Moviegoers; on a network that tripped all over itself to remind us that the upcoming "Roseanne" reboot is a show about people who look like us; on a show that clumsily poked fun at Hollywood being out of touch — "each



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Tiffany Haddish, left, with Maya Rudolph, rocked her \$4,000 gown for a third time Sunday.

of the 45 million Swarovski crystals on this stage tonight represent humility," Kimmel joked — Haddish

pulled a dress three-peat. Remember when Sharon Stone wore a shirt from the Gap to the 1998 Oscars and

became, overnight, a woman of the people?

Haddish blows her out of the water.

On "SNL," Haddish joked that she'd be wearing her \$4,000 Alexander McQueen to any and all formal events she's invited to in the future — bar and bat mitzvahs, a praise-and-worship service at a Baptist church, future weddings if she decides to marry again (and again).

"I might Elizabeth Taylor this thing," she said. "You don't know?"

Earlier Sunday, Haddish walked the red carpet in a hooded dress traditionally worn by women in Eritrea. Her father, who died last year, was from the East African nation, she explained to Michael Strahan on ABC.

Onstage, though, she was all about the McQueen — a touch of reality in a show that celebrates the opposite.

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George Washington Gale Ferris' wheel was introduced at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

## Dillinger dog adoption

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was a bit morbid: "Many obits are written in advance. Knowing the final details will come from others, what does Rick Kogan write about his own life for his own obit?"

Here is a question that came from a person who lives on the South Side and wanted to know about something that once towered over her neighborhood near Jackson Park: "What happened to the original Ferris wheel designed by Mr. Ferris for the World's Fair?"

She requested anonymity, as anyone asking a question is able to do, and get. This one did deserve a column. Indeed it already was the subject of a 2015 column, and here is a portion of that:

The Ferris wheel "was a great wonder of the world. Two-hundred-and-fifty feet in diameter and carrying 36 cars, each able to accommodate 60 wide-eyed passengers, it was an engineering marvel and an entertainment that taxed the vocabularies of even the most superlative-minded.

In 1893, "the tallest building in Chicago was the world's first skyscraper. The Home Insur-

ance Building was 10 stories and 138 feet tall when built in 1885. ... The Wright Brothers were still a decade away from their first flight. So the riders of the Ferris wheel were afforded views only available to birds and clouds.

"In its nearly five months at the fair the wheel took nearly 1.5 million paying passengers into the air.

"That wheel came down, of course. In the spring following the end of the fair, it was dismantled and moved (at a cost of \$14,000 and over 86 days) to an area near Clark Street and Wrightwood Avenue. There it would, some investors hoped, anchor an entertainment complex with landscaped grounds, a restaurant, band shell and vaudeville house.

"But the crowds never came. Perhaps the novelty had worn off. Investors lost their shirts, and in 1896 its creator, George Washington Gale Ferris, died of tuberculosis. He was only 37 and wasn't around on the June day in 1904 when his great wheel was sold at auction for a mere \$1,800. As reported in the pages of the Tribune, "The auction was a touching scene, marked

with the usual reminiscences of past glory."

"But visitors to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis later that year found the wheel, pieced back together and again set in motion. But after that fair closed the Ferris wheel was dismantled and sold as scrap and gone for good. And so it goes."

Chicago's history is rich with questions.

I was intrigued by this from Kevin M. Letz, who asked, "Whatever happened to John Dillinger's dog after John was shot. I know the answer."

I didn't even know Dillinger, shot to death outside the Biograph Theater on July 22, 1934, had a dog. I did a bit of research and came up empty, so I just asked Letz for his answer and he told me this: "My great-uncle Jack Leahy was a Chicago cop at that time. Family legend is that he took custody of Dillinger's dog after the death of Dillinger." He added, "It's interesting to note in a few of the Dillinger movies (Warren Oates) they show them outside in trench coats on a cool evening. We in Chicago know that Dillinger (went) to that theater since it was air-cooled,

being a 100-degree day in Chicago."

One more question: "When you are downtown and walk south starting on Washington Street the streets go in the order of American presidents. Why is there not a Jefferson Street?"

There is a Jefferson Street. You can see it on the first survey map of the city created by a fellow named James Thompson in 1830. Chicago was just a village then and Jefferson Street, named for the country's third president, was near its western border, with Dearborn Street (named for Fort Dearborn) bordering on the east. Kinzie Street, named for early settler John Kinzie, was the northern border, with Washington Street, named for the first president, doing the border chores to the south. In later maps and surveys, the names of such other presidents — Monroe (fifth), Adams (second) and Madison (fourth), and so not in order of their presidencies — made their way into the urban landscape.

Feel free to ask a question of your own.

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## A+E notes

### Akhtar to adapt 'Dervish' for Milwaukee Rep

The Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Ayad Akhtar will adapt his autobiographical novel, "American Dervish," into a play. The work, based on Akhtar's experiences growing up in Milwaukee as a first-generation Pakistani-American, will premiere during an upcoming season at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. Artistic director Mark Clements will likely direct.

Akhtar, the author of "Disgraced," which premiered in Chicago, has upped his involvement with the leading theater in his hometown, recently joining the Rep's board of trustees. The Milwaukee Rep also will stage the Midwestern premiere of Akhtar's "Junk" in 2018.

In an interview with the Tribune, Akhtar said he expected the dramatic version of "American Dervish" to be "controversial" among Pakistani-Americans, as was the novel, a work that often was critical of the effects of radical Islam on young Pakistani-Americans.

He also said that he was working on a second work of fiction, along with numerous other projects for the theater.

"I grew up in Milwaukee and saw shows at the Rep," he said, "and I am excited for this premiere in my hometown."

— Chris Jones

### Mike Nussbaum in Northlight's 2018-19 season

Northlight Theatre on Monday announced its 2018-19 season, the company's 44th. First up will be "Curve of Departure" by Rachel Bonds, featuring Mike Nussbaum and Sean Parris. Artistic director BJ Jones will helm the drama about an unconventional family brought together by a funeral ("Curve of Departure" plays Sept. 13-Oct. 21).

Next up will be the premiere of "Mansfield

Park," Kate Hamill's adaptation of Jane Austen's social satire. Kayla Carter and Heidi Kettnering will star and Stuart Carden will direct (Nov. 8-Dec. 16).

Continuing the season will be the premiere of Sharyn Rothstein's "The Janice," about two women, a landlord and tenant, and the threat of losing a home (Jan. 24-March 2).

Christina Ham's "Nina Simone: Four Women" will follow, with a mix of Simone songs and civil rights history (March 14-April 20).

Closing out the season will be "Into The Breeches!" by George Brant, a comedy about a group of women who save a theater devoid of leading men during World War II (May 9-June 16).

All performances will take place at the North Shore Center for the Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie.

— Morgan Greene

### Early ratings for Oscars down

The early ratings for ABC's telecast of the 90th Oscars are down from last year and may be an all-time audience low.

The broadcast, which lasted nearly four hours, averaged an 18.9 rating in the 56 overnight markets measured by Nielsen.

That was down 16 percent from last year's comparable figure, a 22.4 rating.

The 2017 ceremony garnered 32.9 million viewers, the lowest since the 2008 ceremony, hosted by Jon Stewart, drew the smallest audience in Academy Awards history: 32 million viewers. ABC late-night host Jimmy Kimmel was the emcee of Sunday's telecast, his second consecutive year in the role.

The Oscars telecast faces the challenge that all major television events do: the emergence of streaming online video.

No free stream of the Oscars was available, but with so many programming options, even a major awards telecast that is perennially the most-watched entertainment program of the year is no longer an automatic default choice for viewers. The Grammy Awards and the Super Bowl also both experienced ratings declines this year.

— Los Angeles Times

## Program featured rescue dogs

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swered: Who's a good girl? Peach, it turns out, is a very good girl.

The 2½-year-old dachshund-terrier mix offered her paw, jumped up on her platform and generally ran through her repertoire of trained behaviors while animal care specialist Adam Glover rewarded her with audible clicks and bits of kibble.

On a walk along the lakefront outside the aquarium, Peach was also a good girl, producing No. 1, but she wasn't a great girl, if you get the drift.

Like all six dogs the Shedd has had since bringing them back into the training program in 2013 — a group was there earlier,

in 2008-09, when the Oceanarium was being renovated — Peach was rescued, brought on from the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago after an "interview" suggested she could handle the institution's busy environment.

With a vivid scar down her back, she had been found chained to a dumpster in Tennessee, then brought up to the Chicago shelter, which happens frequently, explained Vanagasem, because adoption opportunities are greater here.

She was taken home Saturday by one of the aquarium's animal trainers, trading lakefront property for a home in the suburbs.

The reason for returning the dogs to a different form

of captivity has to do, a little bit, with the vicissitudes of show business.

The aquatic presentation has evolved, and "they decided for the show, they had already told that story," Vanagasem said.

The aquarium made the formal announcement of the end of the canine program Monday.

So no more dogs. But did you know that — crazy thing — the Shedd Aquarium actually keeps half a dozen birds of prey?

This is true, and for many of the same reasons the dogs have been there. But, said Vanagasem, "They don't really cuddle like a dog."

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Peach is moving from her training program on the lakefront to the suburbs.

# Accuracy and poise under scrutiny

Poetry, from Page 1

They must deliver each poem to the letter.

Judges are pitiless.

Scores are based on the student's articulation, their command of their own voice and physical presence, the sense of whether the student understands the poem, and the student's ability to appropriately dramatize (or wisely tone down) their performance of the poem. "They must get across the poems with 100 percent accuracy," said Kelsey Wright, the contest's accuracy judge. "Still, poetry is about self-expression, which I guess means I get to be this terrible person." Don't say "a" if you mean "the" — that's a one-point demerit. Don't reverse the fourth line with the third line and expect it to slide — that's a two-point demerit.

Forget a line entirely? It's three points, per prompt.

"I have noticed a fair amount of body stiffness from students," said judge Quinn Stifler. "Which I get. I'm a poet, I get nervous and I read my poems. But this is sport — though really I don't know anything sports, I'm a poet."

The national finals are April in Washington, D.C.

Neither Chicago nor Illinois itself has had a national winner, but finalists are drawn from 50 states, D.C., the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico; Illinois state finals are in Springfield on Friday. To reach state, contestants must survive classroom finals, schoolwide finals, regional finals. Last month, two regionals — one for Chicago students, one for suburban students — were hosted at Poetry Foundation headquarters in River North. Among the students not advancing to state finals was Alexandra Frazee, a 16-year-old sophomore at Taft High School on the Northwest Side.

In the first of two rounds, she performed "After the Disaster" by the young poet Abigail Deutsch, holding her hands in her pockets, rushing the meaning. The next heat went worse. She needed a prompt after the first verse. Then a second prompt. Her shoulders collapsed in despair. The room grew quiet. She had picked "On Quitting" from early 20th-century Detroit writer Edgar Albert Guest, and its ode to resilience — *How much grit do you think you've got? Can you quit a thing that you like a lot?* — rang harshly.

She finished, took her seat, cried.

There was a time when this kind of torture was a schoolhouse fixture — albeit, a tradition to be dreaded by students. Kings employed court poets, and before the printed word, memorization was how poetry circulated. So the practice had pedigree. By the 1940s, performing a poem before a group of people was thought a cheap way for low-income public schools to introduce morality and oratory to poor classrooms. Sacrifice was often the theme, and students were the vessels, handed this treasure to be carried forevermore.

"Charge of the Light Brigade," "Ode to a Grecian Urn," "The Raven." You memorized, performed — then asked to be excused and vomited in the bathroom sink.

Holdouts remained. JFK and Jackie O. famously asked their children not to buy them birthday presents, but commit a poem to memory and recite it as a gift. Still, by the Great Depression, poetry recitation had installed a generational fear of speaking before people, and as New York University English professor Catherine Robson describes in her book "Heartbeats: Everyday Life and the Memorized Poem," memorization began to lose traction to individuality, creativity, the possibilities in a student's self-expression.

And now memory itself is going the way of attention spans.

Remarkably then, since Poetry Out Loud began as a pilot program in Chicago and Washington in 2005, 4 million students have thrown themselves down its literary luge, often by getting involved at the competitive classroom level. Said Timothy David Rey, the poet-in-residence for the Chicago Public Schools and regional



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Dalin Eap, a Mather High School student, second from right, at last month's Poetry Out Loud competition in Chicago. The event began as a pilot program in 2004, and winners of the state competitions will head to Washington for the finals in April.

Chicago coordinator for Poetry Out Loud, "I see its success as evidence of the American Idolization of America. Kids see contests as normal now, and with so many platforms these days to present themselves professionally, everything — even poetry — serves to bring out some competitive spirit."

At the suburban regionals, Charles Hsu, a junior at Deerfield High School, held his long, thin body forward and spat the alliterative synecopation of Mina Loy's "Lunar Baedeker" with sprightly buoyancy, the kind of confidence that comes from being familiar with excelling:

*Odious oasis  
in furrowed phosphorus  
the eye-white sky-light  
white-light district  
of lunar lists*

He finished with a grin, sat and took a swig of water. He had the self-conscious glow of Olympic ice skaters, aware they're being watched as they themselves watch for their scores to appear.

Just behind Hsu, a row of students gave each other alarmed stares: He would be tough to beat.

At Chicago regionals, Khyvae Dean, a senior at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, recited "Mothers" by Nikki Giovanni, nailing pauses, hung her hands heavily, dramatically — *she was very deliberately waiting/ perhaps for my father to come home* — but stumbled on a word.

She shook her head all the way back to her seat.

Her friends patted her on the back.

According to Dana Gioia, the California poet laureate and former chairman of NEA who conceived Poetry Out Loud, the contest did not go over well with educators when it was initially floated. And among the reasons: a distaste for intense competition as a means to arts appreciation. "Forty-nine of fifty states hated the idea," he said. "They also said teenagers didn't like poetry, memorization was repressive. A lot of these (educators) never memorized anything in school — they were reacting to a grandparent's experience."

So, occasionally, he told them a story: He was the working-class son of a Mexican mother and Sicilian father, raised in Los Angeles. His eighth-grade teacher, a nun, would say he seemed smart but she couldn't understand a word he was saying. She kept him after class, reciting poetry.

"Only years later did it occur to me, every-one after school with her were children of immigrants, she was using poetry to teach us."

Fittingly perhaps, it took a conservative White House to officially dust off poetry recitation. George W. Bush appointed Gioia to the NEA in 2003.

"Immediately we needed a national program," Gioia said, "and you can do poetry at almost no budget." An early selling point, said Stephen Young, program director at the Poetry Foundation, was "that many teachers don't feel comfortable teaching poetry at all, and Poetry Out Loud was like a ready-made introduction," compatible with Common Core curricula.

Today, the program gets \$1 million annually from the NEA, \$500,000 from the Poetry Foundation, with all 50 state arts commissions matching its individual NEA funds. Classrooms use a Poetry Foundation database of 900 works, building a chunk of their semesters around the selection and discussion of the poems that each student picks.

"I've found it invaluable," said Janine Stroemer, an English teacher at Home-wood-Flossmoor High School whose student Vicky Olaye made state finals. "Doing this in front of people builds resilience. And we're losing the beauty of memory. Plus, as a student, I had to recite all dead white guys and these kids get this opportunity to root around in poetry history for what's meaningful to them."

It's tough to say whether Poetry Out Loud is moving public opinion on recitation.

There's certainly a respect for the practice. Roxanne Owens, chairwoman of the teacher education department at DePaul University's College of Education, sees benefits, personal and practical — from learning how to sell an audience on an idea to simply sharing emotions. Ewing, herself an educational sociologist, has written an intentionally easy-to-memorize poem, "Affirmation," for youths in prison, so "it can be a source of reassurance for them when they don't have anything else."

But Young said he knew Poetry Out Loud was having an impact when "we started seeing stage moms show up."

Indeed, he hadn't expected "as many students with theater backgrounds." At the Chicago and suburban regionals, many competitors were in debate club, and many

were athletes.

Gioia said an early argument against the program was that it would discriminate against minorities and discourage non-native-speaking students, but "winners have been a cross section, a lot of African-Americans and, at least in California, it's disproportionately first-generation Americans — and two-thirds female."

Which was roughly the mix at Illinois regionals.

Vayra Bazalev, a senior at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, whose parents moved here from Russia 20 years ago, said: "I visualize the page and the lines, and I visualize the images. Regardless of how I do, it's meaningful to me."

Bushra Kahn, of Maine East High School in Park Ridge, delivered Edna St. Vincent Millay in a mellifluous swoon, voice quivering with meaning, so wrapped in the recitation she didn't notice her sisters slip in. But it wasn't enough.

Charles Hsu took suburban regionals — he's going to state.

So is Asher Malitsky, from Chicago's Metropolitan Schoolhouse. He looked a touch uncertain at first then recited Longfellow plainly, clearly, each word popping. He won Chicago regionals. His parents, Joshua Malitsky and Anne Brynna, sat in back, nudging each another with pride.

"Asher has special needs," his father said. "He's on the spectrum. He got a new retainer yesterday, and one of the poems two days ago. To be honest, practicing at home, he wasn't managing — two days later, he looked comfortable."

Asher walked over.

"Hey buddy," his dad said, "comfortable?"

"Pretty comfortable," Asher said. Alexandra Frazee, the student whose prompting doomed her chances, sat nearby. She took a bite from her box lunch. She picked a poem that was long; she didn't leave enough time to learn it. She took a risk, she decided. She said her mother died of an accidental overdose a few years ago, and entering this competition "brought a new clarity. It opens your eyes to how people see you." Anyway. She's still a sophomore. "The way I see it, I have two more years to win this thing."

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## RECORDINGS

# Lucy Dacus jumps to new sonic level on 'Historian'

BY GREG KOT  
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Lucy Dacus' modesty precedes her. Her 2016 debut album, "No Burden," was a school project that wasn't necessarily designed to introduce her to the world. But "it turned out better than I thought it would," she once said, and so she quit college to see where it would lead. A deal with Matador Records ensued, and the 22-year-old Virginian took her time with the follow-up, "Historian" (Matador). It represents a staggering leap. As good as "No Burden" was, "Historian" is better: songs like short stories; sneakily hard-hitting arrangements; dreaminess and catharsis, often in the space of a few verses.

Dacus remains an unassuming yet persuasive singer. She rarely raises her voice, no matter how turbulent the words or the music become. She knows the lyrics are strong enough to stand on their own, without histrionics, and her confidence is well-founded: "You take me aside/ To solemnly confide/ When it comes the time/ You plan to give your body to the flame."

The song, "Body to Flame," takes its time, with undulating guitars and gently

dancing strings creating a meditative atmosphere, and then it opens up, not dramatically but almost elegantly, until it's surrounding the narrator and pulling her under. She makes the suddenness, the shock, almost matter-of-fact, akin to finding yourself silently rocked by a passage in a great novel, the inside of your head exploding while the world around you remains perfectly still.

Mortality and time are the big subjects, the notion that humans hunt for their purpose while combating paralyzing doubt. In "Nonbeliever," Dacus sings about splitting town, leaving behind home and family, to find whatever's next. "And if you find what you're looking for, write a letter and tell us what it is," she sings, giving voice to those she leaves behind.

Dacus finds a perfect foil in producer John Congleton (whose credits include St. Vincent, Sleater-Kinney and Angel Olsen), and he fleshes out the arrangements with strings and horns without trampling on the singer or the song. The opening "Night Shift" doesn't so much surge from a dreamy lullaby into a guitar-crashing rock song as unfold. It introduces an album in



## 'Historian'

Lucy Dacus  
★★★★ (out of 4)



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Lucy Dacus, shown at Lollapalooza in 2016, worked with producer John Congleton on her new album.

which deceptively small songs play bigger than they first appear.

The 10-track album peaks as it enters the final turn. In "Timefighter," time wins in a "landslide," as embodied by the guitar that splinters the calm. Yet just as things appear ready to boil, it cuts off — just like that, it's over.

It sets up "Next of Kin," in which the narrator comes to terms with the futility of not knowing, of overthinking, of expecta-

tions unmet. Her role model may well be the dying matriarch portrayed in the epic, seven-minute-plus "Pillar of Truth." When Dacus finally raises her voice, for the first and last time on the album, the song goes black.

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# WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Brian Tee

**“Chicago Med”** (9:01 p.m., NBC): Dr. Choi (Brian Tee) is on a mission both personal and professional in the new episode “Folie a Deux,” as he seeks the reason behind a neighbor’s stabbing. Noah’s (Roland Buck III) misreading of a patient sends Dr. Bekker and Dr. Rhodes (Norma Kuhling, Colin Donnell) into immediate action. Dr. Charles (Oliver Platt) isn’t sure how to deal with the treatment-seeking father (Michel Gill) of Dr. Reese (Rachel DiPillo).

**“Lethal Weapon”** (7 p.m., FOX): Those who know the “Lethal Weapon” movies will recall that one involved a construction-site murder, and another occurs in the new episode “The Odd Couple,” putting Riggs and Murtaugh (Clayne Crawford, Damon Wayans Sr.) on the case. Riggs also tries to revive his romance with Molly (Kristen Gutoskie), while Trish’s (Keesha Sharp) job demands make things tense at home for Murtaugh. Jordana Brewster and Kevin Rahm also star.

**“Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern”** (8 p.m., TRAVEL): There thankfully are no human sacrificial organs on the menu as Andrew Zimmern explores an ancient culture’s notion of superfoods, heirloom seeds and indigenous culinary traditions in the fascinating new episode “Aztec Routes of Mexico.” Among the fare he does sample are wild boar with native cactus, stinkbug salsa and seven-chili rabbit. Later he tries to some sweaty tacos inspired by Aztec ingredients.

**“The Mick”** (8:30 p.m., FOX): An embarrassing moment for Ben (Jack Stanton) during a sleepover brings Mickey, Alba and Jimmy (Kaitlin Olson, Carla Jimenez, Scott MacArthur) to the attempted rescue in the new episode “The Accident.” Chip (Thomas Barbusca) strikes a siblings’-night-out bargain with a reluctant Sabrina (Sofia Black-D’Elia) in return for his replacing her fake ID.

**“NCIS: New Orleans”** (9 p.m., CBS): Pride (Scott Bakula) and the team have reason for concern when a congressional aide (guest star Rachel Handler) vanishes in the new episode “Empathy.” Targeted by enemies posing as NCIS agents, she was saved from them ... by a professional killer. LaSalle (Lucas Black) has additional worries involving his brother. Melanie Nicholls-King also guest stars.

**“Another Period”** (9:30 p.m., Comedy Central): The discovery of a naughty movie featuring an appearance by Beatrice (Riki Lindhome) ignites a raging media firestorm that she finds difficult to manage in a new episode called “Sex Nickelodeon.” Elsewhere, closeted couple Victor and Albert (Brian Huskey, David Wain) make a career change and become policemen. Beth Dover also stars.

### TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Martin Short; actress Natalie Zea; comic Michael Longfellow.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Comic John Oliver; actress Lucy Hale.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Oprah Winfrey; actor Justin Hartley.\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

\* Subject to change

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	NCIS: “Handle With Care.” (N) © HD		Bull: “Absolution.” (N) © HD		NCIS: New Orleans: “Empathy.” (N) © HD		News (N) ♦
	<b>NBC</b> 5	The Voice: “The Blind Auditions, Part 4.” (N) ©		This Is Us: “This Big, Amazing, Beautiful Life.” (N)		(9:01) Chicago Med: “Folie a Deux.” (N) HD		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Bachelor: “After the Final Rose.” (N) (Live) © HD				(9:01) Kevin (Probably) Saves the World (Season Finale) (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	<b>WGN</b> 9	Blackhawks Extra (N) ©	NHL Hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Chicago Blackhawks. From the United Center in Chicago. (N) (Live) © HD					WGN News at Ten (N) ♦
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	3’s Comp. ©	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy ©	Becker ©	Coach ©
	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	True Confessions (R,’81) ** Robert De Niro. ©				Dressed to Kill (R,’80) *** © ♦		
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Mister Rogers: It’s You I Like (N) ©			Mister Rogers: It’s You I Like ©		
	<b>The U</b> 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game ©	The Game ©		Broke Girl ©	Broke Girl ©	Seinfeld ©
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith ©	Andy Griffith ©	Gomer Pyle ©	Mama’s ©	Hogan Hero ©	Hogan Hero ©	C. Burnett ©
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next ©		Star Trek: Deep Space 9 ©		Star Trek ♦
CABLE	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Living Single ©	Living Single ©	The Hurt Locker (R,’08) *** Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie. ♦				
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Lethal Weapon: “The Odd Couple.” (N) ©		LA to Vegas ©	The Mick (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Private ♦
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	<b>CW</b> 50	The Flash (N) © HD	Black Lightning (N) ©			The X-Files ©		X-Files ♦
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	<b>Univ</b> 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Por amar sin ley ©		Noticias (N)
	<b>AE</b>	The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©		Undercover High (N) ©		First 48 ♦
	<b>AMC</b>	The Green Mile (R,’99) *** Tom Hanks, David Morse. © ♦						
<b>ANIM</b>	Monster Squad: The Giant	Wild Africa: Rivers of Life: “Season of Renewal.” ©					Wild ♦	
<b>BBCA</b>	Pan (PG,’15) ** Hugh Jackman, Garrett Hedlund. ©				Pan (PG,’15) ** © ♦			
<b>BET</b>	(6) Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,’05) **				The Quad: “March.” (N)		The Quad ♦	
<b>BIGTEN</b>	♦ BTN in 60	B1G	BTN Basketball in 60 ©		B1G	B1G	B1G	
<b>BRAVO</b>	Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Bethenny (N) Bethenny &		Watch (N)	
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<b>COM</b>	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk (Sea-Period) (N)		Daily (N) ♦	
<b>DISC</b>	Moonshiners: Outlaw		Moonshiners (N) ©		(9:01) Moonshiners (N)		Shifting ♦	
<b>DISN</b>	Bunk’d ©	Bunk’d ©	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Stuck	
<b>E!</b>	Step Brothers (R,’08) ** Will Ferrell. ©				E! News ©		Step Bro ♦	
<b>ESPN</b>	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball (N)				SportCtr (N)	
<b>ESPN2</b>	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball (N)				Tennis	
<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News	
<b>FOOD</b>	Chopped ©		Chopped ©		Chopped (N) ©		Chopped ♦	
<b>FREE</b>	The Fosters (N) ©		(8:01) Matilda (PG,’96) *** Mara Wilson. ©				700 Club ♦	
<b>FX</b>	(6) Captain America: The Winter Soldier (’14) ***		Winter Soldier (’14) ***		Baskets (N)	Baskets ©	Baskets ♦	
<b>HALL</b>	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	
<b>HGTV</b>	Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Int! (N)	Hunters	
<b>HISTV</b>	Digging Deeper (N)				The Curse of Oak Island: “Amazing Discoveries.” (N)		Oak Island ♦	
<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
<b>IFC</b>	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Se7en *** ♦	
<b>LIFE</b>	Married	Married (N)			Married at First Sight (N)		Married at First Sight ♦	
<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
<b>MTV</b>	Teen Mom: Young		The Challenge: “Rumor Has It.” (N) ©		Winter Break (N) ♦			
<b>NBCSCH</b>	Pregame (N) Gymnastics: American Cup. From Chicago. (Tape)				Notre Dame		Postgame	
<b>NICK</b>	The Nut Job (PG,’14) * Voices of Will Arnett. ©				Full House	Full House	Friends ©	
<b>OVATION</b>	(6:30) Bull Durham (R,’88) *** Kevin Costner.				For Love of the Game (PG-13,’99) ***			
<b>OWN</b>	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		Oprah at the Apollo (N)		The Haves ♦	
<b>OXY</b>	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
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<b>TCM</b>	The Cobweb (NR,’55) ** Richard Widmark. ©				(9:15) Liliuth (NR,’64) *** © ♦			
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<b>TNT</b>	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Thunder (N Subject to Blackout)				Thunder (N Subject to Blackout)		Basketball (N Subject to Blackout)	
<b>TOON</b>	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy ♦	
<b>TRAV</b>	Delicious	Delicious	Bizarre Foods (N)		Bizarre Foods/Zimmern		Bizarre ♦	
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	<b>HBO2</b>	Real Time With Bill Maher	Last Week	Traffic Stop		The House (R,’17) * Will Ferrell.		
	<b>MAX</b>	Orange County (PG-13,’02) **		(8:25) Son-in-Law (PG-13,’93) *				Strike ♦
	<b>SHO</b>	♦ Eric Clapton	Homeland ©			The Chi: “Wallets.” ©		Toon Pres.
	<b>STARZ</b>	(5:18) 2012 (’09) **	Counterpart ©			(8:55) Spider-Man: Homecoming © ♦		
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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (March 6): Study, explore and discover this year. Community bonds and ties support you to pursue lucrative possibilities. Family expansion and fun this summer lead to planning and recharge phase before energized work and health.

Winter brings family and team expansion.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Your luck in love improves, with Venus in your sign for the next month. You're irresistible. Beautify your surroundings, your wardrobe and your personal style.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 5. Discover hidden beauty from the past, with Venus in Aries this month. Finish old jobs and rest peacefully. Enjoy quiet time. Keep confidences.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. You're especially popular; take advantage. Get out in public over the next month, with Venus in Aries. Social activities benefit your career. Group collaborations thrive.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Assume authority this month, with Venus in Aries. It's easier to advance your agenda. Take on greater leadership. Career advancement is distinctly possible.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Explore and discover new beauty this month, with Venus in Aries. Make travel plans and venture forth. Investigate a matter of personal passion.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. An increase in assets, income and wealth is possible this month, with Venus in Aries. Divert funds to savings. Budget expenses carefully. Invest in beauty.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Listen to your feminine intuition. Collaborations and partnerships flourish over the next month, with Venus in Aries. Things could get deliciously spicy.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Find your rhythm and move your body this month, with Venus in Aries. Discover new enthusiasm for your work. Energize your heart.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Artistic efforts work in your favor. You're especially lucky in love this month, with Venus in Aries. A powerful attraction pulls you toward someone beautiful.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Beautify your space. Your home can become your love nest over the next month, with Venus in Aries. Share domestic bliss with family and friends.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Use your charms to enchant. Creative arts provide satisfying results, with Venus in Aries. Write, publish and broadcast your message, with love.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. This month can be especially lucrative, with Venus in Aries. Develop new sources of income. Track your finances for growth. Make profitable connections.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

**North**  
 ♠ 10 9 7 6  
 ♥ A 7  
 ♦ A Q J 10 9 4 2  
 ♣ Void

**West**  
 ♠ Void  
 ♥ K Q 9 6 5 4 3  
 ♦ Void  
 ♣ A K J 9 5 3

**East**  
 ♠ Q 5 4 2  
 ♥ 10 8  
 ♦ K 7 6 5  
 ♣ 10 7 6

**South**  
 ♠ A K J 8 3  
 ♥ J 2  
 ♦ 8 3  
 ♣ Q 8 4 2

Today's deal is from a competition in India some years ago. It was the talk of the tournament. North's three-heart bid, a cue bid of West's known suit, showed a spade fit and at least invitational values. South's jump to game over this bid strikes us as remarkable. Many would not open the bidding with this hand, much less accept an invitation. West was well within himself when he bid five clubs, identifying his minor suit and his "extra" distribution. In view of South's bidding, North's jump to slam was restrained. He might have investigated seven. Just as well that he didn't — if South liked his hand after a game invitation, there's no telling what he might have done after a grand slam invite.

**The bidding:**

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣*	3♥	Pass
4♠	5♣	6♠	All pass

\*Hearts and a minor, at least 5-5  
 Opening lead: Ace of ♣

seven. Just as well that he didn't — if South liked his hand after a game invitation, there's no telling what he might have done after a grand slam invite.

What would you lead from the West hand? We think that most would choose the ace from their shorter suit rather than the king from their longer suit, but that was wrong on this deal. It took the lead of a heart honor to defeat the slam.

The play was simple after the club lead. South ruffed in dummy and ran the seven of spades, followed by a spade to jack. A diamond to dummy's spades was next, and East had to take his king or lose it. South won the heart shift in dummy and drew the remaining trumps while discarding dummy's last heart. Dummy was now high and South claimed his contract.

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



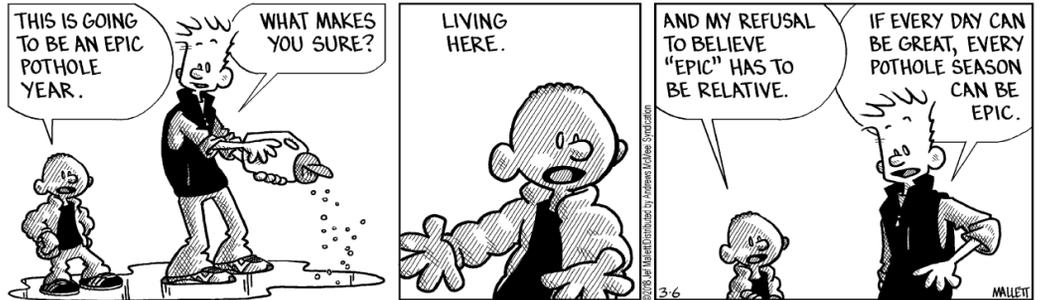
### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



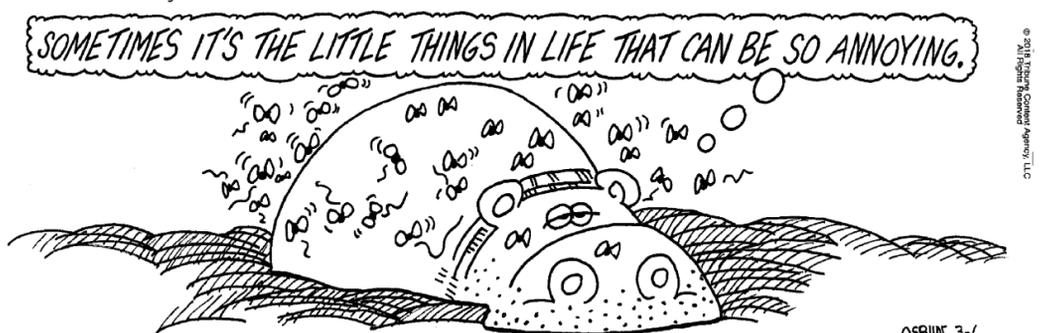
### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





