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Principal gave all to save school

Robert Croston, battling illness, fought for merger

On his first day as principal of Jenner Academy of the Arts, Robert Croston, wearing his usual bow tie, stood in a room with a few of the school's teachers and told them how happy he was.

To be here, he said, was his dream. They were his dream.

And he began to cry. "I never saw an administrator cry, much less a guy, much less somebody I don't know," said Mathias Schergen, one of the teachers in the room that day, who, as he told the story on Tuesday, also began to cry.

On Monday, at the age of 34, after many heart surgeries that had left him in a long coma, only days after the approval of a controversial school merger he had fought for, Croston died.

From the day he arrived as principal in 2014, Croston vowed to do better by the kids at Jenner, one of the last vestiges of the old Cabrini-Green housing project on the Near North Side.

As the neighborhood grew whiter and wealthier, the students had remained predominantly low-income and African-American, increasingly isolated from the world around them.

Croston was determined to give them a brighter vision of themselves and the future.

"He was very radical in ways to us," said Schergen, who taught at Jenner for 23

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Jenner Academy of the Arts Principal Robert Croston died Monday at age 34.

Trump economic aide quits

Gary Cohn on way out after losing fight over tariffs



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Gary Cohn served as director of the National Economic Council for just over 13 months.

BY DAMIAN PALETTA AND PHILIP RUCKER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's top economic adviser resigned Tuesday, leaving the White House after losing a major battle with other aides over the implementation of protectionist tariffs on steel and aluminum.

White House National Economic Council director Gary Cohn, the former president of Goldman Sachs, leaves a Trump administration that has pivoted sharply from last year's business friendly tax cuts toward a much more pro-

tectionist approach.

In the past week, Trump has said he will impose tariffs that hit imports from Canada, Germany, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Turkey, South Korea, and a range of other countries, threatening to escalate the penalties if any nation dare to retaliate.

This came after Cohn spent months trying to steer Trump away from tariffs and trade wars, with Cohn eventually being outmaneuvered by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, trade adviser Peter Navarro, and ultimately Trump himself.

Stock markets reacted negatively in after-hours

trading.

Dow futures dropped more than 350 points and S&P 500 futures slid over 1 percent after news broke of Cohn's resignation. The move could send Wall Street traders rushing to hit the "sell" button Wednesday.

"Buckle your seat belts. We are adding uncertainty which is the enemy of the markets," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thornton. "The chances of NAFTA failing also just rose."

In a statement, Cohn said it was his honor to serve in

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Foxconn Technology Group's bid for Lake Michigan water for its planned LCD factory in Mount Pleasant, Wis., is the latest test of the Great Lakes Compact, a 2008 agreement among the region's states.

Foxconn swimming in protected waters

Proposed Wisconsin factory seeks 7M gallons from lake daily

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE
Chicago Tribune

Great Lakes states are so zealous about guarding their increasingly valuable natural resource from thirsty outsiders that all eight of the region's governors had to sign off before an inland Wisconsin city was allowed to siphon water out of Lake Michigan.

Less than a year after Waukesha secured permission to withdraw more than 7 million gallons a day from the lake, Taiwan-based Foxconn Technology Group could

end up winning access to a similar amount of fresh water for its new Wisconsin factory with merely a stroke of a pen from Gov. Scott Walker, the company's chief political sponsor.

Foxconn's bid for Lake Michigan water is the latest test of the decade-old Great Lakes Compact, an agreement among the region's states intended to make it almost impossible to direct water outside the natural basin of the Great Lakes unless it is added to certain products, such as beer and soft drinks.

At issue with both Waukesha and Foxconn is an exemption that allows limited diversions outside the basin for "a group of largely residential customers that may also serve industrial, commercial, and other institutional operators."

Waukesha, a city of 70,000 west of Milwaukee, lies fully outside the basin but is within a county that straddles the meandering subcontinental divide that separates areas of the Midwest that drain into the Great Lakes from

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25 years in prison for bold swindler

While on bond, he continued to scam, tried to escape U.S.

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

Nikesh Patel was supposed to be living with his parents and helping authorities recover money for victims while he awaited sentencing for a massive \$179 million real estate fraud.

Instead, the smooth-talking Florida native was still on the take, posing as a bank executive to rip off millions more through sham loans, then blowing the money on lavish ski trips, a pricey Orlando, Fla., home, even a \$30,000 birthday bash at a Four Seasons hotel for his 1-year-old daughter, federal prosecutors alleged.

But he saved his biggest scam for last. On the day he was to be sentenced in January, Patel was arrested at a Florida airport trying to board a private jet to Ecuador, where prosecutors say he sought political asylum and planned to set up an extravagant new life for himself and his family.

It all came to a crashing end Tuesday in a federal courtroom in Chicago as Patel was sentenced to 25 years in prison for one of the most brazen swindles in recent memory, a scam that stretched from Orlando to Milwaukee and damaged hundreds of small banks

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Few, if any, Democratic voices are being raised against Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and his hatemongering.



JOHN KASS

The left remains silent on Farrakhan's hatred

The hard left is always so angry, and uses emotion to great effect in our modern politics.

And shame — through social and mainstream media voices — is the left's whip, keeping Americans in line.

Most Americans understand the penalty for thought crimes on issues ranging from traditional marriage to affirmative action to American citizenship. Say the wrong thing, write the wrong thing, even think the wrong thing, or tweet the wrong thing — in referencing positions that were mainstream only a few years ago — and you'll be publicly shamed in media. And you'll be shunned as a homophobe or a racist or ultra-nationalist and mocked and probably lose your job.

The left will see to that. And most Americans understand this.

But if you're of the left, and happen to be a Democratic Party politician, you can get away with making excuses for notorious anti-Semite and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

And when those excuses are made, the left is largely silent.

Farrakhan's hate and the left's silence are nothing new. It is part of Chicago's political landscape, an unspoken contract, and Chicago has become quite used to it. Under this arrangement, in Washington, Chicago and just about every big city, African-American politicians can cozy up to Farrakhan, and his hateful eruptions are allowed to pass beneath our notice, like a stone tossed in the Chicago River.

And if it weren't for The Daily Caller and CNN's Jake Tapper, we wouldn't have known about a particularly ugly Farrakhan eruption at his Saviours' Day 2018 address.

We also wouldn't have known about the tortured logic that some, like U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, the Chicago Democrat, use to explain their relationship with Farrakhan.

"White folks are going down. And Satan is going down. And Farrakhan, by God's grace, has pulled the cover off of that Satanic Jew and I'm here to say your time is up, your world is through," Farrakhan said in his speech.

He said other things too, but I'm not going to spread his hate here. What interests me is the silence of the left.

My barber Raffaele Raia understands this kind of silence. "*Chi tace acconsente*," says Mr. Raia. "He who is silent says yes. The silence is the consent."

Of course it is. And when it comes to Farrakhan, the left is silent. They'd rather be silent than risk being denounced by him.

The other day, The Daily Caller — a conservative news and opinion site — capitalized on the silence, and on the acquiescence of Davis, who was quoted as saying Farrakhan's views aren't a big deal.

The Daily Caller has called out others on their relationship with Farrakhan, from U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters of California to Democratic Party Vice Chairman Keith Ellison. And so far, from them and others on the left, you hear crickets.

"I'm a pretty global individual. So I know Farrakhan, I know the Middle East question, I know the Jews and Farrakhan — I know all that, but that's not what I spend all my time focused on," Davis was quoted as saying by The Daily Caller. "I know Farrakhan, been knowing him for years and years and years and years and years, and every once in a while some writer or somebody will I guess try to think of something to say about Farrakhan, but nah, my world is so much bigger than any of that. I don't have time for that. I deal with it, you know, when it comes but nah, that's not a real part of my focus."

"That's just one segment of what goes on in our world. The world is so much bigger than Farrakhan and the Jewish question and his position on that and so forth. For those heavy into it, that's their thing, but it ain't my thing," he said.

Later, Davis issued a statement condemning The Daily Caller, saying the "ultra-right propaganda site" attempted to impugn his character and "divide and separate African Americans and Jewish Americans, by portraying me as sympathetic to anti-Semitic views. ...

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Davis said in his statement, adding that he has spent his life condemning all forms of hatred and bigotry.

It was an impressive denunciation. So I called Davis' office and spoke to Ira Cohen, Davis' director of issues and communications.

I asked about something I didn't see in Davis' statement denouncing hate:

The name of Louis Farrakhan. There was silence. I thought he didn't hear me. So I asked again.

Did you hear what I said about Farrakhan not being mentioned in the statement?

"I heard what you said, yes," Cohen said.

He said he'd get back to me if Davis had anything to add. I'm not holding my breath.

Republicans quickly condemn David Duke and other haters of the hard white right. When President Donald Trump equivocated about haters on the march in Charlottesville, Va., I called him out on it, as did many conservatives.

But few, if any Democratic voices are being raised against Farrakhan. The Congressional Black Caucus certainly won't condemn him. And white Democrats aren't demanding condemnation either. They don't want to risk losing votes.

"It is so sad that if white people disapprove of somebody, we follow suit and disapprove," Farrakhan said in his Saviours' Day speech. "It's so cowardly."

But they're not saying much. They're not saying much at all.

This silence is dangerous. And it incites and gives hateful license to some on the hard right, provoking equally hateful views.

What we're witnessing is the Balkanizing of the United States. And the left's silence about Louis Farrakhan is the canary in the coal mine.

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



Giuliana Rancic never met her father-in-law, who died before she met Bill.

Rancic visits 'Hollywood Medium' to conjure spirit

Chicago restaurateur **Giuliana Rancic** tries to connect with her late father-in-law — longtime Lewis University professor **Edward Rancic** — on Wednesday's episode of "Hollywood Medium With **Tyler Henry**."

"My husband's father passed away before I met him," Rancic says as she fights back tears on the episode, which is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. on the E! network.

Rancic died of complications related to kidney cancer in 1999 at the age of 66. He was a superintendent of Palos Heights School District 128 and a faculty member at Lewis and Loyola universities.

Bill Rancic is Edward Rancic's only son. Bill and Giuliana Rancic met after he won the first season of "The Apprentice" in 2004. They wed in 2007. The couple welcomed a son — **Edward Duke Rancic** — in 2012.

Giuliana Rancic's meeting with Henry was filmed at the Roosevelt Hotel, which is where she was stationed Sunday to report on Oscars fashion for E!

Rancic, 43, co-owns River North restaurants RPM Italian and RPM Steak.

— Tracy Swartz



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago Blackhawks fan Mason Berg, 12, gets in a play fight with Blackhawks center Jonathan Toews during the team's morning skate Tuesday.

Boy becomes Blackhawk for a day

Sometimes it takes a hockey fight with a 12-year-old to help make some sense of the Blackhawks' rough season.

It was just a couple of days ago when **Jonathan Toews** — not known for mixing it up — dropped gloves with Ducks center and longtime adversary **Ryan Kesler**. "Obviously with Kesler he's been trying to instigate a lot," Toews said.

Then on Tuesday morning, Midlothian fifth-grader **Mason Berg** pulled Toews down by his jersey and gave him a few playful shots. "I'm 0-2 in the last two," Toews said with a laugh. "Mason connected with far more punches than the one I had earlier this week, so it was a little tougher today."

Toews, teammates and coaches skated with Mason, who has muscular dystrophy and was rolled onto the ice in a wheelchair, and made him an honorary Blackhawk for a day after the team received a request from Make-A-Wish Illinois. Mason and his parents also were set to attend Tuesday night's game against the Avalanche.

During practice, Mason scored on



Mason

goalie **Anton Forsberg** (his favorite part), exchanged high-fives with players and found time to prank Toews. "He was pulling tricks on me, handing me a water bottle with the screw off," Toews said. "Got a nice face wash. Apparently that was his idea too. It wasn't Seabs (Brent Seabrook) or any of the guys telling him to do that."

Asked during his "news conference" whether he's always been a practical joker, Mason smiled and said, "Kind of."

Dad **Dan Callahan** called it an "awesome" experience for his son. "We watch the games all the time together," he said.

"This is just amazing," mom **Patty Berg** added. "He's been wanting to do this. He just wants to be a Hawk so bad. And today was very special because he's always, 'Mom, can we go to the game? Mom, can we meet the guys?' So today was just a wonderful day, and it's something that he'll never ever forget and neither will I."

— Phil Thompson

Ex-Trump aide weds at Chicago City Hall

President **Donald Trump's** former campaign aide **George Papadopoulos** appeared before a Chicago judge last week.

But this time, he wasn't in trouble. He was getting married.

Papadopoulos, 30, pleaded guilty in October to making false statements to the FBI about contacts he had with the Russian government on behalf of the Trump campaign, and is cooperating with special counsel **Robert Mueller's** probe.

The Chicagoan married his sweetheart, Italian attorney **Simona Mangiante**, 34, on Friday. Cook County traffic court Judge **Marina Ammendola** presided over the City Hall wedding ceremony.

"It was very romantic, very intimate," Mangiante told Chicago Inc. in a phone interview. "It was private — just us and a couple of very special friends."

The couple celebrated at Taxim, a Greek restaurant in Wicker Park. Mangiante and Papadopoulos had been engaged for 10 months but wanted to get married as soon as possible.

"Now we are husband and wife!" a bubbling Mangiante said.

The couple plan to have a larger ceremony in Italy, once the Mueller investigation wraps up and Papadopoulos is free to travel. For now, the terms of Papadopoulos' bail and plea deal prevent him from leaving the country.

Going on a honeymoon



SIMONA MANGIANTE

Simona Mangiante and George Papadopoulos got married Friday.

"is complicated," Mangiante said. "But we anticipate a big celebration with my family."

While Papadopoulos has maintained a public silence since his indictment was unsealed, apart from occasional photographs he has posted on Twitter of himself and his then-fiancee, Mangiante has emerged as his most vociferous public defender.

After another Trump campaign worker in October attempted to downplay the significance of Papadopoulos' cooperation with Mueller by deriding him as a mere "coffee boy," Mangiante gave interviews to The Washington Post, The Guardian, ABC and CNN to stick up for her man and what she says is the important role he played in the campaign.

Court documents show that Papadopoulos told Mueller's investigators that a professor with close ties to the Russian government told him in April 2016 that Moscow had "dirt" on **Hillary Clinton** in the form of "thousands of emails."

— Kim Janssen

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Razing for CTA 'flyover' to begin

14 buildings will fall to make way for Brown Line bypass

By MARY WISNIEWSKI AND ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

The CTA this week will start knocking down buildings in the Lakeview neighborhood to make way for the controversial "flyover," an elevated bypass that agency officials say will cut down delays along a congested stretch of public transit on the North Side.

The demolition begins more than a year before the city plans to break ground on the flyover, which aims to unclog the bottleneck of Red, Brown and Purple Line trains that flow in and out of the Belmont Avenue station.

"The work we're doing is an important part of the preparation we need to accomplish to begin construction on the project next year," said Chris Bushell, the CTA's chief infrastructure officer, in an interview with reporters Tuesday.

The CTA will bulldoze 14 buildings in the area for the project — most of them before the start of the Cubs home opener on April 9. The project is part of the \$2.1 billion Red-Purple Line modernization project, which also will refurbish stations, bridges and track along a century-old corridor between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr avenues on the Red Line, which has seen a 40 percent growth in rush-hour traffic in recent years, CTA officials said. Construction is expected to start in late 2019.

The CTA has spent \$32 million on real estate acquisitions and relocation costs for the bypass, while demolition is expected to cost an additional \$3 million.

The planned flyover calls for a bypass that would take Brown Line trains above Red and Purple Line tracks north of the busy Belmont station.

Currently, Brown Line trains have to take the cross tracks of other lines before they can proceed north, forcing Red and Purple Line trains to wait.

The CTA says the flyover will allow it to run up to 15 more trains per hour in one direction on the three lines during the afternoon rush and up to 12 more morning trains, cutting delays and overcrowding up and down the line, said spokeswoman Tammy Chase.

Currently, the most the agency can do is 40 to 44 trains per hour in one direction on the Red, Purple and Brown Line tracks, Chase said.

The exact day when the demolition will start this week was not yet known. CTA officials said they plan to knock down 10 buildings this month — before opening day at Wrigley Field. Those include five buildings on the west side of Wilton Avenue, between 3240 and 3252 N. Wilton, four on Clark Street, includ-



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Workers put up a tarp wind screen Tuesday behind construction fencing along the 3200 block of North Wilton Avenue, where five buildings will be razed.



CTA RENDERING

The "flyover" project will allow Brown Line trains to pass over the Red and Purple Line tracks at the busy Belmont Avenue station in Lakeview.

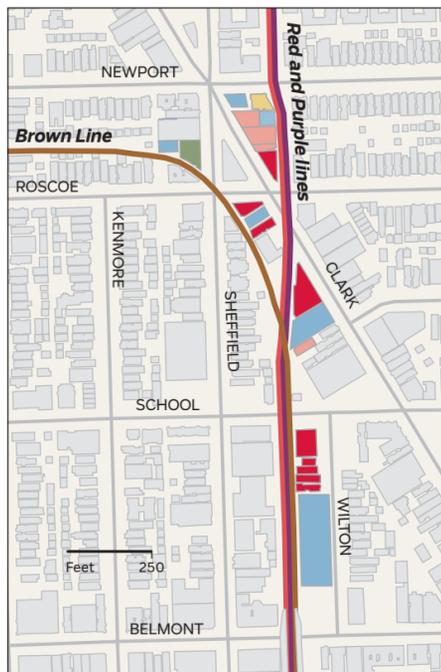
Demolition begins for CTA project

The CTA plans to knock down 14 buildings to make way for its elevated bypass of the Brown Line over the Red and Purple lines. More than half of the buildings will be demolished before Cubs season begins, with the rest scheduled to be removed in the fall.

- KEY:**
- Demolition beginning this month
 - Demolition beginning after Cubs season in fall 2018
 - Areas with no buildings
 - Building being partially demolished
 - Building being moved to adjacent site

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ing 3334-3344, 3346-3348, 3366 and 3401-3407 N. Clark, plus 947 W. Roscoe St.

Scheduled for fall demolition are four other buildings on Clark, including 3328, 3413, 3415-3419 and

3421. In addition to the 14 buildings the CTA is contracting to have torn down,

another property on Sheffield has been partially demolished by its owner. Two parcels acquired for the project are vacant lots, and another is a surface lot. The historic Vautravers building at 947-949 W. Newport Ave. will be relocated by the CTA, rather than demolished.

The flyover idea has proved controversial, with some Lakeview residents saying it will hurt the character of the neighborhood.

"We think it's a crazy idea," said Ellen Hughes, a Lakeview resident and head of a neighborhood coalition that tried to stop the flyover project. "We fought as hard as we could and we lost."

Hughes, who has lived in the neighborhood for three decades, said the proposed changes will have a negligible effect on commute times. "To take 20 to 30 seconds off the best ride on the 'L' currently, they're gonna tear up the heart of Lakeview," Hughes said.

Demolishing some of these structures would "irreparably" damage the community, and change its visual and economic character, said Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago, an advocacy group.

"We're not out to save every old building, but we're out to save buildings with historical or architectural significance," Miller said. "We can't leave a big scar on this urban landscape and this historic district."

Both Hughes and Miller agreed that the CTA has been responsive and sensitive to community concerns.

The CTA has acquired all the buildings it needs for

The CTA says the flyover will allow it to run up to 15 more trains per hour in one direction on the three lines during the afternoon rush and up to 12 more morning trains.

the project, and they are all vacant, Bushell said. The agency is still working to acquire other buildings for the remainder of the Red-Purple Line modernization, farther north.

Bushell said the CTA has been meeting with neighbors in the area, who were "rightly concerned" about the effects of the demolition.

He noted that some neighbors have commercial interests in the Cubs season and wanted to minimize disruption.

"We're working with them to minimize the impacts of demolition and utility relocation, as any responsible owner would," Bushell said. He said the impact to the public way will be "minimal."

A contract for construction on the flyover will be awarded at the end of the year, and work begun a year after that, Bushell said.

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Chicago sues drug distributors over opioid crisis

City lawsuit targets 3 companies to be held accountable

By BILL RUTHHART
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Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration has filed a lawsuit against the nation's three largest opioid distributors, alleging they unlawfully circulated the addictive narcotics in Chicago.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court late Monday, is against AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp., Cardinal Health Inc. and McKesson Corp., which the city said account for about 90 percent of all revenues from prescription drug distribution and dominate the

wholesale market in Chicago.

"These companies have a responsibility under state and federal law to exercise due diligence to prevent the illicit distribution of pharmaceuticals and yet they failed to reject or report suspicious orders and placed profits over public health," Edward Siskel, the city's top attorney, said in a statement. "We are filing this suit to hold them accountable."

The lawsuit against the distributors comes after the city filed suit against opioid manufacturers in 2014. That lawsuit has been combined with others from local governments around the country and the case is ongoing, according to the

city's Law Department.

The local lawsuits are part of a wave of civil cases that governments across the country have filed in federal and state courts against pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. Many of the suits have followed a 2007 settlement, in which Purdue Pharma agreed to pay the federal government \$635 million for misbranding OxyContin. Cook, DuPage, Kane, Will McHenry and Lake counties filed a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers in December.

In 2016, 1,091 people died in Cook County of an overdose involving opioids, a 70 percent increase over 2015. Government figures released in December showed

U.S. drug overdose deaths rose by 21 percent in 2016, and for the second consecutive year, lowered Americans' life expectancy.

"The oversupply of these highly potent and highly addictive painkillers has led to a dramatic rise in drug addiction and overdose in communities across the nation," Emanuel said in a statement. "Chicago is continuing our legal fight to end irresponsible practices and hold companies accountable for their deceptive actions that cause serious damage to individuals, families and neighborhoods, and has helped fuel the heroin epidemic in Chicago."

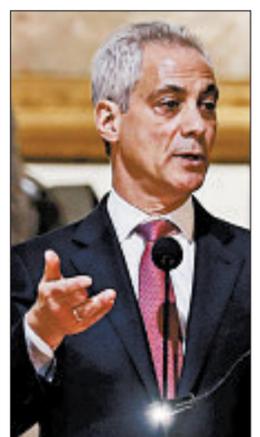
Last year, the city's Health Department began

spending \$700,000 per year on opioid addiction treatment and services, launching a website www.overcomeopioids.com as a hub for resources. The city also has stepped up its licensing of pharmaceutical representatives, with those licensing fees going to pay for the addiction services.

AmerisourceBergen said it has halted thousands of potentially suspicious orders and is dedicated to lessening "the diversion of these drugs without interfering with clinical decisions made by doctors."

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Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a statement that "irresponsible practices" fueled Chicago's heroin epidemic.

Slaying suspect appears for court from hospital

Bond lowered for student accused of killing parents

BY MATTHEW WALBERG
Chicago Tribune

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — A college student from the Chicago area who is accused of gunning down his parents in his Michigan dorm appeared alternately relaxed and confused during his first court hearing Tuesday.

James Eric Davis Jr. appeared via video from his hospital bed for the hearing in Isabella County court, where his bond for murder and gun charges was lowered to \$1.125 million from \$3 million.

Davis, 19, has been hospitalized since he was found after midnight Saturday, about 16 hours after authorities said his parents — James Eric Davis Sr. and Diva Davis — were shot to death in their son's dorm at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

The family lived in the Plainfield area and the younger Davis was a 2016 graduate of Plainfield Central High School. His father was a police officer in west suburban Bellwood, and his mother was in real estate.

Reclining in bed behind his attorney and wearing a hospital gown, Davis Jr. absentmindedly fidgeted with his mustache during Tuesday's court hearing. When the judge asked Davis if he understood the proceedings, he looked confused and asked: "Can ... can ... can ... can you repeat that?" When asked again after a second explanation, he paused and then said he did understand.

Prosecutors asked that Davis' bond remain at \$3 million and that he be required to put up the entire amount in cash in order to be released while awaiting trial. Prosecutor Mark Kowalczyk noted the severity of the allegations and that Davis is not from Michigan.

"It goes without saying how serious (the charges are), and as a result the defendant would be a flight risk," Kowalczyk said.

Davis' appointed defense attorney, Josh Blanchard, countered that Davis has no criminal record and said that "setting a \$3 million cash bond is the equivalent of denying bond for a 19-year-old college student."

The judge, Paul Chamberlain, then set bond at \$500,000 for each of the two murder charges and \$125,000 for the weapons charge and said Davis could post the full amount in cash or a surety bond.

Authorities have said that Davis was seen acting erratically the day before the shooting and was hospitalized that day, possibly related to drug use. His parents came to campus to pick him up from the hospital and were packing up some of his things in his dorm room when, authorities said, Davis Jr. fatally shot his parents with a gun belonging to his father. A large manhunt ensued and campus activities were halted.

In court Tuesday, when consenting to waiving his rights to a speedy pretrial hearing, Davis was asked if he was under the influence of any substance, including prescription drugs. He responded no.

Through an attorney, the Davis family released a statement to "express their love and support" for the suspect, whom they referred to as Eric Jr. The statement said the family wanted him "to know that he has not been abandoned."

"Further, they want it known that Eric Junior is their main focus," the statement said.

The school announced Monday that normal campus operations would resume, though the college is on spring break this week.

Central Michigan sophomore Mattie Barber said she had just clocked into work at Bovee University Center on campus Friday morning when she and co-workers began hearing reports of shots fired at Campbell Hall, about a mile away.

Barber, of Mount Pleas-



Davis Sr.



Diva Davis

"I think initially we were all pretty scared, but after a while we all just kind of wanted to go home," she said.

Tuesday was her first day back on campus since, she said.

"It felt strange, surreal. I just couldn't believe it was happening here," she said.

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James Eric Davis Jr., seen in a still image, appears for a court hearing Tuesday through a video feed. He is accused of killing his parents in his Central Michigan University dorm.

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Retired cop charged with theft

Elgin officer accused of stealing \$34,000 from police union

BY JANELLE WALKER
The Courier-News

A retired Elgin police sergeant was indicted Tuesday on charges he stole more than \$34,000 from the Elgin police union.

Bill Wood, 50, is accused of embezzling money from Elgin Police Benevolent and Protective Association Unit 54, of which he was treasurer and president from 2007 to 2013, law enforcement officials said at a news conference announcing the Kane County grand jury indictment.

An arrest warrant for felony theft has been issued for Wood, who lives out of

state, Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. His bail has been set at \$30,000.

Wood retired in August after the union discovered financial irregularities in its accounts and asked the Elgin Police Department to investigate, police Chief Jeff Swoboda said at the news conference.

According to a prepared release, the union notified the police department "there was a situation involving a suspicious transaction from the union bank account. This prompted a review, during which financial documents were obtained and analyzed and additional discrepancies were uncovered."

The information was forwarded to McMahon's office, which then sought an indictment from the

grand jury.

Wood worked for the Elgin Police Department for 25 years and oversaw technical investigations at the time of his retirement. He is expected to turn himself in on the charges and be released on \$3,000 bond, officials said. His next court date is pending, McMahon said.

A judge would have to give Wood permission to travel if he plans to return to where he is currently living between court appearances, he said. The missing funds were from union dues and fundraising efforts, Swoboda said. McMahon would not disclose how the money was obtained or spent.

Wood is not the first Elgin police officer to be



Wood

criminally charged. Former Deputy Chief Bob Beeter pleaded to felony identity theft in 2015 after it was shown he was having a relationship with another officer's wife and hacked into that officer's email. And former Animal Control Officer James Rog pleaded to a misdemeanor theft charge in 2016 after he was accused of taking about \$6,000 from the department's youth Police Explorer program.

Swoboda said he was "disgusted" that an Elgin officer was accused of stealing money. "Being a police officer is difficult enough," he said. "We are trying to make sure people realize we are the good guys. Allegations counter to that make our job that

much more difficult."

Swoboda also noted the department alerted residents to the investigation in August via its Facebook page in an effort to be aboveboard on the case.

"Despite the personal shortcoming of one officer, the Elgin Police Department performed professionally, conducted a thorough investigation and held a former police officer to the same standards and expectations as any other citizens accused of wrongdoing," McMahon said.

The pension board will be notified of the charges to determine if Wood's retirement income will be affected by the charges or a conviction, McMahon said.

Janelle Walker is a freelance reporter for The Courier-News.

Kennedy calls for pension divestment

Candidate wants state portfolio to drop gun-makers

BY KIM GEIGER
Chicago Tribune

Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy on Tuesday called for state pension funds to pull investments in gun and ammunition companies, and he criticized primary rival state Sen. Daniel Biss for not raising the idea first.

Standing outside the Thompson Center near where Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer was gunned down three weeks ago, Kennedy said state government employees including lawmakers undermine efforts to "stem the flow" of weapons because their retirement money is invested in index funds that include firearm company holdings.

"Just like a budget is a reflection of an organization's values, so too is an investment portfolio a reflection of an organization's morality," Kennedy said. "Our government should not be using one hand to stem the flow of illegal guns into our communities and at the same time using the other hand to subsidize the gun businesses by investing in them."

The Kenilworth developer and son of Robert F. Kennedy, who was shot to death during his 1968 run for the presidency, recently has focused some attacks on Biss. The two candidates are fighting for position in the race against billionaire entrepreneur and J.B. Pritzker, who has led recent polls.

Kennedy said Biss should have called on the Illinois State Board of Investment to divest from gun and ammunition holdings at some point during his time as a member of the General Assembly.

The board is responsible for managing the assets of three major state pension funds, including the General Assembly Retirement System. The board's annual report for 2016, the most current report available on its website, lists several weapon-makers among its portfolios of investments, including Connecticut-based firearm-maker Sturm, Ruger & Co. and Virginia-based ammunition manufacturer Olin Corp.

"Biss has been in Springfield for seven years and has done way too little to be a responsible steward of his own investments and the investments of the people of the state of Illinois," Kennedy said.

Biss campaign spokesman Tom Elliott dismissed the critique as "just another ridiculous political stunt."

But he said Biss would support the divestment from gun and ammunition makers, "just like he supports divesting the pension funds from dirty energy."

That was a reference to a separate divestment call that Biss made in January, in response to a Sun-Times report that identified companies linked to defense, tobacco and oil interests among the investments disclosed on Kennedy's economic interest statement.

"We're still waiting for Pritzker and Kennedy's response to that issue," Elliott said. He also noted that Biss has sponsored or co-sponsored seven gun control bills, including the dealer licensing bill that lawmakers recently sent to Rauner.

Meanwhile, Kennedy launched a new TV ad that begins with Robert Kennedy saying, "Few will have the greatness to bend history" as a narrator cuts in to say, "Chris Kennedy's father fought for civil rights, equality and fairness."

It returns to Robert Kennedy saying, "All of these acts will be written in the history of this generation," before the narrator says, "Today, the fight lives on in Chris' campaign for governor, to take on a broken political system."

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The Palatine Village Council voted to deny permits to Matthew Ligda that would have sanctioned a treehouse he and his two sons partially built.

Palatine officials tell man to tear down treehouse

BY JOHN KEILMAN
Chicago Tribune

Matthew Ligda was looking for an experience he could share with his sons. He got one, all right.

Last summer, the Palatine homeowner and his boys designed and began building a treehouse, a backyard amenity that echoed back to the one Ligda enjoyed when he was a kid growing up in rural Indiana.

This one, though, was a little different. It was 19 feet tall at its highest point, with a slanted ceiling high enough to accommodate bunk beds.

"One of the ideas we had was to make it so the boys could stay out overnight if

they wanted to," Ligda said. "They like camping in the backyard, and we thought it would be a fun thing."

But the treehouse was clearly visible from the street, and about three months after Ligda and his sons started construction, complaints arose.

Thus began the treehouse's undoing — a trip through the thickets of zoning law that ended Monday with the Village Council ordering Ligda to take down the structure.

Palatine officials had told the family that the treehouse, classified as an "accessory structure," was too tall and too close to the property line, and therefore required a variance.

That came as a surprise,

Ligda said. An attorney, he had looked through Palatine's code and saw nothing governing treehouses. He had also talked with nearby neighbors and heard no objections, he said.

But as the first step approached, a February zoning board of appeals hearing, emails and petitions poured in. One couple said the treehouse possessed "an imposing presence." Neighbors across the street said it would harm property values. Others simply called it an eyesore.

"The objection was the fact that it was extremely large, elevated, would be like a shed and was directly visible from the street," said Rick Larson, who lives a few houses away.

Ligda's sons, 12 and 14, spoke at the hearing, saying they had been excited to work on the project with their dad and planned to do their homework in the treehouse. A next-door neighbor lent his support, saying the local kids were excited for the half-built structure to be finished.

The board wasn't persuaded, though, voting to deny the permits even though board members sympathized with the idea of a father-son project. The Village Council had the final say and Monday night voted to reject the project. Ligda was given 30 days to take down what he had built.

Ligda said he might be able to salvage the project

by bringing it closer to the ground, making it more of an "elevated shed" and less of a treehouse, but he wasn't enamored with the idea. He said he would respect the board's decision and take it down — joined by the sons who helped put it up and fought for it to stay.

"It's always an education to see how the process works," Ligda said. "For that purpose, I think it was a good experience for them to have gone to the zoning board and stated their case. We're trying to stay positive about it — enjoy the work we've done together and use it as a learning experience."

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A felon and rare feline

Lynxie, a bobcat, found in industrial park office with cat toys, large litter box nearby, handguns and ammo, according to police

BY HOWARD LUDWIG
Daily Southtown

A bobcat named "Lynxie" lived, surrounded by cat toys, with a convicted felon in an industrial park office in Orland Park until Feb. 28, officials said.

That is when police arrested Philip Giese and seized the bobcat after receiving a tip that Giese had guns in the office in the 7000 block of West 157th Street, officials said. Lynxie was found in a 6-by-6-foot room, according to Cmdr. Tony Farrell, of the Orland Park police.

"There were no signs that (the owner or owners) were abusing the cat in any way," Farrell said Monday. "But I'm sure there are better places for a bobcat to be than inside of an office in an industrial park."

Officers arrested Giese, 41, after finding two loaded handguns along with 100 rounds of ammunition, according to reports. Drug

paraphernalia also was seized in the search along with suspected narcotics that were sent to a crime lab for identification, police said.

Giese was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon, officials said. He also was cited for alleged possession of a wild animal.

It is unclear if Giese was the sole owner of the animal and how long they both lived in the facility, police said. Giese's bond was set at \$25,000, and his next court hearing is scheduled for March 28 in Bridgeview, police said.

The animal was taken by Illinois Department of Natural Resources officers and is being cared for while investigators determine the owner of the large cat that appears to have been declawed.

In their tip, police said they were first told the animal was a traditional domestic cat named Simba

— a reference to the character in Disney's "The Lion King."

Farrell said he thinks the phony name may have been meant to disguise the bobcat as a common house cat.

Lynxie was found with several cat toys, and it appears the animal was allowed to roam the storefront, police said. A large litter box was found outside the office along with a carpeted climbing tree for cats, Farrell said.

It's uncommon but not illegal to own a bobcat in Illinois, according to Jennifer Kuroda, of the Illinois Bobcat Foundation.

Kuroda launched the Lake Forest-based foundation to oppose legislation passed last year that legalized bobcat hunting in Illinois.

Kuroda said a quick Google search can find bobcat breeders who sell kittens for about \$1,700 each. Such sales are legal in Montana and elsewhere. In Illinois, an individual with a special permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture can own a bobcat.

Giese did not have such a



ORLAND PARK POLICE

A bobcat named Lynxie was found Feb. 28 living in an office within an industrial park in Orland Park.

permit, according to Farrell.

"I don't know that I would recommend (bobcats) in your home," said Kuroda, noting that the animals can be quite destructive compared with traditional house cats.

She specifically pointed to Boris, a wildcat now living at the Wildlife Discovery Center in Lake Forest. He was originally purchased by a couple who had a circus routine with several dogs. After a year, they decided they could no longer keep the bobcat as part of their act.

Boris now lives at the sanctuary and is larger than

most wild bobcats. Kuroda hopes for a similar life ahead for Lynxie, as bobcats who come in contact with humans at a young age are unable to survive in the wild.

The IDNR would not respond to a request for more information about the bobcat found in Orland Park.

But Farrell said he is unaware of any plans to euthanize the animal and believes Lynxie will eventually wind up in some type of sanctuary.

"It is in the hands of professionals right now. They are taking care of it," he said.



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Periodic lane closings on I-94 to start

Ongoing repairs begin Friday, will last several months

News-Sun

Beginning this weekend, motorists should expect lane closings on the Tri-State Tollway through northern and central Lake County for a period of several months, transportation officials have announced.

Starting Friday and scheduled to be concluded by Memorial Day, the roadwork will begin on a stretch between Russell Road and Grand Avenue, and then switch to a second phase between Grand and Half Day Road, according to the Illinois Tollway.

The ongoing repairs scheduled for March through May will require weekday and weekend closings for placement and curing of concrete roadway patches. All work is weather-dependent.

The repair work on Interstate 94 will begin with lane closures scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday involving two eastbound lanes between Russell and Grand, including two eastbound open-road tolling lanes through the Waukegan Toll Plaza, officials said.

In addition, at 7 p.m. Friday, two westbound lanes also are scheduled to close, including one westbound open-road tolling lane at the toll plaza. Lane reductions will remain in place in both directions through the weekend.

On Monday, one lane in both directions is scheduled to reopen by 5 a.m., and a single lane closing in both directions is scheduled to remain in place for weekday traffic over the next two weeks. Additional weekend lane closings will be put in place again March 16, with two lanes in both directions, including open-road tolling lanes through the Waukegan Toll Plaza, closed again throughout the following



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Repair work on Interstate 94 north of Grand Avenue in Gurnee is scheduled to start Friday.

weekend.

The phased road work between Russell and Half Day roads will include roadway improvements and pavement patching, as well as lighting and drainage work and shoulder repairs.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to lane closings, traffic patterns and work zone speed limits.

According to a statement released Tuesday by tollway officials, the extended lane closings are needed to provide a work zone. In addition to providing a safe work zone for construction workers and drivers, officials said the extended closing of the lanes will allow repair work to be completed in "half the time."

Once roadway repairs are completed between Russell and Grand, additional pavement work between Grand and Half Day is scheduled to begin and continue with lane closures through Memorial Day.

The Illinois Tollway's repair work is being coordinated with the Illinois Department of Transportation and Lake County, as well as local municipalities, fire and police departments. Up to 160,000 vehicles use segments of this roadway daily, according

to officials.

The statement added that the repairs are necessary to extend the life of the roadway and provide safe and convenient travel for tollway customers. The work is part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion capital program called "Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future."

Tollway officials said the agency is "committed to ensuring that the north end of the Tri-State Tollway remains safe for both drivers and workers during construction, which is part of the agency's overall commitment to roadway safety."

"A 55 mph work zone speed limit will be in effect in areas with construction on I-94," the statement added.

"Work zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7, and drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present."

"In addition, the Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the 'Move Over Law' requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down."

According to the statement, the minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$375, and posted signs advise drivers of a \$10,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker. Tollway officials report that penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine and a two-year suspension of driving privileges, and jail time in extreme cases.

For more information, visit the Tollway's Work Zone Safety page at illinois.tollway.com.

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Madigan issues warning to Dems on harassment

Speaker: 'I want to be crystal clear' on relationships

By **MONIQUE GARCIA** AND **BILL LUKITSCH**
Chicago Tribune



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Speaker Michael Madigan told lawmakers to keep relationships with staffers "strictly professional."

tions of power over them."

"This dynamic is ripe for potential harassment. I expect each of you to treat staff with respect and keep your relationships strictly professional. If I become aware of any complaints against a member by staff, or another member, I will personally get involved to put an end to it," Madigan said.

Madigan has come under fire in recent weeks for his handling of misconduct allegations at the Capitol and in his political organization. He parted ways with two key political operatives following accusations of sexual harassment and bullying, and has faced calls to step down from his post as speaker and as head of the Illinois Democratic Party.

During a Friday debate, Democratic governor candidate Chris Kennedy declared he wouldn't want any of his three daughters to intern in Springfield.

On Feb. 12, Madigan announced he had dismissed longtime political worker Kevin Quinn, the brother of 13th Ward Ald. Marty Quinn.

The move came about three months after campaign worker Alaina Hampton sent the speaker a letter accusing Kevin Quinn of sexual harassment.

Hampton shared text messages with the Tribune

that detailed a relentless series of romantic entreaties from Kevin Quinn, who she said was her supervisor.

About a week later, Shaw Decremer — a lobbyist, former Madigan staffer and top campaign worker — departed over what one lawmaker labeled abusive actions during House Democratic races.

Since then, Madigan has named Comptroller Susana Mendoza, U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos of Moline and state Rep. Carol Ammons of Urbana to examine the future of women in the Democratic Party.

The group has requested independence, and some lawmakers have called for an outside investigation of Madigan's handling of various complaints.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat leading that charge, said Tuesday that she plans to discuss with female lawmakers in the coming days proposals she received from legal groups about how to do that.

Cassidy said she wasn't sure what prompted Madigan's latest message, saying, "He just read it to us in that measured, deliberate tone of his."

Others said they interpreted it as a stern warning from Madigan as he tries to move ahead on the issue. Madigan repeatedly has said he has no intentions to step aside.

Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a Chicago Democrat who serves on Madigan's leadership team, said the comments were "a very strong statement about a level of professionalism that he expects."

"I believe it is a step in the right direction, a clarification, if you will," Feigenholtz said.

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Robert Croston fought to save dying school

Principal, from Page 1

years.

A tall, rangy man, Croston constantly walked around the school, popped in and out of classrooms. He invited visitors to tour the big, orange-brick building, which, though half-empty inside, to many outsiders appeared like an impenetrable fortress.

Instead of sequestering himself in his office, he often did his work sitting in a hallway, which allowed him to keep an eye on kids and be available for conversation with teachers.

With an energy bolstered, according to his wife's description on a GoFundMe page, by advanced degrees from Harvard University, Dominican University and the University of Chicago, he preached his philosophy of "N.E.S.T.": Be Neighborly. Stay Engaged. Be Scholarly. Use Teamwork.

His approach might have been perceived as high-brow, but it wasn't, not among the many teachers and staff eager to feel that Jenner was more than a dying school in a gentrifying neighborhood.

"The best thing that could have happened to Mr. Croston is that he inherited a building of middle-aged women," said Tara Stamps, a longtime teacher from a well-known Cabrini family.

Whereas a younger staff might have balked, she said, "We didn't have the time to not like his fancy degrees. It was kind of like your best friends and your aunts and your big sisters — we wanted him to be successful. All he had to do was be Rob and share the vision and create space and capacity for people to be excellent."

Croston was a spiritual man, who with his wife, Sheena, led the children's ministry at a church, and at Jenner, a teacher who came to him with a spiritual problem might leave with a verse of Scripture to ponder.

Describing himself on his Twitter page, he wrote:

"Friend of God. Husband to Sheena. Chicago Principal. Cheesehead for life. Justice for all just ain't specific enough."

In addition to academics, he emphasized community.

During his tenure, boys who behaved well were invited for overnight gatherings at the school, where they could play basketball. Girls had all-night pajama parties. There were dances for fathers and daughters, mothers and sons. The whole school went to see "Hidden Figures," a movie about black female mathematicians who worked at NASA.

"He brought joy," Stamps said.

Still, Croston worried about the dwindling population at Jenner, so when a new principal arrived at nearby Ogden International School — predominantly white, wealthier, overcrowded — Croston got in touch.

"He said, 'Congratulations. There's this idea floating around about merging our two schools,'" Ogden Principal Michael Beyer recounted. "Whenever you get settled, give me a call."

It took awhile, but Croston and Beyer eventually set out together to make the merger happen.

"When he was growing up in Milwaukee, which was, amazingly, more segregated than Chicago," Beyer said, "his mother got him into a private school on the other side of town — more integrated, kids from all over. He recognized that that opened doors to him. He thought it was abysmal that here we are in the second decade of the 2000s, and we still have this school of 200 poor black kids in the heart of Chicago just blocks from this school that had this fabulous curriculum."

Stamps remembers the call she got from Croston before the first community meeting about the merger.

"I was on my way to the nail shop, he called me and said, 'You think you can join me at this meeting with the

Ogden parents?" she said. "On a Saturday?" she thought.

She went. "Because I supported Mr. Croston," she said, "even though the idea made us all uncomfortable."

That first meeting, she said, was "ugly," and in fact, resistance to the merger, especially from Ogden parents, stalled the process.

"It became too contentious," Beyer said, "and we had to back off it and just focus on being principals."

In the meantime, Croston was developing a reputation as an up-and-coming principal who insisted on the need for more black men as educators so that black boys could see men they might one day resemble. One of the people he impressed was Janice Jackson, now the CEO of Chicago Public Schools.

"Whenever you encountered Rob Croston," she said, "you encountered someone who was unapologetically optimistic about this work and made you believe it was doable." Eventually, after a group of Jenner and Ogden parents got together and pushed, even the merger seemed doable.

But by the time the school board approved the merger last week, Croston had been ill for a long time.

Like his mother, he had developed Marfan syndrome, a disorder of the connective tissues, which ultimately led to his death.

Part of Croston's legacy will be the story of what he was willing to sacrifice for the betterment of his students.

Like many others, Eve Ewing, a Chicago writer and scholar who met him in a course on race, class and inequality at Harvard, had warned him that the merger could cost him his job.

"He said, 'I can get another job,'" Ewing said. "What I want is for my kids to have the best education they can get. Come hell or high water, he was going to do right by the kids."

And he did. "His spirit is in every nook and cranny of this building," Stamps said. "His imprint is all over this community."

And if his dream of doing right by the kids will have to come to fruition without him?

"It could be seen as eerie," she said, "or as ironic or as God's will, that the merger was announced last week. It was like he hung around just long enough to see that his work was done."

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Acting superintendent likely pick for Griffith schools chief

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Michele Riise is a step closer to the top job of the Griffith, Ind., schools.

The school board will hold a public meeting Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a three-year contract for Riise. She has worked as Griffith's acting superintendent since November.

A vote on her contract is expected the following week, said board President Leah Dumezich.

Dumezich said she has been impressed with Riise's leadership during her short tenure, including her role developing a five-year strategic plan through 2023.

"I think that Michele has a great deal of compassion for our students and our educators," she said. "I think she has the energy and the drive to lead us to

be the best."

Riise's selection fits with Griffith's ambitions to become an A-rated district under the state's accountability system, Dumezich said.

Dumezich said the board wants its schools to be the draw for new families. The core of Griffith's strategic plan is better professional development for staff and teachers, she said.

Riise's tentative contract includes a \$4,500 incentive bonus if the district gets an A-rating, or a \$5,500 bonus if every school receives an A in the same year. The district got a B-rating in 2016-17.

Riise's tentative three-year contract — running to March 21, 2021 — includes a \$135,000 annual salary.

Riise, 51, joined Griffith as an assistant superintendent last year.

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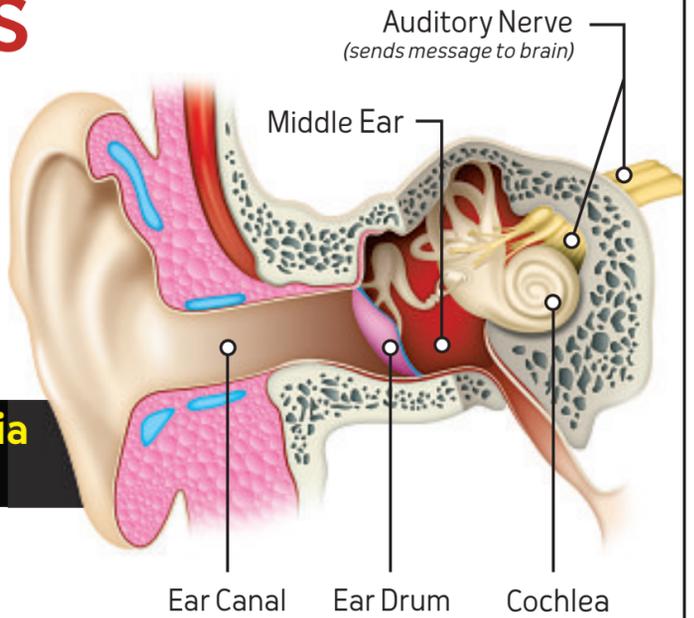
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Financial scammer tried to flee U.S.

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and municipal investment portfolios in its wake.

In handing down the stiff punishment, U.S. District Judge Charles Kocoras said it was the largest financial fraud case he'd overseen in nearly four decades on the bench. The judge marveled at the brazenness of a scheme that involved so many lies, phony documents and other moving parts that "most mere mortals" would never even conceive of attempting it.

"There's a certain diabolical genius to what he did here," Kocoras said.

The judge also blasted Patel for his botched plot to escape to Ecuador, saying he "turned his back" on the United States by requesting political asylum there just because he didn't want to own up to his mistakes.

"It's a little insulting," Kocoras said. "His (U.S.) citizenship was the gift of his birth, yet he's so quick to throw it away because he doesn't want to face the piper."

Patel, 34, of Windermere, Fla., admitted in 2016 in a plea agreement with prosecutors that as CEO of the Florida-based First Farmers Financial LLC, he orchestrated the sale of 26 sham loans to Milwaukee investment firm Pennant Management for \$179 million.

As part of the scheme, Patel submitted false documents to Pennant showing a portion of the loans were guaranteed by the federal government under a program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In fact, all 26 loans were fabricated and had no actual borrower, no pre-existing loan and no government guarantee, according to Patel's plea.

Patel used the cash to fund ill-fated hotel projects in Illinois and Florida as well as his own lifestyle, according to prosecutors. He owned a Rolls Royce, a Lamborghini and other luxury vehicles, wore custom suits and jewelry, and jetted all over the world, including multiple trips to Panama, where he "blew off steam" and visited brothels, prosecutors said in a recent court filing.

The fraud had a ripple effect in Illinois. The Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund, or IMET, a west suburban investment fund popular with local governments and school and park districts, lost more than \$50 million in funds it had invested with Pennant.

In all, more than 200 Chicago-area municipal-



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Nimesh Patel used some of the money he stole to fund a lavish lifestyle, including ski trips and a pricey home in Orlando, Fla.

ities, school districts, park districts and other public entities, including River Forest District 90, Oak Park District 97 and the villages of Oak Park and River Forest, were exposed to the fraud because they invested tax dollars with IMET, the Tribune has reported.

In an effort to reduce the amount of prison time he would ultimately face, Patel convinced Kocoras a year ago to allow him to remain free on bond while awaiting sentencing, purportedly so he could help authorities recoup money for his victims.

Instead, Patel was plotting all along to escape the country with his family, according to federal prosecutors.

After Patel's arrest, FBI agents found documents — some dated before he even pleaded guilty — detailing his elaborate plan for an extravagant new life, including luxury vehicles, a million-dollar home in the suburbs of Quito, a private chef and an English-language school for his four daughters, court records show.

In one document found

on his laptop, Patel wrote that if he left by private plane, authorities would have no way to know he was gone until it was too late. He planned to tell his attorney and federal prosecutors that he was "going to rehab or a meditation camp for a week, this way they do not suspect anything by my phone being shut off," according to a copy of the document filed in court records.

"I may even use a different name to leave," he wrote. "The only people I have to tell is the pilot so he can document his flight log."

Even as Patel plotted his escape, he was orchestrating a new fraud, according to prosecutors. Last year, Patel posed as a vice president of Banco do Brasil using the alias "Ron Elias" and sold more than \$19 million in bogus loans to investors in Iowa, even creating a phony website and email to help convince the victims the loans were legitimate, prosecutors alleged.

When FBI agents confronted Patel at the Kissimmee Gateway Airport near Orlando on Jan. 6, he was

carrying a document that laid out his plan to use the ill-gotten assets to buy \$30 million in diamonds from a merchant in Dubai, court records show. The document, which was titled "What we are doing," appeared to be written to an unidentified person aiding him in the escape attempt.

"I have got my final asylum approval and need to move things along and cannot just sit around here and wait any longer," court records quoted Patel as writing. "I managed to get a few more dollars (don't ask how) so as of today, I have a total of \$35MM in 'dirty' money."

The document went on to detail how Patel was finalizing the purchase of a 104-carat "fancy dark" diamond — "one of the rarest diamonds in the world and very sought after," he wrote — through a merchant he trusted in Dubai, according to the court records.

Patel's plan included placing that diamond as well as three or four others purchased from the same merchant into a safe-deposit box "until we decide to liquidate them," the docu-

ment said. He wrote that using diamonds to hide the source of his money was "the cleanest way to do the transaction, kill any trace, and cover everyone."

"Legit stones are being bought and the 'trace' ends there," he wrote.

In asking for a sentence of 30 years, Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick King said Tuesday that "everything (Patel) has told the court ... is likely an outright fraud."

"Wherever this defendant goes, whatever he does, he leaves a wake of financial destruction behind him," King said.

Patel's attorney, Andrew DeVooght, acknowledged that Patel had deceived everyone — including his own legal team — with his "stupid and selfish" behavior. But he asked Kocoras for a prison sentence of less than 20 years, noting that Patel had played a role in the court-appointed receiver's recovery of \$86 million in losses.

When DeVooght said that no one was "angrier or more surprised" to learn of Patel's arrest while trying to flee the country, Kocoras cut him off.

"I might have tied you," the judge said.

Patel was charged in January with attempting to flee to avoid prosecution, but prosecutors dropped that count after he was sentenced Tuesday.

Both prosecutors and DeVooght hinted in court, however, that he's likely to face new federal fraud charges in Florida stemming from the scam he allegedly ran while free on bond.

Before he was sentenced, Patel stood at the lectern and apologized for his behavior, saying he "would not rest" until every penny of what he took had been paid back to his victims.

Reading from loose sheets of yellow legal paper, Patel, dressed in an orange jail jumpsuit and shackled at the ankles, started to choke with emotion when he talked about being separated from his daughters.

"Greed and selfishness may have a short-term benefit," but in the long run it only hurts those closest to you, he said.

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Foxconn seeks 7M gallons a day

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those where water flows toward the Mississippi River. Foxconn's plant would be built on top of the divide.

As envisioned by the Walker administration, the water for Foxconn would come from Racine, an industrial city that would add the company to its larger base of residential customers, along with a small number of homes in Mount Pleasant, the community where the factory is to be located. Racine is entirely within the basin and has more than enough capacity from its existing allotment of water from the lake.

Lawyers, activists and politicians who drafted the compact are split on whether Foxconn's bid violates the spirit, if not the actual language, of the agreement, which they hammered out in 2008 after an Ontario firm unveiled plans to ship 158 million gallons a year from Lake Superior to Asia.

Though the proposal to fill an armada of supertankers with fresh water never came to pass, it shocked regional leaders who realized that arid, drought-ravaged nations and communities throughout the world might covet the Great Lakes as a potential solution to their water woes.

Some who were involved

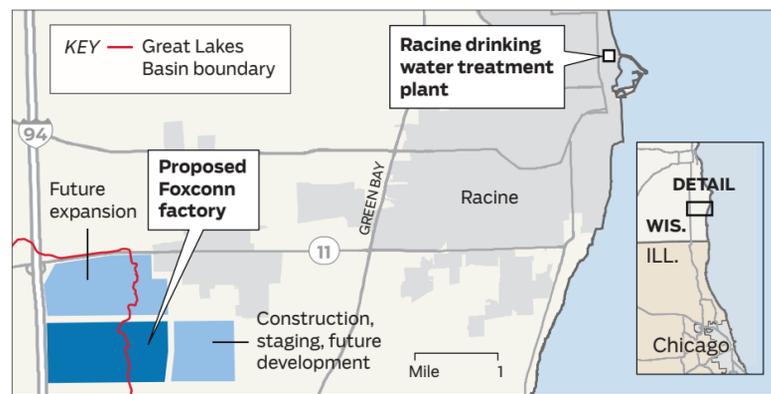
in the debate hoped the compact would discourage the use of Great Lakes water to fuel suburban growth outside the basin. Instead, the thinking went, access to the water should be limited to new industries and development in areas within the basin, such as Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and other older, urban cities ravaged by the loss of manufacturing jobs.

"Access to Great Lakes water is a contentious issue even within states, and we knew southeast Wisconsin would be one of the flash-points," said Noah Hall, a Wayne State University law professor who focuses on environmental issues in the region. "We wanted to discourage sprawl, but we made political, perhaps arbitrary, compromises along the way."

The application to divert water for Foxconn assumes Wisconsin is not required to consult with other Great Lakes states, let alone seek their approval.

"I think you can make a cogent argument they are covered under the compact," said Todd Ambs, who helped negotiate the agreement as top aide to former Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle.

Some critics of the Waukesha diversion plan to question the legality of Foxconn's bid when the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources holds a public hearing Wednesday. The



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department also is taking public comments until March 21 and is expected to rule on the application later in the year.

"Every application for Great Lakes water is an opportunity to review the strength of the compact," said Molly Flanagan, vice president for policy at the nonprofit Alliance for the Great Lakes. "Given the number of unanswered questions about Foxconn's application, there is no need to rush this."

Walker's office referred questions to a spokesman for the Natural Resources Department, who said the agency "has not taken a position, nor will it, until it thoroughly reviews the application and any comments we receive."

Easy access to Lake Michigan water was one of Walker's selling points as he wooed Foxconn last year. Two other Great Lakes states, Michigan and Ohio, were finalists in the company's sweepstakes for its latest liquid-crystal display

(LCD) factory.

Walker, a former Republican presidential candidate who is up for re-election this year, also offered \$3 billion in taxpayer subsidies, promised to relax state environmental laws and pledged to fight federal clean air regulations that would require Foxconn to spend more money on pollution-control equipment.

Of the 7 million gallons of water withdrawn daily for Foxconn, 4.3 million gallons would be treated and returned to the lake and the rest would be lost, mostly from evaporation in the company's cooling system, according to the application sent to Wisconsin officials.

That amount of lost water falls below a daily limit of 5 million gallons that would trigger a review by other Great Lakes states, including those that lost out on the factory.

Peter Annin, co-director of a Northland College water center and author of "The Great Lakes Water Wars," said the proposed

diversion could be vulnerable to a legal challenge given the lack of agreement among drafters of the compact.

There also are political considerations for elected officials in Wisconsin, Michigan and other states in the region who are either seeking higher office or attempting to hold on to the jobs they have now.

"A lot of people are upset with the hubris with which Wisconsin has been dismissing environmental laws in order to grease the wheels for Foxconn," said Annin, who incorporates the company's bid for Lake Michigan water in an upcoming edition of his book. "The compact language does appear to provide an opportunity for opponents to trip things up. The fact that Walker is up for reelection this year makes the geopolitical dynamic here even more intriguing."

Foxconn would be one of the largest users diverting water outside the Great Lakes basin. The largest by

far is Chicago, which under a 1967 Supreme Court decree is authorized to withdraw up to 2.1 billion gallons a day from Lake Michigan. The decree also resolved questions about the city's nearly century-old practice of discharging treated sewage into waterways that drain toward the Mississippi, instead of the Great Lakes.

By contrast, the Great Lakes compact requires Foxconn and Waukesha to treat most of the water used and return it to Lake Michigan.

Cameron Davis, who served as Great Lakes czar for former President Barack Obama, noted the amount of Lake Michigan water that would be diverted for Foxconn is tiny when compared with the volume of the lake.

The bigger question about Foxconn, Davis said, is whether Wisconsin ensures the factory is prevented from releasing toxic pollution into the lake.

Under clean water laws, Foxconn could be required to treat wastewater at the factory to remove hazardous chemicals used during the manufacturing process before it is pumped through Racine's treatment plant and released back into Lake Michigan.

"It's understandable that people are focused right now on the compact and the proposed diversion," Davis said. "But in the long run water quality should be the fight here, rather than water quantity."

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N. Korea open to halting nuke tests

Trump touts 'good progress' on potential talks with Kim

BY MATT STILES AND CHRISTI PARSONS
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SEOUL, South Korea — In a potential historic breakthrough, North Korea has offered to freeze its illicit nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs to engage in talks with the United States, South Korean officials said Tuesday. The move could signal a thaw in the nuclear impasse and a victory for President Donald Trump's unconventional diplomacy.

The announcement came after South Korea's spy chief and its top national security official returned Tuesday night to Seoul from a meeting in Pyongyang with North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un.

South Korea said that Kim had offered to cease any new nuclear tests and missile launches as talks progress. North Korea has yet to confirm the South Korean account, but the apparent overture, if true, could help ease tensions in northeast Asia.

Pyongyang's apparent agreement in principle to the idea of a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula would match a longtime U.S. goal, but it came with significant caveats that could make a deal impossible to achieve.

"The North Korean side clearly stated its willingness to denuclearize," South Korea's government said in a statement. "It made it clear that it would have no reason



South Korean security delegates Suh Hoon, left, and Chung Eui-yong return home Tuesday after meeting Kim Jong Un.

to keep nuclear weapons if the military threat to the North was eliminated and its security guaranteed."

That broad wording could mean Pyongyang will insist the United States cease its annual military exercises with the South — or potentially leave the peninsula entirely, as North Korea has long sought. The United States has more than 20,000 troops deployed in South Korea.

Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, Trump praised the prospect of the first direct U.S. talks with Pyongyang in years. "I think we're having very good dialogue," he said. "We have made good progress."

Trump traded insults for much of last year with North Korea's leader, mocking him as "Little Rocket

Man." He was more circumspect Tuesday, saying Kim's government seems "to be acting positively, but we're going to see."

The North has tested four nuclear devices and dozens of ballistic missiles since 2013, raising fears it could soon attain the ability to launch a nuclear attack against the United States.

"If North Korea has really committed to denuclearizing, that is a positive step forward," said Chun Yung-woo, a onetime national security adviser to former South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said his country "stands ready to play a positive role" to ensure the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. China is

North Korea's largest trading partner, but it has increasingly enforced U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang, a push that Trump publicly credited as "a big help" Tuesday.

The surprising announcement in Seoul followed a failed diplomatic outreach effort between Washington and Pyongyang a month ago.

The White House had secretly planned for Vice President Mike Pence, who led the U.S. delegation to the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, to meet with a high-ranking North Korean delegation on the sidelines, U.S. officials said later.

But the North called off the scheduled meeting after Pence said the Trump administration was planning

to impose a harsh new set of economic sanctions.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, however, met with Kim Yo Jong, the younger sister of Kim, during the Olympics, and a delegation of senior South Korean officials visited Pyongyang on Monday.

The United States and South Korea have planned to resume annual joint military drills after delaying them for the Games. It's not clear if those exercises will be postponed again in a gesture to the North, which routinely condemns them as a pretext for invasion.

Some White House officials are worried that North Korea may use talks to buy time to secretly develop a nuclear warhead for a ballistic missile capable of reaching the continental

United States, according to an administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations.

Over the last three decades, North Korea has secretly lurched forward in its nuclear capabilities even during sporadic periods of engagement and diplomacy with the U.S. and other world powers.

The White House did not set denuclearization as a precondition for talks to start — a shift from Trump's public position in recent months — but North Korea must agree to discuss giving up its nuclear program as part of any negotiations, the administration official said.

The Pentagon made clear it was skeptical of the North Korean offer.

Lt. Gen. Robert Ashley, who heads the Defense Intelligence Agency, told a previously scheduled Senate Armed Services Committee hearing Tuesday that Kim "shows no interest in walking away from his nuclear or his ballistic missile programs. Additional missile launches are a near certainty, and further nuclear tests are possible."

Sen. Jim Inhofe, the Oklahoma Republican who chairs the committee, then asked Ashley about the possibility of successful talks with North Korea.

"I don't share your optimism," Ashley said. "We'll see how this plays out."

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ANALYSIS

Pyongyang offers sliver of opening

Whether Trump can use talks to pry out concessions is the question

BY BRIAN BENNETT
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — For weeks, Vice President Mike Pence had secretly prepared for what appeared a historic opportunity — the highest level meeting between the U.S. government and North Korea since President Bill Clinton welcomed a visiting Vice Marshal to the White House in 2000.

Pence had attended the Winter Olympic opening ceremonies Feb. 9 in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and the next morning in his hotel, he hammered out final terms of the meeting he expected to hold that day with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's sister and other high-ranking aides, according to two White House officials.

Pence planned to say in private what he had declared in public — that the

White House would maintain harsh economic restrictions on Pyongyang until its leaders showed concrete signs of ending their nuclear program.

But the North Koreans backed out two hours before the scheduled meeting, apparently irked by Pence's discussions the previous day with defectors from the totalitarian state, and his announcement of harsh new sanctions en route to South Korea.

When it came to light, the cancellation seemed an embarrassing setback for the White House. But a month later, with South Korea's announcement Tuesday that Kim Jong Un had offered to freeze his nuclear and missile tests to engage in talks with the U.S., the events have taken on a more positive light.

While the motivations of North Korea's leaders re-



Kim Yo Jong, right, sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, sits beside North Korean official Kim Yong Nam, and behind Vice President Mike Pence during the 2018 Winter Olympics.

main opaque, it appears possible that toughened sanctions and President Donald Trump's unorthodox approach to diplomacy may have helped bring Kim's government back to the negotiating table.

Kim still could end up getting the upper hand, using the grinding pace of diplomacy — as his late father, Kim Jong Il, did — as a smokescreen while he gets closer to building a nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the continental United States. U.S. officials say that goal could be just months away.

Trump said Tuesday that

he'd "like to be optimistic" but that he's still prepared to "go whichever path is necessary."

In keeping with the president's caution, officials in the White House were skeptical North Korea would follow through.

"Take a deep breath," a senior administration official said Tuesday. "Keep in mind that we have a long history — about 27 years of history of talking to North Koreans — and there is also a 27-year history of them breaking every agreement they've ever made with the United States and the international community."

A South Korean delegation will visit Washington this week to brief the administration on North Korea's overture.

This past Saturday night, Trump appeared to signal that talks were back on track. "We will be meeting, and we'll see if anything positive happens," Trump told journalists at a white-tie dinner in Washington.

At the time, officials said Trump was referring to South Korean efforts to get the North Koreans and the U.S. into talks, but said that nothing had been scheduled.

The breakthrough didn't

come until South Korea's intelligence chief and top national security official returned to Seoul on Tuesday from a meeting with Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang. For the first time, they said, he was prepared to freeze his nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

Several U.S. experts said the tightening economic sanctions, which the U.S. contends have cut 90 percent of the country's export income, had pushed North Korea to consider talks.

"The threat of force may be a factor, but it is clear that economic pressure has had impact," said William Burns, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"What we do know about North Korea ... is that past offers of dialogue frequently prove to be a fig leaf for ulterior purposes," said Bruce Klingner, former CIA division chief for the Koreas.

Trump believes his strategy has paid off. Standing next to Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lovfen during a press conference Tuesday, Trump said he hoped the North Koreans were serious about talking. "I hope they're sincere," he said. "We're going to soon find out."

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Sen. Mitch McConnell is hoping to ease Dodd-Frank, which, he says, "has hit Main Street lenders especially hard."

Senate closer to easing Dodd-Frank law

BY KEVIN FREKING AND MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate advanced legislation Tuesday to scale back some of the safeguards Congress put in place to prevent a repeat of the financial crisis. Enough Democrats supported a procedural vote on the bipartisan bill to show it has a good chance of passage in the coming days.

The move to alter some key aspects of the Dodd-Frank law comes 10 years

after the financial crisis rocked the nation's economy. The bill has overwhelming Republican support and enough Democratic backing that it's expected to gain the 60 votes necessary to clear the Senate. That was reflected in the 67-32 vote Tuesday, with 16 Democrats and one independent voting to move ahead with consideration of the bill.

Several Democratic lawmakers facing tough reelection races this year have broken ranks with Minority

Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., said he was proud to support Dodd-Frank eight years ago, but the bill had unintended consequences, which he said included consolidation in the banking industry and a decline in small-business lending. He said local banks in Montana have suffered from regulations designed to rein in Wall Street.

Nonpartisan congressional analysts say the legis-

lation would slightly increase the probability of a big bank failure.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill would increase federal deficits by \$671 million between 2018 and 2027 if it became law.

"Dodd-Frank's enormous regulatory burden has been inefficient and unhelpful for financial institutions of all sizes, but it has hit Main Street lenders especially hard," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said.

Justice Department suing Calif. over sanctuary laws

State officials vow to defend immigration policy

BY SADIE GURMAN AND DON THOMPSON
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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Tuesday sued to block California laws that extend protections to people living in the U.S. illegally, the most aggressive move yet in its push to force so-called sanctuary cities and states to cooperate with immigration authorities. California officials remained characteristically defiant, vowing to defend their landmark legislation.

The Justice Department argued a trio of state laws that, among other things, bar police from asking people about their citizenship status or participating in federal immigration enforcement activities are unconstitutional and have kept federal agents from doing their jobs. The lawsuit named as defendants the state of California, Gov. Jerry Brown and Attorney General Xavier Becerra.

"I say, bring it on," said California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, who wrote the state bill.

It is the latest salvo in an escalating feud between the



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Attorney General Jeff Sessions plans to address the suit Wednesday at a gathering of authorities in Sacramento.

Trump administration and California, which has resisted the president on issues like taxes and marijuana policy and defiantly refuses to help federal agents detain and deport immigrants in the country illegally. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has said it will increase its presence in California, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions wants to cut off funding to jurisdictions that won't cooperate.

The lawsuit was filed as

the Justice Department is also reviewing Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf's decision to warn of an immigration sweep in advance, which ICE said allowed hundreds of immigrants to elude detention. Schaaf said Tuesday the city would "continue to inform all residents about their constitutional rights."

The state laws being challenged were a response to President Donald Trump's hawkish immigration policies and wide-

spread fear in immigrant communities following a campaign in which he promised to sharply ramp up the deportation of people living in the U.S. illegally.

Gov. Brown mimicked Trump on Twitter: "At a time of unprecedented political turmoil, Jeff Sessions has come to California to further divide and polarize America. Jeff, these political stunts may be the norm in Washington, but they don't work here. SAD!!!"

One of California's laws

prohibits employers from letting immigration agents enter worksites or view employee files without a subpoena or warrant, an effort to prevent workplace raids. Another stops local governments from contracting with for-profit companies and ICE to hold immigrants. Justice Department officials, speaking to reporters Tuesday, said that violates the Constitution's supremacy clause, which renders invalid state laws that conflict with federal

ones.

The Supreme Court reinforced the federal government's primacy in enforcing immigration law when it blocked much of Arizona's tough 2010 immigration law on similar grounds. The high court found several key provisions undermined federal immigration law, though it upheld a provision requiring officers, while enforcing other laws, to question the immigration status of people suspected of being in the country illegally.

Sessions planned to discuss the lawsuit Wednesday at a gathering of law enforcement officers in Sacramento.

Sessions has blamed sanctuary city policies for crime and gang violence and announced in July that cities and states could only receive certain grants if they cooperate with immigration agents. California is suing to force the administration to release one such grant. The state wants a judge to certify that its laws are in compliance with federal immigration law.

Defenders of sanctuary policies say they increase public safety by promoting trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement.

"We're in the business of public safety, not deportation," Becerra said.

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New aircraft launch system a bit flighty

Other systems on USS Ford causing the Navy problems

BY SAMANTHA MASUNAGA
Los Angeles Times

For more than 60 years, the U.S. Navy has relied on steam power to catapult planes off the decks of aircraft carriers, leaving behind a trail of steam rising from the track.

A new generation of carriers will rely on something far more technologically complex: an electromagnetic system that could launch more aircraft off the deck and at a faster rate than traditional steam methods.

But development of this technology, built by San Diego defense firm General Atomics, has not been without growing pains. And the system's readiness, and that of other new systems on the USS Gerald R. Ford, the first of a new class of carriers, is at the center of a debate between the Navy and Senate leaders. The Ford was commissioned last summer and entered active service, but it must undergo additional testing before being able to deploy for operations.

"It's certainly true that any time you're introducing something new, you're going to have issues," said Andrew Hunter, director of the defense-industrial initiatives group at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "There will probably continue to be kinks to work out."

But, he said, it's too late to go back to steam catapult systems, at least for the next two carriers in this class. (President Donald Trump advocated a return to steam in an interview with Time last year, in which he described the electromagnetic launch system as "no good.")

China also is reportedly planning to use an electromagnetic aircraft launch



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New technologies developed for the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier have run into teething problems.

system on one of its domestically designed carriers.

"The die is cast on that," Hunter said.

General Atomics, best known for making the Predator drone, referred all questions about the electromagnetic launch system to the Navy, citing the company's contract.

Known in industry jargon as EMALS, the electromagnetic aircraft launch system hinges on an electrically generated moving magnetic field that pulls a mechanism attached to the aircraft. The technology is similar to the one that powers a railgun that General Atomics has tested for several years.

Steam-powered catapults release built-up pressure all at once, flinging aircraft off the deck and into the sky but placing enormous strain on their airframes. With the electromagnetic system, a pulse of electricity creates a steadier, more gradual acceleration, which can be adjusted for an aircraft's size and weight.

"You just have better control," said Bob Hebner, director of the Center for Electromechanics at the University of Texas at Austin. That should extend the lifetime of airframes, saving money on repairs and replacements. The new system also is capable of launching a wider variety of aircraft, he said.

Hebner and his team at the Texas university worked with General Atomics on a generator concept for the electromagnetic catapult system for about five years during the early stages of the company's research. They devised a generator that was about 10 feet long to show that the power system could fit in small spaces aboard a packed carrier. That generator was about one-fourth the size of the power system General Atomics built and used for the catapult system, he said.

But developing such new technology and integrating it onto the new nuclear carrier has been difficult. A January report from the Office of the Director of Operational Test and Evalu-

ation, which advises the secretary of defense, singled out the "poor or unknown reliability of the newly designed catapults" and other new systems such as the advanced aircraft arresting gear to stop planes when they land — also built by General Atomics — a dual-band radar system, and a new type of elevator that moves weapons.

While the Navy had corrected issues with the aircraft catapult system that had led to "excessive airframe stress" during test launches of the Ford's mainstay jet, the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, and the EA-18G Growler, the report found that the system in its current design was "unlikely to support high-intensity operations expected in combat."

In addition to reliability concerns, the report also said it was difficult to isolate components of the electrical system of the launch and landing systems. That would force flight operations to shut down while conducting some types of

maintenance.

"The poor or unknown reliability of these critical subsystems is the most significant risk to CVN 78," the report said, referring to the Ford's designation. The Navy had intended to start the first phase of operational testing in 2021 and complete a second phase during the next year, according to the report. The Ford's home port is in Norfolk, Va.

Leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee recently sent a letter to Defense Secretary James Mattis, expressing concern about reliability issues with the carrier's subsystems.

Noting issues with "unproven new technologies," including the catapult system, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Jack Reed, D-R.I., called for the carrier to maintain its planned full ship-shock trials, in which the Navy detonates large explosives underwater near a ship to assess its survivability in ways that can't be modeled on a computer.

The Navy wanted to put

off the tests so it could speed the Ford into the fleet.

"We understand Navy leadership may be requesting a waiver from you that would delay full ship shock trials until after the first deployment of the USS Gerald R. Ford," the letter says. "Conducting full ship shock trials on CVN-78 will not only improve the design of future carriers, but also reduce the costs associated with retrofitting engineering changes."

The carrier's cost now stands at \$12.9 billion, almost \$2.4 billion more than the cap originally set in the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act. Its "critical technologies," largely the electromagnetic launch system, aircraft arresting gear and radar, drove about 40 percent of the cost increases, according to a report released in June by the Government Accountability Office.

Navy spokesman Capt. Danny Hernandez said internal discussions in the Defense Department on the full ship-shock trials for the carrier were ongoing.

He said the Ford had completed more than 700 catapult launches and aircraft stops with Navy jets, including more than 100 launches and recoveries in one day on two separate occasions.

The service continued to see progress in the testing of the aircraft launch system and other new components of the Ford-class carrier, Hernandez said.

Hunter, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said he saw no indication that there was something "dramatically unexpected going on" with the electromagnetic aircraft launch system's development, though it is still early in the process.

Despite the hurdles, he said, electromagnetic catapults are likely the way of the future.

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President Trump comments during a news conference with Sweden's Stefan Lofven.

Trump vows to 'counteract' any Russian meddling in '18

Coats says U.S. will disclose sanctions 'within a week'

BY PHILIP RUCKER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday made his most forceful comments to date about Russia's campaign to disrupt U.S. elections, warning Moscow that his administration would counteract any attempts to interfere in the 2018 midterm elections.

Though Trump has at times doubted that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election, he said Tuesday that "certainly there was meddling" and that the U.S. government must be vigilant to prevent foreign intrusions in future elections.

"I think you have to be really watching us very closely," Trump said. "We won't allow that to happen. We're doing a very, very deep study, and we're coming out with, I think, some very strong suggestions on the '18 election. I think we're going to do very well in the '18 election, although historically those in the White House have a little

bit of a dip."

Asked at a news conference alongside Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven whether he worries about Russia interfering again, Trump said, "No, because we'll counteract whatever they do."

Trump's comments came as the nation's top intelligence official told senators that new sanctions against Russia will likely be unveiled "within a week" and will include measures against the 13 Russians indicted last month in the special counsel's probe of election meddling.

Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats told the Senate Armed Services Committee that Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin "very shortly will be bringing out a list of sanctions on those individuals that had been complicit" in the cyber measures described in the charges announced by special counsel Robert Mueller's office, and that the list also would go beyond those 13 names in the indictment.

Coats added that he didn't know what other names would be on Mnuchin's list.

Trump's comments sig-

naled a turnaround.

He initially rejected the conclusions of U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia interfered in the election to help boost his campaign. During his first year as president, Trump held no high-level National Security Council meetings about combating Russian interference. He and his administration have sought to roll back or simply not enforce measures to hold Moscow accountable, such as sanctions passed by Congress.

Last week, Adm. Michael Rogers, director of the National Security Agency and head of U.S. Cyber Command, testified to Congress that the government is "probably not doing enough" to convince Russia to change its behavior ahead of November's midterm elections.

Rogers said Trump has given him no new authorities to strike at Russian cyberoperations. He said Russian President Vladimir Putin "has clearly come to the conclusion that there's little price to pay here and therefore I can continue this activity."

"If we don't change the dynamic here, this is going to continue," Rogers added.

Russian plane crash in Syria kills 39 servicemen

Assad's forces shell rebel-held areas as workers deliver aid

BY ZEINA KARAM AND NATALIYA VASILYEVA
Associated Press

BEIRUT — A Russian military cargo plane crashed near an air base in Syria on Tuesday, killing all 39 Russian servicemen on board in a blow to Russian operations in Syria. The Russian military quickly insisted the plane was not shot down and blamed the crash on a technical error.

Meanwhile, shelling near the rebel-held eastern suburbs of Damascus killed dozens of people over the past 24 hours as President Bashar Assad's government, supported by the Russian military, pushed its assault on the capital's rebel-held suburbs. International aid workers on a rare humanitarian mission inside the besieged area described dramatic scenes of rescuers trying to pull corpses from the rubble of buildings and children who hadn't seen daylight in 15 days.

The mission Monday to the area known as eastern Ghouta was cut short after the government shelling escalated while the aid workers were still inside, calling into question future aid shipments to the encircled region, the last major opposition stronghold near the capital.

Opposition activists and a war monitor said 80 people were killed Monday — the deadliest day since the U.N. Security Council demanded a 30-day ceasefire for Syria — and at least nine were killed Tuesday.

"People were telling us very desperate stories. They are tired, they are angry. They don't want aid, what they want is the shelling to stop," Pawel Krzysiek, head of communications for the Syrian



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Syrians run for cover in Hamouria during Syrian government shelling on rebel-held areas in eastern Ghouta.

branch of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said Tuesday.

He said thousands of families were huddled in underground shelters, reluctant to eat in front of each other because of the pervasive hunger, and children who watched as aid workers tried to pull corpses from the rubble.

"No child should be witnessing this in their very early state of development. But the children of Douma and the children of eastern Ghouta unfortunately do, and that's what makes the situation very, very dramatic," he said.

Monday's aid shipment was the first to enter eastern Ghouta amid weeks of a crippling siege and a government assault that has killed some 800 civilians since Feb. 18. Aid agencies said Syrian authorities removed basic health supplies, including trauma and surgical kits and insulin, from the convoys before they set off.

The U.N. said airstrikes and shelling in eastern Ghouta continued for hours while the convoy was un-

loading supplies.

"After nearly nine hours inside, the decision was made to leave for security reasons and to avoid jeopardizing the safety of humanitarian teams on the ground," said Jens Laerke, deputy spokesman for the U.N.'s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. As a result, 14 of the 46 trucks in the convoy were not able to fully offload critical humanitarian supplies.

Laerke said the team found a desperate situation for people who have endured months without access to humanitarian aid.

Meanwhile, U.N. war crimes investigators said Tuesday that a Russian plane was apparently behind an airstrike in November in Syria's Idlib province that killed 84 people at a marketplace, an attack which could amount to a war crime.

The findings, reported by the U.N.'s Commission of Inquiry on Syria, are the first time the group has pinned responsibility for civilian deaths in Syria directly on Russia.

Trump's top economic adviser resigns

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the administration and “enact pro-growth economic policies to benefit the American people.”

Cohn's departure comes amid a period of unparalleled tumult in the Trump administration. Trump's communications director, Hope Hicks, one of his closest and most devoted aides, announced her resignation last week.

The Cohn announcement came hours after Trump denied there was chaos in the White House. Trump maintained that his White House has “tremendous energy,” but multiple White House officials said Trump has been urging anxious aides to stay.

“Everyone wants to work in the White House,” Trump said during a joint press conference with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven. “They all want a piece of the Oval Office.”

Trump could cast a wide net in searching for a replacement, though he has told advisers that he wants to consider Larry Kudlow, a media personality and 2016 campaign adviser, according to several people briefed on Trump's discussions.

Kudlow has been largely supportive of Trump's economic agenda, but he has expressed concerns about the president's moves on trade. He has in recent days encouraged Cohn to stay. Reached by phone Tuesday, Kudlow declined to comment.

In many ways, Cohn's NEC was one of the most stable parts of the White House, avoiding the scandals and revolving-door image that the National Security Council and other offices endured. But Cohn and the president had an on-again, off-again relationship, with relations becoming chilly after Cohn criticized Trump's response to a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Va.

Earlier in the administration, Cohn found himself on the losing side of several



President Donald Trump and Gary Cohn, National Economic Council director, shake hands during January's GOP retreat.

contentious battles, including the plans to pull the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Cohn had also hoped to steer more than \$1 trillion into infrastructure investments, including updates to the U.S. air traffic control system that would make air travel faster and easier. But the multiple infrastructure rollouts by the Trump administration failed to gain traction, often overshadowed by controversial statements made by the president himself.

Cohn often faced ridicule among some inside the White House for being a registered Democrat who last year met with former Republican officials pushing a form of a carbon tax that was designed to reduce the risks from climate change.

Cohn's departure is likely to rattle business executives around the country, many of whom saw the Wall Street veteran as an unapologetic critic of Trump's nationalist and protectionist views. It was Cohn and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin who persuaded Trump to postpone ripping up trade agreements or imposing tariffs late last year to avoid enraging congressional Republicans during the tax debate.

“The protectionists are clearly running the show right now, the economic nationalists are,” said Brian Gardner, managing director of Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, an investment banking firm. “If they replaced (Cohn) with another economic nationalist, then it really gets dicey for the markets and investors.”

“I was quite impressed with the job he did,” said Steve Moore, who was an economic adviser to Trump during the 2016 campaign. “I don't always admit I was wrong, but I was wrong about Gary. He was very valuable to Trump. He was a steady hand.”

Cohn was not expected to stay long into 2018, but he did outlast the first wave of departures in January and February. The stock market soared in 2017 in part because of global growth but also because of investor enthusiasm over Trump's deregulatory agenda and tax cut focus, items that Cohn helped design.

People close to Cohn said the pivot toward protectionism this year was infuriating, and he wouldn't force himself to go out in public and defend it. He made a

last-ditch effort on Monday to schedule a meeting for Trump with companies that would be harmed by new steel and aluminum tariffs and the White House refused to schedule the meeting for the president.

Cohn's departure was first reported by The New York Times.

Cohn plans to stay in his job for several weeks and continue to push back on Trump's planned tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, which have threatened to touch off a global trade war, said a person who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss Cohn's plans.

Trump said in a statement: “Gary has been my chief economic adviser and did a superb job in driving our agenda, helping to deliver historic tax cuts and

reforms and unleashing the American economy once again.”

Later Tuesday, he tweeted that he would “be making a decision soon” on Cohn's replacement. “Many people wanting the job — will choose wisely,” he added.

Trump on Tuesday morning previewed future departures. “I still have some people that I want to change (always seeking perfection),” he wrote in a tweet.

But asked at the news conference who he had in mind — and whether he was looking to fire Attorney General Jeff Sessions, with whom he has feuded bitterly for months — Trump would not say.

“I don't really want to talk about that,” the president said. He added, “There will be people that change. They always change. Sometimes they want to go out and do something else. But they all want to be in the White House. So many people want to come in. I have a choice of anybody.”

The news about Cohn came as congressional Republicans and industry groups pressed Trump on Tuesday to narrow his plan for the tariffs. Trump appeared unmoved, declaring: “Trade wars aren't so bad.”

The president said he planned to move forward with special tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, contending the U.S. has long been “mistreated.”

The president's pledge for action, which would be in line with a one of his campaign promises, came after House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin called for a “more surgical approach” that would help avert a potentially dangerous trade war. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said there was concern Trump's plan could lead to such disruptive turmoil.

“We are urging caution,” McConnell said.

Associated Press contributed.

Report: Data used in China's repression

BY GERRY SHIH
Associated Press

BEIJING — Human Rights Watch says it has found new evidence that authorities in one of China's most repressive regions are sweeping up citizens' personal information in a stark example of how big-data technology can be used — and potentially abused — to police a population.

The rights group used publicly available government procurement documents, media reports and interviews to assemble details of the policing program called the “Integrated Joint Operations Platform” in Xinjiang, a sprawling area in northwest China that security officials say harbors separatist and religious extremist elements.

Unidentified sources inside Xinjiang described to Human Rights Watch the computer and mobile app interfaces of the IJOP soft-

ware that tracks almost all citizens of the Turkic-speaking Muslim Uighur ethnic minority and stores detailed information including their travel history, prayer habits, the number of books in their possession, banking and health records.

Procurement notices show that the IJOP also deploys license plate tracking and facial-recognition cameras to follow people in real time and provide “predictive warnings” about impending crime, Human Rights Watch said.

Although surveillance is pervasive in many countries, including the United States, the technology is being deployed far more broadly in Xinjiang, said Maya Wang, senior China researcher at Human Rights Watch and the report's author.

“In China the programs are very explicitly focused on people who are politically threatening or an en-

tire Uighur ethnic group,” Wang said.

An official in the press office of Xinjiang police headquarters on Monday confirmed AP's questions had been received but said he had no idea when or if there would be a reply.

China's 10 million Uighurs already face a raft of restrictions not imposed on people of the Han ethnicity, who are the overwhelming majority in China. Uighurs face multiple hurdles in procuring passports and those who have them are required to leave them with the police.

Frequent road blocks and checkpoints across the vast Xinjiang region enable authorities to stop people and check their mobile phones for content deemed suspicious.

Use of the integrated computer system has led to people being detained and sent to political indoctrination centers, Wang said.

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'Character' of Israel seen at stake

Religious, secular Jews fight over Sabbath closures

BY RUTH EGLASH
The Washington Post

ASHDOD, Israel — Throngs of shoppers trundled through the stores of the Big Fashion Mall on a recent Saturday afternoon, enjoying what is a typical weekend pastime in most parts of the world — but here, an act of defiance.

Mayor Yehiel Lasri has already sent his municipal inspectors to fine businesses at the mall that open Saturday, the Jewish day of rest.

Now, after the Israeli parliament passed a law last month aimed at enforcing Sabbath closures everywhere in the country, Saturday shopping at Big Fashion could soon be a thing of the past.

The simple act of perusing shops on a Saturday has turned Ashdod, the country's sixth-largest city, into the latest flash point in a 70-year struggle between religious and secular Jews over the character of Israel.

While Israeli law has long barred work on the Sabbath, known as Shabbat, it also bent far enough to allow places of entertainment to operate so that nonobservant families could enjoy their day off.

More recently, in response to consumer demand, some stores have opted to open on Saturdays, with shop owners willing to pay often-symbolic fines as a cost of business.

Then, last fall, the struggle between the religious and secular escalated suddenly when the ultraliberal city of Tel Aviv petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to let that city's bylaws, allowing business to operate on Saturdays, override the national prohibition.

After a senior judge ruled in favor of Tel Aviv, ultra-Orthodox leaders who hold key positions in Prime Min-



Residents of Ashdod, Israel, protest last month against attempts to close a mall operating illegally on Shabbat.

ister Benjamin Netanyahu's government responded by pushing through a bill to close stores. The measure was dubbed by the media as the "minimarkets law."

Meir Berger, an ultra-Orthodox — or Haredi — resident of Ashdod and a reporter for the national Haredi newspaper Hamevaser, said it was only a matter of time before tension in the city over Shabbat ignited.

"We didn't really want this war, but with local elections coming up soon, it was bound to make some noise," said Berger. "The Haredi leadership both locally and nationally feels that if it does not fight to protect Israel's Jewish symbols, then no one will."

He said the ultra-Orthodox had made some tough compromises in the religious-secular battle over Shabbat, allowing for movie theaters, bowling alleys and restaurants to open.

"But once you start al-

lowing commercial centers to operate, too, there is nothing left of Israel's Jewish character," he said.

Big Fashion — a collection of local and international chain stores, restaurants, cafes and artificial waterfalls — opened in this coastal city three years ago, and Saturdays soon became its busiest day, drawing Israelis from far and wide.

Half an hour's drive south of Tel Aviv, Ashdod prides itself on being a melting pot of Jewish immigration. But the influx of Jews from all over the world, with wildly different customs and beliefs, is producing friction among the opposing communities.

Alongside veteran Israelis, who see themselves as traditionally secular, a significant population of Russian speakers calls the city home. They arrived from the countries of the former Soviet Union about 20 years ago, and although they are

proud of their Jewish heritage, their stores are far from kosher, selling bacon and shellfish.

Their presence has challenged the city's sizable ultra-Orthodox population, who demand the closing of all businesses and services from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. They have pressured the mayor to take on the Big Fashion Mall — especially if he wants to remain mayor after the next local elections.

But Lasri's efforts at pressuring shops to close has stirred ire among secular residents, who have been apathetic about local politics. Thousands have turned out for weekly demonstrations against what many see as religious coercion.

"We want to live in a democratic state. We want Shabbat the way we like it," said Rosa Milevsky, 52, who came out to protest on a recent Saturday night with her friend Julia Kopilov. "The only day we have to go

out with our families is Saturday. We want to see everything open."

Shmuelik Duek warned that Ashdod would end up like other cities in Israel, where he said the Haredim have imposed their way of life on the secular. He mentioned Beit Shemesh, where a few years ago ultra-Orthodox Jews clashed with other residents over the opening of a school in their neighborhood. A Haredi man was called out in the secular media for spitting at an 8-year-old girl and calling her a whore. It shocked much of the nation.

"We don't want that to happen here," Duek said.

But another Ashdod resident, an ultra-Orthodox man who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the issue, said it was not about religious coercion.

"It is about maintaining the status quo and respecting the law," said the man, who has been involved in

lobbying the mayor to close businesses on Shabbat. "In my neighborhood, a city swimming pool is open on Shabbat. I am not demanding that it be closed because the law allows for places of entertainment to be open. It does not allow for commercial businesses to be open."

Even before Israel's establishment in 1948, observant Jews argued that in the world's only Jewish state, Saturday should be a day of rest — at least for the country's Jewish residents. Israel's founding prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, agreed to make Saturday a formal day of rest.

But in a letter sent to leading rabbis in 1947, Ben-Gurion said there was "no intention of establishing a theocratic state."

Ben-Gurion's letter is what most Israelis use as the basis for what they call the religious-secular status quo.

In ruling in favor of Tel Aviv's court petition, Judge Miriam Naor waded into the middle of the dispute over the meaning of the religious-secular status quo in modern Israel. She noted that "while protecting the special character of Shabbat, every individual must be allowed to formulate his Shabbat in accordance with his own path and his beliefs, and fill it with content that is appropriate for himself."

Angered by the ruling, the influential leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, Aryeh Deri — who is also Netanyahu's interior minister — drafted legislation ramping up his own powers to override local authorities.

Israel Cohen, editor of the ultra-Orthodox news website Kikar HaShabbat, said Ashdod has now become a test case for the law.

"The truth is the Haredim don't really care about Tel Aviv. They have accepted it is a liberal, secular city. But if this law is successfully enforced in Ashdod, then other cities will follow," he said.

Netanyahu blames Iran for 'darkness' in Mideast

Israeli PM praises Trump at AIPAC for embassy move

BY MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took aim at Iran on Tuesday, saying the Islamic Republic is responsible for "darkness descending" on the Middle East by building an anti-Israel empire.

"Darkness is descending on our region," Netanyahu told the annual pro-Israel AIPAC policy conference, blaming the "radical tyranny" in Iran for a litany of malevolent acts in Lebanon, Syria and Yemen and of continuing to seek Israel's destruction.

"We must stop Iran, we will stop Iran," he said.

Netanyahu renewed his attack on the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, saying it had made the world more dangerous. And, he praised President Donald Trump for threatening to withdraw from the accord if it isn't toughened.

He recalled that he had warned the Obama administration, which negotiated the deal under which Iran received billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addresses attendees Tuesday at AIPAC.

nuclear program, that the agreement would not make Iran a more responsible member of the international community.

Instead, he said that, as he predicted, the sanctions relief had made Iran "more extreme and belligerent."

Netanyahu's comments came a day after he met Trump at the White House and thanked him for his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv.

"It is especially great to

be in America's capital now that (Trump) has recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital," he said. "Thank you, President Trump for that historic decision."

The step has infuriated the Palestinians, who claim part of Jerusalem for the capital of an eventual state and have now rejected U.S. mediation in efforts to resume stalled peace talks with Israel.

A senior Palestinian official Tuesday objected to Trump's suggestion that the Palestinians have walked

away from peace negotiations, saying U.S. policies in favor of Israel have pushed the Palestinians away from any future process.

Mohammed Ishtayah, a top adviser to President Mahmoud Abbas, said a series of U.S. steps have harmed the climate ahead of an expected peace proposal by the White House.

"When President Trump says the Palestinians are running away from the negotiating table, which negotiating table?" Ishtayah told foreign journalists. "Since

he came to power, there have been no negotiations whatsoever."

Ishtayah criticized the U.S. decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the U.S. cuts in funding to the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees and restrictions on the Palestinian diplomatic office in Washington.

"If you are really preparing something as an honest broker, why is it that you are taking measures against one of the parties in favor of the other party?" he asked.

Trump has said his team is working on a peace proposal, but it has remained a mystery and there is no timetable for it to be presented.

Netanyahu said he was willing to work with Abbas to end the conflict but demanded that he first stop paying stipends to the families of Palestinians killed or jailed for committing anti-Israel acts.

"I have a message for President Abbas: Stop paying terrorists," he said.

Probe finds deadly Niger mission lacked proper OK

Sources: Lack of communication meant danger couldn't be accurately assessed

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A military investigation into the Niger attack that killed four American service members concludes the team didn't get required senior command approval for their risky mission to capture a high-level Islamic State militant, several U.S.

officials familiar with the report said. It doesn't point to that failure as a cause of the deadly ambush.

Initial information suggested the Army Special Forces team set out on its October mission to meet local Nigerien leaders, only to be redirected to assist a second unit hunting for Doundou Chefou, a militant suspected of involvement in

the kidnapping of an American aid worker. Officials say it now appears the team went after Chefou from the onset, without outlining that intent to higher-level commanders.

As a result, commanders couldn't accurately assess the mission's risk, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the results of the investigation before they're publicly released. The finding will likely increase scrutiny on U.S. military activity

in Africa, particularly the role of special operations forces who've been advising and working with local troops on the continent for years.

Four U.S. soldiers and four Nigerien troops were killed Oct. 4 about 120 miles north of Niamey, Niger's capital, when they were attacked by as many as 100 Islamic State-linked militants traveling by vehicle and carrying small arms and rocket-propelled grenade launchers. Two other

American soldiers and eight Nigerien forces were wounded.

The investigation finds no single point of failure leading to the attack, which occurred after the soldiers learned Chefou had left the area, checked his last known location and started for home.

It also draws no conclusion about whether villagers in Tongo Tongo, where the team stopped for water and supplies, alerted Islamic State militants to

American forces in the area. Still, questions remain about whether higher-level commanders — if given the chance — would have approved or adjusted the mission, or provided additional resources that could have helped repel the ambush.

Army Col. Rob Munnich, a Pentagon spokesman, wouldn't comment on the investigation, beyond saying it's now complete and being reviewed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and other senior leaders.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Tillerson: China 'encourages dependency' in Africa

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Rex Tillerson warned Tuesday that China's development in Africa "encourages dependency" that undermines sovereignty as he prepared for his first official trip to the continent.

Tillerson said that China's projects on the continent had involved predatory loans and corruption. He contrasted that to America's approach, which he described as partnering with African

countries.

The trip comes as the U.S. reverses course on whether to let Americans import the body parts of African elephants shot for recreation. In November, after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said it would lift the ban, President Donald Trump intervened to keep it in place. But word emerged Tuesday that the administration would approve elephant trophy importing on a "case-by-case" basis.

Nashville mayor resigns after affair, pleads guilty to theft

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mayor Megan Barry, a one-time rising star in the Democratic Party with big plans to remake Nashville, resigned Tuesday after pleading guilty to cheating the city out of thousands of dollars to carry on an affair with her bodyguard.

Barry in January confessed to an extramarital relationship with the former head of her security detail.

Barry and police Sgt.

Robert Forrest separately pleaded guilty to felony theft. Barry's resignation was part of a plea bargain with prosecutors. She and Forrest were sentenced to three years' probation.

Barry also agreed to reimburse the city \$11,000, while Forrest will return \$45,000 that authorities said was paid to him in salary or overtime when he was not actually performing his duties as security chief.

Zinke: Interior Dept. should be a partner with oil companies

HOUSTON — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says his agency should be a partner with oil and gas companies that seek to drill on public land and that long regulatory reviews with an uncertain outcome are "un-American."

Speaking Tuesday to a major energy-industry conference, Zinke described the Trump administration's efforts to increase offshore drilling,

reduce regulations, and streamline inspections of oil and gas operators.

"Interior should not be in the business of being an adversary. We should be in the business of being a partner," he told an audience that included leaders of energy companies.

Zinke said the government should shorten the permitting process for energy infrastructure and that it shouldn't take longer than two years.



KYODO NEWS

Explosive development: Volcanic smoke rises from the Shinmoedake volcano on Tuesday after its eruption in southern Japan. The ash grounded flights at a nearby airport and reached a height of 7,500 feet in Shinmoedake's most violent eruption since 2011.

Britain vows response if Russia is behind former spy's collapse

SALISBURY, England — Britain's counterterrorism police took over an investigation Tuesday into the mysterious collapse of a former spy and his daughter, now fighting for their lives. The government pledged a "robust" response if suspicions of Russian state involvement are proven.

Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said he wasn't yet accusing anyone of harming Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia. The two Russians collapsed Sunday on a bench in southern England after coming into contact with an unknown

substance.

But he stressed that Britain would act — and possibly limit its participation in the upcoming soccer World Cup in Russia— if Moscow played a role.

"I say to governments around the world that no attempt to take innocent life on U.K. soil will go either unsanctioned or unpunished," Johnson said in the House of Commons.

Both Skripal, 66, and his 33-year-old daughter were in critical condition in the intensive care unit of Salisbury District Hospital, Wiltshire Police said.

The incident evoked

echoes of the death of former Russian agent Alexander Litvinenko, who was poisoned with radioactive polonium-210 in London in 2006.

A British inquiry found that Litvinenko's killing was committed by Russian agents, probably approved by President Vladimir Putin. Russia denied any involvement in Litvinenko's death, and denied suggestions of involvement in Skripal's collapse, dismissing Johnson's remarks as "wild."

Police said it was too soon to jump to conclusions.

Texas may offer hints on 2018 'Trump effect'

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Democrats turned out in force ahead of the first-in-the-nation primary Tuesday in what could be an early hint of a midterm election backlash against President Donald Trump, though their party remains a longshot to dent Republican political dominance of

the state.

Democratic early voting across Texas' 15 most-populous counties more than doubled that of the last non-presidential cycle in 2014, while the number of Republican early ballots cast increased slightly. Total Democratic early votes exceeded Republican ones

roughly 465,000 to 420,000, though those figures combined accounted for less than 9 percent of the state's total registered voters.

Still, Democrats haven't won any of Texas' 29 statewide offices since 1994, the nation's longest losing streak.

Porn star sues Trump, says 2016 hush deal is now void

Stormy Daniels, the porn star who says she was paid to keep quiet about her alleged affair with Donald Trump, sued the president Tuesday, asking the court to declare that her nondisclosure agreement before the 2016 election is void because Trump did not sign it.

In the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles, Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, said she had wanted to go public about her alleged decade-old affair. Trump's lawyer, Michael Cohen, and Daniels' attorney negotiated what the suit calls a "hush agreement" in which she was paid \$130,000.

The suit suggests Trump was aware of the deal and the money was intended to influence the election's results. That bolsters complaints filed with the Federal Election Commission that the payment was not reported as an in-kind donation.

A group of investors pulled out of a deal to buy the beleaguered Weinstein Co. on Tuesday after discovering tens of millions of dollars in undisclosed debt, according to people familiar with the negotiations. Businesswoman Maria Contreras-Sweet said that "disappointing information" had led her to call off the sale.

A federal watchdog says White House aide Kellyanne Conway violated a law prohibiting government officials from using their positions to influence political campaigns. The Office of Special Counsel said Conway violated the Hatch Act twice last year when she spoke in support of Senate candidate Roy Moore.

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EDITORIALS

For Cook County circuit courts

The Tribune begins endorsements for contested primaries for Cook County Circuit Court judge. Choose wisely, voters, because it is maddeningly difficult to remove a bad judge once elected.

Sitting judges must stand for retention every six years. It takes only a 60 percent "yes" vote to keep them in office, and Cook County voters haven't booted a judge from the bench since 1990. So most vacancies occur when a judge resigns, retires or dies. When a vacancy occurs in the middle of a term, the Illinois Supreme Court fills it by appointment. The appointed judge must run for election when the term expires.

In Cook County, all but a few races are settled in the primary, because Republicans rarely field a candidate. (In a handful of subcircuits, the Democrats stand down.)

The Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Council of Lawyers, the Illinois State Bar Association and other bar groups perform an invaluable public service by screening and rating judicial candidates. Their findings are at chicagotribune.com/voteforjudges.

For its endorsements, the Tribune relies on those evaluations and on our own research. We also ask the candidates to complete a survey. You can find the responses at chicagotribune.com/candidates.

First up, countywide races for Circuit Court (all are Democratic primaries):

Brewer vacancy: Three fine candidates are competing for this seat. Kathryn Maloney Vahey is a diligent career public defender especially well versed in criminal and mental health law. John Maher is a veteran in the Cook County state's attorney's office, where he currently is deputy supervisor of the gang crimes unit. Last year, the Illinois Supreme Court named **Oran F. Whiting** to this unexpired term; he's our pick as well. Whiting has been a private litigator, a hearing officer for the Illinois secretary of state and a commissioner at the Illinois Court of Claims. Whiting is endorsed.

Clay vacancy: **Kathaleen Theresa Lanahan** is an assistant state's attorney with loads of jury and bench trial experience; she worked previously as an analyst for the Cook County board of real estate appeals. She's endorsed over Jonathan Clark Green, a senior counsel who handles civil rights litigation in the Chicago Law Department, prosecutor Michael I. O'Malley and public defender Lori Ann Roper.

Doolling vacancy: Divorce attorney Corri Diane Fetman once posed nude for Playboy, but she wouldn't allow local bar associations to scrutinize her qualifications for the bench. That's a disqualifier. Tom Sam Sianis is a former prosecutor who is now director of enforcement at the Illinois Securities Department; he also handles legal matters for his family's Billy Goat Tavern. **Timothy John Leeming** is a 30-year assistant public defender. He's handled felony trials and appeals and currently handles exoneration and post-conviction cases. He also worked in private practice early in his career. Leeming is endorsed.

Flanigan vacancy: Judge **Preston Jones Jr.** was appointed to this vacant seat in September. A former public defender, he was assigned to the homicide task force and was known as a zealous advocate for juveniles. Also on the ballot are Amanda Moira Pillsbury, Keely Patricia Hillison and Ioana Salajanu.

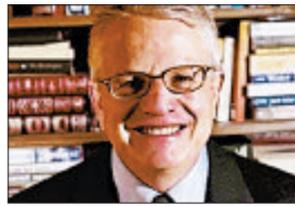
Hartigan vacancy: Judge **Cecilia Anne Horan** was appointed last year. Previously, she was in private practice, specializing in personal injury, product liability and insurance claims. Keith L.



Oran F. Whiting



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Preston Jones Jr.



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Devlin Schoop



Patrick Thomas Stanton



David R. Navarro



John Andrew O'Meara



H. Yvonne Coleman



David L. Kelly

Spence got unfavorable ratings from major bar associations. Horan is endorsed.

Jordan vacancy: Judge **Clare Joyce Quish** was appointed in 2016 and wins praise from attorneys and fellow judges for her work in traffic and municipal courtrooms. Her background includes commercial and civil litigation in federal, state and appellate courtrooms. Jerry Barriolo is a career assistant public defender currently assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division. Patrick Dankwa John got negative ratings from the Council of Lawyers and the CBA. Quish is endorsed.

McGinnis vacancy: Bar association write-ups reveal an unusual dust-up in this race. The CBA found Brian Terrence Sexton "highly qualified" based on his extensive experience, knowledge of the law and demeanor. The Council of Lawyers noted all of that, but found the former prosecutor "not qualified," citing several occasions when the Illinois Appellate Court reversed convictions because of Sexton's conduct. Our endorsement, with an asterisk, goes to Judge **Peter Michael Gonzalez**, who was appointed to the bench in December. He gets high marks for experience and work ethic, but the Council of Lawyers has twice rated him "not qualified" because of concerns about his temperament. Also on the ballot is Bradley R. Trowbridge, a former social worker who practices family law. Trowbridge has worked for the city of Chicago Law Department and the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Rooney vacancy: **Jack Hagerty** is "highly regarded by his colleagues and adversaries for his diligence, knowledge of the law, outstanding temperament and commitment to community," the CBA says. Mable Taylor got unfavorable ratings from both major bar associations. Hagerty is endorsed.

Cook County subcircuit races

Judges also are elected from 15 subcircuits. All of these are Democratic primaries.

1st subcircuit, Hambricht Jr. vacancy: Judge **Litricia Payne** was appointed to the bench in 2016 and currently handles misdemeanor and traffic cases and preliminary felony hearings. As an assistant public defender in Will County, she pushed for alternative programs for defendants with mental health and substance abuse issues. Payne is endorsed over Erika Orr, a solo practitioner specializing in family law.

2nd subcircuit, Lampkin vacancy: Assistant public defender Tiana Ellis Blakely impressed the bar associations with the breadth and complexity of cases she has handled in 13 years as a lawyer. But Judge **Fredrick H. Bates** has even stronger credentials. He was an administrative law judge for 15 years before being appointed to the Circuit Court in 2015. In private practice, he specialized in employment and labor law. He's a past president of the Cook County Bar Association. Bates is endorsed.

2nd subcircuit, Laws vacancy: Judge **Adrienne Elaine Davis**, a former longtime assistant public defender, has won praise from peers since her appointment to the bench last year. She is endorsed over William H. Laws, a private defense attorney.

2nd subcircuit, Rhodes vacancy: Judge **Toya T. Harvey** was appointed to the bench last year after a long career as a top assistant public defender. Tiesha Smith did not participate in bar association evaluations. Harvey is endorsed.

2nd subcircuit, Turner Jr. vacancy: Judge **Travis Richardson** has a well-rounded background that includes civil and

criminal work in state and federal courts; he also was a hearing officer for the Chicago Board of Elections. He is endorsed over Ieshia Gray, an assistant public defender.

2nd subcircuit, Willis vacancy: Our endorsement goes to Judge **Debra A. Seaton**, appointed last year. She has been an assistant public defender in Cook and Kane counties and at the appellate level and also defended death penalty cases in private practice. Sheree D. Henry worked in the public guardian's office for four years before becoming an assistant public defender in 1999. Ubi O'Neal did not participate in bar association evaluations.

2nd subcircuit, Turner vacancy: **Devlin Schoop** has a broad legal background, has written educational materials for lawyers on discrimination issues and has been recognized for his extensive pro bono work. He was appointed to an unexpired term in 2015 but defeated in the 2016 election. Also on the ballot is Arthur Wesley Willis, an assistant public defender. Schoop is endorsed.

3rd subcircuit, Delehanty vacancy: After more than 20 years handling complex commercial litigation for a national law firm, Judge **Patrick Thomas Stanton** now presides over traffic court, after being appointed to the bench a year ago. He wants those who appear before him to leave feeling they were treated fairly and with respect, he told us in his essay. "I understand that for many of them, this will be their first or only interaction with the courts." Also on the ballot are Kevin Patrick Cunningham, a versatile solo practitioner and prosecutor for the village of Oak Lawn, and Michael Hayes, who got negative ratings from major bar associations.

4th subcircuit, Davy vacancy:

The CBA and the Council of Lawyers gave their highest ratings to Judge **David R. Navarro**. He was appointed to the bench in 2017 and currently serves in bond court. For eight years, he was chief of the Public Integrity Bureau for the Illinois attorney general's office. Before that he was an assistant state's attorney and was appointed special U.S. attorney, assigned to investigate the Chicago Police Department's Special Operations Section. Caroline Jamieson Golden has a strong background in litigation and currently focuses on civil rights cases and appellate work. She would be a fine judge, but in this race, Navarro is endorsed.

4th subcircuit, Riley vacancy: As a private attorney, Judge **John Andrew O'Meara** handled medical malpractice, government law and complex litigation cases, preparing him to run a civil courtroom after his appointment to the bench in 2016. He's our pick over Elizabeth Ciaccia-Lezza, a career prosecutor currently working in the sex crimes unit; Daniel Collins, a former prosecutor now in private practice; and Martin D. Reggi, also in private practice.

5th subcircuit, Banks vacancy: Judge **H. Yvonne Coleman** deserves our endorsement based on her exemplary resume, but her opponents made it even easier: Rhonda Sallee, Gino Betts and Gwendolyn D. Anderson all ducked the bar association evaluations. Coleman is endorsed.

5th subcircuit, Jones vacancy: Judge Marian Emily Perkins has not distinguished herself in traffic court since her appointment in July. The CBA gave her a thumbs down based on "concerns about the depth of her legal knowledge and judicial ability." Former prosecutor **David L. Kelly**, whose private practice includes both civil and criminal matters, has more promise. Jenetia Marshall did not participate in bar association screenings.

As the March 20 primary approaches, you'll find candidates' responses to Tribune Editorial Board questionnaires, and all of our endorsements, at chicagotribune.com/candidates

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PERSPECTIVE



CRAIG HUDSON/CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL

Teachers and other school employees in West Virginia who walked off the job last month celebrate in Charleston after receiving a 5 percent pay increase Tuesday.

West Virginia teachers' victory gives hope to sagging labor movement



ERIC ZORN

Late in this winter of organized labor's discontent, the green shoots of what some are calling the "West Virginia Spring" have broken through.

A dramatic and possibly illegal statewide job walk-off by 35,000 public school employees in West Virginia that began Feb. 22 ended Tuesday in a victory for the educators — a raise five times higher than what the state's governor had first proposed and a promise to attempt to curb their rising health insurance premiums.

Parents and other residents had rallied around the strikers during the nine days when schools in all 55 counties were closed. This put enormous pressure on the Republican legislature and Republican Gov. Jim Justice to do better by their teachers, currently the third-worst-paid in the country, according to the National Education Association.

Coincidentally, on the third school day of the strike, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case that seems likely to further erode the dwindling power of the union movement.

That case pits Mark Janus, an employee of the Illinois Department of

Healthcare and Family Services, against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31, the union that represents Janus and some 40,000 other state workers.

Simply put, Janus doesn't want to support the union, not even with "fair-share" dues that cover only the costs of representing employees in disputes with management and in collective bargaining. Janus contends that requiring public employees to support the union in any way violates their free-speech rights. And most observers are sure that a majority of the justices will side with him, opening the door for freeloaders to enjoy the benefits of union representation but not share in the organizational costs.

This is likely to weaken public-sector unions, a prospect that Republican Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner is sounding positively giddy about as he runs for re-election this year.

But the Janus decision won't affect West Virginia, as it already is a right-to-freeload state (many prefer the equally tendentious term "right-to-work"). Teachers and other state employees there not only can't be compelled to pay union fees, they're also not allowed to strike or to bargain collectively.

Nevertheless they persisted.

Without the formal involvement of union leaders or Democratic party supporters, the educators began rally-

ing on social media and in small gatherings to draw attention to the fact that they hadn't had raises since 2014, and that their rising health care premiums, co-pays and deductibles were actually reducing their take-home pay every year.

Teachers who could were leaving for better-paying states (Illinois' average teacher salary of \$61,324 is, for example, 37 percent higher than West Virginia's average of \$44,701) or taking second jobs. Some dual-educator families in West Virginia were reportedly eligible for government assistance programs. And districts were having trouble hiring qualified teachers and combining grades in classrooms.

Their frustration boiled over when Gov. Justice proposed and the state Senate passed a 1 percent raise for them earlier this year.

One reason the state's financial condition is poor is the failure of a bipartisan initiative that began in 2006 to slash taxes — mostly on businesses — in an effort to boost the state's economy. Yes, it ended up blowing a several-hundred-million-dollar hole in West Virginia's budget as these bank-shot attempts at stimulus so often do, but the hole has been widened and deepened by the shrinking demand for coal, the state's leading export.

The teachers were adamant, though, that hollowing out education was no way to bring West Virginia back. Their unofficial strike showed no signs of weakening as the days

wore on.

On Tuesday came the announcement that lawmakers had agreed to give the teachers, and all state employees, a 5 percent raise, to block any cuts in health benefits until at least the middle of next year and to form a task force to address that problem long term.

The Associated Press quoted one jubilant teacher: "We overcame, we overcame! It shows (students) how democracy is supposed to work, that you don't just bow down and lay down for anybody."

Some of that joy should be tempered, though, by the fine print that says money to pay for these raises is going to come in part by cuts to Medicaid.

Still, West Virginia teachers have shown that organized workers can still have clout in the inevitable post-Janus America if their cause is just and their resolution strong.

That idea has already spread to Oklahoma, also a right-to-freeload state, where public school teachers earn even less on average than those in West Virginia. On Thursday, the Oklahoma Education Association union is reportedly planning to announce a statewide-shutdown strategy.

If the green shoots in the hills of West Virginia flower on the Great Plains, look out. Labor may not be dead yet.

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The outrageously important assessor's race

BY JEFFREY P. SMITH

On my kitchen table are more than a dozen recent Democratic mailings urging me to vote for the "middle class" and at least six mailers promoting one party-backed candidate in order to resist "tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy."

I am outraged, but not because I don't share an antipathy to regressive taxation. I'm outraged because of the sheer hypocrisy.

As two comprehensive studies have shown, the local property tax system is broken, and its fault lines aren't random. Assessments in Cook County are skewed. As groups, higher-priced properties pay less than their fair share and lower-priced properties pay more. So the poor and the middle class are overassessed; the rich are underassessed. As some candidates have also noted, numerous large, extremely valuable commercial properties here are also grossly underassessed, their official county "market value" ludicrously less than what banks and investors know the properties are worth.

It's not mathematically possible that this is accidental. Nor is it chump change. With real estate in Cook County worth over a half-trillion dollars, even small assessment shifts add up to hundreds of millions, even billions,

of dollars.

This is a huge, systematic tax break for the wealthy — the very evil the Democratic propaganda flooding my mailbox rails against. Many taxpayers don't realize that money saved by those who could afford to pay fairly has to be made up in order to maintain a set tax levy, so it comes from the middle and working class.

So, because assessment doesn't directly lower or raise taxes, but mainly distributes the burden, the break for expensive properties isn't just extra cash, but Robin Hood in reverse. To the extent that politicians suppress levies overall because of voter resistance, this subsidy also deprives schools and cities of necessary revenue, although this impact is less direct than the regressive redistribution.

Joseph Berrios, the assessor presiding over this outrage, argues that the pervasive misassessment occurred under his predecessor as well. That's no defense, because as a former elected commissioner on the Cook County Board of Review tasked with correcting bad assessments, Berrios had decades to work to make the system fair — but didn't. To the contrary, the studies show that the appeals system actually magnifies the inequality.

The county's approach bars taxpayers from even arguing that

expensive properties are taxed at a cozier rate than the rest of us. If you contest your taxes, the phony regime of "uniformity" limits argument to so-called comparable properties. This pits bungalow owners against each other over relative crumbs, and bars evidence of mansions a couple blocks away, let alone Loop skyscrapers that get fictionally low valuations.

It is hard to overstate how awful this is. Most families live paycheck to paycheck and half have no savings to speak of. Taxes that pluck from the pockets of homeowners, from renters to whom landlords have to pass on increases and from small businesses are an enormous factor at the margins, contributing to domestic strife, divorce, foreclosure and bankruptcy. Every dollar shifted from average households to the well-to-do is a dollar unavailable for tuition, for day care, for therapy or simply for little luxuries like taking your kid to a ballgame that might make the difference in the direction of the child's life.

This banditry has a disproportionate racial impact, as well, because of correlation with wealth. Chris Kennedy may oversimplify to suggest that the system is purposely gamed in order to drive lower-income residents, in particular persons of color,



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Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios is running for re-election.

from Chicago, but such exodus is one effect. Is it coincidence that gentrification then lines the pockets of those who fill politicians' coffers?

I'd argue not. The taxes saved by the players fuel corruption and skew access to the political system. The \$200 a year taken from five bungalow owners may be, for them, a good reason not to buy even the low-end tickets to their local legislator's fundraiser. Meanwhile, that \$1,000 a year saved by one upscale property owner is another \$1,000 available to enhance his or her status and power. Unfair taxation enables the election and re-election of politicians who then maintain the system that exacerbates inequality. Power and money perpetuate themselves.

These days, any conscious person is at peril of succumbing

to Outrage Fatigue. But the sensational, headline-grabbing occurrences that fill cable TV should not drive voter decisions; they are like the tornadoes that mesmerize but are a statistically unlikely threat to your home. Corrupt taxation is more like the slow decay, over time, of a foundation, roof or plumbing — a threat far more likely to bring a house down.

The systemic inequality and corruption built into the Cook County property tax system may not trigger the same emotional response as an outlier act of violence or a celebrity's abuse of personal power, but this scandal should be at the top of voters' priorities this election because it does more damage.

Democratic voters have not just an opportunity but a compelling need to fix this abuse by voting for change in the coming primary. We must put an end to this longstanding, unfair, corrupt, destructive and hypocritical outrage.

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PERSPECTIVE

A TOWERING PROBLEM:
ILLINOIS' 'POLE TAX'

BY STEVE CHIRICO AND RICHARD IRVIN

Making calls, sending texts, streaming videos. We all want faster, better and more reliable wireless service these days.

But Illinois residents need to ask, at what cost?

When it comes to quality of life, Illinois taxpayers could soon bear the burden of the cellular industry's 5G technology.

The Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act (SB 1451) gives big telecom companies carte blanche to place small cell antennas — the size of refrigerators, in some cases — on streetlights and utility poles in the public right of way in towns across the state.

The bill, which was passed by the General Assembly last fall and is currently on the governor's desk, usurps local authority and the rights of municipalities for the economic gain of a thriving industry. Included in the lack of local authority is a cap on how much cities and villages could charge cell companies for the private, commercial use of public property and municipality-owned infrastructure. The legislation conveniently exempts the city of Chicago, whose legislators voted overwhelmingly for it, yet their decision negatively affects the suburbs and the rest of the state.

Pre-empting local authority will just lead to less zoning authority and more problems. What's next, the state requiring corporate advertising on the sidewalk outside your home? The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, which represents more than 1 million residents, formally opposes the current legislation.

Subsidizing big telecom companies for the network build-out amounts to a corporate bailout — essentially a pole tax on residents. The towers in question are called small cells because their transmissions don't carry very far. As a result, more are needed, creating a picket-fence-like effect of metal barnacles hanging above streets. Under this legislation, these eyesores can rise more than five stories above the tallest utility pole.

Moreover, the small cell epidemic isn't confined to Illinois. From places as Midwestern as Cleveland and as progressive as Austin, Texas, cities across the U.S. are fighting to stop small cell legislation. In California, Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed the state's small cell legislation last year, saying it amounted to a corporate giveaway.

The bottom line is that wireless carriers don't want to reinvest profits into capital expenses if they're not pressured by competition or oversight to do so. Denying this bill would rightfully force big telecom companies to spend more on technology and work with municipalities on suitable solutions.

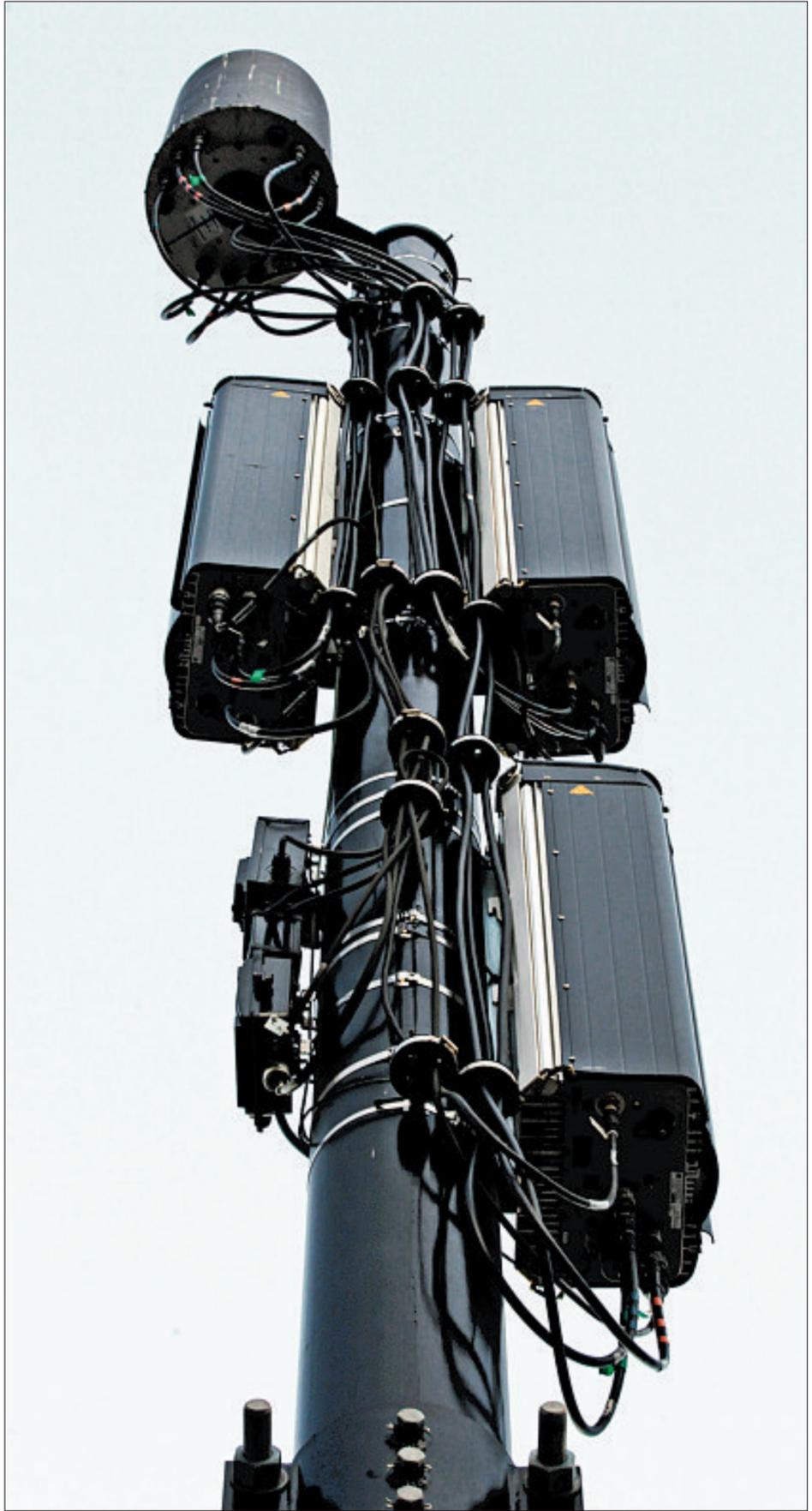
As DuPage County mayors, we urge Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Illinois General Assembly to consider changes in the bill that would:

- Enable individual municipalities to directly negotiate agreements in the best interest of their communities;
- Extend the cap to allow municipalities to charge competitively, which establishes a true market price and helps recoup the full expense of the oversight these facilities require;
- Establish size and design standards of the equipment;
- Limit the height of the antennas to 5 feet above the tallest utility pole; and
- Lengthen the approval process to give municipalities enough time to review and approve applications.

Our wireless infrastructure should be available at a neutral, affordable cost and enable competition to dictate the market — not a one-sided mandate by the wireless industry.

We all want access to more data at a faster pace, but lawmakers and the telecom giants should start by improving their connectivity with Illinois citizens.

Steve Chirico is the mayor of Naperville, and Richard Irvin is the mayor of Aurora.



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The Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act would give telecom companies permission to place small cell antennas on streetlights and utility poles in the public right of way in towns across the state.

Why Americans should give socialism a try

BY ELIZABETH BRUENIG

In the United States, we've arrived at a pair of mutually exclusive convictions: that liberal, capitalist democracies are guaranteed by their nature to succeed and that in our Trumpist moment they seem to be failing in deeply unsettling ways. For liberals — and by this I mean inheritors of the long liberal tradition, not specifically those who might also be called progressives — efforts to square these two notions have typically combined expressions of high anxiety with reassurances that, if we only have the right attitude, everything will set itself aright.

Hang on and hoping for the best is certainly one approach to rescuing the best of liberalism from its discontents, but my answer is admittedly more ambitious: It's time to give socialism a try.

Contemporary supporters of liberalism are often subject, I think, to what I call "everyday Fukuyama-ism" — the idea, explicitly stated or not, that the end of the Cold War really signaled the end of history, and that we can only look forward to the unceasing rise of Western-style liberal-democratic capitalism. (As

the leftist scholar Mark Fisher recounted: "It's easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism.") This assumption is reflected in the blindsided, startled unease of liberals in the era of President Donald Trump: "There are moments when everything I have come to believe in — reasoned deliberation, mutual toleration, liberal democracy, free speech, honesty, decency, and moderation — seem as if they are in eclipse," Andrew Sullivan recently lamented in *New York* magazine. "For the foreseeable future, nationalism is likely to remain a defining political force," Yascha Mounk fretted this past weekend in *The New York Times*. "Liberals should strive to make nationalism as inclusive as possible," he warned.

Against this backdrop of liberal disquietude, the notion that everything either will be or already is all right, granted the correct attitude — that "we're better than this," as former Vice President Joe Biden confidently declares on his newly launched political action committee's website — appears particularly frail. It's hard to square the late-Obama-era insistence that "America is already great" with the palpable sense that something

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— in the climate, in the economy, in society, in politics, in the well-spring of American ideas — is going badly wrong. What to do? Sullivan's solution to liberalism's peril is contemplative "self-doubt and self-knowledge"; Mounk's is to "domesticate (nationalism) as best we can."

But my sense is that while Sullivan, Mounk and all the other concerned liberal observers are right that something is wrong with the state of American liberalism, the problem is much deeper than they allow. I don't think business-as-usual but better is enough to fix what's broken here. I think the problem lies at the root of the thing, with capitalism itself.

In fact, both Sullivan's and Mounk's complaints — that Americans appear to be isolated, viciously competitive, suspicious of one another and spiritually shallow; and that we are anxiously looking for some kind of attachment to something real and

profound in an age of decreasing trust and regard — seem to be emblematic of capitalism, which encourages and requires fierce individualism, self-interested disregard for the other, and resentment of arrangements into which one deposits more than he or she withdraws. (As a business-savvy friend once remarked: Nobody gets rich off of bilateral transactions where everybody knows what they're doing.) Capitalism is an ideology that is far more encompassing than it admits, and one that turns every relationship into a calculable exchange. Bodies, time, energy, creativity, love — all become commodities to be priced and sold. Alienation reigns. There is no room for sustained contemplation and little interest in public morality; everything collapses down to the level of the atomized individual.

That capitalism is inimical to the best of liberalism isn't a new concern: It's a long-standing

critique, present in early socialist thought. That both capitalism and liberal governance have changed since those days without displacing the criticism suggests that it's true in a foundational way.

Not to be confused for a totalitarian nostalgist, I would support a kind of socialism that would be democratic and aimed primarily at decommodifying labor, reducing the vast inequality brought about by capitalism, and breaking capital's stranglehold over politics and culture.

I don't think every problem can be traced back to capitalism: There were calamities and injustices long before capital, and I'll venture to say there will be after. But it seems to me that it's time for those who expected to enjoy the end of history to accept that, though they're linked in certain respects, capitalism seems to be at odds with the harmonious, peaceful, stable liberalism of mid-20th-century dreams. I don't think we've reached the end of history yet, which means we still have the chance to shape the future we want. I suggest we take it.

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PERSPECTIVE

Can the news media acknowledge when Trump does something right?

BY RUBEN NAVARRETTE

SAN DIEGO — I'm not used to defending President Donald Trump, and I'm even more unaccustomed to feeling sorry for him. Now I'm doing both because of the raw deal that he got after a recent televised meeting on gun policy with lawmakers from both parties.

When Trump gets something wrong, the media and the special interests are quick to pounce. They ought to be just as good at acknowledging when he does something right.

First, Trump deserves praise — especially from the media — for opening up the process and changing how politics is covered. He occasionally invites television cameras into what were once closed-door meetings. It used to be that the president and lawmakers could say whatever they wanted in private with no way to hold them accountable. Then, later, they could say something different to the media. But when the proceedings are televised, everyone is on notice that what they say matters.

Next, Trump should get credit for doing something that you rarely see any Republican do at either end of Pennsylvania Avenue: challenging the National Rifle Association. The president noted that the NRA has a headlock on Congress but insisted that the organization will go along with reasonable reforms. If not, he said, he's ready to fight it.

Trump is due another round of applause for the fact that — during the meeting itself — he exhibited calm leadership, mature restraint and shrewd negotiating skills.

Unlike the adolescent who doesn't seem to think before he tweets, the person who chaired the discussion on guns sounded like a grown-up. He also sounded like the father of an 11-year-old boy who plays video games, including some that Trump acknowledges are extremely violent. The president thinks we should look at the



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Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Rep. Ted Deutch, D-Fla., listen last week as President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting at the White House with members of the Congress about school and community safety.

effect that such games might be having on young people.

Trump also refused to go along with highly controversial reforms like outlawing assault weapons or requiring all states to honor concealed carry permits. He understands that — while he can signal what reforms he would support — it's the job of the legislative branch to draft a bill. Besides, he knows what items would be deal killers for each side, and he cautioned the lawmakers not to include them because they could derail the whole process.

As for Trump's own view on guns, he displayed a lot of common sense when he asked how it is that someone has to wait until he turns 21 to legally purchase a handgun, but he can buy a rifle at 18. This includes the high-powered, semi-automatic AR-15 that is increasingly the gun of choice for mass murder. Gun proponents argue that people between the ages of 18 and 21 may like to hunt, and they have the right to do so.

But while the Second Amendment protects the right to bear arms, it doesn't say anything about purchasing them. Someone may have to do that for you. In fact, when I was 16, I had a small-caliber hunting rifle because my dad bought me one. And if you haven't yet reached a certain age, your parent or guardian is free to buy you a gun if they think you're responsible enough to handle one.

Finally, while it angered many conservatives, Trump may well have the law on his side when he talked about getting around due process and finding a way to allow family members to immediately take guns out of the hands of dangerous people and then go to court to petition for the right to seize them.

There is a public safety exception to constitutional requirements of due process when going through the normal procedure could put people's lives in danger. So noted the Supreme Court in a 1984 case called *New York v. Quarles*, which recognized that a

police officer could be exempt from reading a suspect his Miranda rights — consistent with the Fifth Amendment — if there was an emergency. In the *Quarles* case, the officer had to find a loaded handgun in a public place.

All in all, Trump performed quite well in the televised meeting over guns. So well that the liberal media are now desperately putting out another narrative suggesting that the president has backed off much of what he said at that discussion, under pressure from the NRA. The organization said as much to its members, but the White House denies that it has reversed course.

With all the spin and competing agendas, it's hard to know what to believe. Ultimately, results are what matter. Let's see some.

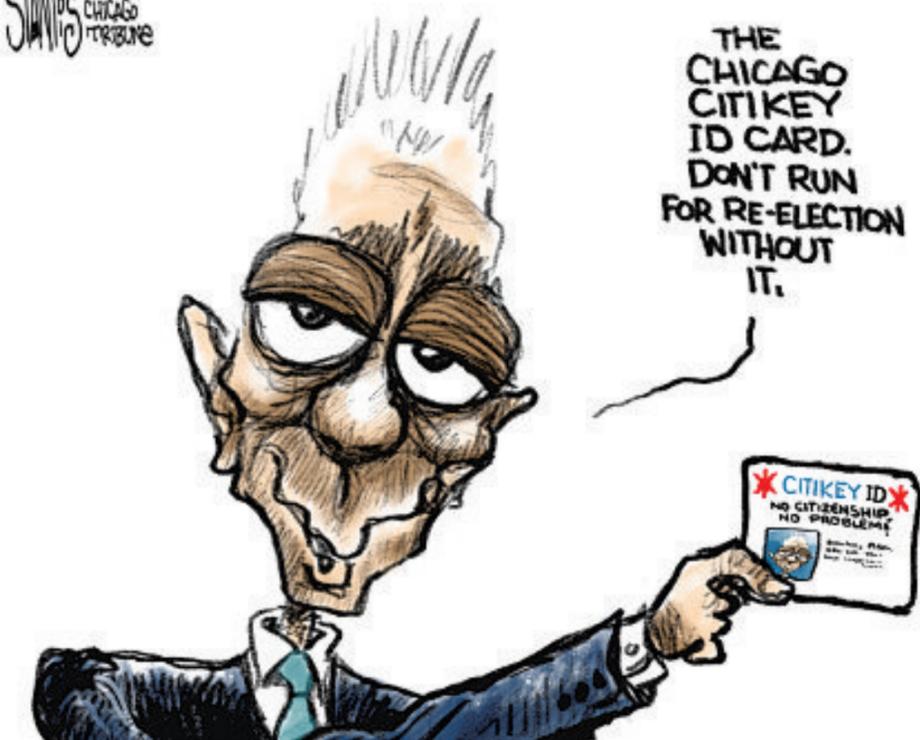
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“Mr. President, this will be remembered by our people through the ages. As you just said, others talked about it. You did it.”

— Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu, on President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital

“Do you honestly think this government will take measures against winemakers and wine culture?”

— Edouard Philippe, French prime minister, reassuring the French parliament after the country's health minister raised concerns about the health risks associated with drinking wine

“I believe that Carter Page was colluding with the Russians. That Carter Page is a weird dude.”

— Sam Nunberg, a former Trump campaign aide, on special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into a former Trump foreign policy adviser's ties to the Kremlin

“My constituents are worried about the cost of their beer cans. It's a concern.”

— U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, on how the Trump administration's proposed tariffs might raise the price of everyday goods

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A fair ballot

The Tribune's March 4 editorial “The ballot mess in Cook County” misleads readers into thinking that the “old machine” is behind the political assault to which I, the first female Democratic candidate to run for Cook County assessor since 1932, have been subjected.

Here are five other qualified female candidates removed from the county ballot: Jan Kowalski McDonald, Stephanie Joy Jackson-Rowe, Elizabeth Joyce, Rene Avila and Toni Williams.

Women make up less than a third of Cook County primary candidates.

Many of these local women candidates had their reputations slandered by biased challengers, while some were confronted with a herculean number of required

signatures at 8,236 (when state-wide governor and attorney general candidates needed 5,000).

That is why several have filed appeals for fair ballot access, not only at the Circuit and Appellate courts, but also with the federal district court. We've joined open-government ballot-access organizations to cease the silencing of women's voices in the state- and countywide election process.

The Tribune misses a critical point — it's not just “machine style” tactics by entrenched incumbents and party slate-makers that have been challenging my candidacy and others.

Indeed, it's the very so-called progressives, whom I have worked with for over three decades in good government causes and progressive candidate campaigns, who have prevented me from getting my message out to

voters.

It was wrong for the Cook County clerk to openly endorse my opponent and urge me to withdraw. It was wrong for the self-proclaimed progressive candidate, with absolutely no record on property tax reform issues, to continue to object to my candidacy for two months and three weeks.

Your readers deserve to hear the truth. Both the so-called progressive leaders and their organizations are lockstep with the good-old-boys of the Democratic Party as tag-team slate-makers in races of their interest. Both set the women's movement in Cook County many steps backward.

I am still on the ballot and will fight until the end because now — more than ever — women deserve the right to run for office and not be intimidated by machine-style political operatives and the new machine progressives.

The Cook County assessor's seat should never be for sale at the cost of disenfranchisement of voters who should be allowed

diverse choices.

— Andrea Raila, Chicago

Safety and security

I'm responding to Tom Hattan's Monday letter about the National Rifle Association protecting our schools. I realize the letter was meant as a jab to NRA members like myself, but I'm happy to volunteer to help protect our students. Unlike how the NRA is portrayed in the media, my experience with NRA members is that we are good, hard-working citizens who love our country and want to protect our families.

Therefore, I'm happy to volunteer one day a month to make sure my kids' schools are safe. I suggest we post a sign that clearly states, “This school is not a gun-free zone, and we take the safety and security of our students and staff seriously.”

You're probably curious about my background: I have an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern Uni-

versity in finance and marketing and an undergraduate degree in economics from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. I was a competitive shooter for many years before I got too busy with work and family. I routinely competed with a pistol, a shotgun and an AR-15. Over the last two weeks, I took my son pheasant hunting and my daughter to the gun range to make sure she knows how to handle and respect a firearm. It won't be too many years before she's living on her own.

As for NRA members protecting schools, I'll provide my own guns and will do it on a volunteer basis. I don't believe in enriching myself through government work, unlike many of our politicians. I'm sure other NRA members feel the same as I do.

I know the letter to the Tribune was sent in jest, but I'm completely serious. Our current system of protecting schools doesn't work. Gun-free zones and more gun control aren't the answer. Where do I sign up?

— Jason Kerr, Lake Forest

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CDC sees surge in opioid-OD ER visits

Cases in 2017 rose 66% in Illinois, 30% nationwide, says report on 45 states

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

Illinois emergency rooms experienced a 66 percent jump in opioid overdose visits last year, according to a new report that suggests the epidemic of heroin and prescription painkiller abuse continues to worsen in some states.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released state emergency room data Tuesday in a report that encourages hospitals and health departments to do more to combat outbreaks and prevent repeat overdoses.

The report found there were more than 142,000 ER visits for suspected opioid overdoses between July 2016 and September 2017 in 45 states, which represented a 30 percent increase from the third quarter of 2016 to the third quarter of 2017. In 16 states hard-hit by the opioid epidemic, ER visits from overdoses rose 35 percent in that time.

The increase was worst in the Mid-

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Citadel's Ken Griffin is still Illinois' richest

Forbes puts hedge fund manager's worth at \$9.1B

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

Ken Griffin must be getting comfortable on top.

Forbes released its 32nd annual World Billionaires List on Tuesday, and although Griffin is No. 172 on the list, he places higher than any other Illinoisian.

Griffin founded and runs Chicago-based hedge fund Citadel, which manages more than \$27 billion in assets. Forbes puts his real-time net worth at about \$9.1 billion. He got his start in his Harvard dorm, where he began trading in 1987, according to Forbes. He put a satellite dish on the roof so he could nab real-time stock quotes.

It's not the Chicago billionaire's first time leading the pack of Illinoisians on a Forbes ranking. He topped the same list last year and held the title on the Forbes 400 ranking released in October, when his net worth was \$8.5 billion.

There are 17 billionaires in Illinois, according to Forbes. They include real estate mogul Sam Zell (No. 2 in Illinois and No. 404 overall, with \$4.9 billion); casino magnate Neil Bluhm (No. 5 in Illinois and No. 729 overall, with \$3.2 billion); and Beanie Babies creator Ty Warner (No. 10 in Illinois and No. 887 overall, with \$2.7 billion).

A handful of Pritzkers — members of the family that founded the Hyatt Hotel chain — made the list, including Democratic candidate for governor J.B. Pritzker (No. 4 in Illinois and No. 652 overall, with \$3.5 billion). Last year, Pritzker ranked No. 3 in Illinois, with \$3.4 billion.

He swapped spots with his cousin Thomas Pritzker (No. 3 in Illinois this year and No. 527 overall). Thomas Pritzker's fortune increased by \$900 million since last year's ranking, when he and Bluhm were tied for fourth.

The Forbes billionaires list takes a snapshot of wealth on Feb. 9 that incorporates that day's stock prices and exchange rates from around the world.

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos topped the entire list for the first time, with a net worth of \$112 billion, up \$39.2 billion from 2017. Bill Gates (\$90 billion) and Warren Buffett (\$84 billion) are right behind him.

Another notable name on the list is President Donald Trump, who Forbes says is worth \$3.1 billion. He ranks No. 766 this year, falling from No. 544 in 2017. His fortune fell \$400 million since last year due in part to declining real estate values in midtown Manhattan and downward revenues at some Trump golf properties.

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On-air personalities at WLUP-FM said their goodbyes Tuesday after the station was sold to Educational Media Foundation.

After 40 years, song is over for The Loop

Christian broadcaster takes over WLUP-FM, marking end of adventurous era at rock station

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Shock jock Erich Muller signed off from the "Mancow Morning Show" on WLUP-FM 97.9 for the final time Tuesday following the announcement that the station is being sold to Christian broadcaster Educational Media Foundation for \$21.5 million.

It was the last live shift for the on-air personalities at the legendary classic rock station, better known as "The Loop,"

before it switches formats Saturday to adult contemporary Christian music. WLUP will air rock music — without disc jockeys — until then.

"Mancow and his staff, they have all left the building," said Marv Nyren, market manager for Cumulus Chicago, which has been operating WLUP since 2014 for owner Merlin Media.

The purchase agreement, struck last month and filed Monday with the Federal Communications Commission, moves WLUP to a broadcaster whose K-LOVE

Christian music format is heard on more than 600 stations nationwide.

"We're really excited about being able to get into the Chicagoland area," Mike Novak, president and CEO of Educational Media Foundation, said Tuesday. "We're hopeful that we have some sort of impact on the people of Chicago and that we can provide a positive and encouraging atmosphere in these days of uncertainty."

The foundation is taking over WLUP's programming through an affiliation agreement prior to receiving FCC approval and closing on the station purchase, Novak said.

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Quarter Pounders and Signature Crafted burgers will be made with fresh patties.

McDonald's set to flip to fresh beef burgers

New offerings expected in Chicago by early May

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

McDonald's plans to introduce fresh beef burgers in all U.S. restaurants by early May, the fast-food chain's latest move aimed at drawing customers, boosting sales and propelling the business into the future.

Quarter Pounders and Signature Crafted burgers will be made with patties that are cooked upon ordering. All other burgers, including the Big Mac, will continue to be made with patties that are prepared in advance and then frozen. The announcement follows 18 months of testing in order to refine the cooking process so it doesn't result in longer wait times for customers, said Chris Kempczinski, McDonald's USA president.

"McDonald's is known for speed and convenience. What we had to figure out is how do you cook only when someone orders it, but do it in a way that doesn't impact service times. When people come to McDonald's, they're not going to wait five minutes for a burger," Kempczinski said at a media event at an Oak Brook McDonald's on Monday night.

Fresh beef is already available in some

3,500 restaurants in various markets across the U.S., but it won't be available in Chicago until the beginning of May, the company said.

For McDonald's customers, any impact to serving time and price will be minimal, Kempczinski said. For the Golden Arches, the hope is to sustain and even accelerate the company's turnaround. Under Steve Easterbrook, who took over as CEO in 2015, McDonald's has unleashed an array of changes to make the Oak Brook-based chain more contemporary and relevant to today's consumers.

Since the long-awaited launch of all-day breakfast, also in 2015, the Golden Arches has started mobile ordering and delivery, modernized thousands of its U.S. restaurants, introduced premium menu items, and overhauled its value menu, among other changes. This spring, McDonald's is also planning to move from its longtime headquarters in Oak Brook to new corporate offices in Chicago's Fulton Market district.

Kempczinski, a former Kraft Foods Group executive who also joined McDonald's in 2015, compared the

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Chicago AT&T call center to add 200 to staff

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

AT&T is creating hundreds of new jobs at a newly renovated call center on Chicago's Northwest Side.

The Dallas-based telecommunications giant announced Tuesday that it has added 300 workers since the fall, with plans to hire 200 more to staff up the customer service operation. AT&T has put out the help wanted sign and is taking applications online.

"These are good, family-supporting jobs," said Paul La Schiazza, AT&T Illinois president. "It's a foundation for growth for the economy in general in Chicago."

The three-story facility at 2401 W. Grace St. in the Horner Park neighborhood is owned by AT&T and previously housed a variety of office functions. It was renovated early last year to create the new call center, which is gearing up to handle inquiries from AT&T customers across a spectrum of services, including wireless, broadband and video, La Schiazza said.

The Chicago center is expected to field millions of calls annually from across the U.S., he said, but AT&T's local customer base played a role in choosing Chicago.

"Over the past several years, the demand for our products has really grown, and we feel strongly that we want to grow jobs where our customers are, where they're demanding our products and services," La Schiazza said.

The call center is bringing new jobs to Chicago in part through consolidated work from locations outside of Illinois, La Schiazza said. He said the availability of quality workers, "improvements in the regulatory climate" in Springfield and the infrastructure in Chicago also contributed to the decision to locate the call center in the city.

With the opening of the new facility, there are five AT&T call centers in Illinois, including two in Chicago. Overall, the company employs 11,000 people statewide.

The Chicago call center jobs pay up to \$18 per hour, La Schiazza said, and all have opportunity for advancement.

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CEO out at in-flight internet firm Gogo

Thorndale Farm investment firm chief to take over

By **ALLY MAROTTI**
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In-flight internet company Gogo has a new president and CEO.

Oakleigh Thorne, a director of the Chicago-based company, will take the helm immediately after a "mutual decision" between the board and Chief Executive Michael J. Small that he would step down, the company announced Monday.

Small had been Gogo's CEO since 2010, according to the company's website. He also sat on the company's board.

Thorne serves as CEO of investment firm Thorndale Farm. He and his affiliated entities are Gogo's largest shareholder, with about 30 percent of the company's outstanding common stock, according to filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Thorne said in a news release that he is excited to work with Gogo on "driving quality for airlines and passengers, sharpening our operational focus, achieving profitability with the money we have in the bank and driving shareholder value."

Gogo's stock was up in after-hours trading on news of the shake-up. The company employs more than 1,200 people.

Gogo's services are offered on flights operated by American Airlines, United Airlines and Alaska Airlines, among others.

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McDonald's says it doesn't expect serving time to be affected by the switch to fresh beef patties.

18 months of testing preceded decision

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operational challenge of rolling out fresh beef at all 14,000 U.S. restaurants to that of launching all-day breakfast.

Time will tell if the impact is similar, as all-day breakfast provided a significant boost to sales and foot traffic.

"I'd love similar results to all-day breakfast, but the customer will ultimately decide," Kempezinski said.

The timing of the announcement could help bolster Wall Street confidence after a recent slide to start the year.

On Friday, shares of McDonald's stock fell almost 5 percent after analysts at RBC Capital Markets disappointed with the early performance of the chain's new \$1 \$2 \$3 Dollar Menu lowered sales and earnings estimates for the company. But in the research note, David Palmer and his colleagues also noted the chain could outperform expectations in the months ahead, in part because of the anticipated launch of fresh beef.

R.J. Hottovy, an analyst with Morningstar, said he expects fresh beef to be an "incremental positive" on sales and foot traffic, rather than the more significant impact of all-day breakfast. Value items draw more traffic to McDonald's, but

premium items, like fresh beef burger, encourage consumers to "trade up" once they're in the restaurants, Hottovy said.

Even in the world of fast food, customers are seeking food they consider to be healthier and "closer to the source," even while looking for a good deal, Hottovy said.

"It's a positive that people will recognize," he said. "It does play with a lot of what today's consumers are looking for."

Of course, there are other fast-food chains already serving fresh beef burgers. Smaller rival Wendy's has gone on the attack, reminding people on social media — and with a Super Bowl ad campaign — of Wendy's "fresh, never frozen" marketing promise.

Chains such as Wendy's, Taco Bell and Burger King have also ramped up competitive value menu offerings in the past year or so.

Like its competitors, McDonald's is trying to offer both value and quality to woo consumers, making some moves in recent years like committing to using only eggs sourced from cage-free hens and, most recently, tweaking the Happy Meals to make them healthier.

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An Instagram rival sees a surge in popularity

Cosplay community provides boost to ad-free Vero app

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**
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NEW YORK — Instagram users fed up with the service becoming more and more like Facebook are flocking to a hot new app called Vero.

Vero lets you share photos and video just like Instagram, plus it lets you talk about music, movies or books you like — or hate.

Though Vero has been around since 2015, it surged to popularity in recent days, thanks in part to sudden, word-of-mouth interest from the cosplay community — comic book fans who like to dress up as characters. That interest then spread to other online groups.

There's also a growing frustration with Instagram, with a flood of ads, dearth of privacy options and a recent end to the chronological ordering of posts. Instagram users have been posting screenshots of Vero, asking their friends to join.

But don't ring Instagram's death knells just yet: Hot new apps pop up and fizzle by the dozen, so the odds are stacked against Vero. Remember Ello? Peach? Thought so.

"Young people are super fickle and nothing has caught on in the way that Snapchat or Instagram has," said Debra Aho Williamson, an eMarketer analyst who specializes in social media.

Here's a look at Vero, how it's become so hot — and whether it can last:

Sudden interest: From 2015 until this month, Vero was little known with fewer than 200,000 users, according to CEO Ayman Hariri. Then cosplay mem-



RICHARD DREW/AP

Instagram users fed up with ads and the lack of granular privacy controls are flocking to the Vero app, center.

bers started posting photos of elaborate costumes and makeup. Photographers, tattoo artists and others followed. Last week, Vero was approaching 3 million users, Hariri said.

Vero had gotten so popular that some users reported widespread outages and error messages. Vero said it was working to keep up in response "a large wave of new users."

How it works: Vero works on Apple or Android mobile devices and is free — at least for now. The company eventually wants to charge a subscription fee.

There are no ads, and the service promises "no data mining. Ever." That means it won't try to sell you stuff based on your interests and habits, as revealed through your posts. Of course, Facebook started out without ads and "data mining," and it's now one of the top internet advertising companies. Facebook bought Instagram in 2012 and started showing ads there the following year.

Instagram's privacy settings are all-or-nothing: You either make everything available to everyone on Instagram, or make everything visible only to approved friends. Vero lets

you set the privacy level of individual posts. If you don't want something available to all users, you can choose just close friends, friends or acquaintances.

Another big difference: Vero shows friends' posts in chronological order rather than tailored to your perceived tastes, as determined by software. Instagram got rid of chronological presentations in 2016, a change that hasn't gone well with many users.

Will Vero fizzle out? Newcomers like Ello and Peach can quickly become popular as people fed up with bigger services itch for something new.

But reality can set in when people realize that their friends are not on the new services or that these services aren't all they promised to be.

Williamson, the eMarketer analyst, said it's difficult for a new service to become something people use for more than a few weeks.

A rare exception is Snapchat, which was founded in 2010, the same year as Instagram. Unlike Instagram, it has remained an independent company and is still a popular service among younger people.

Opioid-related ER visits surge

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west and in large metropolitan areas. In the Midwest, Wisconsin saw a 109 percent jump in suspected opioid overdose visits. Visits rose 35 percent in Indiana, 28 percent in Ohio and 21 percent in Missouri.

Data from ER visits, rather than overdose deaths, are useful because they show when and where people are overdosing, information states can use to identify where resources are needed, said Dr. Anne Schuchat, acting CDC director, in a conference call Tuesday with reporters. An ER visit also is a time when people can get help before their drug use kills them.

The report found that urban centers saw a greater increase in overdose visits than rural areas, which have traditionally been seen as the hardest hit by the nation's opioid epidemic.

Schuchat said that could reflect changes in the drug supply in urban centers like Chicago, where the practice of cutting heroin with fentanyl has exacerbated drug toxicity. But it could also be a statistical anomaly since the data were collected from just 16 states.

Dr. Nirav D. Shah, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said the rise in overdoses in the state is not unexpected given the upsurge in fentanyl-laced heroin across the state. "This increase reinforces the need for us to work together: government, health care, behavioral health, community-based organizations, substance use disorder treatment programs, clinicians, pharmacists, law enforcement, and others, to implement strategies to help reverse the growing epidemic," Shah said in an emailed statement.

Among the solutions is increasing access to medication-assisted treatment, which combines behavioral therapy with medication to reduce withdrawal symptoms, Shah said. He also calls for increasing the

availability of naloxone, which reverses the effects of overdoses, and working with law enforcement.

At Loretto Hospital in Chicago's South Austin neighborhood, there has been a steady increase in opioid-related admissions over the past year, said Dr. Sandeep Mellacheruvu, director of behavioral health. It is typical to see overdose increases at the start of the month, when many people get their paychecks, but the spikes could also be due to growing fentanyl use.

Loretto is expanding its program to include medication-assisted treatment, Mellacheruvu said. It also is increasing community outreach efforts to nursing homes to help address prescription opioid addiction among the elderly.

The crisis is gripping Illinois' urban and suburban communities alike.

Dr. Thomas Eiseman, an addiction medicine specialist at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital in west suburban Winfield, said there has been a noticeable increase in opioid-related visits over the last six months to a year, both among youths and middle-aged users.

Increasingly, users are shifting from heroin to stronger synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, and recently Central DuPage Hospital experienced its first death from carfentanyl, which is 100 times as potent as fentanyl and 5,000 times as potent as heroin.

"It's the scariest thing I've ever seen in my career," Eiseman said.

Central DuPage recently added seven beds, for a total of 20, to its adult inpatient detox and residential program, and is offering several new patient education groups on overdose prevention and withdrawal-reduction drugs. It is also extending medication-assisted treatment to outpatients, and Eiseman emphasizes the importance of behavioral therapy to help patients work through the life issues that led them to abuse

drugs in the first place.

After the Midwest, where opioid overdose visits rose an average of 70 percent, the largest regional increase was in the West — 40 percent.

In the Northeast, opioid overdose emergency room visits rose by 105 percent in Delaware and 81 percent in Pennsylvania. But some states that historically have had the worst opioid problems, including West Virginia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, experienced small decreases in overdose visits.

In the Southeast, which at 14 percent had the lowest regional increase in overdose visits, Kentucky reported a statistically significant decrease of 15 percent.

It isn't clear whether that's because those hard-hit states have been devoting resources to tackle the problem for longer and are seeing success, or because their rates were so high that they couldn't get higher, Schuchat said.

At Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood, medical director Dr. Jaime Moreno said he sees so many heroin-related problems in his ER that it is hard to tell whether there has been an increase. Overdose visits alone don't capture the severity of the problem. Many more people come in with infections, withdrawal symptoms and complications from missing routine appointments like dialysis because they were busy getting high, he said.

But the hospital does little more than ensure patients are medically stable before discharging them with referral phone numbers to rehab services, Moreno said.

He has started conversations with community clinicians about beginning medication-assisted treatment in Sinai's ER and then handing patients off for further rehab, he said.

"There's a lot more we can do."

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UnitedHealthcare will pass along drug rebates

Some covered by insurer may collect Rx cash next year

BY TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

The nation's biggest health insurer will pass drugmaker rebates along to some customers starting next year, giving a potential break to those taking expensive prescriptions. UnitedHealthcare said

Tuesday it will let people covered by certain employer-sponsored health plans collect rebates when they fill prescriptions or at the point of sale. Those rebates could amount to a few bucks or several hundred dollars, depending on the drug.

Drugmakers frequently give rebates for prescription drugs, but those discounts rarely flow directly to the people filling prescriptions. How these rebates are used

has become a growing source of debate in recent years as the cost of some treatments has soared.

The Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute says insurers and employers most often use the rebate money to reduce overall plan costs.

The rebates that UnitedHealthcare plans to pass along could lower customer expenses like deductibles or co-insurance payments. Those costs in general have

climbed steadily in recent years as employers shift more of the coverage expense to people who use the prescriptions.

UnitedHealthcare's announcement marks a "major win" for patients, according to Adam Fein, who follows the industry as CEO of Drug Channels Institute.

Fein noted that most rebates come from patients using brand-name medications to treat chronic conditions, but that money fre-

quently goes toward lowering costs for everyone, including insurers' healthier customers.

"A small number of people are generating most of the rebate dollars, and they are not seeing the direct benefit," he said.

Separately, President Donald Trump also has proposed giving rebates directly to Medicare prescription drug customers.

UnitedHealthcare's rebate plan will apply to about

7 million people who have fully insured coverage through an employer. That's a relatively small slice of business for an insurer that covers more than 49 million people.

The plan does not apply to the insurer's individual coverage or to insurance offered through most large employers.

UnitedHealthcare is the insurance arm of Minnetonka, Minn.-based UnitedHealth Group.



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This proposed apartment building by The 606 at 1750 N. Western Ave. is planned to be 15 percent affordable housing.

New building along 606 highlights area's change

Hard to maintain affordable housing near elevated trail

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE
Chicago Tribune

Juan Carlos Linares doesn't like to use the term "gentrification."

It's loaded, he said, with both positive and negative implications of what happens when an influx of affluent residents moves into new or rehabbed homes, pushing out less-wealthy residents.

Linares, the executive director of Latin United Community Housing Association, or Lucha, an advocacy group in Logan Square and Humboldt Park, prefers to call that process "the acceleration of real estate values" — and it's in full display in the neighbor-

hoods along The 606 elevated trail.

The latest development proposed near the 2.7-mile bike and pedestrian trail is a 127-unit apartment building at 1750 N. Western Ave. at the edge of the Logan Square neighborhood, expected to open in the fall of next year. The seven-story building, which awaits zoning approval, will connect directly to The 606, which runs between Ridgeway and Ashland avenues.

Rents for the units, which will range from studios to three-bedroom apartments, are undecided, but 15 percent of them will be set aside for affordable housing, said Mitch Goltz, principal of developer GW Properties.

The building will also have 8,000 square feet of retail space along with 127 spaces for bicycles and 36 spots for cars.

Between when construction started on the trail in 2012 and 2016's second quarter, single-family home prices west of Western Avenue rose 48.2 percent, according to data from the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University.

East of Western Avenue, home prices have increased less dramatically because the area was already flush with higher-income residents and higher-priced homes.

West of Western Avenue, the median household income between 2010 and 2014 — the most recent period for which data are available — was \$49,700, according to the housing institute. If no more than one-third of income is to be spent on housing, some area rents that start at \$1,500 for a studio near the trail price current residents out.

Competition for apart-

ments in the area is intense, given the low supply and high demand, particularly for affordable housing units, said Geoff Smith, executive director of the housing institute.

In a really competitive market, there are fewer rental units available, creating long waiting lists for those in need of more affordable apartments. "Most of the production of new housing is not accessible to moderate- and low-income people," Smith said.

Linares said his group is "happy to see The 606."

"The issue, of course, is how do we develop responsibly," he said.

To help preserve affordable housing in the area, Lucha is building 45 scattered affordable apartment units in Humboldt Park.

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Chicago's RXBar seeks 'scale, spirit, grit' as it expands

New Kellogg unit adding nut butter, relocating its HQ

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

RXBar is launching a nut butter spread this spring, the Chicago-based company's first foray into other categories since being acquired by Kellogg Co. for \$600 million in early November.

RXBar's founders believe it's just the beginning of extending the brand well beyond protein bars. Now backed by Kellogg's considerable resources, the company is also planning to distribute products internationally for the first time, first in the United Kingdom later this year and then Australia. And early next month, RXBar will move into its new headquarters at the southwest corner of Wells and Hubbard streets in River North, upgrading from its cramped 8,000-square-foot office in the same neighborhood to a nine-story, 44,000-square-foot building, all of which will be occupied by RXBar.

Since October, when the deal was announced, the RXBar workforce has doubled, from about 70 employees to about 140, CEO Peter Rahal said. That number likely will grow to 240 by the end of the year, he said.

In summary, life is good for RXBar, though Rahal has new worries now.

"We're trying to think of ways to not get fat and soft. Scale, spirit and grit — these are opposing forces at times," said Rahal, 31, who co-founded the business in 2013 with his childhood friend Jared Smith.

Rahal spoke about life after the deal on his way to Natural Products Expo West in Anaheim, Calif., the Super Bowl for makers of food products marketed as healthy and natural. This will be RXBar's fourth year at the expo but its first since the Kellogg acquisition made the company a poster child for small food startups with big dreams.

"Nothing really will change, but we'll get a lot more attention," Rahal said. "The good thing is all the private-equity guys won't be bothering us as much."

At the expo, RXBar will debut its RX Nut Butters, which will be sold in 10-pack sleeves of 1-ounce single servings, available in three flavors: peanut butter, peanut butter honey cinnamon and almond vanilla.

The spreads are intended to be a sort of "snacking condiment,"

spread onto apple slices or crackers, Rahal said. Later, the spreads will also be sold in multiple-serving jars, he said.

The concept was already in the works before the deal with Kellogg was finalized, Rahal said. And while the Battle Creek, Mich.-based food giant has provided guidance, RXBar has done the heavy lifting of the new product launch, he said. Kellogg has committed to allowing RXBar to operate with relative autonomy, while providing resources to help it grow.

"My expectation was some things were going to change and we were going to have all these checks and balances. Kellogg has stayed true to what it said," Rahal said.

Kellogg, long known for its cereal brands, views RXBar as an important "growth platform" for snacking sales, particularly in e-commerce, as cereal sales continue to decline in the U.S. Though still a big business, breakfast cereal sales have declined at an annual rate of 2.6 percent over the past four years, according to Nielsen.

"(Kellogg) over the course of the last five years has really transitioned itself from primarily a cereal business to a much more of an innovative snacking business. And the latest acquisition of RXBar is just kind of a cherry on top," CEO Steve Cahillane said on an earnings call last month.

After Kellogg's acquisition of RXBar made headlines, Rahal said he received more than 250 texts and emails. He responded to most of them, he said. A self-proclaimed introvert, Rahal said he's retreated from some of the attention that's come with the deal but has otherwise gone about his business the same as before.

"I'm working just as much, because I love what I do," he said.

RXBar will have room to grow in its new office, which includes a gym, a research and development kitchen, and a roof deck with city views. And though Rahal is excited about the future, he worries a little about losing the "camaraderie and grit" that's defined the company in smaller, less desirable offices.

In order to stave off complacency, RXBar might get creative, maybe even having employees change desks every couple of months to "stimulate change," he said.

"We're just getting started," Rahal said.

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Vineyard Vines sues competitor over label design

Alleges Dazzle Up's 'simply southern' is confusingly similar

BY MICHAEL GORDON
Charlotte Observer

What's in a label?

Plenty, according to Vineyard Vines, and the high-end casual clothier appears ready to go to court to prove it.

The company has filed suit against another well-known fashion retailer, Greensboro, N.C.-based Dazzle Up, alleging that a label on some of the company's T-shirts bears a striking — and illegal — resemblance to Vineyard Vines' own.

Their legal fight focuses on a label that appears on the back of at least some of the products in Dazzle Up's

"simply southern" T-shirt line.

The phrase appears in a lower-case serif font. So does Vineyard Vines' 20-year-old brand.

The Dazzle Up lettering is set against a pink backdrop with a thin white border. Likewise Vineyard Vines, though its pink appears a shade or two darker.

Close enough, Vineyard Vines claims in a federal complaint filed last week by Charlotte attorney Larry Jones.

The suit accuses Dazzle Up of federal trade infringement, unfair competition and violating North Carolina's Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Vineyard Vines has asked for a jury trial.

Dazzle Up did not immediately reply to an email

sent to its headquarters Monday seeking comment.

Jones said Vineyard Vines has had "previous grievances" with Dazzle Up before. The latest, which spurred the suit, was discovered in February.

"There is absolutely no legitimate reason for Simply Southern or Dazzle Up to mimic the appearance of our label and then put it so prominently on their products," Jones said.

Vineyard Vines' logo, he says, is the company's core image, which places it at the center of Vineyard Vines' relationship with its customers.

If other people use it or a facsimile, "you destroy the essence of branding merchandise which is if I buy this product, I know where it comes from," Jones said.

In the complaint, Jones accuses Dazzle Up of attempting to confuse or deceive the public into thinking that it's buying the Vineyard Vines brand.

In its complaint, Vineyard Vines has asked that a jury set appropriate losses and damages in the case.

It also asks the courts to stop Dazzle Up from using the disputed label for future products and promotions. And it wants all the disputed merchandise turned over to Vineyard Vines so it can be destroyed.

Asked to estimate his client's losses in this case, Jones said he couldn't say.

"But if someone sticks his hands in your pocket, you're equally offended if he takes a couple of quarters or a couple of hundred-dollar bills."

Kushner to work on making electronic health records user-friendly

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration Tuesday launched a new effort under the direction of presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner to overcome years of problems with electronic medical records and make them easier for patients to use.

Medicare will play a key role, eventually enabling nearly 60 million beneficiaries to securely access

claims data and share that with their doctors.

Electronic medical records were ushered in with great fanfare but it's generally acknowledged they've fallen short. Different systems don't communicate. Patient portals can be clunky to navigate. Some hospitals still provide records on compact discs that newer computers can't read.

The government has already spent about \$30 billion to subsidize the adoption of digital records by

hospitals and doctors. It's unclear how much difference the Trump effort will make. No timetables were announced Tuesday.

The government-wide MyHealthEData initiative will be overseen by the White House Office of American Innovation, which is headed by Kushner. His stewardship of a broad portfolio of domestic and foreign policy duties



Kushner

has recently been called into question due to his inability to obtain a permanent security clearance.

Medicare administrator Seema Verma said her agency is working on a program called Blue Button 2.0, with the goal of providing beneficiaries with secure access to their claims data, shareable with their doctors. Software developers are already working on apps, using

mock patient data.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is also reviewing its requirements for insurers, so that government policy will encourage the companies to provide patients with access to their records.

"It's our data, it's our personal health information, and we should control it," Verma said, making her announcement at a health care tech conference in Las Vegas.

Independent experts said the administration has

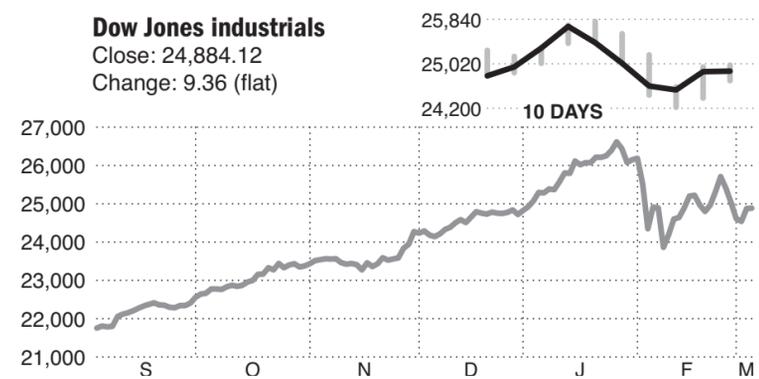
identified a key problem in the health care system.

"This is a good first step, but several key challenges need to be addressed," said Ben Moscovitch, a health care technology expert with the Pew Charitable Trusts.

For example, the claims data that Medicare wants to put in the hands of patients sometimes lack key clinical details, Moscovitch said. If the patient had a hip replacement, claims data may not indicate what model of artificial hip the surgeon used.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,995.24 Low: 24,708.41 Previous: 24,874.76



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
▲ +41.30 (+.56%)	▲ +7.18 (+.26%)	▲ +16.15 (+1.04%)
Close 7,372.01	Close 2,728.12	Close 1,562.20
High 7,378.03	High 2,732.08	High 1,562.20
Low 7,319.68	Low 2,711.26	Low 1,538.63
Previous 7,330.71	Previous 2,720.94	Previous 1,546.05

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
▲ +0.01 to 2.89%	▲ +15.50 to \$1,333.60	▲ +0.01 to 106.21/\$1	▼ -0.0051 to .8061/\$1	▲ +0.03 to \$62.60

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
-2.07	+57	-59	-12	+3.60	+1.22	+18.92	+26.36	+15.19

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	498.75	502	496.75	502	-2.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	377.75	380.25	377.25	379.75	+1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1066	1067	1060.75	1064.50	-2.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.26	32.31	32.06	32.30	+2.9
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	388.90	388.90	383.30	384.50	-4.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	62.58	63.28	62.17	62.60	+0.3
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.706	2.757	2.702	2.749	+0.045
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.9340	1.9443	1.9157	1.9331	-0.018

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	60.88	+51	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	84.71	+97	McDonalds Corp	N	151.20	+1.7
AbbVie Inc	N	114.56	-1.10	Equity Residential	N	56.89	+42	Middleby Corp	O	121.50	+1.49
Allstate Corp	N	93.43	+54	Exelon Corp	N	37.17	-51	Mondelz Int'l	O	45.57	+30
Artagroup Inc	N	90.77	+57	First Indl RT	N	29.15	+38	Morningstar Inc	O	94.96	+5.1
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.12	+40	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	62.23	+1.13	Motorola Solutions	N	108.38	+11.1
Baxter Intl	N	67.01	+16	Gallagher AJ	N	69.61	-05	Navistar Intl	N	37.03	-59
Boeing Co	N	348.92	-3.83	Grainger WW	N	267.76	+7.93	NiSource Inc	N	23.21	-32
Brunswick Corp	N	61.61	+43	GrubHub Inc	N	101.42	-56	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.72	+36
CBOE Global Markets	O	118.17	+2.82	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	84.88	+1.72	Old Republic	N	20.22	-12
CDK Global Inc	O	69.84	+81	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	76.35	+15	Packaging Corp Am	N	119.07	+2.14
CDW Corp	O	74.11	+17	IDEX Corp	N	141.03	+2.13	Stericycle Inc	O	63.12	+12
CF Industries	N	43.20	-1.36	ITW	N	161.65	+1.97	TransUnion	N	57.05	-93
CME Group	O	169.59	+1.10	Ingredion Inc	N	133.63	+2.09	Tribune Media Co A	N	41.66	-1.4
CNA Financial	N	51.93	+46	John Bean Technol	N	113.50	+2.08	USG Corp	N	34.97	+70
Caterpillar Inc	N	153.75	+2.63	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	167.59	+3.68	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	200.22	+2.34
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	38.29	+50	KapStone Paper	N	35.01	+12	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	67.52	-31
Deere Co	N	158.51	+97	Kraft Heinz Co	O	67.77	+34	Ventas Inc	N	50.45	-32
Discover Fin Svcs	N	76.81	-26	LKQ Corporation	O	39.55	+6.3	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	69.79	-7.8
Dover Corp	N	100.01	+1.44	Littelfuse Inc	O	211.98	+3.58	Wintrust Financial	O	88.01	+1.98
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.02	+12	MB Financial	O	43.47	+98	Zebra Tech	O	143.22	+2.20

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	14.64	+22
Bank of America	32.11	-02
Ambey S.A.	7.07	+19
Ford Motor	10.63	+05
Pennycyc Co Inc	3.76	-02
Chesapeake Engy	3.11	-01
Wells Fargo & Co	57.07	-52
Twitter Inc	34.43	-15
Sthwstn Energy	4.40	-05
Square Inc	49.60	-82
Target Corp	71.79	-335
Xl Group plc	55.91	-01
Vale SA	13.53	+11
Petrobras	14.66	+04
Freeport McMoran	18.70	+51
Vipshop Hldgs Ltd	16.85	-85
Ciena Corporation	25.71	+235
AK Steel Hold	5.62	+04
Snap Inc A	18.01	-24
AT&T Inc	36.87	+17
Alibaba Group Hldg	187.37	+577
Gerdau SA	5.05	-14
Pfizer Inc	35.88	-24
Colony NorthStar Inc	5.86	-06

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.87	+17
Alphabet Inc C	1095.06	+4.13
Alphabet Inc A	1100.90	+6.14
Amazon.com Inc	1537.64	+14.03
Apple Inc	176.67	-15
Bank of America	32.11	-02
Berkshire Hath A	307005	+2505
Berkshire Hath B	204.55	+131
Cisco Syst	44.29	-23
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.18	-09
Facebook Inc	179.78	-62
Intel Corp	50.71	+96
JPMorgan Chase	115.16	+10
Johnson & Johnson	128.22	-157
Microsoft Corp	93.32	-32
Royal Dutch Shell A	64.11	+52
Source Cap	41.21	-03
WalMart Strs	89.06	-92
Wells Fargo & Co	57.07	-52

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	33.55	+19	+22.3
American Funds AmnBAlA m	27.16	+03	+11.0
American Funds CrtWldGrInCA m	52.38	+22	+20.6
American Funds CptlInCBldrA m	61.92	+07	+8.7
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.25	+35	+25.8
American Funds FdmtdInvSA m	63.58	+22	+18.8
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	52.57	+30	+24.8
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.15	+05	+8.5
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	41.42	+11	+6.1
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.19	+23	+25.6
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	46.19	+06	+15.6
DFA EMktCorEq	23.81	+10	+27.1
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.61	+01	+2.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.75	+32	+16.9
Dodge & Cox Stk	208.42	+52	+1.1
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.45	...	+2.3
Fidelity 500DxInS	95.68	+25	+17.1
Fidelity 500DxInSPrm	95.68	+25	+17.1
Fidelity 500IndexPm	95.68	+26	+17.1
Fidelity Contrafund	129.75	+41	+30.1
Fidelity ContrafundK	129.69	+40	+30.3
Fidelity InvMGrdeBd	10.96	...	+1.6
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.92	+41	+17.5
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.32	+01	+3.4
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.40	...	+1.0
Oakmark IntlInv	28.44	+22	+21.9
PIMCO IncInslT	12.19	...	+5.5
PIMCO TtRetInS	10.05	...	+2.4
Schwab SP500Idx	42.17	+11	+17.1
T. Rowe Price BCGr	105.73	+49	+36.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.62	+21	+31.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	252.72	+68	+11.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.63	+02	+12.5
Vanguard HCAmrl	87.83	-02	+9.2
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.89	...	+2.7
Vanguard InslDxInS	249.28	+67	+17.1
Vanguard InslDxInSPlus	249.30	+67	+17.1
Vanguard InslTtMlnPls	60.88	+23	+16.9
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.69	+103	+38.8
Vanguard MDCplDxAdmrl	195.68	+141	+14.9
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	140.18	+81	+25.4
Vanguard STInMGrAdmrl	10.52	+01	+1.0
Vanguard SmCplDxAdmrl	71.80	+64	+13.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.45	+07	+10.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.58	+06	+12.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.86	+11	+13.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.87	+07	+14.7
Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl	10.47	...	+1.1
Vanguard TtBMDxInS	10.47	...	+1.1
Vanguard TtInBdAdmrl	21.62	-01	+2.4
Vanguard TtInBdAdmrl	30.63	+18	+20.9
Vanguard TtInSdInS	122.50	+75	+20.9
Vanguard TtInSdInSPlus	122.53	+75	+21.0
Vanguard TtInSdInxInv	18.31	+11	+20.8
Vanguard TtInSdInxAdmrl	68.29	+25	+16.9
Vanguard TtInSdInxInS	68.31	+26	+19.9
Vanguard TtInSdInxInv	68.26	+25	+16.7
Vanguard WlntnAdmrl	72.15	+11	+9.9
Vanguard WlsvInAdmrl	63.87	+02	+5.7
Vanguard WndsrIdAdmrl	67.35	+15	+11.7

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.63	1.66
6-month disc	1.82	1.83
2-year	2.25	2.24
10-year	2.89	2.88
30-year	3.15	3.15

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1333.60	\$1318.10
Silver	\$16.715	\$16.338
Platinum	\$970.60	\$962.10

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Israel (Shekel)	3.4648
Japan (Yen)	106.21
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Poland (Zloty)	3.37
So. Korea (Won)	1062.42
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Christian broadcaster buys station

WLUP, from Page 1

Chicago rock music fans are in for a shock. WLUP launched in 1977, and the station quickly became the nexus of rock music and irreverent radio in Chicago. A part of the culture in a city where young listeners in black Loop T-shirts became an army of rockers, the station launched the career of Chicago radio icon Steve Dahl. "If you grew up in Chicago in the late '70s, '80s or '

OBITUARIES

RUSS SOLOMON 1925-2018

Founded Tower Records, a mecca for music lovers

BY HARRISON SMITH
The Washington Post

Russ Solomon, whose company Tower Records helped invent the music megastore but was felled by the rise of digital downloads and growing competition from discount chains, died Sunday at his home in Sacramento, Calif. He was 92.

He was watching the Academy Awards and had just asked his wife "if she would go pour him a whiskey" when he apparently had a heart attack, said his son Michael Solomon.

A high school dropout who made his first album sale at 16, dealing used jukebox records out of his father's California drugstore, Solomon built a music empire that sprawled across more than a dozen countries and nearly 200 stores.

Founded in 1960, Tower Records boasted more than \$1 billion in annual sales, employing a strategy of low prices and a dizzying selection that kept audiophiles busy for hours. Under the direction of Solomon, known to some music industry observers as "King Solomon," its stores modeled themselves after supermarkets, piling items on the floor and keeping their doors open until midnight in the era before the internet made any song available at any time.

"Taking your date to Tower Records has become an institution," CBS Records chief Walter Yetnikoff told The New York Times in 1987, "and it's cheap if you don't buy too many records."

Solomon added books to Tower's offerings in the early 1960s, expanded to video in 1981, and in 1995 partnered with the chain Good Guys to launch Wow!, a superstore for electronics and software as well as books, music and videos.

Yet his stores remained a mecca for music lovers — the performer Elton John once boasted that he "spent more money in Tower than any human being" — even as vinyl was succeeded by cassette tapes and supplanted by CDs.

Stretching more than twice the size of rival neighborhood music shops, Tower stores stocked albums that ranged far beyond Top 40 hits to include international acts in rock, pop, classical and jazz. Solomon, who served as Tower's chief executive until Michael Solomon took over in 1998, empowered his employees to stock their



LOS ANGELES TIMES

Russ Solomon founded Tower Records in 1960. He eventually expanded to nearly 200 stores around the world.

stores with nearly anything they wished.

"New Orleans had a huge heritage music section; Nashville had a gigantic country section," Colin Hanks, director of the Tower documentary "All Things Must Pass," told NPR in 2015. "Tower was, in essence, a bunch of mom-and-pop record stores. ... Each store represented its city or its neighborhood in the city. They all had their own style."

Employees such as Dave Grohl, who went on to become the drummer for Nirvana and frontman for the Foo Fighters, venerated Solomon, who wore jeans to the office and invited visiting executives to "donate" their neckties to a collage of cravats he kept outside his office.

But while Solomon's ambition helped grow the business into a juggernaut — his competitor Barry Bergman once quipped that Solomon had "the guts of a riverboat gambler" — it also contributed to his undoing.

His company took on \$110 million in debt to finance its global expansion, and by the turn of the millennium faced competition from big-box stores such as Best Buy and digital file-sharing services including Napster.

"The whole concept of beaming something into one's home, that may come along someday," Solomon said in a 1994 promotional video. "But it will come along over a long period of time, and we'll be able to deal with it and change our focus and change the way we do business. As far as your CD collection — and our CD inventory, for that matter — it's going to be

around for a long, long time, believe me."

Ten years later, Tower Records' parent company, MTS Inc., filed for bankruptcy protection, after closing many of its stores and struggling to find a buyer.

It seemed to recover before filing for bankruptcy a second time in 2006, and going out of business later that year.

"The fat lady has sung," Solomon wrote in an email to employees. "She was off-key. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You."

Russell Malcolm Solomon was born in San Francisco on Sept. 22, 1925. His mother worked as a bookkeeper for his father, and the family moved around California until his father started a pharmacy in Sacramento, inside the city's Tower movie theater. The building gave Solomon's company its name.

He studied photography in art school before serving as a radar technician in the Army during World War II, and later worked as a "rack jobber," stocking store shelves with vinyl records, until going broke in 1960.

With a \$5,000 loan from his father, he responded by opening his first Tower Records location in Sacramento. Eight years later he expanded to San Francisco, then the epicenter of American rock music, with a 6,000-square-foot store that was reportedly the nation's largest.

His marriage to Doris Epstein ended in divorce. Survivors include his second wife, Patti Drosins; two sons, Michael Solomon and David Solomon; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In Memoriam

Ernest J. 'Butch' Sessa

12/21/44 - 3/7/15 Thank you for the constant signs comforting us that you are always with us. That's how we know Heaven is letting you smoke cigars. Miss you so much, Hubby/Dad/Grandpa Butch
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Death Notices

Baran, Richard W.

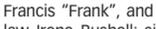
Richard W. Baran, age 65, of Schaumburg, went to live with his Creator on March 4, 2018. Born at St. Anthony Hospital on January 20, 1953. Beloved son of the late Gertrude and Walter, loving brother of Ron (Alfreda) and the late Norman (Doreen). Devoted uncle and great-uncle. He will be remembered by his numerous co-workers and customers for his forty-eight years of loyalty to Jewel-Osco. He was a member of St. Marcelline Church and lived his life to help others and always put himself last. A hardcore Chicago sports fan that enjoyed the love of the game; whether a win or loss. Funeral Friday 9:15am from RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Mass 10am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 2pm to 8pm. In lieu of flowers donations to American Lung Association appreciated. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh@att.net
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Bush, Mary Lou

The youngest child of Michael and Carmella Aiello (Salerno) born in Chicago on Sept 19, 1924 passed away on Feb 12, 2018 in Mesa, AZ at age 93. In 1948 she married James M. Bush who preceded her in death (1997). Mary Lou was also preceded in death by her daughters Mary and Maurice, brothers Joseph, James, Rocco, Carl, Alberto, and Anthony, and sisters Angelina, Jennie, Ann, Marie, and Pauline. She is survived by sister, Estelle; sons, Stanley (Diane) and James (Traci); grandchildren Stanley (Jenell), Joseph, Laura, Victoria, Mickale, and Patrick; and great-grandson, Kohen. A service will be held Mar 10, 2018, 11 AM, inside the Mausoleum Chapel, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL.
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Bushell, Dorothy B.

Dorothy B. Bushell nee Dietz, age 94, a longtime resident of Naperville, formerly of Kansas and Chicago, passed away on February 11, 2018 in Naperville, IL. She was born February 5, 1924 in Chicago, IL. Dorothy is survived by her grandchildren Michael (Danielle) Bushell, Meagan (Robby) Savoie, and Patrick (Brittany) Bushell; great grandchildren Gabriella, Francis "Frank", and Giuliana Bushell; Daughter-in-law Irene Bushell; sister Jeannette (David) Morris; aunt to many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband of 51 years Harold Bushell; son Daniel Bushell; siblings Viola, Bud, Dan, Tom, and Jim Dietz. Dorothy loved to travel, was outstanding at knitting and crocheting, and loved parties, going out to dinner, and celebrations of all kinds. She was a friend to many and will be deeply missed. Family and friends to gather Friday, March 9 for 10:00 AM Memorial Visitation until time of Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 AM at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery 36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville, IL 60540. Interment will be private. For those wishing to leave a lasting tribute to Dorothy's memory, donations to the American Lung Association of IL at 55 W. Wacker Dr. Ste 800, Chicago, IL 60601 would be appreciated. For more information, please visit www.FriedrichJones.com or call (630)355-0213, Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremations Services.



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Canestrini, Hector J.

Hector J. Canestrini, age 91, of Lombard, formerly of Melrose Park. Beloved husband of Rozanne, nee Proctor; loving father of Steve (Holly) Canestrini, Mary Ann (Ed) Dyrda, and Diane (Mark) Chiodo; devoted grandfather of Lena (Sam) Silerzio, David Canestrini, Janet, Marilyn, Roger, and Anna Dyrda, and Frank and Melissa Chiodo; great-grandfather of Emilia and Giulia Silerzio. Member of VFW Post 5979 and St. Pius X Society of St. Vincent de Paul. In-State Thursday, March 8th, 10 AM until time of funeral mass at 11 AM at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1025 E. Madison, Lombard. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers masses appreciated or memorial donations to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St Pius X, 1025 E. Madison, Lombard, IL 60148. Funeral info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.
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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 9, 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 10, 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 or (847) 675-1990.



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Cunningham Jr., W. Frank

W. Frank "Hot Dog" Cunningham Jr. 90, WW II Navy Veteran, Owner of Reds Drive-In for over 40 years. Beloved husband of the late Adele (nee Valcke). Loving father of Patricia (Dr. Willard Fee Jr.), James (Anne), Cathleen (Robert Barnes), Thomas, Terrance (Cheryl Kocher), Maureen Cunningham and Colleen (Brian) Seiter. Beloved grandfather and great-grandfather of many. Brother of Ciline (the late John) Wallis, Nancy (Patrick) Toomey, the late James (Karen) and John (the late Esther) Cunningham and uncle of many nieces and nephews. Member of Midlothian Country Club and Evergreen Park American Legion Post 854. Funeral Friday 10:30 a.m. from Donnellan Funeral Home 10525 S. Western Ave. to St. John Fisher Church 10234 S. Washtenaw for Mass 11:30 a.m. Int. Private. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy 6300 N. Ridge Ave. Chicago, IL 60660-1017. Info (773) 238-0075. Sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com



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Davis, Edward A.

Edward Albert Davis, Jr. (Eddie) died Sunday, March 4th at his home in Northbrook, IL. He was 77. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Amy, and son, Ward. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and his children, Andrea Breen, Jean (Jeff) Rissman, Neil (Sheila) Davis, as well as by his grandchildren, Judge, Erin, Shayna, Noah, Emmett, Liam, Arlo, Fran, and EJ who were born to be his fishing companions. He was a loving brother to his sister, Edie (Mike) Dahars. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Randy (Judy) McNeely, nephews, Nick and Sam (Sherril) McNeely, and grandnephew, Hank.

He was born in Evanston, IL, and raised with Edie in Winnetka, IL. He never missed a New Trier High School reunion. He graduated from Hanover College and received his MBA from the University of Chicago. He served as a Naval Officer at the beginning of the Vietnam War. He retired from Outboard Marine Corporation which, happily, made outboard engines for fishing boats. Then he began a second career selling men's clothing. It gave him an opportunity to visit with everyone who came into the store and to bring home all the news. He loved talking, listening, his family, his friends, fishing, traveling, and curling. Curling was his sport and passion. Any day on the ice was a good one. He loved to rehash games and argue over strategy. And he loved trains. The grandkids called him "Choo Choo". There was a train room, a train board, or a train shelf wherever he lived.

At his request, there will be no service. His ashes will be scattered at his beloved Camp Content, where it is always a summer evening and time to get out on the lake because the fish are rising. Donations may be made to the Edward P. Davis Prize, Vanderbilt University, Gift Processing Office, PMB407727, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN, 37203-9700.
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Dornan, Jesse Michael

Jesse Michael Dornan, 32, of Chicago, Illinois died March 2, while visiting his parents in Utah. He was born March 2, 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Michele Debozcek Dornan and David Dornan and spent much of his childhood with his brother-like cousin Chris Cope.



He graduated from the Actor Training Program at the University of Utah and received his Master's degree from Florida State University/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training in Sarasota, Florida. As a resident of Chicago, Jesse worked with Milwaukee Rep, Door County Shakespeare, Omaha Shakespeare and Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, and enjoyed an active theatre career in Chicago where he was described as a bright spirit, a dear human, and a damned excellent artist.

As a practicing Buddhist, he lived for and loved acting and the art of his craft. He also enjoyed physical fitness, yoga, scuba diving, snorkeling, canoeing, kayaking, mountain/street biking and fly-fishing with Earl.

He is survived by mother Michele Debozcek Dornan and Earl Zagrodnik of Salt Lake City, father David Dornan and stepmother Marilou Kundmueller of Helper, Utah, Aunt Jenny Debozcek of Albuquerque, Aunt Janice Byers of Arizona and cousin Chris Cope and family from Florida. He is also survived by and lives on in the hearts of his theatre community in Chicago.

He is predeceased in death by grandparents Jean and Shirley Debozcek and Ed and Elaine Dornan.

A memorial service will be 5:30 p.m., Thursday March 8, 2018 at Neil O'Donnell & Sons Mortuary, 372 East 100 South, with a reception to follow.

There will be a celebration of life for Jesse in Chicago at a date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, a gift to The Montana Shakespeare in the Parks Program in Jesse's name would be greatly appreciated and would honor his spirit. Address: Montana Shakespeare in the Parks P.O. Box 174120 Bozeman, MT 59717-4120

Online condolence may be offered at www.odonnell-landsons.com

"The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, or not to anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly."
Buddha

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ON MARCH 7 ...

In 1968 the United States and Soviet Union pledged to protect all weaker nations from nuclear blackmail and aggression.

In 1974 East Germany and West Germany agreed to establish permanent diplomatic missions in each other's capitals.

In 1994 the Supreme Court ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder.

In 1995 New York Gov. George Pataki signed a death penalty bill into law.

In 2002, by a razor-thin margin, voters in Ireland rejected a government plan to further toughen the country's already strict anti-abortion laws.

In 2003 virtually every musical on Broadway shut down as musicians went on strike, and actors and stagehands said they wouldn't cross their picket lines; the walkout lasted four days.

In 2006 Nobel Peace laureate Oscar Arias was declared Costa Rica's president-elect.

In 2008 Pulitzer Prize-winning author Samantha Power, who was acting as an adviser to Barack Obama, resigned after calling rival Hillary Rodham Clinton "a monster."

In 2013 the U.N. Security Council approved new sanctions against North Korea for the regime's Feb. 12 nuclear test. Also in 2013 the Senate voted 63-34 to confirm John Brennan as CIA director.

In 2016 former Bears coach Lovie Smith became the University of Illinois' first African-American head football coach.

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Pick 3 evening 488 / 3
Pick 4 evening 3935 / 4
Lucky Day Lotto evening 05 16 19 34 38

Month 7 Powerball: \$348M
Month 8 Lotto: \$6.5M

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Economos, Suzanne L.

Suzanne L. Economos, 82, passed away on Monday, March 5, 2018. Devoted daughter of the late Louis and Eftehea nee Norris; dear sister of the late Gus Economos and George (Lucia) Economos; fond aunt of Joy (George) Logothetis, Pamela (Chris) Nicolopoulos and Dean Economos; great-aunt of Rina Nicolopoulos. Family and Friends will meet on Friday morning at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 S Roberts Rd, Palos Heights for funeral service at 10:30 am. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation from 5:00-9:00 pm on Thursday at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Koreas Elementary School ☒ St Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. For information 773-736-3833.

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Farmer, James E. 'Jim'

James E. "Jim" Farmer, age 62, passed away on March 1, 2018 from complications related to West Nile Virus. Beloved husband of 36 years of Leslie nee Fait; adored father of Rick (Lauren) Farmer and Bill Farmer; dear son of June nee Dean and the late Ezekiel Farmer; loving brother of John (Bryce) Farmer; devoted caregiver to his beloved dog Buddy. After growing up in Lake Bluff, Illinois, Jim moved to Montana with his family in high school and graduated from the University of Montana School of Business. He earned his CPA and worked for Arthur Andersen & Co. where he became a partner in the audit practice, specializing in telecommunications. Jim changed careers to enable him to spend more time with his family and became CFO of several organizations including Frankel & Co., The Jacobson Group and most recently The Horton Group where he was a member of its Board of Directors. He donated many hours to charitable and civic organizations, including coaching his sons' soccer and basketball teams, taking leadership roles on the boards of several community organizations including The Winnetka Community House and the New Trier Booster Club. He counseled fellow diabetics at Mt. Sinai Hospital after he underwent a successful pancreas transplant and devoted himself to volunteering at Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter and, driving animal relay rescue missions. Jim was a passionate fisherman, landscaper and drummer. Visitation Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:00 a.m. until time of the Memorial Mass 11:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Chicago Diabetes Project, 1074 W. Taylor St #233, Chicago, IL 60607 <http://www.chicagodiabetesproject.org/donate/> Or to: Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter, 2200 Riverwoods Road, Riverwoods, IL 60015 www.orphansofthestorm.org/donate. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or 847-675-1990.



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Flasch, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Flasch, 72 passed away on February 25, 2018 in Naperville, IL after a lengthy illness. Tom was born in Chicago, IL to parents, James and Helen Flasch, on March 27, 1945. He was a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago in 1963, and attended Northern Illinois University. Tom's career was an electrical and computer technician. He was successfully employed by Argonne National Laboratories, High Voltage Engineering, Standard Oil of Indiana, and Amoco/BP. Tom was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his brother, John, sister-in-law Marti and niece Lisa Flasch, all of Houston, Texas, and niece Kristin Flasch Guiliano and her husband Fred, of Honey Brook, PA. Tom particularly enjoyed spending time when possible with his family. Tom also especially enjoyed hiking and jogging in the DuPage County Forest Preserves and in addition, participated in Route 66 nostalgic activities and off-the-road group treks and camping on early emigrant trail routes in the high deserts of Nevada and California, where on several occasions he also enjoyed the company of his brother. A private family remembrance ceremony is being held in the DuPage County area. If one wishes to remember Tom, a donation can be made to a charity of your choice. Info 630-355-0264. beidelmankunschfh.com



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Foley, Miriam 'Jane'

Jane Foley; beloved wife of Timothy Foley; loving mother of Tim (Olga) Foley and Jennifer (Jerry) Courier; proud grandmother of Daniel, Hannah, Madigan, Lily, Kathryn, & Eleanor; dear sister of Rosemary (Peter) Shadle and the late Judith Punke; aunt and friend of many. Visitation 10am, Saturday, March 10 at St. Francis Xavier Church, 124 N. Spring, LaGrange, until time of Funeral Mass, 11am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jane's name may be given to the American Lung Association. Funeral arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: 708-352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Footle, Marvin

Marvin Footle, 93, beloved husband of the late Muriel; loving father of Arnold and Neal (Anne); cherished Grandpaw of Tim (Marissa Gaines, fiancée) and David (Jenny); devoted son of the late Rose and Sam; dear brother of the late Flora; treasured friend of many. Marvin was a proud WWII Veteran. Chapel service today, Wednesday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Friends of Magen David Adom and to the Alzheimer's Association. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or shalom2.com



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Fraier, Louise Shari

We are sad to announce that Louise Shari Fraier (nee Nederlander) passed away early morning on March 4, 2018. She is survived by her children Eric and Julian with his wife Deborah, and her sister Susan Porter. She was very active with the senior community in New York as well as her high school alma mater, Evanston Township High School (Class of 1960).



She will be laid to rest with her parents Ralph and Ruth Nederlander at Shalom Memorial Park, preceded by a short Chapel Service, Thursday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. For those wishing to do something in Louise's name, she was passionate about animals, wildlife, and the wellbeing of seniors, and can make donations in her name to the International Crane Foundation (www.savingcranes.org/why-cranes), the ASPCA (secure.aspc.org/donate/donate), and/or Meals on Wheels (www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/take-action/give). For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Harris, Mavourneen Joan

Mavourneen Joan Harris, age 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on March 2, 2018. Beloved daughter of Arlene Schorr. Loving mother of Tara (Duane) Semb and Shannon (Larry) Brown. Cherished Grammy of Harrison. Dear sister of John (Phijitra) and the late Michael Schorr. Beloved Aunt and a dear friend of many. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Ivy Restaurant, 120 N Hale St., Wheaton, IL 60187, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Arrangements entrusted to **Green Burials of Love, Ltd.**, Marion O'Connor Friel - Funeral director. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to World Wildlife Fund, Washington D.C. or Paws 4 U 4 Ever Pet Rescue, West Chicago, IL. Info: (773) 774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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Heaney, Mary J.

Mary J. Heaney, age 93, of Woodridge. Beloved wife of the late Lesley. Loving mother of Patricia (Ronald) Bradley, Karin (Timothy) Murphy and Michael (Barbara) Heaney. Devoted grandmother of James (Lisa), Stephanie, David (Leslie) and Daniel (Amy) Bradley, Timothy (Kristen), Patrick and Bryan Murphy, Emma and Michael Heaney. Dear great-grandmother of Jack Bradley. Visitation 2-9pm Friday at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 301 75th St., Downers Grove, where funeral services will be held 10:30am Saturday. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Heart Assn. would be appreciated. Funeral info 630-964-6500

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Holyk, Helen

Helen Holyk nee Dobnia, 94 of Wood Dale. Beloved wife of the late Roman. Loving mother of Victor (Patricia), Jaroslaw (Cara) and the late Ihor Holyk. Cherished grandmother of Nicholas (Carmela) Holyk. Dearest sister of Alexei (Alexandra) and the late Nina and Nadia Dobnia. Visitation Friday 5pm, Panachyda 7pm at **Humes Funeral Home** 320 W. Lake St. Addison (2Mi E of Rt 53, 2Mi of Rt 83). Funeral Service Saturday 1:30pm at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church 300 E Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale. Int St. Andrew Cemetery. In lieu of flowers checks to St. Andrew Cathedral Iconography Fund or online to www.gofundme.com/UOCPcathedra.

Info 630.628.8808 or www.humesfh.com.



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John, Otomo K.

John K. Otomo, age 78, beloved husband of Ellen Otomo; loving father of Daniel Otomo, Susan (Jim) Ardizzone, Julia Otomo and the late David Otomo; dear stepfather of Matthew (Melissa) Atwood and Eric Atwood; cherished grandfather of Taylor. John served as a University of Illinois Police Officer over 25 years. Memorial visitation to honor John's life Friday, March 9, from 4 to 9 pm at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Interment private. For more info www.nelsonfunerals.com or 847-823-5122.



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Jr. Stover, Theodore C 'Ted'

Stover, Theodore C., Jr. "Ted", baptized into the hope of Christ's Resurrection on Monday, March 5, 2018. Loving husband of Linda Stover (nee: Bonderer). Dear brother of William (Mary) Stover and the late John (Ruth survives) Stover. Proud uncle of Beth, Margy, Jep and David, and great uncle of Rebecca Stover. Dear brother-in-law of Denny (Helen) Bonderer and proud uncle of Elizabeth and Alison Bonderer. Dear friend to many. Services: Visitation Thursday, March 8, 11:30am until time of Mass 12:30pm at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 15642 Clayton Road, Ellisville, MO 63011. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. A BUCHHOLZ Mortuary West Service.

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Klein, Kathryn Carmel

Kathryn Carmel Klein, age 64, of Batavia; beloved daughter of the late Adeline and the late Martin W. Klein; loving sister of Mark (Karen) Klein, Patricia Smoots, Suzanne Pawlusz, Joseph (Lori) Klein, Diane (Michael) Bianco and the late Karen Klein; cherished aunt of Christopher (Mary), Ashley (Brian), Kelly (Elliott), Lindsey (Joseph), Sam (Caitlin), Max, Kate, Evan, Luke, Erin and Sven (Jeannine); great-aunt of Will, Siobhan, Connor, Catherine, Adeline, Henry, Leo, Cameron, Arjuna, Lucina and Isaac; fond cousin and friend of many. Kathryn was dedicated to her family and will be dearly missed. Visitation Thursday, March 8th, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Family and friends will meet Friday, March 9th at St. Edmund Church for Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Kocheny, Lawrence H.

Lawrence H. Kocheny, 91 years of age, at rest March 5, 2018. U. S. Navy veteran of WW 2 and Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of the late Josephine. Loving father of Deborah (Michael) Liotta, Lawrence (Carleen) and Steven (Brigitte) Kocheny. Loving grandfather. Services are Friday, March 9th at the Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral, 1121 N. Leavitt St., Chicago where he will lie in state from 9:00 am until the Funeral Service at 10:00 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation is Thursday, March 8th from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm at **Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 2921 Harlem Ave., Berwyn. In lieu of flowers donations preferred to Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral or American Cancer Society. Info at 708-484-4111 or www.adolfsservices.com.



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Kubin, Rita I.

Rita I. Kubin, age 73, loving daughter of the late Edwin J. and Emily A. (nee Pawlowski) Kubin; beloved sister of Edwin A. and Roger W. Kubin; she was the former owner of Unique Hair Designs in Park Ridge. Visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles on Thursday from 9:30 am until time of service 11:30 am. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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LeBoeuf, Ann Marie C.

Ann Marie C. LeBoeuf nee Kowal passed away peacefully March 5, 2018. Born in Chicago to the late Joseph and Helen Kowal August 8, 1937. Beloved wife of the late Arthur W. LeBoeuf, dear sister of the late Margaret Castle, and Alice Majka; fond aunt of David (Laura) Castle, Josh Majka, and Sarah (Tyler) Partridge. Ann Marie was a longtime member of the St. Maragret Mary Ever So Young Senior Group. Visitation will be held Thursday March 8th from 4-9pm at Willow Funeral Home 1415 W Algonquin Rd. Algonquin IL. Funeral Friday 11:30am from funeral home for 12:00 mass at St Margaret Mary Church 111 S Hubbard St., Algonquin IL. Interment to follow at St John Nepomucene Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago IL 60607; Kolbe House, Catholic Prison Ministry at Assumption Church 2434 S. California Chicago IL 60608; Animal Legal Defense Fund 170 E Cotati Ave, Cotati CA 94931.

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Lefton, Ivan

Ivan Lefton. Loving father of Melissa, Michael, Marissa Lefton. Dear brother of John (Sandy) Lefton. Loving companion of Lisa Gottschalk. Cherished cousin of Andrew and Margo. Best friend of Steve and Lori Gersten. Service Thursday 10 AM **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Private. Memorial contributions may be made to Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute, <http://foundation.nmh.org/bcvi>. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Maher, Craig N.

Craig N. Maher, age 80, passed away February 22, 2018, Veteran, U.S. Army; beloved husband of the late Kathleen Maher, nee Harrington; proud and loving father of Moira (Wayne) Shoger, Sean (Jana) Maher, Brian Maher, Kevin Maher and Michael (Sharon) Maher; step-father of Cherie Headworth, Laurie (Roy) King and Melissa Donis; fun loving grandfather of 15 and great-grandfather of 7; survived by his first wife Sue Seegers and his brother Russell (Irene) Schoetker; preceded in death by his parents George and Catherine Maher, nee Geib. Craig was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison where he was an avid Badgers fan until the end. After working nearly 50 years in the refractory business he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, golf and anything on the water with his Swisher Sweet in hand. Craig was a proud veteran, the ultimate salesman, a friend to all he met. He will be remembered most as an honest man who lit up a room and made people laugh. Memorial Visitation Thursday, 9:00AM until time of Memorial Mass 10:00AM at St. Joseph Church, 4801 Main St., Downers Grove. Private Family Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Arrangements by **Adams-Winterfeld & Sullivan Funeral Home**, Downers Grove. 630/968-1000 or www.adamswinterfeldsullivan.com



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Masick, Helen A.

Helen A. Masick, age 103, of Lombard. Loving wife of the late Joseph A. Dearest mother of Barbara (Herb) Sturz, John (Mary) and Linda (Duncan) Murley. Grandmother of Jan (Don) McElmeel, Carrie (Tom) Lenkart, Bryan (Kristin) Rumrill, Craig (Jamie) Rumrill, Michael (Claire), Adam, Meaghan Eskildsen. Great-Grandmother of Stacey Lofgren, John McElmeel, Lindsey Rumrill, Matthew Rumrill, Collin Rumrill, Nathan Rumrill, Wilson Masick, Lachlan Masick, Sylvia Helen Masick, Liam Masick, Logan Eskildsen and Mason Eskildsen. Preceded in death by 3 brothers, Edward Shalek, George Shalek and Robert Shalek. Many other relatives. Funeral Services will be held Saturday with 9:30 AM Prayers from **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard to St. Pius X Catholic Church for 10 AM Mass. Visitation Friday 3-8 PM. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142 or St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1025 E. Madison St., Lombard, IL 60148. Info www.brustfuneralhome.com or 888-629-0094.

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Meczynski, Lucille

Lucille Meczynski nee Wozny age 93, Beloved wife of the late Matthew; loving mother of Christine and Cynthia (Joseph) Slaski; beloved daughter of the late Walter and the late Bernice; cherished grandmother of the late Lauren Slaski, Jaclyn Greca, and Billy Johns; great grandmother of Tobin, Sawyer, Lily, Hope, and Eliot; sister of late Eugene (Florence & the late Lillian), late Roman (late Theresa) and the late Raymond (late Barbara) Wozny; also loving aunt and friend of many. Lucille was an avid bowler and bingo player. Proud member of Harwood Heights Senior Club and St. Genevieve Friendship Club. Visitation Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Friday, March 9, starting with prayers at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Hedwig Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or www.colonialfuneral.com



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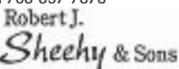
Munao, Florence M.

Florence M. Munao (nee Cappetta), age 100, at rest March 1, 2018 in Cape Coral, Florida. Beloved wife of the late Joseph M. Sr.; loving mother of Maryann (George) Kies, Joseph M. Jr. (Joanne nee Pizzo) and Michael J. (Barbara nee Sarno); devoted grandmother of Anthony Kies, Joanne (Paul) Popelka, Joseph (Heather) Munao, Nicole (Anthony) Finch, Michael Jr. (Meegan) Munao, Natalie (Anthony) Loiacono and Stephanie Munao; dearest great grandmother of Stephanie, Anthony, Michelle, Adrienne, David, Kate, Carolyn, Jack, Alexandra, Matthew, Michael, Isabella, Michael III and Giuliana; dearest sister of the late Anthony W. (Betty) and Frederick P. (Anne) Cappetta; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday March 10, 2018 at 9:15 A.M. from **Matz Funeral Home** 410 E. Rand Rd, Mt. Prospect to St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Rd. (Rt. 83) at Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect. Funeral Mass 10 A.M. Entombment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. at **Matz Funeral Home**. Info 847-394-2336. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation 60 East 56th St. 8th Floor New York, NY 10022

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Murphy, Kathleen E. 'Murph'

Chicago and St. Louis, MO. Suddenly after a very short and courageous battle with lung cancer. Loving daughter of Mary C. and the late Roy J. Murphy. Devoted sister of Martin (Kathy Williams), Joanne (Michael) Nugent, Matthew (Kathy Scannell), and John (Mary Jo Fowler) Murphy. Cherished aunt of Kelly (Greg) Andruch, Katie (Jesse) Drnek, Marty Murphy, Sean (Maureen) Nugent, Colleen (Victor) Rivera, Patrick (Lauren) Nugent, Kevin (Christina) Nugent, Matt, Brendan, Brian, Steve, Danny (fiancé Ali) Murphy, Jay and Nicole. Adored great aunt of Paityn, Ashleigh, Danny, Maryssa, Bella, Mollie, Colton, Avery, Liam, Rowan, Taylor and Nora. Dear cousin of the Mentzer and Murphy families. Very special friend of Regina, Becky, Sue, Mary Ann, Habe, and a thousand more. Visitation Thursday 3 - 9 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:15 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Bede the Venerable Church, 8200 South Kostner Avenue, Chicago, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 6400 Minnesota Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111. Memorial service in St. Louis, MO at a later date. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Norville, Jessie W.

Norville, Jessie W., nee McPhee, age 77. Beloved wife of Charles R. Loving mother of Lucille (Wayne) Tallman, Catherine (John) Condon, Jessica (Henry) Pukala and Dee-Dee (Joseph) Sanders. Fond grandmother of Roxanne, Dakota, Jane, Beth, Grace, Hauk and Nick, great-grandmother of Jack and Charles. Dear sister of Thomas, late Biaggio, Alexander and Robert. Aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Prayer Service 10:45 a.m. at **Parkside Chapels & Cremation Services**, 5948 Archer Ave (2 Blks West of Central Ave at Major), Chicago, to St. Daniel the Prophet Church Mass 11:30 a.m., Visitation Thursday 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery (Private). Info 773-767-9788. In lieu of flowers memorials to Women's Alzheimer's Movement, <https://donate.thewomensalzheimersmovement.org>. Online tributes www.parksidechapels.com



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O'Hara, Nancy M.

Nancy M. O'Hara beloved daughter of the late William and Margaret O'Hara; devoted cousin and friend to many. Memorial Visitation Friday 4:00 P.M. until time of prayers 5:00 P.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il. 60487 Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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Perkal, Virginia B.

Ginny was born October 19, 1926 to Fred and Edna Merkin. She had a sister, Nancy, six years later. Ginny was a smart and progressive woman and although no one else did it at the time, she attended a few years of college. Ginny and MJ met at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin on a girls/boys weekend. They saw each other from across the lake and just knew they were destined to be together. After a short courtship, they were married for more than 65 years and adopted two beautiful daughters, Janis and Debbie. Ginny was always there to help everyone and when her daughter Debbie had her first granddaughter Christy, she graciously stepped in to help care for her as she does for everyone. Ginny had many grandchildren Christy, Vince, Jennifer, Drew, Jimmy, Dylan and Hucky. She also had 13 great grandchildren that loved and adored her. No matter the name - friend, wife, mom, grandma, nana, or gigi she was beloved by all.

Ginny was a modern day woman who had a long career at Marshall Fields where she worked in Customer Service to ensure it always fair and that people happy every day. She truly loved her friends and her career and after her retirement still did not helping people. She was a long term supporter of survivors at al anon, red cross, and helped out as a voting judge. She gave smiles to people going through the most stressful or difficult times of their life. She truly cared about everyone. Ginny had a gift where she could make anyone feel truly special and that she cared about them, because she really did, no matter how long she knew them or if she would ever see them again. This was evidenced in her loyal lifelong friends that were family to her as well.

Her life was a truly lesson in how to live. Be kind and generous and always do the right thing. she was beautiful inside and out and she gave everything of her self and asked for nothing in return. Graveside service Wednesday 10 AM at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd, Skokie. Funeral information: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** 847-256-5700.



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Purtell, Timothy J.

Timothy J. Purtell, age 56, Veteran of the US Navy. Beloved father of Kevin and Brooke. Dear grandfather of Madison, Dakota and Bella. A cherished son of Thomas, retired CPD(008) and Rose (nee Ariaz). Loving brother of Thomas Jr, CPD(610) (Randie), Bill (Jeanne), Christine CPD (606) (Joe) CPD (610) and Brian CPD (005) (Jessica). A nephew to many aunts and uncles; an uncle of many nieces and nephews and a cherished friend of many. Visitation Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3:00pm to 9:00pm at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium** 7861 S. 88th Ave (2 mi. west of 79th & Harlem) Justice, IL. Funeral service Friday, March 9, 2018, where family and friends will meet at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 W. Hoff Rd. Elwood, IL for an 11:00am service and interment. 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Ritenour, Irene

Irene Ritenour nee Weiske age 86 of Chicago, beloved wife of the late Daniel F.; loving mother of Steven and the late Arthur Ritenour; preceded in death by her siblings and their spouses, Willard (Emma), Vernon (Maxine), and Orville(Lois) Weiske, Mildred(Norman) Clear, Lucille(Duane) Nicklaus, Beatrice(Richard) Fitzgerald, and Velma(John) Hawkins; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday March 10, from 9:00 am until time of service 11:00 am at **Oehler Funeral Home**, 2099 Miner St (corner of Northwest Hwy/Rt14 and Rand Rd) Des Plaines Interment Ridgewood Cemetery For info please call 847-824-5155 or visit www.oehlerfuneralhome.com

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Robinson, Virginia L.

Virginia L. Robinson, age 88, long-time resident of Hinsdale, passed away on Sunday, February 25 at Oak Trace Senior Living Community. From her birth in Oak Park, on June 9, 1929, she brightened the lives of those around her with generosity, laughter, and love. As a young woman, Virginia's gumption led her on a series of incredible world travels,

whose stories would later inspire her children and grandchildren. Soon after, she met and married the late John E. Robinson and became mother to Hugh C. (Mary) Robinson and Elizabeth "Lili" (Terry) Robinson Krainc. Virginia was a preschool teacher at Union Church of Hinsdale CFWP and a children's book buyer at The Little Book Shop of Hinsdale. She gave generously of herself as a prison ministry volunteer, as an election judge, and as a Sunday school teacher. She was a member of the Union Church of Hinsdale and a season ticket holder at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, both for over 50 years. Her kindness and her fiery spirit will be sorely missed by her children as well as her grandchildren: Anna and Kathryn Krainc, Nathaniel and Isabella Robinson. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Women's Assoc. Scholarship Fund (Union Church of Hinsdale), The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nationalmssociety.org or American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. A memorial service will be held March 10th at 11 am at the Union Church of Hinsdale, 137 S. Garfield St. (3rd and Garfield Streets) in Hinsdale. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com

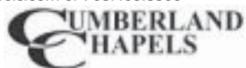


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Roppolo, Margaret 'Peggy'

Margaret "Peggy" Roppolo nee Finley, passed away surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of 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 or 708.456.8300



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Rosenfeldt, Lewis B.

Lewis B. Rosenfeldt beloved husband of Peggy nee Lundy; loving father of Kristopher (Blaine) Rosenfeldt, Kevin (Erica) Rosenfeldt and James (Shannon) Daley; devoted grandfather of Austin, Toni, Hannah, Sam and Owen; dearest brother of Sherwin and Howard (Rene) Rosenfeldt; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Friday 10:00 A.M. at B'Nai Yehuda Beth Shalom Synagogue 1424 183rd St Homewood Il 60430 Interment Beverly Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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Seal, Preston Vern

Passed away peacefully in Johnson City, TN on Friday, February 23, 2018, in his 93rd year. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years, Betty, and a granddaughter, Kelly James. He is survived by five children: Marcy (George) Williams, Melissa (Denis) Kania, Melinda (David) Duncan, Kerry (Jennifer) Seal, and James (Stephanie) Seal; nine grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Mr. Seal was born in Gate, Oklahoma but moved to Chicago as a child. He served three years with distinction as an Army technical sergeant in World War II. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held as a POW in Germany. He earned several medals, including the Purple Heart, for his dedication and bravery. He lived in Park Ridge for over 60 years then moved to Tennessee to live with his son, Kerry. A viewing will take place at **Cooney Funeral Home** in Park Ridge on Friday March 9 from 11am-noon with a service at noon. Burial immediately to follow at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Paralyzed Veterans of America (www.pva.org).

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Seaman, Geraldine L. 'Jerry'

Geraldine Seaman, born November 20, 1939 in Marinette, WI, passed away March 4, 2018. It is with great sadness that the family of Geraldine Seaman (nee Lauerman) of Arlington Heights, IL, announces her passing, on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at the age of 78 years. Geraldine will be forever remembered by her husband and best friend of 55 years, Michael, and her children Thomas (Wenting), Michael Jr. (Francesca), Katie Reeves (David), and Patrick (Beth). She will also be lovingly remembered by her 16 grandchildren: David, Charles, Mattia, Joseph, Nicholas, Ryan, Madeline, Julia, Eric, Amelia, Selene, Hannah, Sabina, Joseph, Matthew, and Chiara. Geraldine is also survived by her sister, Joan (Lauerman) Alfredson of Menominee, MI, and was preceded in death by her brothers Joe, John, and Thomas Lauerman. Visitation will be on Friday from 3pm to 9pm, at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy, in Palatine. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30am on Saturday, at Holy Family Parish, 2515 W. Palatine Road, Inverness, with a half hour visitation prior to Mass. Interment to follow at St. Michael's the Archangel Cemetery, 1185 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com



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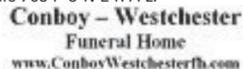
Siebold, Dennis

Dennis F. Siebold age 78, March 2, 2018 Of Inverness Illinois, formerly of Columbus. U.S. Air Force Veteran. Graduate of the University of Minnesota, avid golfer and Retired from Unocal 76 Oil Company. Preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Elsie. Survived by loving wife Claudia Decker Fiaone Siebold; children Stacy (Mike) McDougall, Christine (Michael) Maraldo and Jodi (Daryl) Wilbur; 9 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter; 29 foster children; siblings David (Esther) Siebold, Tom (Mary) Siebold and Sara Siebold; numerous nieces and nephews from the Decker and Siebold families. Friends received Friday 2-4 and 6-8pm at the **MAEDER-QUINT-TIBERI FUNERAL HOME**, 1068 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43206. Prayer Service 7:45pm. Mass of Christian Burial 10am Saturday Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212. Msgr. Romano Ciotola Celebrant. Burial St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To view on-line video and sign the register, visit www.MaederQuintTiberi.com

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Swiszcz, Vivian Dolores

Vivian Dolores "Dolly" Swiszcz, nee Spencer, of North Riverside, age 88. Beloved wife of Fred Swiszcz and the late Edward Dombrowski; loving mother of Karen (Dean) Carroll and Gary Dombrowski; proud grandmother of Alison (Kevin), Natalie (Tony), Tommy (Jennifer), Lauren (Sam) and Matt (Natalie); great-grandmother of Adam, Keaton, Makayla, Landon, Dalton, Jaxson, Mason, Hudson and Malachi; dear sister of the late LaVerne, George, Donald and Geraldine. Private Mass was held at Divine Infant Church. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.



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Vanecek, Robert

September 14, 1934 - February 8, 2018

Robert "Bob" Vanecek passed away peacefully at Venice Hospice House in Venice, FL on February 8, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL on September 14, 1934 to John and Rosalie (Cepican) Vanecek. Bob served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer at Fermilab in Batavia, IL for 25 years where he met and married Carolyn Noble. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Carolyn; children Rob (Verena) Heck of Park City, UT, Vicki Heck and Jackie Heck of Salt Lake City, UT, grandchildren Lilly and Vivian; sister Ann Auersch of Chicago; nephew Andrew Auersch of Big Rock, IL; and sister and brother-in-law Irene and Jack Wilde of Lombard, IL. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Carl Auersch of Chicago. Bob was a downhill ski patroller and a Shriner. Contributions in memory of Bob may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 12502 USF Pine Dr. Tampa, FL 33612.

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Vitacco, Rosemaree

Rosemaree Vitacco, 75, of Crystal Lake, passed away March 5, 2018; beloved wife of Thomas Gozdzak; loving mother of Mark Moscinski, Julie (nee Moscinski) Sheehan, and Jennifer (Roger) Dombrowski; dear stepmother of Christine (Keith Marshall) Gozdzak, and Tom (Paula) Gozdzak; cherished grandmother of Ryan, Nicole, Sam, Jack, Brandon, Natalie, Benjamin, Simone, Mason, Riley, and Ethan; fond sister of the late Patrick (Charlie) Vitacco, Jack (Winnie) Vitacco, Luanne (Wally) Brandt, and Tom (Nancy) Vitacco; dear aunt and cousin to many. Visitation 3-9pm, Thursday, at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Visitation from 9am until time of Mass at 10am, Friday, at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 410 N. 1st St, Cary. Burial at Windridge Memorial Park, Cary. For information, please call **Davenport Family Funeral Home** 815-459-3411. Online condolences can be given at www.davenportfamily.com.



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ADVERTISEMENT DATE: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Request for Qualifications for Licensed Funeral Directors for Veterans
RFQ NO.: 1768-16898

MBE/WBE GOALS: There are no MBE/WBE requirements for this contract.

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

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE LOCATION: 118 N. Clark Street, Room #1018, Chicago, IL 60602
Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is not mandatory

BID DUE DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

CONTACT: Matthew Bowman, Contract Negotiator (312) 603-2389 (office), (312) 603-3179 (fax) matthew.bowman@cookcountyl.gov (email)

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

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Bais Boyd-Stevens**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Bridget Boyd (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA00833**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Paul Stevens (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **August 21, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Diana Rosario** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/22/2018**, at **9:30 AM** in **CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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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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 7, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF **Tyreke Crawford**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Mary Mischeaux**

JUVENILE NO.: **17JA01134**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Tyreke Crawford (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **October 30, 2017**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/26/2018**, at **1:30 PM** in **CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J**, 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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March 7, 2018

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INVITATION TO BID
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Bears buy time, transition tag Fuller

Team has until July 16 to work out deal with corner or he'll play season for nearly \$13M



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

The Bears likely guaranteed they will keep their best cornerback Tuesday, and a pair of talented wide receivers took a big step toward reaching the open market.

It was an intriguing day for the decision-makers at Halas Hall, who opted to place the seldom-used transition tag on former first-round draft pick Kyle Fuller, giving the sides more time to work toward a multiyear contract with the 2018

guaranteed salary of \$12.971 million a guide for a potential average annual salary.

Meanwhile, the Jaguars chose not to use a tag on wide receiver Allen Robinson, believed to be the Bears' No. 1 target in free agency at the position, and the Rams used their franchise tag on safety Lamarcus Joyner, meaning wide receiver Sammy Watkins is set to become an unrestricted free agent beginning at 3 p.m. March 14.

The transition tag gives the Bears until July 16 to sign Fuller to a multiyear contract and also affords them the right of first refusal if he signs an offer sheet with another team. While the Bears would not

receive any compensation if they chose not to match an offer, they're flush with salary-cap space, so the move is unlikely to backfire on them. For example, the Dolphins used the transition tag on tight end Charles Clay only to watch the AFC East rival Bills sign him away.

The last time the Bears used the transition tag was in 2001 on defensive lineman Bryan Robinson. Since, they have used the franchise tag four times, last on wide receiver Alshon Jeffery during the 2016 season.

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OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom
The Bears used the transition tag on Kyle Fuller, which I believe allows them to negotiate until Ryan Pace can figure out how not to make another cornerback mistake in free agency.
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Happ shows he's a good man for job

Impressive spring numbers indicate potential to lead off



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

When Cubs manager Joe Maddon arrived for spring training, framing art posed a more obvious challenge than filling holes in the lineup.

Maddon appeared to enjoy fitting Salvador Dali and Michelangelo on a wall as much as finding the Cubs'

eighth reliever and backup catcher. Not much roster suspense surrounds a team that looked like a World Series contender on day one, but determining who deserves to hit in the leadoff spot represented one of the few unanswered questions.

And in one week Ian Happ answered that emphatically.

Happ, the most overlooked Cubs prospect, came to camp ready to prove his promising rookie season was no fluke. In his first six spring games, Happ hit .471 with four home runs, drove in seven runs and had a sizzling on-base percentage of .500. It was the unassuming 23-year-old's way of saying, "Remember me?"

Making big decisions off small sample sizes in spring training carries risk. Gordon Beckham, the former White Sox infielder who signed a minor-league contract with the Mariners, for example, led the Cactus League in hitting after seven games with a .588 average, but nobody expects his run to last.

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Darvish settling in on and off mound

Prized free agent a good clubhouse fit, shakes off wild start to beat Dodgers in his Cubs debut. Paul Sullivan, **Page 3**

White Sox: Handicapping CF battle between Engel and Cordell. **Page 3**

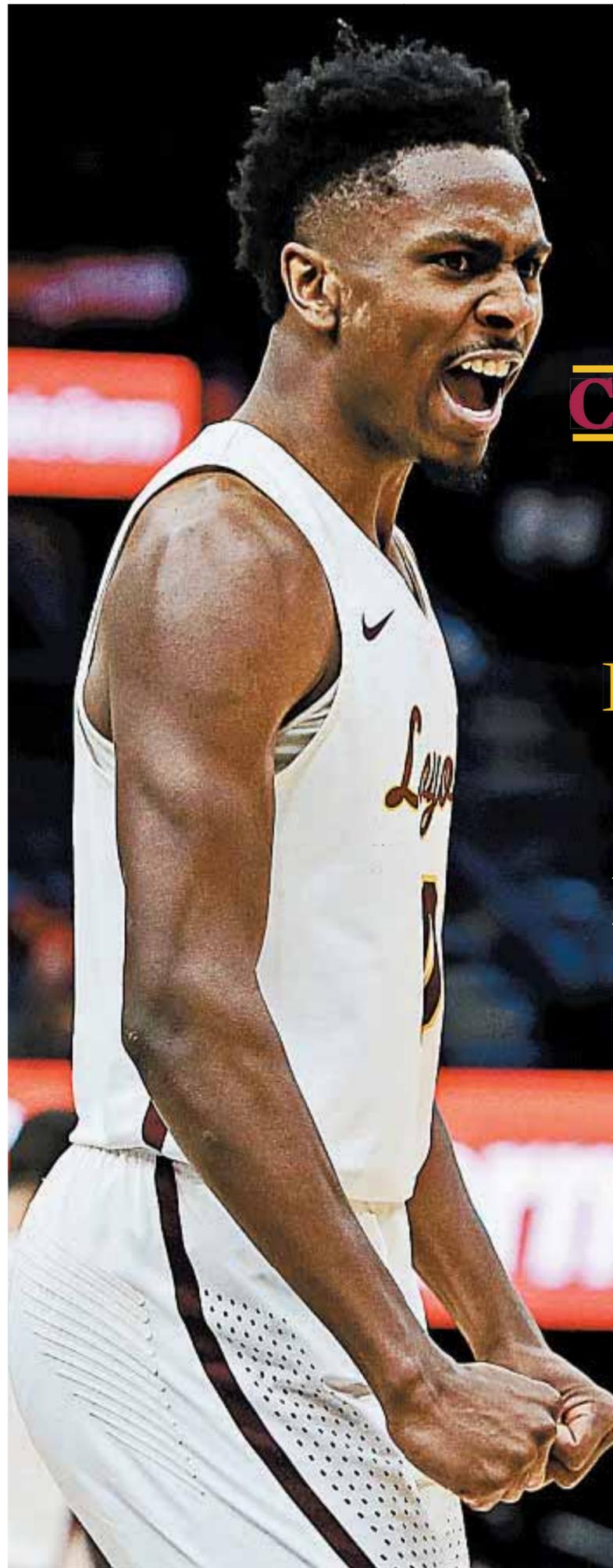
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Toews goal 9 seconds into OT beats Avalanche 2-1 as Berube makes 33 saves. **Page 5**



Lopez, Holiday will return to rotation as reserves after discussion with league. **Page 5**



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'WE WERE LOYOLA OF CHICAGO, AND THERE WAS ONE ILLINOIS KID ON OUR ROSTER.'



— Porter Moser
on his early years as Loyola coach

Simeon's **Donte Ingram** stayed home, helping make Ramblers a player again in Illinois hoops

BY SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

As a Simeon guard, Donte Ingram watched Chicago high school stars leave the city to play college basketball.

One after another — including some of his teammates — found courts elsewhere, making it seem as if they could reach the NCAA tournament only by crossing state borders.

"Obviously, when you're a small kid, you see all those teams like Duke and North Carolina on TV," he said. "But as you get older, you start seeing (other) programs. I saw Loyola, and I saw myself fitting in."

Ingram, a 6-foot-6 senior, is one of six players on the Ramblers roster from Illinois and one of two from the Chicago Public League. He sees himself almost as the opposite of a pied piper — luring other players not away from home but persuading them by his example to seek success in Rogers Park.

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Lose, but lose the right way

I want the Bulls to lose. I want this tank effort to work, even if Adam Silver threatens to fine me for calling it a tank effort.

I want the Bulls to land the best possible draft choice, even if the first overall choice doesn't often win a championship with the team that drafted him.

Losing is the path the Bulls have taken, and 20 years after their last NBA title, it's time for something to work.

But I want them to lose legitimately. I want them to lose with an honest effort. I want them to lose like pros.

What they did Monday couldn't have been more amateurish. What they did against the Celtics was lose like, well, losers. Like marshmallow-minded players. They ripped off fans and any other part of the franchise you want to name.

The Bulls debuted a new starting lineup as part of a new five-game block and, bang, it was over before Stacey King could say that one of his keys to the game was a good start. Celtics 7-0. Celtics 25-6. Celtics 105-89, a final without Kyrie Irving playing.

It's one thing for the Bulls to lose to an opponent missing its best player. It's another thing, an unprofessional thing, to do it this way. Coming out on their home court, the Bulls were totally unprepared to start the game. How can you be totally unprepared to start a game? Do they know it's their job?

"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."

Any offense can look brutal when shots aren't falling. But there's no excuse for not being ready to move and play and hustle and adjust. There's no excuse for being outworked. There's no excuse for quitting.

What the Bulls did was insulting and, frankly, a regular thing. Hoiberg's comments are a regular thing. A regular concern. Maybe the Bulls don't usually come out as unprepared as they did against Boston, but still, they often start late. They also pull this garbage to start the third quarter. They come out of halftime unprepared to play basketball. Do they know that playing two



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Noah Vonleh and the Bulls didn't quite get over the hump against the Celtics on Monday.

halves is their job?

It would be easy to nail Hoiberg for the preparation part, but sorry, I think this is on the players. Day-of-game preparation is always on the players. The coach can't go door-to-door hours before tipoff to cajole, encourage or deliver tough love to make sure highly paid pros are ready. The pros are expected to prepare mentally and emotionally on their own. That's their responsibility. Bulls players failed miserably and have a habit of doing that, and that's an issue.

The danger of a tanking team is cheering for the losses no matter what. But Monday's miserable showing makes you wonder whether these players can survive in this league, whether they can play in games that determine playoff berths, not to mention actual playoffs and the finals.

And it makes you wonder whether John

Paxson and Gar Forman know what they're doing in evaluating players. OK, fine, it makes you continue to wonder. We have wondered about their player evaluation and team-building for years now, but the excitement of their finally picking a lane and going young too often has been tempered by inexplicable opening performances from their chosen players who essentially are auditioning for jobs because they have proven almost nothing at this level.

The Bulls can lose. But they have to act like it matters. Show they care. To do otherwise is insulting and stealing. To do otherwise prompts you to think the questionable makeup of these players is simply a different look at the usual GarPax dead end.

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THE LINEUP

Team effort saves hiker



Panthers running back **Christian McCaffrey** was hiking Castle Rock in Colorado with his two brothers and two friends Saturday when he saw a man fall about 20 feet onto a rock.

"It felt like he was in the air for 10 seconds," McCaffrey told Panthers.com. "I had never seen anything quite like that in my life as far as the trauma and the sound. We were in shock."

McCaffrey said he called 911 while an onlooker kept the 72-year-old man's head still. One of McCaffrey's friends performed chest compressions when the man, who was hiking with his 13-year-old grandson, appeared to stop breathing. He is in critical but stable condition.

"Everybody stepped up," McCaffrey said. "It felt like we were up there waiting for four hours. But I looked back at my call log and it took 11 minutes before the paramedics came. Amazing what those guys did." *Charlotte Observer*

Riding is back in style



Nearly a quarter-century since relievers stopped catching rides to the mound, the bullpen cart will become the big leagues' latest retro feature.

The Diamondbacks announced Tuesday they will use a cart — topped by the requisite oversized team cap — to transport pitchers from both bullpens at Chase Field.

"It's a cool idea; we'll have some fun with it," reliever **Archie Bradley** said.

The last known time a major-league team used a motorized vehicle to relay relievers was 1995, when the Brewers shuttled them in a motorcycle with a sidecar. D-backs bullpen coach Mike Fetters was the Brewers closer then.

"A couple guys used it," Fetters said. "They both got beat up in the game, and no one ever used it again." *AP*

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CUBS



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Yu Darvish made his spring debut for the Cubs, facing his former teammates in a victory over the Dodgers.

It's funny stuff

Darvish connecting to Cubs teammates with sense of humor



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

MESA, Ariz. — After signing with the Cubs in February, Yu Darvish spoke to Dave Roberts and told his former manager he would beat the Dodgers.

At least that was the story, though sometimes these things are misinterpreted and spread over the internet.

"It wasn't lost in translation," Roberts said. "We talked on the phone. He said he was going to beat us. I wished him well and I reciprocated what he said. I feel the same way."

Darvish wound up facing the Dodgers in his Cubs debut Tuesday at Sloan Park and overcame a shaky start to strike out four of the seven batters he faced in a 9-5 victory.

Was that what Darvish was talking about when he told Roberts he would beat the Dodgers?

"Yeah," he said through his interpreter. "I meant to say, 'I'm only going to beat them in spring training.'"

It's going to take a while to get to know Darvish, the newest star in a clubhouse full of players who are now household names.

But one thing seems certain — he has a keen sense of sarcasm and likes to use it.

"He's funny, he gets sarcasm," Darvish's agent Joel Wolfe said. "He has a head start because he understands every question, so he can think about it when (interpreter Daichi Sekizaki) is telling him."

"One thing he learned when he first got to Texas, the interpreter was almost a barrier between him and his teammates. ... He decided

CUBS RECAP

Making his Cubs' debut, Yu Darvish got the victory against his former teammates in a 9-5 thumping of the Dodgers before a crowd of 14,479 at Sloan Park. The Cubs scored six runs in the first inning.

On the mound: After walking two of the first three batters and throwing two wild pitches, Darvish settled down, allowing one run on no hits over two innings with four strikeouts. Carl Edwards Jr. had a scoreless inning, striking out two.

At the plate: Willson Contreras went 2-for-4 with an RBI and Albert Almora Jr. hit a two-run homer.

In the field: Almora made a sensational, falling catch to rob Chris Taylor. Javier Baez made his first error of the spring.

The quote: "Obviously it's the first time facing batters at a stadium. I was a little scared, but that's how I feel every season." — Darvish

Up next: At Indians, 7:05 p.m. Wednesday in Goodyear. RH Trevor Bauer vs. LH Jose Quintana.

he wasn't going to use an interpreter with his teammates. Only in important meetings with coaches or the front office. That way he can just be one of the guys."

Being one of the guys in Cubs camp is pretty easy and Darvish appears to be fitting in well. He handled his first start with flying colors despite walking two of the first three hitters and throwing two wild pitches.

Afterward he admitted to having "nerves" and said he didn't want to hit one of his former teammates. He used four of his six pitches, hitting 95 on the radar gun. He was worried about velocity after saying he lost 15 pounds in the offseason, working out with Clayton Kershaw in Texas.

It was Darvish's first outing since his forgettable World Series, when he reportedly was tipping his pitches during two awful starts.

Darvish said he was working on some things this winter to make adjustments, but wasn't even sure the report was accurate.

"The Astros are a great, strong team, so I don't know to be honest if they knew my pitches," he said. "I think it's a part of me not being at the top level in the World Series."

Darvish is as wry as he appears, according to Cubs catcher Chris Gimenez, who played with him on the Rangers. Gimenez said Darvish is much more comfortable speaking English, which has helped him bond with teammates. "I don't know how much English

he knew in '14 (in Texas)," Gimenez said. "He spoke a fairly good amount. But I know he has taken a lot of pride in really learning the language, and he's trying to give a few more interviews in English and obviously speaking to his teammates in English."

"You see that fun, playful side of him come out. To me, it's for the best, man. When he's more relaxed and not worried about whether he's saying the right thing or what everybody is thinking. ... If he's just out there having fun and making fun of people, it's good. We all play our best when we're doing that."

"That's one thing Joe really emphasizes — just be who you are. Be yourself. That's ultimately the best place for him."

Everyone is made fun of at Camp Maddon. No one is immune from being mocked.

"It doesn't matter who you are," Gimenez said. "You are going to get worn out. And if you understand that going in, it makes it a little easier. You know no one is picking on you. It's all fun and games, but everyone in here has everyone else's back."

Darvish seems to be comfortable with the players and talking to the media. Asked why he lost all the weight, he replied: "Because of what happened in the World Series."

Again with the sarcasm? #ThatsYu.

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CUBS NOTES

Zobrist is ready to dive back into first

By PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — With **Javier Baez** expected to get most of the playing time at second, **Ben Zobrist** is getting his first baseman's mitt out this spring.

Zobrist will spend the bulk of his time in the corner outfield spots this season, while also playing second, but figures to spell **Anthony Rizzo** at first base as well. He has 23 career appearances with 11 starts, the last coming with the Rays in 2010.

"I think I'll play a little first base in spring ... so that I can spell 'Riz' occasionally," Zobrist said.

Zobrist sat out the first 11 Cactus League games with a back

issue but returned Tuesday and went 0-for-3 against the Dodgers.

"I think he has his mental edge back," manager **Joe Maddon** said. "Two consecutive trips to the World Series (in 2015 and '16) and then almost again last year, it's not easy to do. I think he has been refreshed ... I think he's really ready to rock and roll and I think you'll see a younger mental version of Zo."

Closing time: New closer **Brandon Morrow** also made his Cubs debut Tuesday, allowing one unearned run on two hits in one inning against his former team.

"I felt really good and that I could have stepped on the gas a little bit more, but I felt like: I don't

want them to think I'm all amped up because I'm facing them," he said. "So maybe I gave it a little less than I could have. Whatever, it was the first spring training outing and I did everything I wanted to do with the baseball, so it was all good."

Morrow pitched in all seven World Series games, tying a record that can't be broken. How long did it take to recover from the loss?

"It takes a little while when you go to Game 7 and lose and then you have to watch the Astros go on all the late-night shows for a month and parades and they're all over everything," he said. "It's hard to escape. But I had a very successful season and postseason — nothing but good memories."

WHITE SOX



CARLOS OSORIO/AP PHOTOS

Adam Engel, left, and Ryan Cordell have become the two primary contenders for the White Sox's starting job in center field in 2018.

Center has their utmost attention

Engel, Cordell battling to become the starter in middle of outfield

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox have several position battles heading into the 2018 season, but there is only one manager Rick Renteria describes as a "multidimensional situation."

That would be center field, where many players have been lining up for an opportunity to grab the job. The group includes Adam Engel, Charlie Tilson, Ryan Cordell and, yes, even uber-prospect Luis Robert.

"We have some guys who are very talented and we're keeping our eyes open to any possibility," Renteria said. "We want them to all have the opportunity ... and let it play out."

The situation became clearer Tuesday when the Sox optioned Tilson to Triple-A Charlotte after the New Trier product from Wilmette batted .167 with three runs scored and three RBIs in 18 Cactus League at-bats.

The 20-year-old Robert almost certainly is headed to the minors for more seasoning and Renteria indicated veteran Leury Garcia, who played 51 games in center last season, is likely to remain in a utility role.

So that leaves Engel and Cordell as the main possibilities. Here's a look at each:

The favorite — Engel: The 26-year-old would appear to have a leg up in the competition after getting an extended look in center during the second half of '17, and Engel has helped his cause with a strong start in Cactus League play.

Even after going 0-for-4 with two strikeouts during the Sox's

6-4 victory over the Brewers on Tuesday at Camelback Ranch, Engel is batting .313 with two home runs and four RBIs.

He made 95 appearances in center last season and proved to be one of the top fielders in baseball, routinely making highlight-reel catches. At the plate, however, it was a different story as Engel managed a meager .166 average with six home runs, 21 RBIs and eight steals.

Engel said he put in work with Sox hitting coach Todd "Trick" Steverson during the offseason in an effort to raise his production at the plate.

"I made some changes," Engel said. "I got with 'Trick' and had a lot of conversations with him. (We) just tried to get on the same page as far as what he's looking for and the things we started to work on last year with how I want my swing to work with contact and power."

The darkhorse — Cordell: The 25-year-old was acquired from the Brewers in a July 26 trade for Anthony Swarzak and appears to have all the tools to be a productive major-leaguer.

The biggest question is Cordell's health. He missed much of the 2017 with a back injury that ended his season at Triple-A Colorado Springs after 68 games and didn't pick up a bat until December, but he said he is 100 percent healthy.

In 13 Cactus League at-bats, Cordell has a .308/.471/.462 slash line. The Sox have bounced him around the outfield but believe he can be an effective defensive center fielder.

"I'm coming in with the mindset that I'm going to prove I deserve to be on the team," Cordell said. "I think I'll surprise a lot of people."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

New Trier grad Tilson among early roster cuts

By CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — In what apparently was the plan all along, **Charlie Tilson** was among the White Sox's first eight roster cuts of the spring.

Believed to be in the mix for the center-field job, the New Trier product from Wilmette instead cleaned out his locker at Camelback Ranch on Tuesday after being optioned to Triple-A Charlotte.

"The plan from the start of camp (was) to make sure he was up and running without restrictions," general manager **Rick Hahn** said. "He hasn't faced regular game action in more than 19 months, so it was imperative he gets that so he can get back to being the player he was before he got hurt."

Tilson has been plagued with injuries since joining the organization July 31, 2016, including a fracture in his foot that sidelined him the entire 2017 season.

The Sox also optioned **Thyago Vieira** to Charlotte and fellow right-hander **Jose Ruiz** to Class A Winston-Salem.

Jake Burger, who will miss the season while recovering from a ruptured left Achilles tendon, was reassigned to the minor-league camp along with right-handers **Dylan Covey** and **Michael Ynoa**, left-hander **Jordan Guerrero** and catcher **Alfredo Gonzalez**.

Eloy update: Top prospect **Eloy Jimenez** remains sidelined with tendinitis in his knee, but Hahn said the outfielder is "progressing nicely."

"(The injury) doesn't pose any long-term concerns," Hahn said. "There is no urgency to rush him out there until he's 100 percent."

WHITE SOX RECAP

Tyler Saladino hit a home run in the seventh inning to propel the White Sox to a 6-4 victory over the Brewers on Tuesday at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz.

At the plate: Avisail Garcia went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Wellington Castillo knocked in two runs and Micker Adolfo another.

On the mound: Reynaldo Lopez started and pitched three scoreless innings for the Sox, allowing one hit with three walks and three strikeouts. Rob Scahill and Brian Clark had scoreless outings.

The quote: "All of my pitches were good, especially my breaking pitch — they were swinging at all of them. In the first inning my fastball command wasn't there but I battled through and I did good." — Lopez via a team interpreter

Prospect spotlight — Matt Skole: Signed as a free agent Nov. 21, the third baseman went 1-for-3 and is hitting .333 on the spring.

Up next: Vs. the Reds, 2:05 p.m. Wednesday at Camelback Ranch in Glendale, Ariz. RH Homer Bailey vs. RH Miguel Gonzalez.

Jim dandy: The Sox will honor Peoria native and new Hall of Famer **Jim Thome** with "Thome Day" on Aug. 11 at Guaranteed Rate Field. The first 20,000 fans to enter the park will receive a Jim Thome Hall of Fame bobblehead.

"Jim Thome is one of the most respected players of his time and has been a Hall of Famer in the hearts of White Sox fans since he donned black-and-white pinstripes," **Brooks Boyer**, senior vice president of sales and marketing, said in a statement.

BASEBALL

Happ could fill Cubs' hole at leadoff

Haugh, from Page 1

March is when so many Four-A players thrive. So, yes, Happ's hot streak could be misleading, but his diverse skill set and history suggest he could turn a weakness into a strength.

On a team full of square pegs when it comes to leadoff hitters, Happ comes the closest to fitting into a round hole.

Besides, no better options exist. Please don't reintroduce the idea of Kyle Schwarber, whom Maddon forced into the role for a failed 36-game experiment to begin 2017. That became Exhibit A of Maddon outsmarting himself. Schwarber managed a meager .190 average and .312 on-base percentage leading off.

He salvaged his season after a stint with Triple-A Iowa when Maddon moved him down in the order — where the slugger belongs, even with a leaner physique. But leadoff? No way.

The Cubs need to improve production from a spot that combined for a mere .246 average and .324 on-base percentage in 2017. On the first day of workouts, Maddon announced, "We're going to try to audition the dudes we think might be in that spot." Those dudes included Happ, Albert Almora Jr., Ben Zobrist and Jason Heyward.

Almora possesses the goldst of gloves in center field but has yet to earn Maddon's trust enough at the plate to envision him leading off 135 games. His bat also packs less punch than Happ's.

Zobrist hits for the highest average and has the keenest batting eye, but concerns over age and injury make any projections about his season come with an asterisk. Heyward offers every tool in the box as a potential leadoff hitter, but do the Cubs really want to give him one more thing to worry about at the plate? Happ possesses the best



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In six spring games for the Cubs, second-year man Ian Happ is hitting .471 with four homers, seven RBIs and a .500 on-base percentage.

combination of speed and power, as well as the versatility to play all three outfield positions and second base. He can play right or left to make room for Almora's defense and always fill in at second. He is Zobrist 2.0 but younger and more dangerous.

The Cubs never gave Happ a chance to prove himself leading off last year, batting him first in only eight games. He showed some pop with three home runs and six RBIs with an on-base percentage of .333. Even Anthony Rizzo led off more, anointing himself "statistically the greatest leadoff hitter of all time" after a sizzling 14-game stint in June.

Imagine what Happ, a forgotten man last postseason, could do with 500 at-bats. In 364 at-bats as a rookie, he quietly blasted 24 home runs and drove in 68 runs, posting a slash line of .253/.328/.514.

Ideally, Happ's on-base percentage would be .350 or higher leading off and his walk rate would increase from 94 percent. His college numbers at Cincinnati, where Happ ranked

third in career on-base percentage at .463, provide more evidence to believe in the ninth pick of the 2015 draft. The Cubs considered Happ the best all-around hitter coming out that year.

Remember that Happ had only 116 plate appearances at Iowa before the Cubs promoted him last season, so he figures to develop better plate discipline even as the league adjusts to his early success. He runs fast enough to become a threat on the bases.

"Everyday lineup" is a misnomer in Maddon's baseball glossary, what with his constant tinkering. But committing to Happ now could go a long way toward boosting his confidence and building momentum.

So much pomp and circumstance annually accompanies the naming of a team's opening-day starter, but Maddon selecting a leadoff hitter potentially carries more impact — and could frame the Cubs' season for success.

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BASEBALL NOTES

Ichiro agrees to deal to return to Mariners

Tribune news services

Ichiro is set to return home to the Mariners and Seattle.

The expected reunion has yet to become official because the iconic outfielder still must pass a team physical before the agreement of a one-year contract can be announced. But baseball sources confirmed to the Seattle Times that Ichiro and the Mariners have reached an agreement. Ichiro was in Seattle on Tuesday to take the physical.

It was just last season that it appeared the former Mariners superstar had played his final game at Safeco Field as a member of the Marlins. He provided a glimpse of his former glory, smashing a homer over the wall in right field in his final at-bat of the series.

Asked then about his affection for the Mariners, the team with which he collected 2,532 of his 3,080 career hits, he replied: "This is home."

Ichiro played his first 11-plus major-league seasons with the Mariners before being traded to the Yankees during the 2012 season. He is the Mariners' career leader in average (.322), hits (2,533) and stolen bases (438) and is second in runs scored (1,176).

Lincecum deal official: Two-time Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum passed his physical Tuesday with the Rangers and finalized a one-year, \$1 million contract.

The 33-year-old Lincecum, who will become a reliever for the Rangers, will wear No. 44 after wearing No. 55 for his entire major-league career. The change was made to honor his deceased older brother, Sean, who wore No. 44 as an amateur player.

"I always looked up to my brother," said Lincecum, who hasn't pitched in the majors since 2016.

"He was an idol for me. He just had a lot of bad runs with the choices he made in life."

Clark has 'concerns': Tony Clark, the executive director of the MLB Players Association, told reporters he has "significant concerns" about the competitive integrity of Major League Baseball, adding that "upwards of one-third" of all teams are "not as interested in being the last team standing."

Clark was talking about World Series championships, and he's concerned some teams are more worried about trimming payroll than fielding the best team possible. He cited the number of still-unsigned free agents as the reason for his opinion.

Among those still looking for teams are pitchers Jake Arrieta, Lance Lynn and Greg Holland, third baseman Mike Moustakas, catcher Jonathan Lucroy, second baseman Neil Walker and outfielder Carlos Gonzalez. Arrieta is a past Cy Young Award winner, Walker won the Silver Slugger Award in 2014 and the others have all made All-Star appearances.

Jay signs with Royals: Former Cubs center fielder Jon Jay signed a one-year, \$3 million deal with the Royals. He could earn another \$1.5 million in performance bonuses.

Jay has a .996 career fielding percentage, the highest of any active major-league outfielder with a minimum of 500 games. He did not commit an error in 141 chances last season and enters this season with a 189-game errorless streak.

Extra innings: The Athletics released DH Brandon Moss, whom they acquired from the Royals on Jan. 29. Moss, who went 4-for-10 with two walks in four spring training games, was designated for assignment after the A's claimed LHP Jairo Labourt off waivers from the Reds on Sunday. ... LHP Seth Romero, drafted by the Nationals with the 25th pick last year, was sent home from spring training for violating curfew.

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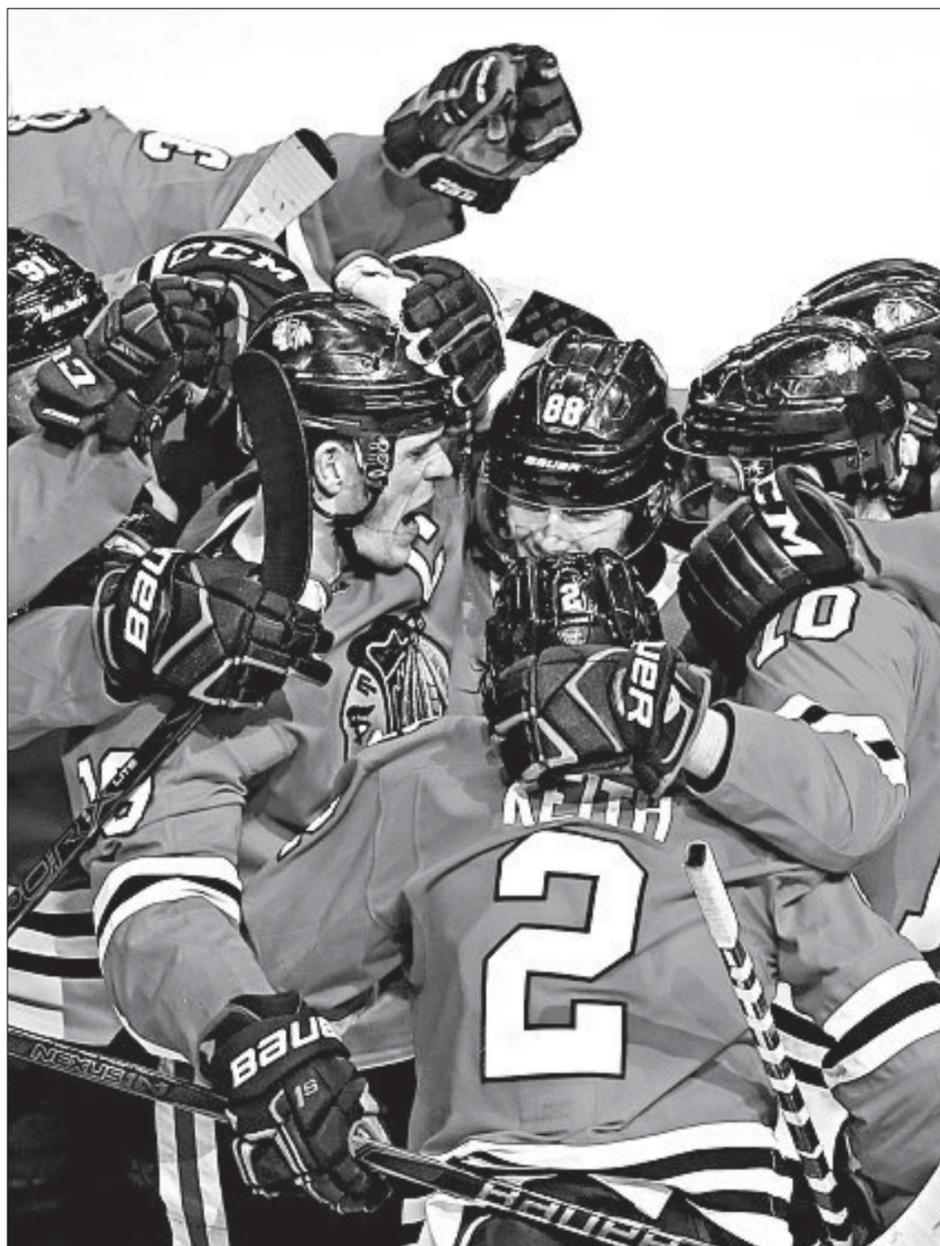
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BLACKHAWKS 2, AVALANCHE 1 (OT)



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Hawks players mob center Jonathan Toews after he scored the game-winner nine seconds into overtime.

Quick ending

Toews' goal 9 seconds into OT gives Hawks victory over Avs

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

An early goal late in the game was right on time as far as the Blackhawks are concerned.

Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith took the ice for the Hawks to start the three-on-three overtime Tuesday against the Avalanche. Nine seconds later, thanks to Toews' goal on a pass from Kane, on a pass from Keith after Toews won the faceoff, the three skated off the ice together 2-1 victors at the United Center.

"A lot of these games you think the offense is going to keep coming, and the next thing you know you only have one goal on the board," Toews said. "We need to grow. We need to learn from what we've been through. No better time than now."

The Hawks had allowed 16 goals in their previous three games before facing the Avalanche, their worst three-game stretch of the season.

Jean-Francois Berube was solid in goal, stopping 33 of the 34 shots he faced, including 17 in the second period.

The Avalanche, with their one point, moved into a points tie with the Kings for the West's second wild-card playoff spot.

"It was a pretty good play," Quenneville said of the game-winner. "It was a great pass, a great shot and a good ending. Nice to see 'Berubs' get a win and obviously nice to always win."

Erik Gustafsson celebrated the two-year contract extension he

PAUL SKRBINA'S THREE STARS

1. **Jonathan Toews, Blackhawks:** Winning goal nine seconds into OT.
2. **Jean-Francois Berube, Blackhawks:** 33 saves.
3. **Erik Gustafsson, Blackhawks:** Goal.

Up next: Vs. Hurricanes, 7:30 p.m. Thursday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

signed earlier in the day with his second goal of the season and the first of the game just less than six minutes in.

The Hawks thought they had a 2-1 lead in the second period after Kane put a spin move on an Avalanche defender and backhanded a pass to Brandon Saad in front of the net. Saad took a few whacks at the puck and the red light illuminated.

But after a review, Saad was ruled to have kicked in the puck, to the goal was kicked out.

Quenneville let an expletive fly when he learned of the ruling, which erased what would have been Saad's 16th goal.

"I'm not allowed to say that," assistant coach Ulf Samuelsson said on the TV broadcast between the second and third periods when asked what he saw.

The closest the Avalanche came to scoring in the first 36-plus minutes came with more than 15 minutes left in the second period when play was stopped as Brent Seabrook tried to fish out a stuck puck from the net behind Berube.

Shortly thereafter, Nathan MacKinnon's 32nd goal of the season went in from the front with 3 minutes, 42 seconds left in the period to tie the score at 1-1 on the Avalanche's 25th shot on net.

The Hawks had plenty of

THE SUMMARY

Colorado	0	1	0	0	0-1
BLACKHAWKS	1	0	0	0	1-2

FIRST PERIOD:
1. **BLACKHAWKS,** Gustafsson 2 (Saad, Toews), 5:08.
Penalties: Siemens, Col. (holding), 14:35;
Toews, Hawks (hooking), 16:58.

SECOND PERIOD:
2. **Colo,** MacKinnon 32 (Barrie, Landeskog), 16:18 (pp).
Penalty: Murphy, Hawks (holding), 15:32.

THIRD PERIOD: no scoring
Penalties: Soderberg, Col (interference), 11:39;
Kampf, Hawks (tripping), 15:45.

OVERTIME:
3. **BLACKHAWKS,** Toews 18 (Keith, Kane), :09

SHOTS ON GOAL:

Colorado	9	18	7	0-34	1-2
BLACKHAWKS	12	7	7	1-27	0-2

Goals: Colorado, Varlamov 18-13-5 (27 shots-25 saves).
BLACKHAWKS, Berube 2-1-0 (34-33). T: 2:25.

Referees: Dave Jackson, TJ Luxmore.
Linesmen: Derek Arnell, Kory Nagy. A: 21,508

chances to score plenty of goals in the second.

Nick Schmaltz followed a nifty move by firing a shot directly at goalie Semyon Varlamov's chest. A minute later, with just more than 14 minutes left, a Saad-to-Kane two-on-one came up empty.

A Kane-to-Toews-to-Tomas Jurco deal in front of a wide-open net less than a minute later resulted in the same and caused Toews to drop his hands in his knees in exasperation.

"We can all ... look around and let the bumps in the road sink in and keep analyzing what we need to do better and apply that as soon as we can," Toews said.

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Deal gives Gustafsson a bit of security

BY PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Erik Gustafsson had 1½ years to ponder his NHL future.

After recording 14 assists in 41 games with the Blackhawks in 2015-16, the defenseman was sent to Rockford, where he stayed until January of this year.

"For sure," he said when asked whether he doubted he would get another shot at the NHL. "I (had) a good season in Rockford, came up here, worked on my game."

On Tuesday, any worries were eased when Gustafsson signed a two-year, one-way contract extension with the Hawks that the NHL Network reported will carry a \$1.2 million salary-cap hit. A little more than \$1 million of that could be taken off the books should Gustafsson go to Rockford or another minor-league team, so the

risk for the Hawks is minimal.

"Defensively, he's fine," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "Offensively, he adds a nice ingredient to our team."

Gustafsson scored his only goal Jan. 20 in his first game back with the Hawks. The 25-year-old also has four assists in 19 games. He said he plans to "play my own game a little bit more."

"I've been trying to pass the puck too much," he said. "I can shoot it a little bit more and create some more offense."

The team also announced it has signed forward **Tyler Sikura**, brother of prospect **Dylan Sikura**, to a one-year deal. Tyler Sikura leads the IceHogs with 16 goals this season.

Crawford update: No news hasn't been good news for the Hawks when it comes to goalie

Corey Crawford, whose status remained "status quo," according to Quenneville.

Quenneville hoped Crawford would return to the ice this week for the first time since Feb. 12 but said Tuesday it was "doubtful" that would happen during the next few days.

Crawford hasn't played since Dec. 23 and has been on injured reserve since Dec. 27 with what the team is calling an upper-body injury, reportedly concussion-related. Still, Quenneville remains optimistic Crawford could return by season's end.

The Hawks have just 15 games remaining after Tuesday night's match with the Avalanche.

Crawford partially participated in the team's morning skate Feb. 12 in Arizona, the only time he has been on the ice with the Hawks since his injury.

BULLS

Look now: Bulls seeking leaders

Hoiberg watches, waits for players to step up when 'adversity hits'

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Fourteen hours later, Fred Hoiberg was still hot about the Bulls' pathetic performance in Monday's loss to the Celtics.

"Everything was awful," a terse Hoiberg said Tuesday.

Here's why: Effort has been the benchmark to judge a season in which losses were expected. Now, with veterans Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday removed as starters so management and the coaching staff can evaluate young players and different line-ups, another criterion has been added.

"What we're really searching for is who is going to emerge as the leader of this group, especially with Robin and Justin not playing a lot right now," Hoiberg said. "We had nobody do it (Monday) night. You need somebody to step up. You can use the excuse that our two best (leadership) guys as far as Robin and Justin are not in the lineup and we've gotten off to horrendous starts without those guys in there. But somebody has to take the ownership and be the leader and pull guys together when things aren't going well."

"We're really sharp and really good when things are going well. But when adversity hits, how are you going to handle that? We completely shut down (Monday) night and got embarrassed."

It's an inherent contradiction, of course. Management traded Nikola Mirotic and sat Lopez and Holiday as starters mostly to evaluate young players in different roles. But if it meant more losses and pingpong balls in the draft lottery, then all the better.

Hoiberg has steered clear of tanking talk all season and did so again when asked about being charged with such a thankless task. Based on dialogue with the league office and new resting rules, Lopez and Holiday will play limited roles down the stretch.

"I don't care who's on the floor," Hoiberg said. "It can't affect your effort. I thought our second unit at least kept playing. Denzel (Valentine), specifically, without him we score 50 points (Monday). He was the one guy who kept playing and was talking in the huddles. Everybody else had a deer-in-the-headlights look. Denzel was trying to keep us going and it carried over to his play on the floor where he was at least trying to make plays."

"I'll say this about our team: For the most part, they've given great effort. They've played hard. We've had really good stretches. But this last stretch, especially the way we've started, it's been terrible. I don't care



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GRIZZLIES AT BULLS

TV/radio: 7 p.m. Wednesday, NBC Sports Chicago, WSCR-670 AM.

Storylines: The Grizzlies have lost 14 straight and have the league's worst record. The Bulls have lost 14 of 17.

Trending: Slow starts continue to plague the Bulls, who have trailed after the first quarter in five of their last six games.

who's on the floor. The constant of going out and playing hard has to be there."

Often, a restless night's sleep and film review can calm coaches. Not so Tuesday. That's what a 26-5 first-quarter deficit with the lineup of Bobby Portis, Lauri Markkanen, Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and David Nwaba will do.

"It was painful to watch," Hoiberg said. "It was every bit as bad as I thought it was in watching it the first time. And again, we're out here (in practice) and running our scripts and flying around and getting to our spots and moving the ball and making unselfish plays and then when things aren't going well (in games), we become five individuals. That can't happen."

Dunn got the message. "The coaching staff is looking at me to be more of a leader," Dunn said. "I'm big on showing your game and then trying to be a vocal leader. But they want me to try to be both."

"Especially my first year as a Bull. I don't want to step on anybody's toes. But I have to be the leader because I play point guard. It's my job to get everybody in the right position. These next 19 games, I'm definitely going to pick it up."

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Lopez, Holiday return to rotation after talks

Bulls, league engage in 'healthy dialogue' over new rest rules

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday are back in the Bulls rotation. And those who want the Bulls to acquire more pingpong balls can blame Spurs coach Gregg Popovich.

That's a light-hearted way of addressing a serious issue as far as the league office is concerned, which is why it moved to have the Board of Governors approve rest rules that took effect this season.

Popovich is the most notable of many coaches who have rested healthy players over the years, more often to preserve veterans for long playoff runs. When the longstanding practice led to high-profile stars missing nationally televised games, the league had had enough.

Before this season, the Board of Governors voted to allow Commissioner Adam Silver to fine teams who sit healthy players for high-profile, nationally televised games or rest multiple healthy players for any game and any healthy player for road games.

Executive vice president John Paxson publicly disclosed plans for the Bulls to remove Lopez and Holiday as starters before the first post-All-Star-break practice on Feb. 20. Paxson

offered several scenarios to the veterans, whom he praised publicly at the time for their acceptance.

Both Lopez and Holiday have stated publicly they initially chose not to accept reduced reserve roles.

When Lopez and Holiday began missing multiple games, the league office and Bulls began cordial and cooperative dialogue that led to Tuesday's development.

No fines were issued, sources said, because the Bulls cooperated so readily.

Also, the Bulls replaced Holiday with David Nwaba — analytically, one of the team's most effective players — and played the core of Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen regular minutes.

"After the All-Star break, we had communication with the league office about Robin's and Justin's roles," Paxson said in a statement.

"After healthy dialogue, the league determined that their situations fall into the 'player rest' policy. We respect the communication and cooperative dialogue with the league and will adhere to their recommendations."

Holiday started and played 35 minutes as recently as Feb. 26 at the Nets as LaVine sat out the front end of a back-to-back. Holiday is scheduled to start one game of the three remaining back-to-backs on which LaVine will miss one end.

SCOREBOARD

CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	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 @SD, 3 MLBN SF, 9
	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 AM-720	
	MEM 7 NBCSCH AM-670		@DET 6 WGN-9 AM-670		@ATL 2:30 WGN-9 AM-670		LAC 7 NBCSCH AM-670
		CAR 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720		@BOS Noon NBCSCH AM-720	BOS 11:30 am NBC-5 AM-720		
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WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	PROGRAM	NETWORK
MLB EXHIBITION		
Noon	Yankees at Mets	MLBN
3 p.m.	Dodgers at Angels	MLBN
7:05 p.m.	Cubs at Indians	WGN-9
NBA		
7 p.m.	Grizzlies at Bulls	NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 1000
9 p.m.	Raptors at Pistons	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Cavaliers at Nuggets	ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
11 a.m.	ACC R2, Florida State vs. Louisville	ESPN
1 p.m.	ACC R2, N.C. State vs. Boston Coll.	ESPN
6 p.m.	ACC R2, Virginia Tech vs. Notre Dame	ESPN2, WMVP-AM 1000
6 p.m.	Big 12 R1, Oklahoma State vs. Oklahoma	ESPN
6 p.m.	Big East R1, Georgetown vs. St. John's	FS1
6:30 p.m.	Patriot final, Colgate vs. Bucknell	CBSSN
8:30 p.m.	ACC R1, North Carolina vs. Syracuse	ESPN2
8:30 p.m.	Big East R1, Marquette vs. DePaul	FS1
BOYS BASKETBALL: IOWA STATE SEMIFINALS		
2 p.m.	1A semifinal	NBCSCH
3:45 p.m.	1A semifinal	NBCSCH
6:30 p.m.	2A semifinal	NBCSCH+
8:15 p.m.	2A semifinal	NBCSCH+
GOLF		
11:30 p.m.	Indian Open	Golf Channel
NHL		
7 p.m.	Penguins at Flyers	NBCSN
UEFA CHAMPIONS SOCCER		
1:30 p.m.	Juventus at Tottenham Hotspur	FS1
1:30 p.m.	Basel at Manchester City	FS2
TENNIS		
1 p.m.	ATP/WTA BNP Paribas Open	Tennis Ch (more, 9 p.m.)

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS	RESULTS, SCHEDULE	QUICK HIT	*SPLIT SQUAD
AMERICAN LEAGUE	TUESDAY'S RESULTS		
WHITE SOX 6-5-1	Cubs 9, L.A. Dodgers 5	Cubs' Peter Bourjos 2-2, 2 RBIs	
Baltimore 5-6-1	White Sox 6, Milw. 4	Sox's Reynaldo Lopez 0 R in 3 IP	
Boston 8-4	Minnesota 9, Baltimore 8	Port Charlotte, Fla. Red Sox's Jesus Quiroz 3-R HR	
Cleveland 7-5-1	Houston 10, Wash. 5	Astros' P.J. Smith 3-3, 3 RBIs	
Detroit 6-6-1	Houston 10, Wash. 5	Astros' P.J. Smith 3-3, 3 RBIs	
Houston 9-4-1	N.Y. Yankees 7, Detroit 2	Tigers' Ryan Carpenter 5 IP	
Kansas City 6-3-1	St. Louis 4, Miami 4	Cards' Jack Flaherty 7 SO in 4 IP	
Los Angeles 6-6-1	Atlanta 5, Toronto 2	Mets' Phillip Evans grand slam	
Minnesota 5-6-2	Atlanta 5, Toronto 2	Braves' Rijo Ruiz 2-R HR	
New York 9-2	N.Y. Mets 9, Houston 5	Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 6	
Oakland 4-5-2	Oakland 5, Texas 3	Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo 3-3, 2 RBIs	
Seattle 5-6-1	Arizona 5, L.A. Angels 4	D-backs' David Peraltá 3-R HR	
Tampa Bay 6-6	San Diego 5, Kan. City 4	Padres' Hunter Renfroe 2 RBIs	
Texas 3-7-2	Colorado 3, Seattle 2	M's pitchers 14 SO; Rockies 11	
Toronto 3-8			
NATIONAL LEAGUE	WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME
CUBS 8-2-2	Cincinnati vs. White Sox	Glendale, Ariz.	2:05
Arizona 6-7	Cubs vs. Cleveland	Goodyear, Ariz.	7:05
Atlanta 4-9-1	Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte, Fla.	12:05
Cincinnati 4-9-1	Boston vs. Philadelphia	Cleaverwater, Va.	12:05
Colorado 4-7-1	Miami vs. Houston	West Palm Beach, Fla.	12:05
Los Angeles 6-6-1	Toronto vs. Detroit	Lakeland, Fla.	12:05
Miami 6-4-2	Washington vs. St. Louis	Jupiter, Fla.	12:05
Milwaukee 7-4-1	Minnesota vs. Boston*	Utzschlager, Fla.	12:05
New York 5-7-1	Pittsburgh vs. Toronto*	Dunedin, Fla.	12:07
Philadelphia 4-8	N.Y. Yankees vs. N.Y. Mets	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	12:10
Pittsburgh 3-6-2	Milwaukee vs. Kansas City	Surprise, Ariz.	2:05
St. Louis 4-6-2	San Diego vs. San Francisco	Scottsdale, Ariz.	2:05
San Diego 7-5-1	L.A. Dodgers vs. L.A. Angels	Tempe, Ariz.	2:10
San Francisco 4-7-1	Texas vs. Colorado	Scottsdale, Ariz.	2:10
Washington 6-6-1	Oakland vs. Seattle	Peoria, Ariz.	7:40

WHITE SOX 6, BREWERS 4	CUBS 9, DODGERS 5		
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Avillar lb 2 0 1 1	LGracia ss 4 2 1 0	Vrdogl of 2 0 1 0	Bourjis lf 2 0 2 2
LoCain cf 3 0 1 0	JAbreu pr 3 1 0 0	CSager dh 2 0 0 0	KBrny dh 2 1 1 0
Kentz 3b 1 0 1 0	AGracia rf 4 1 2 2	KFryer ph 2 0 0 0	RiSch ph 1 0 0 0
HPerez lf 3 0 0 0	LSBabe pr 3 1 0 0	JTrmer 2b 2 1 0 0	Solis ph 1 0 0 0
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BRxtn cf 1 0 0 0		EDRios ph 3 1 1 2	HNman cf 2 1 1 1
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Font, L-O-1	6	6	6	6	1	0
DeFratus	1 1/2	0	0	0	2	1
Baez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chargols	1	1	0	0	1	1
Garcia	1	1	0	0	1	0
Banuelos	2	3	1	1	2	2
Santana	1	1	0	0	2	2
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Darvish, W-1-0	2	0	1	1	2	4
Camarena	1	0	0	0	0	2
Morrow	1	2	1	0	0	0
Cishek	1	2	2	2	2	0
Edwards Jr.	1	1	0	2	1	0
Mazzoni	1	1	0	0	2	0
Rosario	1	0	0	0	1	1
Mills	1	1	1	1	0	1

ATLANTA BRUINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Winnipeg	3	2	3	0	1	4
Bradley	1/2	0	0	0	0	0
Jeffress	1	0	0	0	0	1
Logan	0	0	0	0	0	1
Williams, L-O-1	1	2	1	0	2	2
Barnes	1	3	2	2	0	1

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL	CLASS 2A SUPERSECTORIALS
In bracket order; T: Tuesday; W: Wednesday; F: Friday	Tuesday's results; winners to state tournament, Friday-Saturday at Carver Arena, Peoria
CLASS 4A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS	At SIU Arena, Carbondale
At Alton	Mount Carmel (Ill.) 47 (OT)
At Pekin	At Convocation Center, DeKalb
T: Belleville West 66, Quincy 33	Winneshago 68, Corliss 55
T: Moline 55, Rock Island 43	At Joliet Central
At Romeoville	Orr 74, Hope Academy 64
T: Bolingbrook 94, Joliet Central 91 (2OT)	At UIS, Springfield
T: West Aurora vs. Lincoln Way East, 7	Bloomington Central Catholic 47, 7. South Carolina 26-6, 62-3
At Jacobs	CLASS 1A SUPERSECTORIALS
T: Larkin 60, Rockford Auburn 54	At Convocation Center, DeKalb
W: Dundee-Crown vs. Rockford Jefferson, 7	Providing Newman 61, 3. Louisville 22-2, 72-8
At Glenbard East	CLASS 1A SUPERSECTORIALS
T: Willowbrook 47, Naperville North 43	At Convocation Center, DeKalb
T: Benet 47, Bartlett 41	St. Lawrence 51, Mel 60
At Lake Zurich	At Redbird Arena, Normal
T: Lake Zurich 54, Libertyville 50	Annawan 39, Coffax Ridgeview 32
T: Barrington 55, Fremd 45	At Jacksonville Bowl
At Maine East	Okawville 65, Peoria Quest 64 (2OT)
T: Evanston 61, Loyola 51	SIU Arena, Carbondale
W: New Trier vs. Niles North, 7	Goreville 74, Moweaqua Central A&M 61
At Thornton	
T: Simon 70, Brother Rice 55	
W: Marist vs. Homewood-Flossmoor, 7	
At Riverside-Brookfield	
T: Curie 50, Proviso East 30	
W: Young vs. Lincoln Park, 7	
CLASS 3A SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS	
At St. Laurence	
T: Morgan Park 92, St. Laurence 74	
T: Bogan 68, St. Rita 61	
At Little Village	
T: Farragut 67, De La Salle 58	
T: North Lawndale vs. Crane, 6	
At LaSalle-Peru	
T: Sterling 81, Peoria Manual 78 (2OT)	
W: Dixon vs. Metamora, 7	
At Pontiac	
T: Marian Catholic 66, Pontiac 40	
W: Kankeke vs. Rich East, 7	
At Centralia	
T: Marion 49, Columbia 41	
T: Centralia vs. Eastbrook, 7	
At Decatur Eisenhower	
T: Springfield Lanphier 71	
T: Champaign Central 69 (2OT)	
T: Springfield Southeast vs. Mahomet-Seymour, 7	
At North Chicago	
T: DePaul Prep 51, Antioch 28	
T: North Chicago vs. Carmel, 7	
At Woodstock North	
T: Burlington Central 77, Johnsburg 56	
W: Rockford Boylan vs. St. Francis, 7	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

USA TODAY TOP 25	WK	PTS	LOW
1. UConn (32)	31-0	800	1
2. Baylor	31-1	757	3
3. Louisville	32-2	728	5
4. Mississippi State	32-1	703	2
5. Oregon	30-3	648	4
6. Notre Dame	29-3	660	6
7. South Carolina	26-6	623	8
8. Texas	24-6	567	7
9. UCLA	24-7	517	9
10. Ohio State	27-6	500	14
11. Florida State	25-6	472	15
12. Oregon State	23-3	420	10
13. Tennessee	24-7	410	12
14. Missouri	24-7	324	13
15. Texas A&M	24-5	322	16
16. Maryland	25-7	293	17
17. Georgia	24-9	271	18
18. Duke	22-8	258	15
19. South Florida	26-6	250	19
20. Stanford	22-10	231	20
21. Green Bay	28-3	193	21
22. N.C. State	24-8	148	22
23. Mercer	30-2	70	25
24. DePaul	25-7	40	17
25. Belmont	31-3	28	-

Others: Fla. Gulf Coast 25, Syracuse 22, Michigan 21, LSU 16, Marquette 15.

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE	CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Nashville	66	43	14	9	9	95	216	168	23-7-3	20-7-6	15-4-2
Winnipeg	66	40	17	9	8	99	223	175	24-7-2	16-10-7	11-7-2
Minnesota	67	38	22	7	8	83	210	192	24-5-6	14-17-1	11-10-0
Dallas	67	37	24	6	8	80	195	176	23-10-3	14-14-3	11-12-0
Colorado	66	35	24	7	7	77	206	195	23-8-2	12-16-5	8-9-3
St. Louis	66	35	26	5	7	75	180	176	20-14-0	15-12-5	9-9-3
BLACKHAWKS	67	29	30	8	6	66	190	196	16-14-3	13-16-5	7-9-2

EASTERN CONFERENCE	ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Tampa Bay	67	46	17	4	9	96	245	186	23-6-2	23-11-2	14-5-2
Boston	64	41	15	8	9	90	215	163	23-7-4	18-8-4	14-4-2
Toronto	68	39	22	7	8	85	223	195	22-8-2	17-14-5	11-6-3
Florida	64	32	25	7	11	79	204	194	19-9-3	13-16-4	10-5-2
Detroit	66	24	29	11	6	63	175	193	16-10-0	13-11-5	6-13-4
Montreal	66	25	30	11	6	61	172	206	16-10-0	10-10-0	10-6-4
Ottawa	65	23	32	10	5	57	177	227	14-13-5	9-19-5	6-11-3
Buffalo	66	21	34	11	5	53	159	214	10-18-4	11-17-2	7-8-3

METRO	GP
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COLLEGES

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Selection show gets to point

Associated Press

The 68 teams in the NCAA tournament will be revealed in the first 10 minutes of the selection show Sunday, and then the brackets will be unveiled one region at a time.

CBS and Turner announced the tweak to the selection show format Tuesday. The show will be aired on TBS for the first time since CBS and Turner Sports began partnering on tournament coverage in 2011.

CBS and Turner executives said the entire bracket will be revealed within the first 45 minutes. The new twist comes in the first 10 minutes when first the automatic bids will be announced in alphabetical order by conference. Then at-large selections will be revealed in alphabetical order.

In 2016, CBS extended the selection show to two hours and was criticized by fans for taking too long to unveil the entire bracket.

Automatic bids: Killian Tillie scored 22 points as No. 6 Gonzaga (30-4) raced away to its sixth straight West Coast Conference tournament title with a 74-54 victory over BYU in Las Vegas. The Bulldogs won their 17th straight conference tournament game to earn an NCAA tournament bid. ... In other conference title games, Grant Benzinger had 19 points to lead Wright State (25-9) over Cleveland State 74-57 in the Horizon League title game in Detroit, Charleston (26-7) topped Northeastern 83-76 for the Colonial Athletic Association berth, LIU Brooklyn (18-16) upset Wagner 71-61 in the Northeast Conference, and South Dakota State (28-6) defeated South Dakota 97-87 in the Summit League tournament final.

ACC tournament: Freshman Marek Dolezaj scored a career-high 20 points as Syracuse (20-12) won an ACC tournament game for the first time, beating Wake Forest 73-64. ... In the opening game of the tournament, Ky Bowman had 26 points, 10 rebounds and six assists to lead 12th-seeded Boston College (18-14) over Georgia Tech 87-77.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Notre Dame's Bonzie Colson (35) works the ball against Pitt's Jared Wilson-Frame in the first half Tuesday.

ACC NOTRE DAME 67, PITTSBURGH 64

Colson a savior

With foot healed, star helps Irish survive scare from Panthers

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bonzie Colson arrived at the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament ready to play as much as Notre Dame needs him. The broken left foot that cost him 15 games is no longer a problem.

The Fighting Irish needed Colson more than expected Tuesday against a Pittsburgh team that finished 0-18 in the ACC.

Colson scored 19 points in 33 minutes and Notre Dame held off the Panthers 67-64 in its tournament opener at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The 10th-seeded Irish (19-13) play seventh-seeded Virginia Tech on Wednesday.

"The foot is healed. It's fine," Colson said. "Today we knew it was going to be a grind. We knew it was going to come down to

game situations, and we've been through a lot of those this year."

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey, who earned his 500th victory, said Colson has no restrictions.

"He's ready to roll," Brey said. "Hey, I'm going to get my money's worth out of his eligibility."

Colson broke his foot in practice one game into the ACC season, and the Irish went 6-9 without him. He returned last week to play the final two games of the regular season.

Against Pitt, the preseason All-American looked OK in a game that was no thing of beauty for the Fighting Irish. Colson finished 5-for-14 from the field and had six rebounds.

Notre Dame never could put Pitt away, shooting 4-for-24 in the second half. Things got dicey in the final two minutes.

Jared Wilson-Frame made a 3-pointer for Pitt with 1 minute, 34 seconds left to cut the lead to 61-58, and he missed another 32 seconds later. After a couple of free throws by Notre Dame's T.J.

Gibbs Jr., Marcus Carr hit a 3-pointer to draw the 15th-seeded Panthers within 63-61.

Wilson-Frame and Carr each scored 18 points.

Colson made two free throws with 22.3 seconds left after a loose-ball foul on Carr that drew loud complaints from Pitt coach Kevin Stallings. Carr lost the ball on Pitt's next possession, and Notre Dame closed it out without further drama.

Matt Farrell, who also missed five games with an ankle injury while Colson was sidelined, scored 18 for the Irish.

"Yeah, we feel we've come through more adversity than anybody in the country, but our guys have fought hard all year, and I think it's made us mentally tough," Farrell said.

The Irish improved to 13-4 with Colson in the lineup and are hoping a good showing here will persuade the NCAA tournament selection committee that, with a healthy Colson, they deserve a spot in the field of 68.

Ramblers' revival started at home

Loyola, from Page 1

"We've done a great job of just getting better every year and improving the culture and getting things better," he said. "So for kids now, they're starting to take notice, especially Chicago-area kids. I think more city kids are going to start coming in."

A delighted coach Porter Moser slapped him encouragingly on the arm, chuckled and said, "Keep recruiting. Keep recruiting."

Ingram might be the program's best pitcher.

"I remember saying, here's a kid from the Simeon program, a Chicago kid," said Moser, who is in his seventh season. "We were Loyola of Chicago, and there was one Illinois kid on our roster. That was just nuts."

Ingram has been an integral part of the Ramblers' rise.

Loyola on Sunday punched a ticket to its first NCAA tournament since 1985, earning the Missouri Valley Conference's automatic bid by defeating Illinois State in the championship game. Ingram had 18 points and eight rebounds in the final and was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

When Ingram arrived as a freshman, the program was coming off three straight losing seasons. He saw himself fitting into Moser's system and said the program had a "family" feel.

"I believed we could turn things around and be a part of something special," he said.

Ingram saw his older brother DaJuan Gouard play for a Horizon League championship in 2002 with the Ramblers.

Milton Doyle, a Public League star at Marshall who plays for the Nets' G League team, helped persuade Ingram to attend Loyola as well.

"It's like, OK, he's here and he's doing well and he's from Chicago too," Ingram said of Doyle, who graduated last year.

"Let me know I can stay in Chicago as well and leave my mark too."

'FINAO'

Ingram said he's "on my shoe game," owning at least 50 pairs of sneakers. His prized pair is the bright, multicolored Nikes designed last year to honor his friend and former Simeon teammate Saieed Ivey.

Ivey was fatally shot in June 2016 on his 20th birthday in Los Angeles, where he was playing basketball at a community college. Ivey's jersey number, 2, is on the top of the shoe, and the acronym "FINAO" — failure is not an option, something Ivey said frequently — is scrawled across the side.

"He was one of my first Chicago friends," Ingram said. "He was a bright person you loved being around. It's still hard. I felt like he is still with me. That was my motivation the last two seasons."

In the locker room before facing Illinois State for the MVC tournament title, Ingram cried thinking about Ivey. "I just wanted to make him proud," he said.

Ivey showed Ingram "the ropes" of navigating Simeon and Chicago. Ingram grew up in Danville, Ill., about 140 miles south of Chicago, before transferring to Simeon as a junior.

Ingram played AAU ball for Mean Streets, his family making trips to the city twice a week. Former Simeon star Jabari Parker, who was on a different AAU team, noticed Ingram on another court and he told him he should consider Simeon.

Ingram asked about moving as a freshman, but his parents weren't ready.

Don Ingram, Donte's father, said he had planned to move the family anyway because his job as a railroad engineer required so much travel to Chicago. Donte said he had "racial experiences" at Danville High School that made him want to live in a more diverse city.

As Simeon's sixth man during his junior season, Ingram helped the Wolverines to the Class 4A state championship alongside Parker.

"It was a great experience," Ingram said.

He fielded offers from Hampton and other MVC teams while drawing interest from some high-major teams. He became Loyola's first signee from Simeon since Tim Bankston in 1986.

"(It was) seeing yourself as part of the vision and the future," Ingram said. "I bought into that. I felt like I fit in great."

'He was a winner'

Ingram was an elementary student when he visited his brother at Loyola, going to games and practices, eating in the cafeteria and sometimes having a sleepover in Gouard's dorm room.

"I wanted to show him even at young age the work ethic you've got to have," said Gouard, who played professionally in Europe and South America and now coaches at Danville Area Community College.

It's no surprise Ingram found basketball success. His dad played high school ball in New York, at community college and on base teams during 10 years in the Marine Corps. His uncle Stan Gouard is the coach at the University of Indianapolis.

As a toddler, Don Ingram placed a hoop on the end of Donte's crib and watched his son scoot to the rim and dunk a toy basketball. As he grew, his bedroom had two hoops — one affixed to the door jamb and a free-standing rim.

"He was brainwashed," Don joked.

Ingram also was dedicated to improving, especially at Loyola.

Moser said Ingram was an attractive recruit because his size and versatility made him a mismatch nightmare. He took a massive jump as a junior, nearly doubling his scoring average from 74 to 136.

"Every year he's gotten better," Moser said. "I think there are two years he could have gotten (the) most improved (award). I love that he was a winner."



TOM GANNAM/AP

"I believed we could ... be a part of something special."

— Loyola senior Donte Ingram

On a team with multiple scoring options, teammates appreciate Ingram's shooting ability, consistency, timely 3-pointers (40 percent) and confidence.

"He was already a good player and he continued to get better to become a force in this league," senior guard Ben Richardson said. "He always has that big-play DNA. He's got that edge to him. That confidence oozes from him."

Ingram celebrated the Ramblers' NCAA tournament berth on the Scottrade Center court in St. Louis with five teammates from his home state as "One Shining Moment" played. Lucas Williamson, a 6-4 freshman guard from Young, and Cameron Krutwig, a 6-9 freshman center from Jacobs in Algonquin, are future cornerstones of the program.

Ingram clutched the championship trophy and smiled.

How should Chicago fans respond to the Ramblers' success? "Chicago needs to stand up," Ingram said. "We've been putting on for this city. We've had pride in our city. We've been taking care of business. So we've done our part."

Ingram's plan is for the city to celebrate — and for its high school players to follow in his footsteps.

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Wimbrush

Book

NOTRE DAME NOTES

Kelly pleased after 1st practice

QBs Wimbrush, Book impress coach as spring drills begin

BY LAMOND POPE

Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame quarterback **Brandon Wimbrush** faked a hand-off, rolled out and completed a pass to receiver **Miles Boykin**.

Moments later, **Ian Book** ran the same play and completed his pass to **Javon McKinley**.

The Irish began spring practice Tuesday with the quarterback competition headlining the position battles. Wimbrush and Book both looked sharp.

"Day 1 for a head coach, sometimes you have to walk away (because) it's sloppy," coach **Brian Kelly** said. "(Tuesday) was not a sloppy first practice. The ball came out on time. It was in many areas such a stark difference to what I saw last year.

"I feel pretty good about what I saw."

Kelly said Wimbrush would get the first crack working with the top unit this spring.

"Brandon, you could see a big difference in his footwork," Kelly said. "He's throwing the football with the kind of assertiveness that you want to see."

Kelly also made clear during Monday's precamp news conference that a starter isn't set.

Wimbrush started 12 of 13 games last year, missing the North Carolina game with a foot injury. When Wimbrush got off to a slow start in the Citrus Bowl, Book replaced him and threw for two touchdowns to lead the Irish to a comeback victory against LSU. A timetable isn't set for naming the starter.

While Kelly said he could play both quarterbacks in the fall, he would prefer not to.

"Do I wish that we have that?" Kelly said Monday of playing both. "No, I don't wish that we have that scenario occur. It's hard. It's not an easy deal. We'd like to have one guy, but we'll deal with it as we go along."

Irish name three captains:

Linebacker **Drue Tranquill**, center **Sam Mustipher** and punter **Tyler Newsome** were named team captains Tuesday.

Mustipher has started every game the last two seasons.

"It meant the world to me," Mustipher said. "It's obviously a blessing and a privilege to be voted by your peers to be a leader."

Newsome, who ranked 26th nationally last year in punting average (43.6), is the first specialist to be named a Notre Dame captain since 1983, when **Blair Kiel** was the quarterback and punter.

"I came in with the mindset that I'm one of the guys, even though my position is a specialty position," Newsome said. "It is nice to know that my teammates also respect me in that same way."

Tranquill was one of seven captains last season and finished third on the team with 85 tackles.

Kelly said a fourth captain will be named at the end of spring camp.

Lea(der) of the defense:

Kelly said the team's intensity on defense, starting with its run-support drill, stood out as a highlight of the first practice.

Tranquill said new coordinator **Clark Lea**, who coached Notre Dame's linebackers last season, is making a smooth transition since taking over after **Mike Elko** left for Texas A&M.

"Stepping into that role and taking on that responsibility, you wouldn't even necessarily know," Tranquill said.

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BEARS



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Bears second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky, above, has been throwing to wide receiver Kevin White this week in Southern California.

Trubisky talks it up

In radio interview, QB says he's excited about Nagy's offense

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky spoke publicly Tuesday evening for the first time since coach Matt Nagy was hired Jan. 8. And by the sound of it, his excitement has been building this whole time.

The second-year quarterback phoned into "Bears All-Access" on WSCR-AM 670 from his offseason training location in Southern California. Nagy, the Chiefs offensive coordinator the last two seasons, and his staff are tasked with maximizing Trubisky's potential as the franchise quarterback.

"Just watching the Kansas City offense last year, what Coach Nagy brought — I was able to meet him through the draft process last year, and we really connected," Trubisky said on the radio. "I was really excited when I heard he got the job here. I know Chicago is going to have a warm welcome (for) him, and he's going to bring amazing offensive ideas to the table. He's just a great offensive mind, and he put a great offensive staff together for us. They're going to be great teachers."

"I think (the Chiefs) utilized an athletic quarterback. A lot of things they do in their offense fit my strengths, and we also have a lot of pieces within our offense that will create explosive plays that the Kansas City offense ran. So it is a very exciting time. ... The guys we have coming in, the coaches, they're just very creative."

During the 12-minute interview, Trubisky sounded as loose as he has at any time since the Bears drafted him second overall last April. Perhaps it was the SoCal offseason vibes or his increased comfort as the Bears' most important player and leader.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Trubisky calls new Bears coach Matt Nagy "a great offensive mind," and says his offense has a lot of elements which "fit my strengths."

"I love the responsibility that I've been given," Trubisky said, "and I think that has been earned through just hard work and dedication and showing my teammates what I'm capable of."

Trubisky began his appearance with an enthusiastic "What's up!" to the show's panel of Bears play-by-play man Jeff Joniak and former players Tom Thayer and Jim Miller. Then he sprinkled in shtick, showing a light side that he rarely did during a rookie season

in which he won four of 12 starts and coach John Fox subsequently was fired.

After Trubisky mentioned that receiver Kevin White is with him in California this week to throw together, Joniak mentioned the picture of White that is currently circulating on social media. In the photo, White is flexing his chiseled upper body.

"I'm not trying to boost his confidence more than it already is," Trubisky joked. "I said, 'Hey,

"He's going to bring amazing offensive ideas to the table."

— Bears QB Mitch Trubisky on new coach Matt Nagy

put a shirt on buddy. We have work to do."

Before that, Trubisky was asked about his offseason roommate.

"I'm rooming with some guy — I don't know if anybody has heard of him," he cracked. "His name is Jared Goff. He plays quarterback for the Rams."

Trubisky was asked only one question about Nagy, but he addressed his offseason goals, saying he is trying to improve the weaknesses he perceived in his game last season. He wants to get better with movements in the pocket, be more efficient as a thrower and always be balanced. He recently began working with quarterback performance gurus Tom House and Adam Dedeaux.

Trubisky said offensive linemen Kyle Long, Cody Whitehair and Hroniss Grasu have visited him, and that he is trying to "drag" some other teammates out to California.

In about a month, though, Trubisky and all his Bears teammates will report to Halas Hall and begin working with Nagy and the new staff to learn the new offense.

"I didn't think I was going to come on and talk this much, but you guys got me juiced," Trubisky said. "They said, 'They want you on Bears radio.' I said, 'That's right. I miss my Bears people!'"

"I'm in Cali, and I actually see a couple of Bears fans here and there walking around, but I miss my people, man. I'm ready to get back. I'm ready to get back to work."

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NFL NOTES

RB Bell, 4 others franchised

Associated Press

Five players were given the franchise tag Tuesday, but only Steelers running back **Le'Veon Bell** got the exclusive tag.

Bell, who has been adamant about not playing under the tag for a second straight season, can't negotiate with any other teams. The Steelers must offer him the average of the top five running backs' salaries.

Both sides said they would continue negotiating on a long-term deal. Bell, a two-time All-Pro, accounted for 1,946 total yards and 11 touchdowns in 2017.

Also getting franchise tags were Dolphins wide receiver **Jarvis Landry**, Lions defensive end **Ezekiel Ansah**, Cowboys defensive end **DeMarcus Lawrence** and Rams safety **Lamaricus Joyner**. They can talk with other teams, but their current team would get compensation if they leave.

Cap on the rise: The salary cap will be \$177.2 million, more than \$10 million above last season. Teams must be below that figure when the league year begins March 14.

While the cap went up from \$167 million, it did not surge the way it did the previous year, increasing by nearly \$12 million.

Smith turns himself in: Former Raiders linebacker **Aldon Smith** surrendered to police Tuesday after being named a suspect in a domestic violence incident reported three days earlier.

Smith was booked on four misdemeanor charges of domestic violence and related counts and released on \$30,000 bail from San Francisco County Jail.

The Raiders released Smith on Monday. He had been on the suspended list since late 2015 for violating NFL policy on substance abuse.

Panthers retain kicker: The Panthers signed Pro Bowl kicker **Graham Gano** to a four-year contract extension.

The deal is worth \$17 million overall with \$9 million guaranteed, the AP reported. Gano was set to become an unrestricted free agent. The team had considered using the franchise tag on him but came to an agreement just hours before the deadline.

Gano, 30, is coming off his best season, converting all 29 field goals from inside 50 yards and 29 of 30 overall. He made 34 of 37 extra points.

Ivory finds a home: Once the Jaguars released him, running back **Chris Ivory** wasted little time moving to Plan B. He'll serve as **LeSean McCoy's** primary backup with the Bills.

Ivory's two-year deal guarantees him \$3.25 million. He finished with just 382 rushing yards last season and was inactive for four of the Jaguars' final five games.

They're outta here: Referees **Ed Hochuli** and **Jeff Triplette** are retiring.

One of the replacements will be former back judge **Shawn Hochuli**, Ed's son. The other is former side judge **Alex Kemp**.

Ed Hochuli, among the most recognizable officials because of his muscular build, joined the league in 1990. Triplette came aboard in 1996.

Bears buy some time, place transition tag on cornerback Fuller

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The franchise tag figure for cornerbacks was \$14.975 million, so they save a little money there and can use the transition tag amount of nearly \$13 million as a guideline for a bigger payday.

Last week general manager Ryan Pace characterized talks with Fuller's agent, Greg Barnett, as "aggressive," and a source said progress has been made toward a deal that would reward Fuller, who wants to remain in Chicago.

Fuller is coming off his finest season by far as he tied for third in the league with 24 passes defended behind the Lions' Darius Slay (34) and the Chargers' Casey Hayward (26), according to STATS. Fuller had two interceptions and could have had six or more takeaways had it not been for some drops. He also

remained rugged and willing in run support, ranking fourth on the team with 68 tackles and tied for first with 60 solos.

Some have wondered if Fuller, 26, would want to return after the lost 2016 season when he sat out after arthroscopic knee surgery, but any disagreements over that have been handled and Fuller's issue might have been with the former training staff rather than the defensive coaches that remain, including coordinator Vic Fangio, with whom Fuller has a solid relationship.

Keeping their best cornerback and one of their best young talents in place protects an asset on the roster and checks one box for the Bears as they prepare for a busy player-acquisition period. Nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan will be a restricted free agent, and if the Bears tender a

BEARS DRAFT PICKS

- Round 1, Pick 8
- Round 2, Pick 7 (39 overall)
- Round 4, Pick 5 (105 overall)
- Round 4, Pick 15 (115 overall)
- Round 5, Pick 8 (145 overall)
- Round 6, Pick 7 (181 overall)
- Round 7, Pick 6 (224 overall)

qualifying offer to him, they will have taken two large steps toward shoring up the secondary of a defense that ranked seventh against the pass last season.

Tagging Fuller eliminates the risk the Bears would have incurred had they simply attempted to re-sign him, and the team has confidence a deal can be completed.

Robinson, who suffered a torn ACL in Week 1 last season, has publicly stated his rehabilitation is on track and he could be on the field as soon as OTAs and

certainly in time for training camp. The Jaguars will surely make efforts to retain him, but if he gets to the open market, he will be a hot commodity with the Bears and multiple other teams expected to pursue him.

Similarly, the Rams would like to keep Watkins, whom they acquired via trade with the Bills last year, but they prioritized Joyner over the deep threat and have to be mindful of their cap space as they need to extend defensive tackle Aaron Donald and, in the future, running back Todd Gurley.

Robinson, 24, exploded in his second season in 2015 when he posted 80 receptions for 1,400 yards and 14 touchdowns. He had 73 catches for 833 yards and six touchdowns in 2016. His contract year was derailed when he injured his left knee in the opener

for the Jaguars, who went on to win the AFC South.

Watkins, also 24, is a former first-round pick of the Bills and while he had only 39 receptions for 593 yards last season, he produced in the red zone with eight touchdowns. The Rams would like to re-sign the vertical threat who helped open up the offense for quarterback Jared Goff and Gurley. Chiefs receiver Albert Wilson remains a potential target for the Bears as a slot receiver. He will be familiar with the offense coach Matt Nagy is installing.

Receiver and cornerback remain primary needs, but keeping Fuller is a major move for a team that needs to add pieces and couldn't afford to lose a player who blossomed in 2017.

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CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Harrison Barnes of the Mavericks scores as he avoids the Bulls' David Nwaba and Bobby Portis on Friday. With enough losses, both teams will have a shot at the next No. 1 draft pick.

BOTTOM'S UP

No longer sports' dirty little secret, tanking is on full display and impossible to contain

By DAVE SHEININ
Washington Post

The last weekend in February was typical for the teams near the bottom of the NBA standings as the season approached the three-quarters mark.

Over 48 hours on Feb. 23-24, seven woeful teams holding first-round draft picks and jockeying for position to claim one of the coveted first few slots played a total of 10 games — and lost them all by an average of nearly 15 points.

If it wasn't clear — and to people paying attention, it certainly was — “tanking” season had arrived in the NBA. The race to the bottom — the contestants being the Mavericks, Kings, Magic, Suns, Grizzlies, Bulls and Hawks, seven bottom-feeders all bunched within two games of each other — was on.

(An eighth team, the Nets, is also in contention for the league's worst record but has no incentive to lose after trading this year's first-round pick.)

A few days later, it was revealed that NBA Commissioner Adam Silver had sent a memo to all 30 teams the week before, warning he was prepared to bring down the “swiftest and harshest response possible” on teams caught purposely trying to lose games.

Silver's memo was triggered at least in part by recent comments made by Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, who was fined \$600,000 after admitting he told some of his players, “Look, losing is our best option.”

But the NBA is not alone. To



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GM Rick Hahn helped the White Sox transform their farm system from one of the worst to one of the best.

varying degrees, the NHL and Major League Baseball — and to a lesser extent the NFL — are also dealing with controversies involving the practice known as tanking, loosely defined as the systematic writing off of entire seasons by franchises hoping to rebuild for future success through the draft.

Few would accuse any players or coaches of purposely losing through their in-game actions. But the steady rise of tanking as a franchise-building model has

called into question the binary nature and ethical foundation of sports — that each game is, at its most basic level, a contest between teams trying their best to win.

This has presented fans with a difficult choice between supporting their favorite team's long-term mission in hopes of a big future payoff or getting fed up with the short-term misery and bailing out.

Although the competitive and economic models mean the prac-

tice has a different look in each league — in the NBA, for example, it is easiest to transform an entire franchise's fortunes through the acquisition of one transcendent player — the fundamental incentive is the same in all: The worst teams generally get the top draft picks.

That tie-in has been present for decades. What has changed and perhaps fueled the rampant spread of tanking as the preferred strategy for mediocre teams is the

wave of analytics-driven executives taking over the front offices of pro sports teams, at least as conversant in cost-benefit analysis and risk management as in points, assists and strikeouts.

It has created a sort of groupthink in which it has become accepted wisdom that finishing at the bottom is, on average, better than finishing in the middle of the pack.

“The last thing you want to be is caught in between,” said White Sox general manager Rick Hahn, whose team undertook a massive rebuild in 2016 that has transformed its farm system from one of the worst in the game to one of the best. “You don't want to be a club that's not good enough (to win) a championship, but at the same time is just stuck in the middle.”

One or two teams tanking each season might be an unobtrusive, acceptable reality, but with analytics now fueling its spread, leagues are seeing scenarios where one-third or more of their teams are writing off entire seasons at the same time. Scott Boras, baseball's most powerful agent, has taken to calling it “12 teams a-tanking.”

“A team can say, ‘We don't particularly want to win for a three- or four-year period, because we can go get draft picks,’” Boras said. “That is not a reason to come to the ballpark. That's not major-league-standard baseball. It's something different now. ... We (should) never want to reward non-competitiveness. It's a cancer. It damages the brand of baseball.”

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In the NBA and NHL, which have hard salary caps and floors that force teams to spend a defined minimum on payroll, tanking is little more than a case of bad optics.

But in baseball, which has no payroll floor, the spread of tanking as a business model — and the bare-bones payrolls that some teams field as a result — has helped fuel a labor crisis, with relations between the league and its union their most rancorous in years.

The offseason's slow-moving free-agent market had players and agents questioning whether teams were colluding to tamp down salaries, and last week, the MLB Players' Association filed a grievance with the league accusing four teams — the Athletics, Marlins, Pirates and Rays — of failing to spend revenue-sharing funds on building their big-league rosters.

The league has said the claim, which will be heard by a panel of arbitrators, is "without merit." Commissioner Rob Manfred has defended the practice of "rebuilding" — for obvious reasons, he cringes at the term "tanking" — as being a proven model for building and sustaining a successful franchise. Like many, Manfred points to the examples of the 2016 Cubs and 2017 Astros, both of whom bottomed out with 100-loss seasons a few years before winning the World Series.

"I don't buy into the concept that when a club adopts a strategy of rebuilding that that should be characterized as 'tanking,'" Manfred said. "Our clubs, all of them, want to win . . . The question is: What strategy are they going to adopt over what period of time to put themselves in a position to win?"

"It's not always apparent to outside observers what the plan is for winning and what the timetable is for winning. We've always had cyclical sports. Clubs have gone through cycles in an effort to be competitive."

As Billy Beane, the Athletics' executive vice president of baseball operations, put it when asked about the Cubs' and Astros' tank jobs: "The criticism needs to be wrapped around the idea of, well, it did work. It was also executed by some really smart guys."

Most executives, at least publicly, still refer to the strategy as the option of last resort.

"Rebuilding is never anyone's first choice," said Dodgers President Stan Kasten, who has experience running teams in the NBA, NHL and MLB. "It's hard and it's painful on everybody."

"All of us in sports, our preferred choice is to win this year. If that's not realistic or doable, the fallback, Plan B is, 'Let's win next year.' If that's not doable, 'Let's win in Year 3. Let's win as fast as we possibly can.' . . . In most or all cases, (tanking) is the fastest way to get there. That's what people are missing in this debate."

Because baseball's draft is historically less reliable in producing effective players and because even the best players exert a smaller influence on game outcomes than their counterparts in basketball and hockey, rebuilds in baseball often take longer. Teams spend years accumulating enough young players and draft picks to construct the foundation of a future champion.

Kasten, as president of the Nationals from 2006-10, oversaw the teardown that resulted in 100-loss seasons in 2008 and '09 and the subsequent drafting of No. 1 picks Stephen Strasburg and Bryce Harper, among other moves. By 2012, the team was a perennial contender that now has won its division in four of the last six seasons.

"We got lucky with those two (picks)," Kasten said. "Getting the front office and the scouting and player-development systems in place — that was the key. Without that, those two players wouldn't have mattered as much."

"This isn't the NBA. In the NBA, you draft LeBron (James) and you go to the (NBA) Finals every year. In baseball, you need 25 (big-league) players and 200 more in the minor leagues just to get a foundation in place."

The cost of tanking can be severe in terms of eroding your fan base, but the payoff can be euphoric.

From 2011-13, the Astros lost an average of 108 games and nearly half their annual attendance at Minute Maid Park. At one point, their games on local television drew ratings of 0.0 — meaning, essentially, no one was watching.

"Our goal was and always will be to build a championship team and sustain it for as long as possible," Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "And the best path to get there was by focusing



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The "L" flag flew frequently above the scoreboard during the Cubs' rebuild. They lost 101 games in 2012, then won 103 and the World Series in 2016.

on young players and the draft and acquiring as many of those (young players and draft picks) as we could.

"To do that, we had to trade away some veterans who frankly weren't helping us win that much anyway."

But by 2017, the Astros' enviable collection of young talent, largely acquired during that awful stretch of 2011-13, was ready to win, and the franchise spent aggressively in payroll and trade chips to acquire the complementary veteran pieces necessary to round out a championship roster.

In November, the Astros won the franchise's first World Series title.

A sophisticated fan base, when frustrated to the breaking point by perpetual mediocrity, isn't always turned off by the notion of tanking. Fans of the NBA's 76ers were largely on board with the extreme tank-job the franchise undertook from 2013-16, with "Trust the Process" — the rallying cry of former GM Sam Hinkie — becoming a fixture on T-shirts around the city and part of its pop-culture landscape.

Two years after turning the corner on their rebuild, the 76ers — led by young standouts Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons and Dario Saric — are in position to make the playoffs, with even bigger and better things ahead.

In Buffalo, N.Y., fans of the NHL's Sabres famously cheered an overtime goal that dealt the home team a loss near the end of the 2015 season when they were angling for the top overall draft

pick and a chance to get phenom Connor McDavid.

That season the Sabres traded their best defenseman, Tyler Myers, for an injured player, Evander Kane, who wouldn't play another game that year and also dealt their starting and backup goaltenders.

Though the Sabres indeed wound up with the NHL's worst record, the Oilers won the draft lottery, the top overall pick and the rights to McDavid. The Sabres were content with the consolation prize of Jack Eichel, but while the Oilers made the playoffs in 2016-17 with McDavid, both teams are among the worst in the league this season.

In February, with the New York Rangers saddled with an aging roster and hovering around the .500 mark, the team's management sent a letter to fans telegraphing its plans to rebuild — which it did with a flurry of blockbuster moves at the trade deadline that sent five veterans packing and netted the Rangers a combination of young players and draft picks.

"While this is part of the game, it's never easy," the letter read. "We ask you to remain by our side as we undertake this exciting new chapter filled with promise and change."

The concept of a reverse-order draft as a way to distribute talent equitably and give lesser teams a shot at the best incoming talent was instituted by the NFL in 1936. The Basketball Association of America, which later became the NBA, held one in 1947, followed by the NHL in 1963 and MLB in 1965.

But it wasn't long before middling teams figured out you could game the system and move yourself to the top of the draft list by losing lots of games.

"Maybe I have to lose the battle to win the war," then-San Diego Clippers owner Donald Sterling said in 1982, comments that earned him a \$10,000 fine. "I don't think we'll have to work that hard to have the worst record in the league."

After the 1983-84 Houston Rockets, mired six games under .500 in early February, suddenly went 9-27 the rest of the way to climb to the top of the draft order — when the top available players just happened to include Hakeem Olajuwon and Michael Jordan — the NBA switched to a lottery to determine draft position the next season. (The Rockets, meanwhile, won a coin flip and chose Olajuwon.)

Over the years, with teams still willing to tank for a decent shot at the top pick, the formula has been tweaked to give the losingest teams increasingly longer odds.

In 2019, largely as a response to the 76ers' extreme tank job of 2013-16, the NBA will again tweak its lottery formula to give the three worst teams the same odds — 14 percent — of earning the top pick. But this year's draft lottery will follow the current formula, with the worst team having a 25 percent chance — thus, the current race to the bottom. The NHL also has altered its draft lottery formula over the years to reduce the odds of the worst team getting the top pick.

But with NBA free agency dominated by large-market teams, the best (or only) chance for everyone else to acquire premier talent remains through the draft. And as long as the draft order is tied, even loosely, to a team's win-loss record, there will remain incentive for middling teams to tank, according to Andrew Zimbalist, a sports economist, author and professor at Smith College.

"It's still going to be a case where, if you're not going to finish in the top half of the division and you're not going to the postseason, you start looking to next year," Zimbalist said.

"One thing you might do if you're looking to next year is trade veteran players to a team that is going to the postseason. And another thing you may want to do is take a long look at your young players. As long as the (draft) incentives are there, there will be motivation" to tank.

Zimbalist's suggestion: a promotion-relegation system, similar to that in European soccer, in which leagues are divided into lower and upper divisions, with teams being promoted or relegated depending on annual performance. But even Zimbalist acknowledges such a radical step is unlikely.

"Would the sports world be better off if every team began every year thinking they had a chance to win it all?" he said. "Sure. But you'll never get there."

Washington Post reporters Tim Bontemps and Isabelle Khurshudyan contributed.



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Pianist Jason Moran recorded "Looks of a Lot," which has recently been released, with the Kenwood Academy Jazz Band last June in Chicago.

A triumph of spirit

Jason Moran and Kenwood band celebrate 'Looks of a Lot' release



HOWARD REICH
My Kind of Jazz

Four years ago, the Kenwood Academy Jazz Band embarked on a journey that would make headlines, history and searing music.

Jason Moran, an exceptional jazz pianist and MacArthur Fellowship winner, had been commissioned by Symphony Center to create an eve-

ning-length work of his choosing. Because of Moran's admiration for virtuoso Chicago pianist Willie Pickens, who created the Kenwood band program in the 1960s, and daughter Bethany Pickens, who teaches music there, Moran decided to pen his new work for the school's jazz band (Willie Pickens died in December at age 86).

This meant that these young musicians, many of whom never had been inside Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, would perform alongside Moran and his Bandwagon trio on the same stage where Riccardo Muti leads the Chicago Symphony Orches-

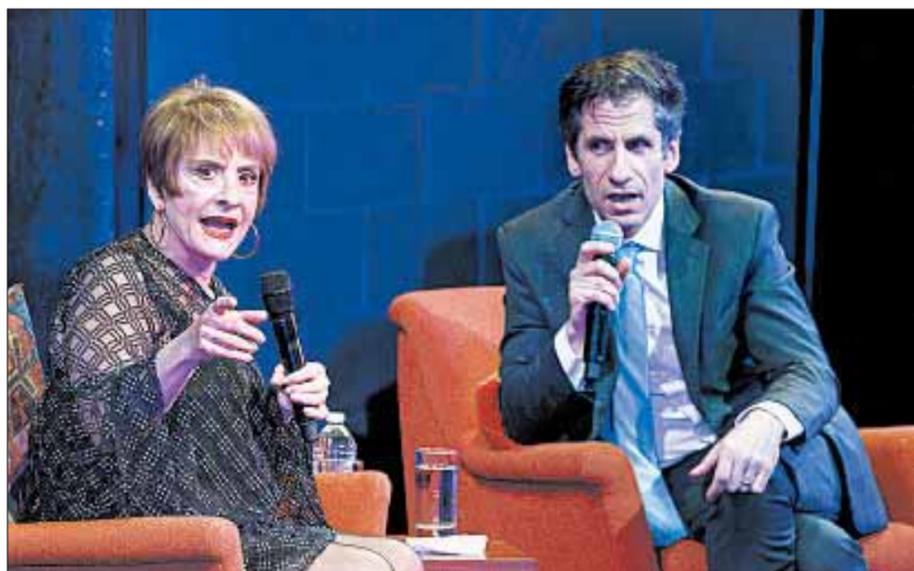
tra and the world's greatest jazz artists regularly perform. So though the trek from Kenwood Academy (5015 S. Blackstone Ave.) to Symphony Center (220 S. Michigan Ave.) spanned just a few miles, it represented an enormous artistic leap that any high school band might find daunting.

More striking still, Moran created his "Looks of a Lot" opus, in part, to reflect upon the violence that scars, and often ends, young people's lives on the South Side. In effect, Moran would be empowering these students to tell their own story, through jazz, at Chicago's most revered musical address.

Tragically, less than two weeks before the premiere, 15-year-old Kenwood band guitarist Aaron Rushing was shot to death near his South Side home. Shaken but undeterred, the Kenwood students gave a brilliant reading of "Looks of a Lot" in Orchestra Hall on May 30, 2014, following that up with a high-profile performance last year in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center, where Moran serves as artistic director for jazz.

Now the Kenwood ensemble has made news again, with Moran releasing the superb digital album

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Broadway star Patti LuPone with host Seth Rudetsky at Steppenwolf Theatre on Monday.

IN PERFORMANCE

Patti LuPone sings and dishes in Steppenwolf stopover

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

Rough day, Monday. Luckily, by 9 that night, Doctor Patti was in the house. Prescription pad in hand.

Or more accurately, in voice. Patti LuPone's sold-out appearances — two in one night — at the Steppenwolf Theatre on Monday was the latest of Seth Rudetsky's little soirees, "A Diva at Home at the 'Wolf" being a fine descriptor. LuPone follows

hard — for she never follows soft — on Chita Rivera, who came shortly after Audra McDonald. These bookings strike me as a win-win-win. Steppenwolf sells tickets with ease and cocktails even easier. The star-wrangler Rudetsky has the Chicago market pretty much to himself, these Broadway icons never being overexposed here. And Broadway lovers get to see their favorites unplugged, so to speak. The formula — a little song, a little dish, a little improvisation and

the overall patina of a spontaneous performance and conversation among friends — works ideally for the space.

It's the sort of thing that rich people get at their benefits, but here you don't need to make a contribution.

So. Bring on the next one, say I.

LuPone never disappoints when it comes to the outre remark. "She forgets she's on

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MY WORST MOMENT

Boxing ring spelled trouble for this comic

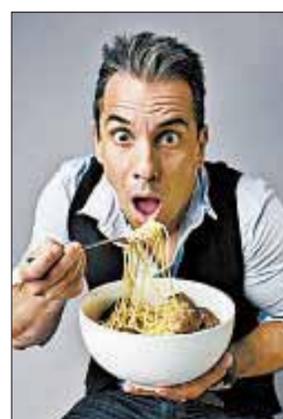
BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

According to Forbes magazine, Sebastian Maniscalco was the 10th highest paid comedian last year at \$15 million — and he's done it all without a TV series to boost his profile. Born and raised in Arlington Heights, he's back in the Chicago area this week playing the Rosemont Theatre on Friday and Saturday.

He also has a new book out, "Stay Hungry," which is a collection of essays about his life and career, including a little bit about his pre-stand-up life in Chicago. "I talk about my upbringing and I talk about some of the jobs I had. Coming from the family I came from, you kind of were required to pull your own weight around the house."

Most of the book centers on his move to LA in 1998 and his life thereafter. He didn't know anyone when he first arrived, but he knew he wanted a career in stand-up.

"When I was still in Chicago I took some classes at Second City for a year and didn't really gravitate to the improv scene," he said. "I quickly found out that I wanted to do stand-up. I always wanted to do stand-up but I figured, oh, Second City, it's in Chicago, it's got a great name behind it, let me take some classes there. And I had a good time with it, but not enough of a good time. I had no dreams of being on 'Saturday Night Live,' I just wanted to get



PEGGY SIROTA

"Comedians always see the humor in these moments."

— Sebastian Maniscalco

my feet wet and then quickly found out that I like working alone."

Sometimes working alone means sharing a bill with another comedian at venues that don't really work for stand-up comedy.

My worst moment ...

"We're looking at 2002, I had been in comedy for four years at that point. I had a show in

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Jimmy Kimmel, bottom, greets Helen Mirren and Jet Ski winner Mark Bridges during the Oscars on Sunday.

Kimmel talks Oscars and Jet Ski giveaway

The Jet Ski that was given away at Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony to the winner who delivered the shortest acceptance speech required contest rules to be hastily developed by ABC's legal team.

Oscar host Jimmy Kimmel offered a few dishy insights into Sunday's telecast during his monologue on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live." The giveaway of a Jet Ski was dreamed up as a lark by Kimmel and his writing staff. He said lawyers with stopwatches were watching the action backstage, carefully tabulating the length of winners' remarks before handing the Jet Ski to "Phantom Thread" costume designer Mark Bridges, who said his thank-you's in 36 seconds.

"Once we decided to do it, because it was technically a contest, the legal department had to come up with rules and guidelines for it," Kimmel said.

"Do we start the timer when the winner's name is called, so they have to rush to the stage? Well, we couldn't do that because that would be unfair to the winners in the back and people wearing heels — and tight dresses — and you do not want to get in a legal dispute over a personal watercraft. That's how people get killed."

Kimmel also disclosed that his mother made cookies in the shape of an Oscar trophy and handed them out to the crowd at the Dolby Theatre.

Kimmel also showed off the hot-dog cannon he had built for his bit on the Oscars. He led a group of celebrities into a screening of "A Wrinkle in Time" at the Chinese Theatre complex next door. Kimmel said the contraption was built for the Oscars.

— Variety



ANDY KROPP / INVISION

Actress's daughter killed: The 4-year-old daughter of Ruthie Ann Miles was killed along with a friend's 1-year-old son when a driver apparently lost control of her vehicle and slammed into them as they crossed a Brooklyn street on Monday. Miles, above, who is pregnant, was hospitalized. She won a Tony in 2015 for her role as Lady Thiang in a revival of the "King and I."

Kelly show returns: NBC News is bringing "Sunday Night With Megyn Kelly" back for a spring and summer run. NBC News said Kelly will return to the helm of the show, although the specific date for its return has not been set. On Friday night, Kelly will be in prime time with the hourlong news special "Confronting Putin," featuring her recent sit-down interviews with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Hamilton" takes Britain: "Hamilton" has become the most-nominated production in the history of the Olivier Awards, Britain's equivalent of the Tonys. Lin-Manuel Miranda's groundbreaking musical about American founding father Alexander Hamilton landed 13 nominations, including one for best new musical, one for best director, and six in the musical acting categories. The Broadway production earned an unprecedented 16 Tony nods and won 11 awards, just shy of the record of 12.

March 7 birthdays: Actor Bryan Cranston is 62. Comedian Wanda Sykes is 54. Writer Bret Easton Ellis is 54. Actress Rachel Weisz is 48. Actor Peter Sarsgaard is 47. Actress Jenna Fischer is 44.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Woman wonders how to make friends

Dear Amy: I am a 61-year-old woman, divorced for years. I have an adult daughter and a small immediate family.

Years ago, I had lots of friends. Some moved, some got married, a lot of them are very involved with their large families, etc.

Here I am — alone. I am a very active, friendly and interesting person. I have volunteered, gone to church, participated in meet-ups, taken classes, etc. It is extremely hard to make new friends at this age and in this day.

The majority of people are into their own thing, do things with their families, have their own problems and are not responsive.

I've tried everything. Someone told me to stop trying and it will happen. Nope, it doesn't.

I can't believe that in a city as big as New York City, it's so hard to make a friend with so many lonely people out there.

What do people in my shoes do? Can you give me ideas?

— *Lonely in New York City*

Dear Lonely: Being a lonely woman in the big city is a theme that stretches from Edith Wharton to Nora Ephron. You're not alone in being alone.

My main suggestion is that you should stay in one place long enough to establish yourself. This would be not only to meet people and make friends, but to also benefit personally from the activity.

Dipping in and out of groups, volunteering or going to church sporadically — this really makes you a moving target. And

while it's wise to try different things if something isn't working, being consistent will put you on the radar of others who are also consistent. For instance, if you volunteer, take the same shifts for a period of time to see if you click with any other volunteers.

Checking meetup.com in New York City, I see a variety of groups, including many advertised for the "young at heart" age group. You can join a book club, go bowling, go for hikes or meet at a comedy club. You could also start a club devoted to a particular interest of yours — even if your interest is to meet for coffee and discuss the challenges of friendship.

Dear Amy: My in-laws are travel nuts. They always expect my husband and me to accompany them. They are wealthy. We work full time, live paycheck to paycheck and have a mound of student debt.

We try to politely decline, but they plead until we agree. So, even though it's a financial burden, we have gone on most of their trips with them.

We took a trip last month, and my MIL has already told us where we are going this summer. My husband and I cannot handle this. His attempts at standing up to them end up with him being bulldozed.

They will keep fighting until you break down from exhaustion.

Generally, my in-laws are good people. How can we make them understand that we can't keep doing this, and how do we handle their bulldozing?

— *Wondering*

Dear Wondering: How can you two possibly skip work for all of these holidays? If you can't, then don't!

Let's rip off the bandage quickly. The command comes in. You and your husband say, "Thank you, but we're not going to do this."

They ask why, and you say, "For a bunch of reasons. Also, we just don't want to."

Rinse and repeat as often as necessary.

The bulldozing will commence. Respond: "Well, I know this is not what you want, but it's what we want. We can't go on vacations when you can. But we hope you have a great time!"

Dealing with professional-grade bulldozing requires constant girding, responding calmly and pushing back when necessary.

Dear Amy: I was disgusted by your awful answer to "Always a Cat Lady."

Her so-called boyfriend claimed to be allergic and she was going to give her cat away because of it. Really? I bet he was faking his allergy. She should keep the cat and dump him!

— *Cat Lover*

Dear Cat Lover: Cat lovers definitely have their claws out regarding this answer. But "Always a Cat Lady" reported that her cat was suffering, for reasons unrelated to the boyfriend and his allergies. Re-homing was definitely best for the cat.

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Architecture biennial names Yesomi Umolu as next curator

By BLAIR KAMIN | Chicago Tribune

A University of Chicago contemporary art curator whose work has explored the politics of the built environment will be the artistic director of the 2019 Chicago Architecture Biennial, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the event's leaders announced Tuesday.

Yesomi Umolu, the exhibitions curator at the U. of C.'s Logan Center for the Arts since 2015, is a member of the board of trustees of the Graham Foundation, a Chicago-based organization that makes grants for architectural research. She also serves on the curatorial advisory board for the United States Pavilion at the 16th Venice Architecture Biennale.

Born in Lagos, Nigeria, and later a resident of the United Kingdom, Umolu will be the first curator of the Chicago biennial with African roots.

In an interview, she said her first task would be to build a curatorial team. "I have a background in architecture," she said, though she added that she is "looking for someone more embedded in the field than I am."



Umolu

While Umolu has not identified a theme for the exhibition, she said she is particularly interested in issues affecting the Global South. Work in those regions, she said, is often at the forefront of new paradigms for architecture and urban design.

Umolu was previously an assistant curator at the Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University and a curatorial fellow at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

She earned a master's in architectural design from the University of Edinburgh and a second master's in contemporary art curating from the Royal College of Art in London. Her experience includes a stint as a public programs assistant at London's Serpentine Gallery.

The 2019 biennial, which will be the third edition of the architecture and design exhibition that showcases emerging talents from around the world, is scheduled to run from Sept. 19, 2019, through Jan. 5, 2020.

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Heard & Scene

In 2005, when Donald Nally co-founded a choral organization called the Crossing in Philadelphia, creating a professional chorus specializing in new music must have seemed like an esoteric notion doomed for disaster.

Thirteen years later, guess who's enjoying the last laugh. Nally's 24-voice choir has, to date, presented more than 60 commissioned world premieres. It collaborates with some of the biggest names in contemporary composition. It has recorded 14 commercially released albums. The latest of these, an ECM disc of Gavin Bryars' "The Fifth Century," won a Grammy award for best choral performance in January. Its reputation for choral excellence is nationally recognized.

The Crossing has been overdue for a visit to Chicago. Now, it's happening.

Next week the chamber chorus will make its Chicago-area debut as part of a five-day residency at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music, where Nally serves as professor and director of choral organizations, including the Bienen Contemporary/Early Vocal Ensemble.

The residency will be nothing if not intensive.

Members of the Crossing will workshop student compositions, hold master classes with graduate choral conducting students and give student vocalists an insider's perspective on what life is like for a professional choral singer. The residency will culminate in a public concert March 16 in Galvin Recital Hall that holds recent commissioned works by Michael Gordon (of Bang on a Can fame) and Gabriel Jackson.

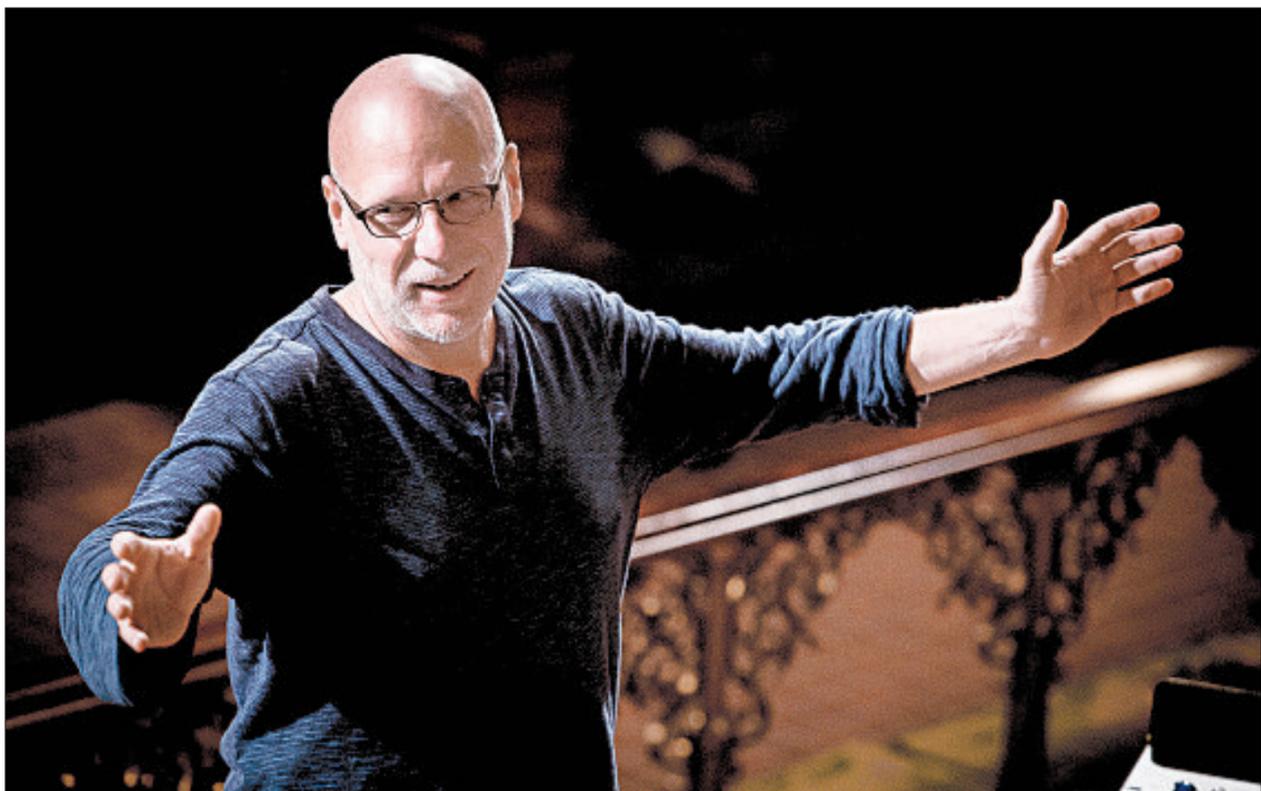
The idea of a multipronged residency and a combined-choir performance had been percolating in his mind ever since he joined the Northwestern faculty in 2012, Nally said.

"I wanted to give singers and composers at Northwestern a significant amount of time to absorb how we (members of the Crossing) do what we do," said Nally, 57, whose previous posts have included chorus master of Lyric Opera and Welsh National Opera, and conductor of Philadelphia's Choral Arts Society.

"The Bienen Contemporary/Early Music Ensemble operates at a very high level, and the Crossing operates another notch above that. I'm always amazed by how incredibly smart my students are and what they can achieve. I think members of the Crossing also will get quite a bit out of working with them."

Nally's interest in commissioning choral works that carry socially relevant themes drew him to the like-minded composers Gordon and Jackson, whose pieces on the March 16 program explore issues of poverty, inequality and mankind's relationship with the natural environment.

Gordon's "Anonymous Man," an hourlong, multisectioned work that the Crossing premiered in



BECKY OEHLERS PHOTO

Donald Nally, a professor and director of choral organizations at Northwestern University, is also co-founder and director of the Crossing.

"If you do things well, people respond."

— Donald Nally

July in Philadelphia, draws on disparate views of "home" in a lower Manhattan neighborhood where some people, including Gordon, have homes on the street and where the homeless are forced to live in the street. "It's a remarkably effective piece, incredibly rhythmic, very moving," said Nally.

Jackson's "Rigwreck," based on a poem by Pierre Joris, is a 15-minute meditation on the power of corporate money, inspired by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster in the Gulf of Mexico that killed 11 people and caused the worst oil spill in American waters.

"I wanted someone to write us a piece that would reverse the romantic metaphor whereby nature is used to describe human relationships," Nally explained. "It's human nature not to listen to people we've known and lived with a long time. With Jackson's work, we have nature sending us a specific message, and we are not listening to it."

The Crossing began as a reunion of freelance choral singers Nally had worked with in various capacities in Philadelphia before he signed on for three seasons as chorus master at the Welsh opera in 2003. The not-for-profit group's name refers both to a feature of church architecture and various crossings of continents Nally and colleagues went through before deciding, in his words, "to get back to doing this thing everybody really loved doing together."

"We weren't necessarily trying to establish a group that would be long-lived, as much as we were interested in simply performing new music. If people paid money

to hear us sing, that would be awesome," he said.

Nally soon learned that lots of classical music lovers in the Philadelphia area would come to hear the Crossing sing. Choral buffs were intrigued by the prospect of discovering brand-new music in a wide variety of idioms — not just aurally soothing "traditional" choral fare, but dense, prickly, even experimental works, and everything in between.

As the Crossing's audience grew, so did its ability to attract more sponsors, add more singers to the payroll, expand the number of performances it gives and enlarge its commissioning network of composers.

"We have carefully built our brand around the idea that when you come to a Crossing concert you can't possibly know what the music is about, because nobody will have heard it before. People have come to trust the brand," Nally said.

"Along with building an incredibly supportive public, we found we could build a substantial body of work that would affect the way composers think about writing for choirs, the way singers sing in choirs and the way audiences listen."

Some of the more prominent composers who have created works for the group include David Lang, John Luther Adams, Ted Hearne, Carolyn Shaw and David T. Little. Every composer who writes for the Crossing is encouraged to use the choir's 24 voices in any manner he or she sees fit. "What we really want to do is get their most creative moment out of them," Nally said.

The bond of trust the Crossing has forged with its hometown public is based on the assumption that whatever the choir performs will be done at a high level, he added.

"If you do things well, people respond. Part of the ethos of the group is that the singers give whatever amount of rehearsal

that is necessary to make a new piece sound like it's supposed to sound."

Because performing with the Crossing is not a full-time job, Nally draws on a pool of freelance musicians whose day jobs range from teaching voice to singing in church choirs to directing choruses of their own.

The group operates on a relatively modest budget of \$750,000, although some of its more ambitious recent projects have cost up to \$350,000.

The choir has had its share of funding crises over the years, none of them life-threatening, according to Nally. Knocking on wood, he said that the Crossing's small but dedicated "family" of donors has always come to the rescue as needs have arisen.

"If you do the math on the percentage of the population that actually cares about what we do, I don't know if you can count that low," he said, with a chuckle. "Sure, we have had bumps in the road. But what I love about those bumps is that we have grown enormously from them, and we have grown together because of them."

The Crossing, directed by Donald Nally, will conclude a five-day residency at Northwestern University next week with the local premieres of Michael Gordon's "Anonymous Man" and Gabriel Jackson's "Rigwreck." The Bienen Contemporary/Early Vocal Ensemble will join in the Jackson work. 7:30 p.m. March 16, Galvin Hall, Northwestern University, 70 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston; \$10-\$30; 847-467-4000, <http://concertsatbienen.org>.

Chamber at Harris

It is fascinating to speculate as to the directions composer Erich Wolfgang Korngold's music might have taken had not Nazi oppression driven the Jewish composer from Vienna to Hollywood, where his film scores would eclipse his

substantial output of symphonic, operatic and chamber works.

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center offered a clue last week at the Harris Theater, where they ventured a Korngold rarity, his 1930 Suite for Piano Left Hand, Two Violins and Cello. The five movements include a sugary waltz and a lush song without words that could have been lifted from the soundtrack to a Bette Davis melodrama.

Hardly a masterpiece, but worth hearing in the warmly incisive hands of pianist Wu Qian, violinists Sean Lee and Danbi Um, and cellist Mihai Marica. Qian, Lee and the trenchant pianist Juho Pohjonen were equally convincing in a pair of Schubert fantasies on the first half of the program.

The society's 2018-19 season at the Harris, just announced, will mark the eighth year of its ongoing residency.

Co-artistic directors Wu Han, piano, and David Finckel, cello, will present sonatas by Beethoven, Brahms and Mendelssohn to begin the series Oct. 3. This will be followed Oct. 30 with a program exploring the "Kreutzer" connection in works of Beethoven, Janacek and Prokofiev.

The group's annual holiday exploration of the Bach "Brandenburg" Concertos will be Dec. 20. The Feb. 11 concert holds Mozart works for strings, piano and horns. Concluding the season May 1 will be a diverse program including an Arensky quartet, a Bloch quintet and Samuel Barber's "Dover Beach."

Other participating artists include pianist Pohjonen, violinist Angelo Xiang Yu, and the Callidore and Escher string quartets.

For further information, call the Harris box office at 312-334-7777, or visit in person at 205 E. Randolph St.

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Chance vows to keep fighting for Chicago

BY JESSI ROTI
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"I'm keeping it 2,000 up here!" an excited Chance the Rapper told the audience during his interview with journalist Adrienne Samuels Gibbs as part of the Museum of Contemporary Art's collaborative discussion series with Chicago-based Pitchfork Media, "In Sight Out."

Chance's sit-down with Gibbs started late, ran long and was overdue after initially being canceled (with the promise to reschedule) in November. None of that mattered to the crowd, largely made up of fans — some of whom spent nearly two hours in line before doors opened, many others proudly sporting the rapper's signature '3' cap.

Introduced as a "hometown hero," one that "exemplifies the goals of the program," Chance talked with Gibbs about his process, the source of his "blessings," and his role as philanthropist and activist through his nonprofit organization, SocialWorks and New Chance Arts and Literature Fund.

While the three-time Grammy winner seemed to want to keep it on the lighter side — he appeared much more animated when discussing his friends and collaborators Kanye West and Donald Glover (aka Childish Gambino), his appearances on "Saturday Night Live," and his



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Chance the Rapper with Adrienne Samuels Gibbs on Monday at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

growing interest in acting and production — he couldn't escape questions about his involvement with Chicago Public Schools and the recent vote to close and consolidate four high schools on the South Side; from both Gibbs and audience members.

"I kind of went hard for CPS for a long time," he said.

"Doing that work in the schools got me closer to the stu-

dents and the faculty and the schools and the teachers and allowed me to step back and understand the difference between CPS — the students, the teachers, the faculty — and CPS, basically the business."

As the conversation continued to touch on the conspiracy theory that he's some sort of "industry plant," art he collects (special Hebru Brantley pieces and an

original drawing by Michael Jackson that was a birthday gift from manager and best friend, Pat Corcoran) and recent tweets siding with comedian/actress Mo'Nique in her boycott of Netflix over color and gender bias, adding "Black women, you deserve better" — it quickly came back to local politics and policy.

About the school closings specifically, the 24-year-old said

he feels "cheated," "angry" and "vengeful."

"You grow up feeling like you're fighting against the man, or like you're fighting against this faceless entity of people who are out to get you — but these people have names, know what I'm sayin'?" he asked as he answered a question about how he's going to continue to use his voice to continue to combat these issues from digital media platform, The Tribe.

The rapper faulted leadership under Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other Democrats without answers, but ultimately said it starts with all ages coming together at the ground level to effect change.

"It starts on the my neighborhood, my ward, my block type s---," he said. "It starts with block club presidents. It starts with starting a block club. But all those levels are accessible, you know?"

"But I'm here, I'm posted. I'm not going anywhere. I'm gonna live in Chicago until the day I die. I'm gonna leave every once in a while, I'm gonna travel, I'm gonna do some tours — get that bag. Then I'm gonna lobby for y'all."

As the crowd roared, Chance the Rapper smiled.

"I think this was a good-a-interview, I think I did it."

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New Field branding puts science face forward

By STEVE JOHNSON
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The Field Museum is hoping to change the way people perceive it.

The institution in the big wedding cake-building by the lakefront knows that people know it as a natural history museum, stuffed with dinosaur bones and mammal dioramas and all manner of cultural artifacts from peoples across time.

But what folks aren't so clear on is the museum's work as a contemporary research institution, one that employs 150 scientists, officials said.

So the Field, beginning Tuesday, is rebranding itself with more emphasis on the institution as a whole and on the science done therein, part of a momentous 125th anniversary year that is also seeing a makeover of the central Stanley Field Hall, including the displacement of prized fossil Sue the *T. rex* in favor of a gigantic titanosaur skeleton cast.

The new slogan at the center of this first branding makeover since 1999? "Earth. We're on it."

"One of the things I've really had at the top of my list was to convey to the public how important the science is that the Field



Advertising for the Field Museum's special exhibition on mummies includes the 125-year-old museum's new logo.

Museum conducts," said President and CEO Richard Lariviere, "and that the science is what informs the public displays. That it's not just an entertainment venue."

To that end, banners going up on either side of the massive Museum Campus edifice will display a bold new Field Museum

logo that looks, in its most compact iteration, a little like it was stamped into place. The predominant color is kind of a rich, bright blue, and the look and logo will be a part of museum advertising going forward.

Even the period after "Field" in the compact logo has a purpose: to represent the tiny fraction of

the museum's artifact collection that is on display at any given time.

"The logo is what everybody thinks a brand is about, but we really want to convey that the world is facing some tough scientific questions and we're here to help answer them," Lariviere said.

On the building's north side, the new logo banners will flank a massive print of the planet, while on the south they'll surround signs touting some of the major exhibitions. The museum will still sell its special exhibitions, but beginning with the one on mummies in mid-March, the advertising will include the logo and branding campaign and make it all of a piece. The standard has been to advertise each special exhibition as its own entity.

"It's repositioning us as a scientific institution," said Stacy Dilling, the museum's director of marketing, whose team worked with partner Leo Burnett Agency to develop the new branding. "I think it's just being more boastful about the work we're doing here."

A new YouTube video spotlights the museum's mission, using actual footage of museum scientists in the field. Included, Dilling said, are the Field's efforts

in the Calumet area, working on ecological restoration along Lake Michigan's southern tip, and in Peru, helping to preserve the Amazon rainforest. A June exhibition on Antarctic dinosaurs will showcase fossils discovered by the museum's own paleontologists.

And then there is the encyclopedic collection, becoming even more valuable as new scientific techniques allow it to be more comprehensively used, Lariviere said.

"It's interesting to me to look back at the evolution of an institution like the Field," he said. "We didn't set out to be this enormous repository of the history of life on Earth. In 1893 we were a place where kids from the Midwest could see a zebra.

"One hundred twenty-five years later we have this really big moral responsibility to the world to preserve and enhance these fantastic collections," which now approach "40 million specimens and artifacts that can never, ever be collected again," he said.

"I love this 'Earth. We're on it.' It's energetic. It's forward-looking. It's engaged and engaging."

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Moran and Kenwood band connect

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"Looks of a Lot," featuring the complete score and Chicago cast, including reedist and MacArthur Fellow Ken Vandermark, vocalist-bassist Katie Ernst and artist Theaster Gates (who created sets and recited text).

The recording, available at <https://bandcamp.com>, gives listeners a chance to hear what happens when two MacArthur Fellows and a hardworking high school band — led by Gerald Powell and Bethany Picken — join forces in a singular score. For the "Looks of a Lot" recording captures the fascinating dynamic of world-class artists collaborating with teenage musicians. Though the students obviously command less technique than the pros, the emerging performers can summon unmistakable ferocity of expression, as they demonstrate throughout the album.

Recorded last June at Chicago Public Media (home to WBEZ-FM 91.5) in a session paid for by Moran, the album proves gripping from its opening track. Here Gates softly reads and Ernst imploringly sings an English translation of Heinrich Heine's lyrics to Franz Schubert's song "Der Doppelgänger," reimagined in a jazz-blues context. Instantly, we're immersed in a dark, mysterious world that foreshadows the travails yet to come.

But "Looks of a Lot" also radiates optimism and hope as early as its second track, "Big News," which illuminates the ingenuity of Moran's writing. For this up-tempo sequence of two-note riffs — which recurs throughout the piece — proves at once technically manageable for the young musi-



Composer Jason Moran, right, in the studio with the Kenwood band during a recording session.

cians to play but profound in its musical message. The drive, energy and concision of "Big News" brings forth the muscularity of the Kenwood jazz band's corporate sound, the students' passages embellished and enriched by Moran's deep-into-the-keys pianism.

And who could resist the allure of the Kenwood band playing trumpeter Roy Eldridge's 1937 "Wabash Stomp," a piece rendered freshly appealing via Moran's arrangement and the students' surging rendition.

Yes, you can hear the young musicians struggling with the tricky twists and turns of this music, but their sweat represents a testament to the value of the

enterprise.

The "Face/Fade" movement, much later in the suite, suggests a jazz funeral procession, just as it did on stage, when the students played and marched around a prop evoking a coffin. In effect, they were grieving not just for all the kids slain in Chicago violence but for one of their own, guitarist Rushing.

As "Looks of a Lot" comes to a close, Moran unfurls some of its most poetic sections, playing the "Big News" theme on a self-styled instrument recalling the sound of a music box. The students then respond by gently whistling the tune. With these two movements — "Music Boxing More News" and "More News" — one forgets

that pros and students are searching for common ground: They have found it within the ethereal lyricism of Moran's score.

In the grand finale, "Shoulder to Shoulder," Moran points his young colleagues to the future, intertwining an original, march-like theme with strands of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 1, a beloved anthem for graduations.

To hear the Kenwood organization and Moran's Bandwagon (with drummer Nasheet Waits and bassist Tarus Mateen) driving inexorably to the work's climax is to understand anew the miracle that occurred with "Looks of a Lot."

For Moran and his Kenwood

colleagues proved that a Chicago public high school band can achieve the seemingly impossible, when simply given the opportunity.

Chi-Town Jazz Festival

The ninth annual Chi-Town Jazz Festival, which raises money for hunger relief, kicks off Wednesday evening. For details, visit www.chitownjazzfestival.org. Here's the schedule:

Wednesday, Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court: Glenbrook South High School jazz ensembles, 7 p.m.; Bobby Lewis Quintet, 8:30 p.m.; Tim Fitzgerald's Full House, 10 p.m.; \$20 (\$10 students).

Thursday, Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.: Neal Alger's Brazilian Quartet, 6 p.m.; Eric Schneider and Friends, 8 p.m.; Ernie Denov Band, 10 p.m.; \$20.

Thursday, Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court (on the promenade): Matt Wiffler's New Orleans Quartet, 7:30 p.m.; Abigail Riccard's Quartet, 9:30 p.m.; \$20.

Saturday, Green Mill Jazz Club, 4802 N. Broadway: Ryan Cohan Group, 8 p.m.; Geof Bradford Group, featuring Bobby Broom, 9:30 p.m.; Greg Ward Group, 11 p.m.; \$20.

Sunday, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 1427 Chicago Ave., Evanston: The Seven Divas (featuring Frieda Lee and Maggie Brown) and Sherry Cothran Group; 4 p.m.; \$20.

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My worst moment ... Sebastian Maniscalco

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Manteca, Calif., and I didn't know what I was getting into as far as where this show was, I just knew that it was going to be at — they said — a bar.

"Normally when you first start working the comedy circuit, especially early on, the environment that you're working in isn't always a comedy club. People think: 'We'll just give you a microphone and you can make people laugh!' It's not that easy. You need a stage, you need proper lighting and sound.

"So my friend who's also a comedian, Bret Ernst, we booked this show in Manteca. And we walk in and it's a bowling alley. And on the other side of the bowling alley is a boxing ring. Bowling and boxing in the same building.

"And we see no semblance of a stage. No area in which there could be any type of comedy performance. So we start asking around, 'Where's the manager?' We finally find the manager, tell him we're the comedians for the show, where do you want us — and he leads us to the boxing ring. There was a fight the night before so there was still fresh blood on the canvas and the ropes were still up. And they ring a bell — like a boxing match is going to start — and my friend entered the ring first and starts doing stand-up comedy. In a boxing ring. Nobody in the place realized that there was a comedy show going on, there was no announcement. It



Comedian Sebastian Maniscalco, who grew up in the Chicago area, cut his teeth on stand-up comedy in California.

was just ding-ding-ding and then he's in the ring: 'Hey guys, what's going on?'

"There was a microphone but there was a whole bowling scene going on behind you as you're trying to do comedy, people are picking up spades, you could hear the pins and the *pa-poom*. The rest of the place was a bar with tables and chairs and then there's a boxing ring in the center, so people just kind of shifted their chairs to see the boxing ring better. It was literally like, people

were having chicken nuggets and beer ... and then comedy started. That was the hardest gig I ever played."

What was going through his mind watching his friend, knowing he would go next?

"It's like this: You'd rather just be in the accident than watching it and know it's going to happen to you too. Because as I watched this I was going, 'Oh no, this is what I have to deal with?' It was

like watching somebody get sacrificed and you're next. In situations like that, it's better to just jump in head-first and be the first one to take the bullet rather than see someone dying up there.

"We co-headlined the show, so it was an hour total — he did 30 minutes and I did 30, so you've got to fill your time. But it's those gigs that really kind of prepare you for the worst. When you see that type of environment and deal with that type of setting and people who are not really paying attention, over time it makes you stronger as a comedian. So it's just part of the growing pains. It's like anything else."

How did his set go that night?

"Awful! It was terrible! We got paid a hundred bucks each and we had to drive six hours to get there and six hours back, so it basically paid for our gas. But back then, all you were looking for was stage time. If somebody was willing to give you a half an hour on stage outside of town you grabbed it, because in LA you'd get 10 to 15 minutes tops, so this doubled the time.

"I will never go to a bowling alley again, it brings back flashbacks. It's like going to the scene of the crime. Every time I hear someone getting a strike I think of me dying on stage."

The takeaway ...

"It taught me patience and it taught me that this is a business where it doesn't happen

overnight. You have to pay your dues and be patient and wait your turn.

"And in the meantime, take on these gigs, get stronger as a comedian and if you keep doing it — I don't have any secret sauce to how I became a successful comedian. All I knew was hard work and persistence and dedication. And that particular gig taught me that I'm in it for the long haul and my time will come.

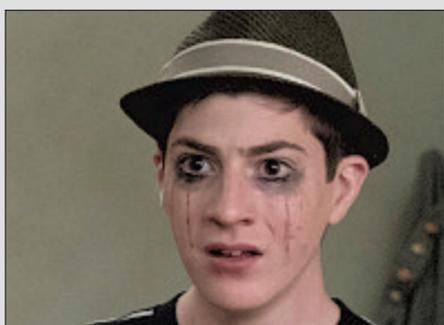
"I had a show in a restaurant in Santa Barbara once and when I walked in it was a full-blown dining room with people on dates — and then comedy starts out of nowhere! On a crate box in the corner of the restaurant. No lighting. And I'm behind half a ficus tree trying to do stand-up.

"You can't take any of this seriously. When you're going through it, you have the anxiety and nerves because the worst thing for a comedian is going on stage and hearing utter silence — which then tends to break out into heckling and people talking amongst themselves. But comedians always see the humor in these moments.

"At the bowling alley, I saw the humor in it from the start. To see another comedian die on stage is one of the funniest things you could experience, especially when it's your buddy — so yeah, we were laughing the whole ride home."

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Mason Cook

“Speechless” (7:30 p.m., ABC): Maya (Minnie Driver) tries to lift Ray’s (Mason Cook) spirits after the breakup of his romance in this new episode. Dylan (Kyla Kenedy) tries to help a jittery JJ (Michael Fowler) with his first get-together with a friend. Jimmy (John Ross Bowie) gets lessons from Kenneth (Cedric Yarbrough) in being an authority figure with the family. Jonathan Slavin (“Dr. Ken”) guest stars.

“The Blacklist” (7 p.m., NBC): The title of the new episode “Pattie Sue Edwards” refers to a woman who purposely has caused a lethal virus to spread, sending Aram (Amir Arison) into field work as the Task Force tries to contain the threat. Liz (Megan Boone) attempts a fresh approach to finding those responsible for Tom’s death. Red’s money-laundering process runs into a tax-related problem. Harry Lennix also stars.

“Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse” (7 p.m., 9 p.m., FXX): Christopher B. Landon, one of actor Michael’s sons, co-wrote and directed this quirky 2016 horror comedy about a trio of high school sophomores (Tye Sheridan, Logan Miller, Joey Morgan) who are struggling to recruit new members for their Scout troop, which is led by Mr. Rogers (David Koechner). Only gradually do they become aware that their fellow townspeople are being turned into voracious zombies.

“9-1-1” (8 p.m., FOX): “Karma’s a Bitch” in a new episode by that title, as several people who seem to deserve payback — a fitness-club owner, a widower and a criminal — all get their just desserts, in ways that involve the first responders. Bobby (Peter Krause) doesn’t anticipate the outcome of his making a blood donation. Information from Athena’s children leads her into an angry talk with Michael.

“Life Sentence” (8 p.m., CW): Not long after the end of her “Pretty Little Liars” run, Lucy Hale returns to series work in this seriocomic show about a cancer patient who suddenly learns in this “Pilot” that her illness is cured. That turns not only her life upside down, but also those of loved ones who largely had put their own lives on hold to tend to her. Elliot Knight and Carlos PenaVega also star.

“Corporate” (9 p.m., Comedy Central): John (Adam Lustick) throws a big, unwelcome wrench into Jake and Matt’s (Jake Weisman, Matt Ingebretson) plans for a relaxing weekend by pressuring them into helping him move a valuable antique grandfather clock in his apartment in the new episode “Weekend.” Anne Dudek and Baron Vaughn also star.

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor David Oyelowo; comic Jimmy Kimmel.*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor John Cena; actress Katherine Langford; JD & The Straight Shot performs.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Reese Witherspoon; Olympic figure skater Adam Rippon; Ben Harper and Charlie Musselwhite perform.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Charlize Theron; actor Josh Duhamel; Lord Huron performs.*

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	ABC 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Am Housewife (N) ©	Designated Survivor: “The Final Frontier.” (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
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TBS	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Big Bang ©	Full (N)	Conan (N) ▶	
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	MAX	Jason Bourne (PG-13,16) ★★	Matt Damon. ©			(9:05) Speed (R,94) ★★	★	
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‘Blues Brothers’ is voted top all-time Illinois film

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

That mission from God paid off. “The Blues Brothers” officially has bested “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off,” “A League of Their Own,” “The Untouchables” and “Call Northside 777,” among others, to claim the title of No. 1 movie made in and/or set in Illinois.

First seen by millions in a “Saturday Night Live” sketch, Jake and Elwood Blues as played, sung and danced by John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, took their act into movie theaters by way of director John Landis’ lavishly destructive

and locally beloved 1980 bash.

The film topped a recent online poll, the first in a state promotional effort celebrating “the Illinois Top 200,” sponsored by Springfield’s Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum; the State Journal-Register newspaper and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

Illinois turns 200 on Dec. 3.

“You got your wish,” the Lincoln Presidential Library (@ALPLM) tweeted me Monday. “Ferris Bueller did not take the top spot.”

The nominees in the poll included “The Untouchables,” “The Sting,” “Medium Cool,” “In the



Dan Aykroyd, from left, Ray Charles and John Belushi share a scene in the 1980 film “The Blues Brothers.”

Heat of the Night” (a Mississippi-set drama filmed in Sparta, Ill.) and my favorite on the list, the best-ever film version of the Ben Hecht/Charles MacArthur newspaper comedy “The Front Page”: “His Girl Friday.”

That 1940 Howard Hawks picture is strictly Hollywood soundstage in look, feel and fact. But the source material is unmistakably part of Chicago’s literary tradition of scoundrels, crooks and amorality.

There is, however, a fascinating debate regarding the precise locale of “His Girl Friday,” which remains intriguingly fluid in the shooting script. Is it truly a Chicago-set story? Stay tuned for a column on that subject.

The “Illinois Top 200” project continues, meantime, with online voting underway to select Illinois’ top businesses. In this corner: McDonald’s and the Pullman Company! In the opposite corner: Rand McNally, United Airlines and DeKalb Ag Research! Go to www.IllinoisTop200.com and please vote wisely. This is serious.

And no, you can’t write in “Ferris Bueller.”

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Evening of song, dishing

LuPone, from Page 1

stage,” Rudetsky kept saying, faux sotto voce, as his co-star said, for example, that she was on her way to Los Angeles to film an episode of a sitcom that she has never actually seen. Not that she was saying that in public or anything. Not that she said that any director who denies the actor her comfort zone on stage was a ... fascist, or anything, not that she named names like Hal Prince. Not that one might have been able to discern that she also will not be voting for re-election of the president of the United States.

For musical theater nerds, there was the story of producer David Merrick pulling every piece of the sheet music for “Meadowlark,” a song he wanted to cut from “The Baker’s Wife,” from the orchestra pit. That was followed by a distinguished performance of that song.

There was a lovely rendition of “Sleepy Man” from “The Robber Bridegroom,” a take on the song quite different from the lullaby I used to listen to on repeat on my Liz Callaway CD. A charming version of “Anything Goes,” rich with laughter. No “Sweeney Todd” nor “Don’t Cry



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Patti LuPone performs during “A Diva at Home at the Wolf” in Chicago on Monday. LuPone also talked candidly about her career.

for Me, Argentina,” but “Everything’s Coming Up Roses” was on the docket, and the verdict was guilty. On all charges.

Most interesting among the chatter (for me, anyway) was a truly fascinating discussion of the star’s vocal chords. I’m not being facetious; in fact, LuPone dove deep inside her own throat in her explanation of precisely what does (or does not) produce

the sounds on which a singer of her level bases a multidecade career.

And what was best on the set list? “Ya Got Trouble.”

There’s an idea for a revival: LuPone as Harold Hill in “The Music Man.”

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A+E notes

Lena Waithe says her team will take a look at some scripts

Lena Waithe is on the lookout for scripts.

The Emmy winner and creator of the Showtime drama series “The Chi” tweeted out Tuesday:

“Hey guys if you put your script up on the @theblacklist site • pay to get an evaluation • and get an 8 or above • my team will read your script. (Don’t ask me how much an evaluation costs that’s on the site. Let’s just say this — It’s less than your phone bill :)”

The Blacklist is a self-described “network of script writers, buyers, and representatives making it easier to connect” that is probably best known for its annual list of top unproduced screenplays.

According to the Blacklist website: “You can pay to have one of our readers evaluate your script. Prices vary based on the length the material. Original pilots meant for broadcast of 30 minutes or less cost \$50 per evaluation. Feature screenplays, miniseries, and one-hour pilots cost \$75 per evaluation.”

Waithe, who is a Chicago native and alumnus of Columbia College Chicago, is clearly

looking to open doors for writers. Just last week she signed a development deal with Sight Unseen Pictures and said that her “mission is to help introduce the industry to new and exciting voices, while putting money in those writers’ pockets.”

— Nina Metz

War on Drugs and Chaka Khan playing Pitchfork

The War on Drugs and Chicago-born soul legend Chaka Khan will join Tame Impala at the Pitchfork Music Festival this summer.

The festival, which arrives July 20-22 at Union Park, announced 14 additions to its lineup Tuesday, via the same arduous process as last week’s initial announcement: An artist painted each performer’s name into a mural on the exterior of a Wicker Park cocktail bar.

The rollout gimmick is getting old, but the quality of the artists and bands added to the festival made up for it. They include Courtney Barnett, Earl Sweatshirt, Big Thief, Moses Sumney and ace hip-hop artists Smino and Kweku Collins. Additional acts are expected to be unveiled next week.

Tickets (\$75 per day or \$175 for a three-day pass) are on sale at www.eventbrite.com.
— Greg Kot

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 7): Fly to new heights this year. Pursue an educational dream with help from your team. Money comes from unexpected sources. Slip into a fine summer romance. Rest and make plans before a busy action phase hits. Prepare for winter wins with community and family.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. The next two days favor travel, exploration and investigation. Remember what you want to accomplish. Take time for long-range planning. Follow a brilliant idea.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Review your reserves over the next two days. Figure out the budget to put away provisions for the future. Collaborate with your partner.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Negotiate and compromise with your partner. Keep shared commitments in mind. You may not always understand each other. Patience brings creative solutions and sweet rewards.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. The work is in the details. An error can actually lead to something better. Keep practicing. Get support when needed. Keep your wits about you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Plan some fun for today and tomorrow. Savor games, sports and shared enthusiasms with family and friends. Learn new tricks from a master.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 5. Get sucked into domestic projects. Clear the clutter. You can find what you need. Less is more. Savor the fruits of your labor.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Your creative muses harmonize. Get quiet and listen. Capture inspiration in written words, visually or as audio. Express your discoveries and interpretations.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. The next few days could get especially lucrative. Have faith in your own imagination. You can do more than you thought. Discover unconsidered options.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. You're especially strong, confident and creative today and tomorrow. Invest in work you love. Obsess on the details. Keep your feet on the ground.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 5. Rest and recuperate for a few days. Observe and wait for developments. Research a potentially profitable hunch. Enjoy your favorite soothing rituals.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Your friends are there for you. Collaborate on a shared goal. Bounce interesting ideas around. Tap into new funding. New opportunities arise in conversation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. A professional test or challenge has your focus over the next few days. Schedule carefully. Focus on a new career target. Think fast under pressure.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ 43	♥ J862	♠ 10	♥ 9753
♦ A1053	♣ AK6	♦ KJ98	♣ J875
West		South	
♠ AK9852	♥ Q10	♠ QJ76	♥ AK4
♦ 64	♣ Q42	♦ Q72	♣ 1093

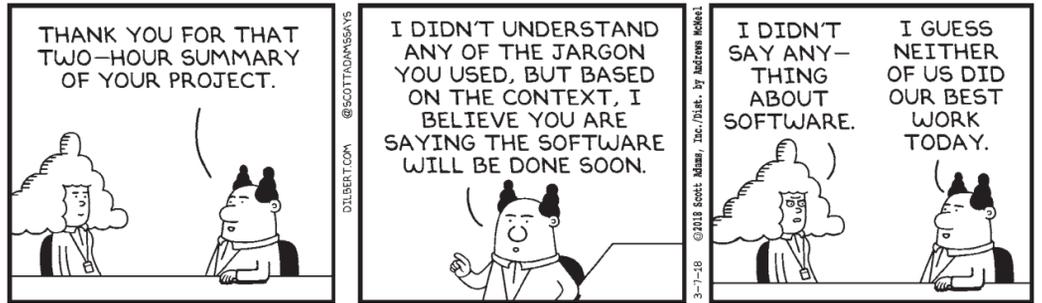
Today's deal is from a match between ladies teams from Austria and England. South was Nicola Smith, long a mainstay of the English ladies team. Most English players use the "weak" no trump, showing 12-14 points. That was obviously not the case for Smith and her partner.

Smith won the opening spade lead with her queen and took stock of her meager assets. There were only six tricks on top, so there was much work to be done. She started by banging down her ace and king of hearts, felling two honors from West and getting her total up to seven tricks. She crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and led a low diamond, winning with her queen when East played low. Eight tricks. Smith now ducked a diamond to East's nine. East continued with the king of diamonds to dummy's ace and the whole hand was known when West discarded a spade to this trick. West had started with 6-2-2-3 distribution and the clubs were sure to be splitting 4-3. Smith cashed dummy's king of clubs and exited with a club, knowing that whoever won this trick would have to give her a ninth trick.

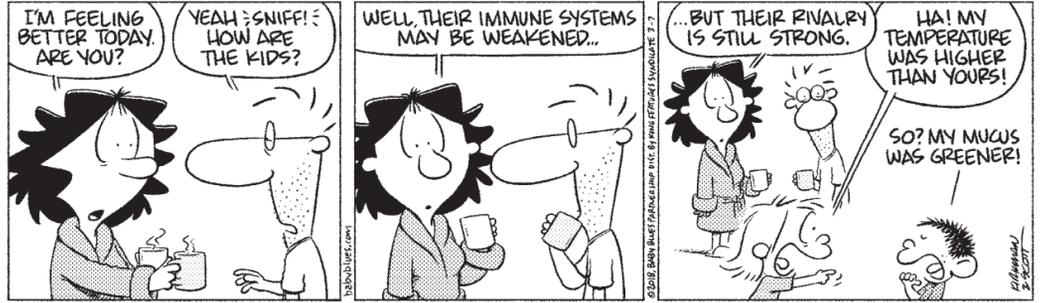
Should East win, she could cash another club and a diamond, but would then have to lead into dummy's jack-eight of hearts. Should West win, which is what happened at the table, West would have to give South the jack of spades for her ninth trick. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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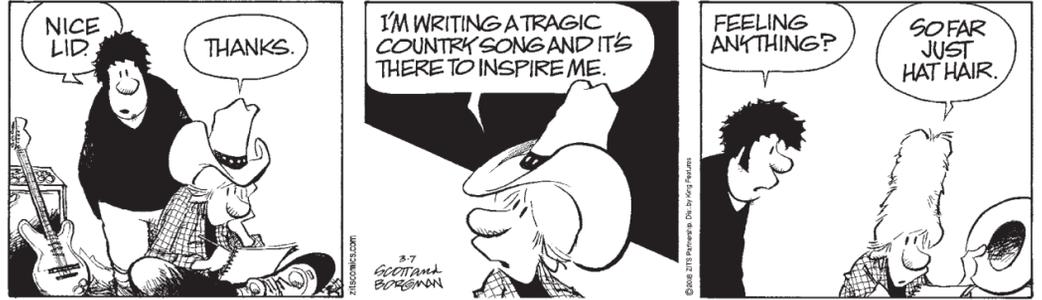
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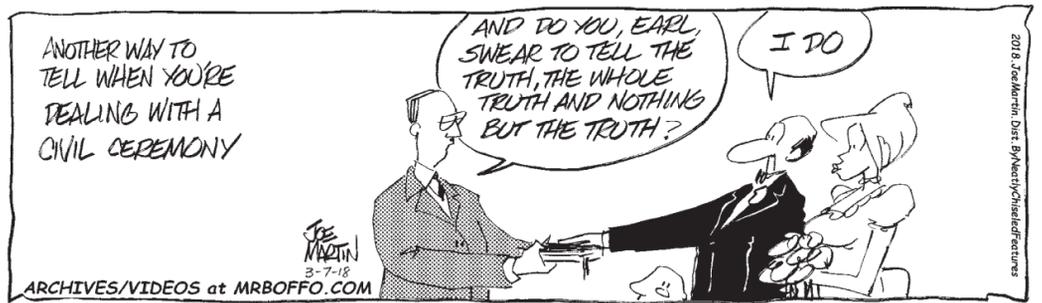
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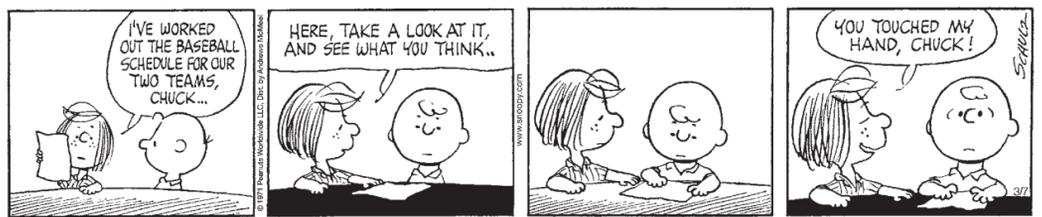
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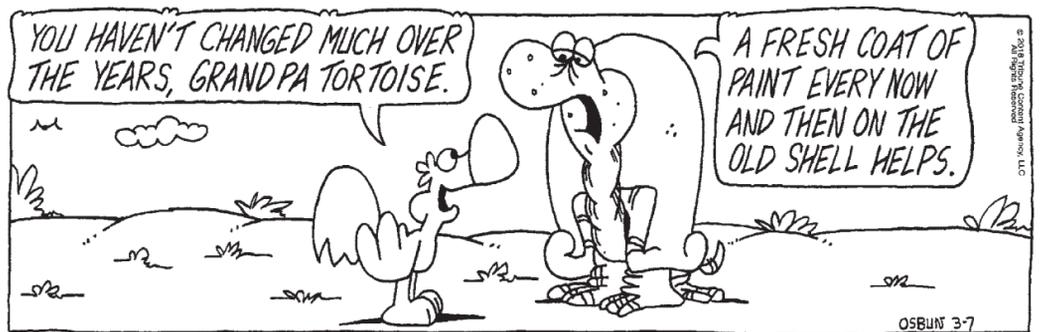
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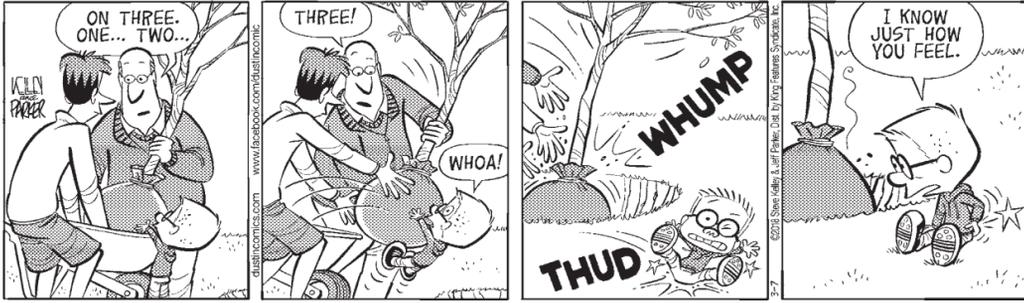
Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



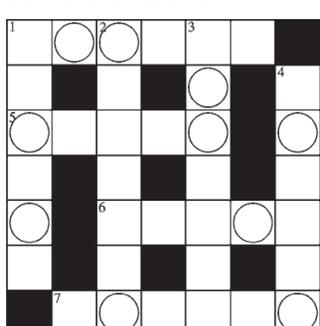
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Who served as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations before he was elected president of the United States?
 A) George H.W. Bush
 B) Jimmy Carter
 C) Gerald Ford
 D) Harry Truman
 Tuesday's answer: In the Highland Games event called the caber toss, the caber is a pole made from the trunk of a tree.
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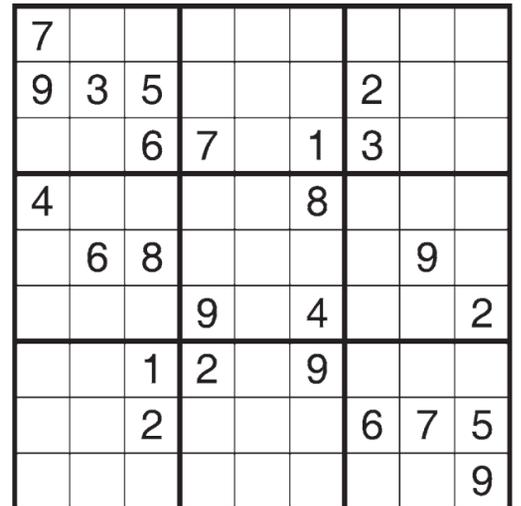
Jumble Crossword



- CLUE ACROSS**
- Rebuttal, rejection
 - Striped mammal
 - Faithful
 - Cling
- CLUE DOWN**
- Amaze
 - Ate a little
 - Examine
 - Square root of 144
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: 1. ALDIEN, 2. BEAZR, 3. LALYO, 4. REEAH
 DOWN: 1. ZAZLED, 2. LNIEDBB, 3. LYAEAZ, 4. WVELTE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
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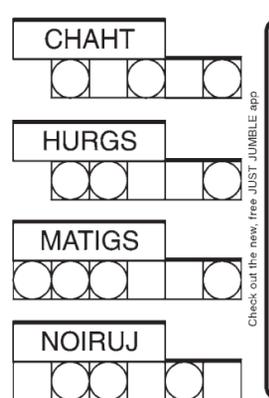


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Tuesday's solutions
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Jumble

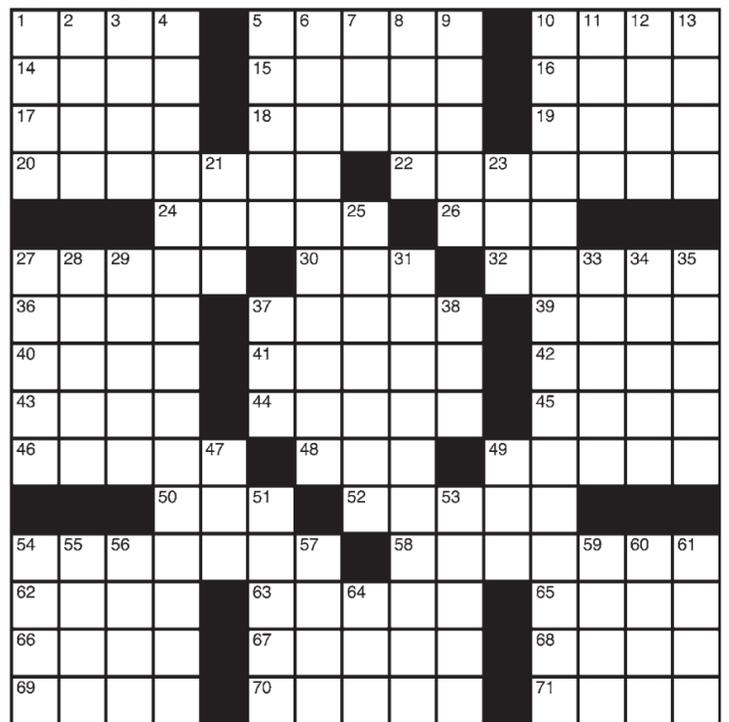
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here
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Tuesday's answers
 Jumbles: SWUNG HIKER SPRUCE PACIFY
 Answer: After all the passengers left, the ocean liner was the — "CREWS" SHIP
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Crossword



- Across**
- Drone sound
 - Spicy dip
 - French flag couleur
 - Parade celebrity
 - Cotton swabs
 - Pair on a Disneyland hat
 - Verdi highlight
 - It's prohibited on many highways
 - Vast landmass
 - Musical Christmas staple
 - Culinary student's assent
 - Native American symbol
 - Bit of cheer?
 - 22% of the U.S. Senate
 - WWII female
 - Program breaks
 - Enthusiastic
 - "Good Lord!"
 - Miscellany
- Down**
- Nimble
 - Ed with seven Emmys
 - Summer Olympics event since 1996
 - Word with back or whip
 - Historic canal
 - "Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win" military org.
 - Non-neutral atom
 - Took a load off
 - Purplish hue
 - Ante, e.g.
 - Small egg
 - Takes full advantage of
 - Gravy thickener
 - From far away (perhaps very far)
 - See 51-Down
 - "The March King"
 - Unexpected
 - Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - Ottawa-to-NYC dir.
 - Prefix with ware
 - With 34-Down, really retro eating programs
 - Vague discomfort, with "the"
 - Makes a choice
 - Romance writer Roberts
 - Grad
 - 70s "Live!" host
 - Author Wiesel
 - Omar of "Shooter"
 - Body part whose parts are aptly found at the bottom of this puzzle's four longest answers
 - Plant sci.
- Tuesday's solution**
- SNAP CLAW BLAST
 PORE LALA AORTA
 EVAN EMAG CAGES
 CATCHABREAK OPS
 IONS VOA
 TRILLS ASOFLATE
 RON YELLOWFEVER
 ALLA VIO SINE
 PLAYCHICKEN SEC
 POWERTTE MELOTT
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 ADS SPRINGAHEAD
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HEALTH & FAMILY



People may say they're addicted to sugar, and the addictive model may be useful for researchers as they study food cravings and overeating. But candy is not the same as heroin, says Larry Cheskin, director of the Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center.

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The skinny on sugar 'addiction'

BY JILL U. ADAMS
The Washington Post

Despite 'highs,' 'crashes,' candy not like heroin, expert says

If you do an online search about sugar, you may become convinced that it's evil and addictive — and that your sweet tooth will lead you to ruin. You'll also see plenty of advice for how to curb your craving for sugary goodness.

But what do we really know about how sugar affects us? Does eating sugar make us want to eat more of it?

First things first. Sugar is a carbohydrate, a category that includes starches. In addition to tasting sweet on your tongue, a spoonful of table sugar — in a cup of coffee, for example — will cause the glucose level in your blood to rise.

Your body responds differently to eating an apple, which is loaded with fruit sugars. For the same amount of carbohydrate, table sugar will prompt a much bigger spike in blood glucose than a few bites of apple.

That's because the apple's sugars are "in natural form, in the whole fruit," says David Ludwig, a physician and professor of nutrition at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "The sugar is sequestered in the structure of the fruit, and it leaches out

slowly." In contrast, the sugar in sodas and candy, he says, "slams into the liver and raises blood glucose."

This is what nutritionists are talking about when they cite a food's glycemic index. A food with a high glycemic index raises blood glucose more than a food with a medium or low glycemic index. A rule of thumb is that the more processed, or refined, a food is, the higher its glycemic index, according to the American Diabetes Association.

It's not just sugary foods, either: White bread is a high glycemic index food, and potato chips fall in the medium category. Scientists believe that the rise in blood glucose is responsible for the craving one feels for certain foods.

"Sugary foods and refined carbohydrates cause a blood-sugar spike," says Ashley Gearhardt, a psychologist at the University of Michigan. "And then three to four hours later, a blood-sugar crash. That cycle primes your brain and makes you want more of those foods."

Ludwig imaged the brains of 12

overweight men four hours after a high-glycemic-index snack and found increased activity in regions of the brain that respond to drugs of abuse.

Gearhardt asked 120 college students to identify foods that they "eat more and more of ... to get the feeling I want, such as reduced negative emotions or increased pleasure." Chocolate was No. 1, followed closely by ice cream, french fries, pizza, cookies, chips and cake.

Highs and crashes and priming and wanting: That's the language of addiction. "Addictive substances usually have high potency and a rapid rate of absorption," Gearhardt says. Think snorting cocaine rather than chewing coca leaves. (The leaves contain minuscule amounts of cocaine, and chewing activates the drug's stimulant effects slowly.)

Gearhardt says there's a parallel with foods that are highly processed and rapidly digested — "the foods that people struggle to eat in a manageable way."

People may say they're addicted to sugar, and the addictive model may be useful for re-

searchers as they study food cravings and overeating. But candy is not the same as heroin, says Larry Cheskin, director of the Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center.

For people, eating and overeating are not only a result of physiological cues, he says. We also eat because we're bored, we're stressed, we're celebrating, we're with friends who are eating, or we see that it's time to eat.

Jennifer Temple, director of the Nutrition and Health Research Laboratory at the University of Buffalo, tested whether eating sugary treats begets more eating of sugary treats.

Participants chose a favorite item and were directed to eat it every day for a week. Then they returned to the lab, where they were given a chance to earn another one.

She reports finding that "not everybody, but 40 percent of people who are already overweight or obese, when they've eaten a favorite treat every day ... will work three times harder for that same treat" than when they hadn't eaten one every day for a

week. Do artificial sweeteners feed this addictive cycle?

"There's no scientific consensus on this," Gearhardt says.

If you stop eating foods with added sugar for a while, can you reduce your craving for sweets?

Anecdotal, the answer seems to be yes. But there's been little research on this.

Are there substitute foods that can help rein in your desire for sugary treats?

Not really, but substituting a food with a lower glycemic index may stave off that spike-and-crash cycle of blood sugar that researchers think drives craving. (You can find a list of 100 foods and their glycemic index by searching for "Harvard Health glycemic list.")

Cheskin advises behavioral routes to change. Keep a record of your eating patterns, and you might identify your own triggers for less-than-healthy snacking — a place, a mood, a response to stress.

Then you can make a plan to manage those triggers, he says.

"Do you snack when you come home from a stressful day at work? Substitute something else relaxing — maybe a walk."

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For parents of kids with disabilities, a 1-stop fair



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Evelyn Perez-Horita and Brian Horita's daughter, Lia, was a year old when doctors flagged some developmental delays.

By age 6, Lia was diagnosed with sensory processing disorder, hypotonia (low muscle tone) and a severe intellectual disability.

"She's nonverbal," Perez-Horita said. "She's basically a

9-year-old with a 2-year-old brain."

It can be a lonely, bewildering road, Perez-Horita said, parenting a child you adore with your whole soul but can't always reach — not in the ways a lot of parents take for granted, anyway.

"You can't get out a lot," Perez-Horita said. "You can't go to a

restaurant. You can't go to a regular play group. Other kids look at your kid, who's maybe biting their hand or banging their head back over and over. You feel so alone."

You're not alone, of course. Fifteen percent of American children have a developmental disability, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion report. But finding and connecting with them can feel nearly impossible when you're in the thick of parenting your own child with special needs.

Neighborhood Parents Network, a Chicago nonprofit founded in 1980 to connect fam-

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Some foods may up odds for colon cancer

Researchers say healthy diet cuts inflammation risk

BY DENNIS THOMPSON
HealthDay

Chowing down on red meat, white bread and sugar-laden drinks might increase your long-term risk of colon cancer, a recent study suggests.

These foods all increase inflammation in your body, and the inflammation they cause is associated with a higher chance of developing colon cancer, according to pooled data from two major health studies.

Basically, what makes for a healthy diet overall also appears to promote a cancer-free colon, said senior researcher Dr. Edward Giovannucci. He is a professor of nutrition and epidemiology at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston.

"It's consistent with what we already recommend for a healthy diet in general," Giovannucci said. "I see that as good news. We're supporting the current evidence, and not telling people to do something completely different from what they've been told."

Previous studies have linked diet factors with colon cancer, but there's been no clear explanation why that might be, he added.

Giovannucci and his colleagues suspected that inflammation promoted by what a person eats could be at least one way in which diet could influence risk.

It's a reasonable theory, said Dr. Nancy Baxter, a professor of surgery at the University of Toronto and an expert with the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

"We know that chronic inflammation has a lot of negative effects on people, and not just on cancer,"



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Red meat, white bread and sugary drinks increase inflammation, which may lead to colon cancer over time, according to new health research.

Baxter said. "It's not a natural state. It's not natural for us to have ongoing inflammation."

To test this possible connection, the researchers gathered data on more than 121,000 people from two studies — the Health Professionals Follow-up Study and the Nurses' Health Study — in which people were followed for a quarter of a century to track potential influences on their health.

Participants filled out food questionnaires every four years. Those questionnaires helped researchers determine a dietary inflammation "score" for each person.

There were 2,699 cases of colorectal cancer that occurred during follow-up. The investigators compared the foods these peo-

ple ate against the diet of people who didn't develop colon or rectal cancer.

People who ate the most inflammatory foods were 37 percent more likely to develop colon cancer and 70 percent more likely to develop rectal cancer, compared with those who had the lowest inflammation diet score, the findings showed.

Processed meat, red meat, organ meat, refined flour and sugary drinks were among the foods linked most to cancer-related inflammation, Giovannucci said.

On the other hand, he noted, green leafy vegetables, dark yellow vegetables, whole grains, coffee and fruit juice appeared to reduce inflammation.

A person appeared to achieve the greatest anti-

inflammatory effect from their healthy diet if they also refrained from alcohol, noted Dr. Wafik El-Deiry, deputy director of Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

There were some odd findings as well.

For example, pizza was said to reduce inflammation even though it's made up of individual items known to increase inflammation; at the same time, tomatoes cropped up as a cause of inflammation.

According to Baxter, "I don't think anyone should take this and say I can't eat tomatoes but I should eat pizza. I don't even know how that makes sense."

Giovannucci said the study is best viewed as looking at a general pattern of healthy eating.

"Since there are multiple

factors, a single one by itself isn't overall that important, but they contribute," Giovannucci said. "If you do everything in the right direction, then you will have a significant impact."

For example, people might drink a lot of coffee, which is a powerful anti-inflammatory beverage, but dull its benefits by loading their mug up with sugar, he said.

"The items add up," Giovannucci explained. "You can't single one thing out."

That's right, said Marjorie McCullough, strategic director of nutritional epidemiology for the American Cancer Society.

"It's important to focus on the overall pro-inflammatory diet, rather than on the specific foods contained in this diet pattern,"

McCullough said.

"Also, the impact is likely to be even greater, as the foods in this pattern capture only some of the foods that are likely to influence inflammation in the body," McCullough added. "For example, certain spices and food preparation methods are not included, which may have strong effects on inflammation."

Baxter noted that the people with the highest risk of colon cancer were the outliers in the study — the one-fifth of participants who were consistently eating a lot of foods that promote inflammation.

"These are people who don't have a typical diet," Baxter said.

The study was published online earlier this year in the journal *JAMA Oncology*.

Resource fair for parents of kids with disabilities

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ilies with the resources they need to raise kids, has made supporting families with developmental differences one of its pillars.

"We're really lucky to live in a major city with so many resources and so much support available," NPN Executive Director Elizabeth Knutson said. "But that can also make it really overwhelming. It's a lot of researching on your own, and that can leave you feeling isolated."

Seven years ago, NPN started hosting a Developmental Differences Resource Fair. It's an annual event that brings together 80 or so Chicago-area service providers — schools, therapists, pediatricians, play groups, swim lessons, summer camps — for kids ages newborn to eighth grade who live with a range of developmental differences: sensory processing disorder, autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, mixed receptive-expressive language disorder, Down syndrome and more.

In addition to information booths and on-site experts, the fair includes workshops that parents can attend. This year's are "When late-night Googling hasn't resolved your concerns: How a developmental pediatrician or a neuropsychologist can help," "Managing all aspects of bullying" and "IEP 101," aimed at demystifying the Individualized Education Program document that families receive when their children require specialized programs at public school.

This year's fair runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday



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Brian Horita and Evelyn Perez-Horita's daughter, Lia, was diagnosed with sensory processing disorder, hypotonia (low muscle tone) and a severe intellectual disability.

at DePaul College Prep, 3633 N. California Ave. It's free and open to the public. Kids are welcome, though workshops are adults-only.

Perez-Horita said her family has been to every fair since 2011.

"The first time we went, we were there from when it opened to when it closed," she said. "The amount of information we got in one place was amazing. It's so warm and welcoming, and it gives you such a connection to people who are out there — doctors, therapists, parents going through similar things — that you just don't know about otherwise."

"It's nice to be around people who get you."

NPN offers year-round resources for families with developmental differences, Knutson said — webinars, support groups, blog posts

(often written by Perez-Horita, who is a member of the group).

The fair is meant to be part of an ongoing conversation within the community, and Perez-Horita is determined to get the word out to as many families as possible. The help they've found there for Lia, she said, has been life-changing.

"We're so proud of the wonderful kid she is," Perez-Horita said. "We're her biggest advocates, and we will fight tooth and nail for that kid to do what she wants to do in life."

I'm grateful they're not fighting alone.

More information on NPN's Developmental Differences Resource Fair is at www.nnpnparents.org/events/2999.

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This is your body on fast food

BY CHRISTY BRISSETTE
Special to The Washington Post

A client recently asked me, "How often can I get away with eating junk food?"

She knows that my nutrition philosophy is the "80:20 rule": Eat healthy foods as often as possible (at least 80 percent of the time), but also enjoy the occasional less healthy food (less than 20 percent of the time), if that's what you really want.

I've seen this approach work well with my clients who were previously chronic dieters yet hadn't been able to lose weight. Once I give them permission to have "forbidden foods," those foods lose their power and they're able to make healthier choices the bulk of the time.

There is some evidence that "cheat meals" (although I hate that term) can help boost fat loss and mental health among dieters.

Yet I wanted to give my client a more quantifiable answer. Could a few days of junk food or even a single fast-food meal make a difference in your overall health?

Junk food and fast food defined

What is "junk food"? Essentially any food that is highly processed, high in calories and low in nutrients. Junk food is also usually high in added sugars, salt and saturated or trans fats. Some evidence points to junk foods as being as addictive as alcohol and drugs.

"Fast food" is food that is prepared quickly and is eaten quickly or taken out. Although there are a growing number of healthier fast-food options, most fast food still be classified as junk food.

Long-term effects of eating junk food

Eating a poor-quality diet high in junk food is linked to a higher risk of obesity, depression, diges-



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ive issues, heart disease and stroke, type 2 diabetes, cancer and early death. And as you might expect, frequency matters when it comes to the impact of junk food on your health.

A review of studies on fast food and heart health found having fast food more than once a week was linked to a higher risk of obesity, while eating fast food more than twice a week was associated with a higher risk of metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes and death from coronary heart disease.

This is disturbing considering nearly half of American adults eat fast food at least once a week.

Short-term effects of junk food

It's human nature to think about benefits and risks over the short term rather than considering the impact our choices have over the long term. So how does consumption of junk food affect your body over the short term?

A few days of junk food

Just a few days of junk food could change your metabolism. A small study of 12 healthy young men found eating junk food for just five days led to a reduced ability of their muscles to turn glucose into energy, even though they didn't eat more calories as part of the study. Over the long term, this change could lead to insulin resistance and eventually type 2 diabetes.

Another effect of just a

couple of days of junk food is poor digestion. Because junk food lacks fiber, eating too much of it could lead to constipation.

One junk food meal

That single fast-food meal can narrow your arteries, leading to an increase in blood pressure.

And the quick spike in your blood sugar from eating junk foods high in refined carbohydrates and added sugars can cause a surge in insulin, leading to a quick drop in blood sugar. That leaves you feeling tired, cranky and hungry for more.

Just one serving of junk food can increase inflammation throughout your body. Further, an Australian study suggests that in people with asthma, a fast-food meal high in saturated fat can increase inflammation in the airway, potentially making an asthma attack more likely. So it seems the quick hit of junk food, while fleetingly rewarding, does carry short-term risks.

Based on the current research, my advice to my client essentially remains the same: Once you're aware of all of the short-term and long-term impacts of junk food and you still really want some, have it less than once a week and really savor it. Then get right back to enjoying nourishing, nutritious foods.

Christy Brissette is a dietitian, foodie and president of 80TwentyNutrition.com.

Simple blood test may spot even early colon cancer

BY ALAN MOZES
HealthDay

A simple, cheap blood test to detect colon cancer — even in its early stages — appears highly effective and accurate, new research indicates.

The test detects so-called “circulating tumor cells,” or CTCs. Researchers tested it on 620 people in Taiwan who were scheduled for a routine colonoscopy at a local hospital.

By comparing the blood test results with the colonoscopy results, the study team found that the blood test identified colon cancer in 87 percent of cases, ranging from stage 1 to stage 4. The blood test also was able to detect 77 percent of pre-cancerous lesions indicating early stage disease.

The researchers described the test as highly accurate, noting that it correctly identified cancer 84 to 88 percent of the time. Less than 3 percent of the time did it produce a “false positive” result, which mistakenly indicates the presence of cancer when there is none.

“Because the test can easily be made available for under \$150, it could potentially be offered directly to consumers and ordered by physicians, with colonoscopy being the confirmatory diagnostic,” said study author Dr. Ashish Nimgaonkar.

The test is not yet available in the U.S. If and when it does come to market, Nimgaonkar said, it probably would not replace colonoscopy as the gold standard for screening. Rather, it most likely would supplant the preliminary stool-based tests that people often are reluctant to use, he said.

“This test could be an option for such individuals, boosting compliance” because it has a “higher



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Experts said a new blood test that showed promise in detecting colon cancer could become available in the U.S. as early as this year. It would not replace colonoscopies.

sensitivity” than the stool-based screening options now available, he said.

Nimgaonkar is a gastroenterologist and medical director of Johns Hopkins University’s Center for Bioengineering Innovation and Design in Baltimore. He and his colleagues presented their findings earlier this year in San Francisco at the American Society of Clinical Oncology’s Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium.

Of the 620 people, all older than 20, included in the study, 438 were found to have either precancerous growths, known as polyps, or colorectal cancer ranging from early to late-stage in development. For the blood test, the researchers used about a half-teaspoon of each participant’s blood. Earlier research had indicated that the test could detect very small amounts of CTCs — as low as one CTC per billion blood cells — with that size blood sample.

The researchers calculated that the blood test’s accuracy had a “specificity value” of more than 97 percent — meaning that any result indicating the presence of cancer or precancer lesions should be considered very reliable.

Still, Nimgaonkar stressed that the blood test is envisioned as another tool in the screening arsenal

rather than a replacement for colonoscopies.

“Just like stool tests, this test would not replace diagnostic colonoscopies,” he said. Those “would still be the confirmatory diagnostic for positive patients and would be needed for tumor or polyp biopsy and removal and examination if a person has a positive CTC test.”

Nimgaonkar said planning is underway to launch the test in the U.S., and he expects it to become available sometime this year.

Dr. Andrew Chan offered a more tempered take on the test’s potential. He’s a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and a gastroenterologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

“These early results appear promising, but the sensitivity of the test is still not optimal. The number of patients in the study is also relatively small,” Chan said.

“In the long term, there is the possibility that this type of liquid biopsy method could be used for screening,” he said. “However, I think it will require the development of more sensitive techniques tested in larger populations of patients before it will be a plausible alternative to current screening approaches.”

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Naltrexone helped heavy drinker cut back on alcohol consumption

BY JOE GRAEDON
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King Features Syndicate

Q: I have been a heavy drinker for 35 years — just in the evenings, after work. I would have six or eight drinks nightly, waking with a hangover almost every morning. I spoke to my doctor last year about naltrexone. Since starting naltrexone, I have been able to manage my drinking. I limit it to no more than one or two drinks daily.

On some days, I have skipped alcohol completely. My prescription ran out a couple of months ago. At first, I was able to limit my intake. However, it has increased to the point where I am returning to my previous consumption levels. I will be seeing my doctor in a few days, and, as much as I hate relying on a drug for help, I will be asking for a renewal on the naltrexone prescription.

A: Naltrexone (ReVia, Vivitrol) is an opioid antagonist. That means it blocks the effects of opioid medication, as well as natural opioids (endorphins) in the brain. Scientists think it is these endorphins that are responsible for the pleasure some people get from drinking alcohol.

Studies show that naltrexone can be effective, especially when combined with counseling (New England Journal of Medicine, Aug. 14, 2008; Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, February 2018).

Q: I have been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. I've been trying to control my blood sugar levels with the help of a nutritionist for about a year now. I am thin, work out regularly and eat really well. It's not enough.



IMAGE SOURCE

The drug naltrexone blocks the effects of opioid medication, as well as endorphins in the brain.

My doctor has now prescribed metformin. What are your thoughts on this drug? And do you know of anything else I could try? I am still asymptomatic and feel great.

A: Don't give up on your good diet and exercise habits! They will help with the effectiveness of your treatment, even if you haven't been able to control your blood sugar with them alone.

Metformin is a first-line drug for Type 2 diabetes, as well as one of the oldest and best-studied. It improves the body's response to insulin and can be quite effective. In addition to its ability to keep blood sugar down, metformin has shown promise for its anti-cancer activity (Acta Biochimica et Biophysica Sinica, online, Oct. 7, 2017).

There are potential side effects, however. The most common are digestive: nausea, stomachache, indigestion, loss of appetite, diarrhea and flatulence. The most serious side effect, lactic acidosis, is rare, but you should be alert for the symptoms: abdominal pain, irregular or rapid heart rate, low blood pressure and anxiety. Such symptoms signal a medical emergency.

Q: I had a large wart about the size of a penny in my ear flap that had

been there for several years. I cut a small piece of banana peel the same size as the wart, taped it in place, and replaced it every day. It's been about two weeks now, and the wart is all but gone.

The results of this remedy were truly amazing.

A: Thank you for the testimonial. We have heard from others who've had success taping a piece of banana peel over a wart. The inner part of the peel goes next to the skin. Changing it daily is important.

Here is what another reader said:

“Banana peel got rid of a large wart I had near my eye. I was skeptical, but it worked when nothing else helped. My friends wanted me to have it removed by a doctor, but I wanted to try this natural treatment. It took a few months to disappear completely, but now it's been gone for more than a year.”

We also heard of a different use for banana peel:

“I used this same remedy to get rid of a deep splinter. I taped the inside of a ripe banana peel on my hand, and in the morning my splinter was gone.”

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After polyps, colonoscopies may cost you

Task force's stance determines what must be covered

BY MICHELLE ANDREWS
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Q: When I had a screening colonoscopy in 2015, the doctor removed a polyp and told me to come back for another colonoscopy in three years. I paid nothing for the 2015 test because it was a preventive screening.

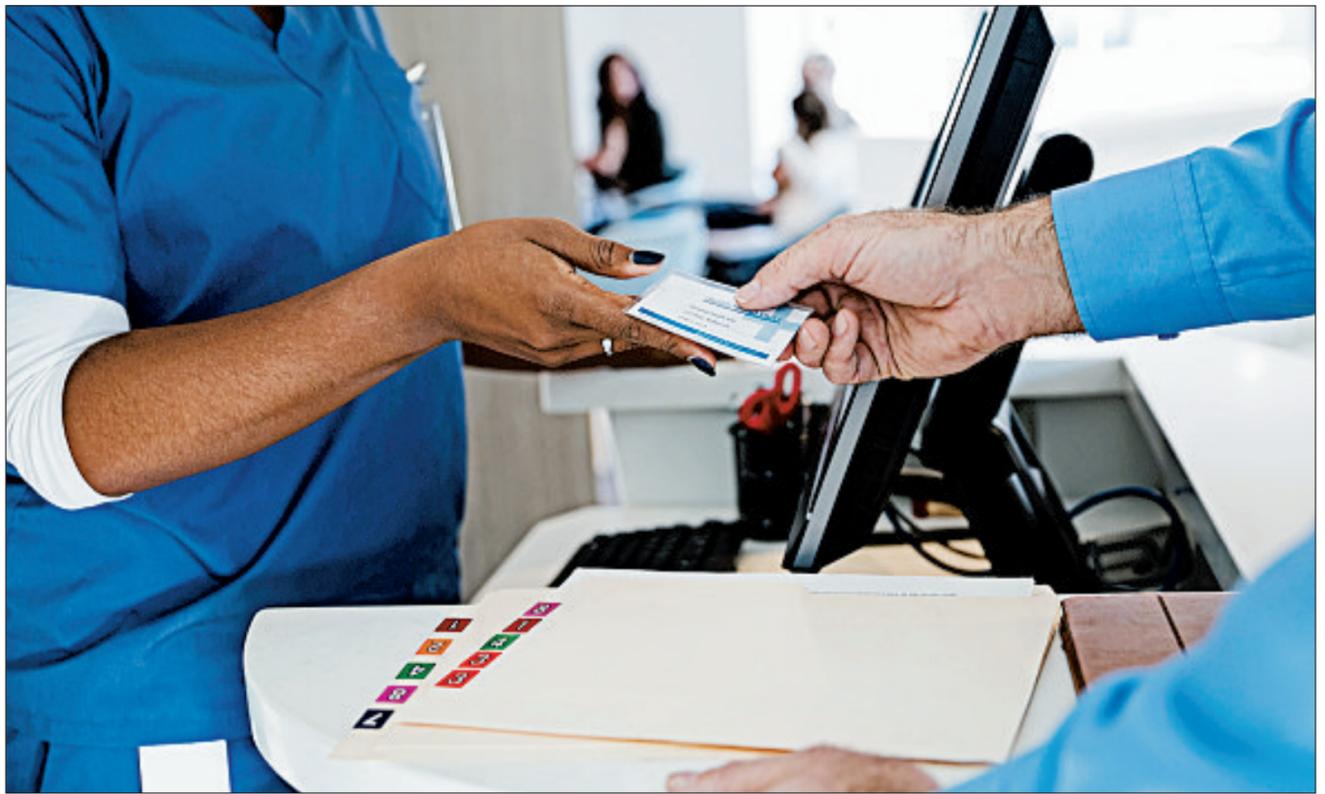
When I scheduled my appointment for this year, the provider said the procedure was diagnostic because of that earlier polyp removal. Doesn't the law protect people in these situations from being charged for more frequent but necessary screening?

A: Not necessarily. The Affordable Care Act greatly expanded coverage of preventive services, including requiring insurers to cover screenings for colorectal cancer without charging patients anything out-of-pocket if they're between ages 50 and 75.

In general, screening colonoscopies for people at average risk are recommended every 10 years by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. (Under the law, preventive services are covered at no cost by insurers if they meet the task force's recommendations.) There's no charge to the patient for the test, even if a benign growth called a polyp is found and removed.

Doctors may recommend more frequent "surveillance" testing, as they did in your case, if during screening they find any polyps, which may put you at higher risk for colon cancer.

Since the task force doesn't have a recommendation for high-risk colorectal cancer screening, commercial insurers aren't required to cover it without



Commercial insurers are required by law to cover routine screenings for colorectal cancer without charging patients anything out-of-pocket if they're between ages 50 and 75, but certain high-risk patients may be on the hook for some of the cost for more frequent "surveillance" testing.

cost sharing. "Insurers will cover the test, but whether the patient is held harmless for the copay and deductible depends on the insurer," said Dr. J. Leonard Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer at the American Cancer Society.

Medicare also covers screening colonoscopies without charging beneficiaries anything out-of-pocket. The program covers tests every 10 years, and every two years if someone is considered high-risk. But there's a catch: In contrast to private coverage, if a polyp is found during the test, that procedure is then considered diagnostic and patients will be subject to a copayment.

Q: I signed up for a plan on healthcare.gov

last fall in Virginia after I lost my employer coverage and learned that my 16-year-old daughter might be eligible for Medicaid. Two months have passed, and we still don't have an answer.

I understand that her coverage will be retroactive back to the date we applied, but in the meantime, I have to pay any medical bills. The state says it has 45 days to make a decision, but we're past that. What can I do?

A: Even though the federal government allows states 45 days to act on a Medicaid application, a few weeks is typical and "at this point it's well beyond the acceptable range of time for getting an eligibility determination," said Tricia Brooks, a senior fellow at

Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families.

If you haven't done so already, confirm that the Virginia Medicaid program has received your application and find out specifically what it needs from you to act on it.

If you're racking up medical bills, let Medicaid officials know that your financial situation is critical and consider asking your daughter's providers to contact them too, Brooks said.

In many states, including Virginia, local legal-aid societies, community health centers and other groups are on hand to help sort out application glitches even though the open enrollment period has ended.

Check the Get Covered

Connector at tinyurl.com/yafc95c8 for links to assistance in your area.

Q: I'm a federal government retiree receiving a small Social Security payment. I'm trying to figure out why I'm paying \$134 every month now for my Medicare Part B premium instead of \$109.

I signed up at age 65, and it's deducted from my Social Security check. From what I've read, if you're having premiums deducted from Social Security, you generally pay \$109. Why am I paying more?

A: The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B, which covers many outpatient services and physician visits, is \$134 in 2018, unchanged from last year.

Many Medicare beneficiaries have been shielded from recent Part B premium increases because by law they must be "held harmless" if the premium increases are larger than their Social Security benefit increases, which have generally been flat.

This year, for many people those circumstances have changed. Because of a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment to Social Security benefits, 42 percent of Part B enrollees are now subject to the full \$134 Medicare Part B premium, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

From your description it sounds as if you are one of those people, said David Lipschutz, senior policy attorney at the Center for Medicare Advocacy.

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Rotating night shifts may spur Type 2 diabetes

HealthDay

Working the night shift may play havoc with your blood sugar levels, a new study contends.

For the study, researchers looked at data on more than 270,000 people in the United Kingdom and found that those who worked irregular or rotating shifts that included night shifts were 44 percent more likely to have Type 2 diabetes than those who worked only days.

"Shift work, particularly night shifts, disrupts social and biological rhythms, as well as sleep, and has been suggested to increase the risk of metabolic disorders, including Type 2 diabetes," said study co-author Celine Vetter. She directs the University of Colorado's



The study found no link between working a permanent night shift and an increased risk of diabetes.

Circadian and Sleep Epidemiology Laboratory.

The more often a person worked an irregular night shift, the greater the risk for Type 2 diabetes, the findings showed. For example, working nights less than three times a month increased the risk by 24 percent, but working nights

more than eight times a month increased the risk by 36 percent.

"Our study is one of the first to show a dose-response relationship, where the more often people work nights, the greater their likelihood of having the disease," Vetter added in a university news release.

However, working a permanent night shift was not linked to an increased risk of diabetes. The study authors suggested that these people might adapt to a consistent night-shift schedule, or perhaps they were "night owls" who had a natural tendency to be awake at night.

About 15 million American workers have permanent night shifts, rotating shifts or shifts with irregular schedules, the study authors noted.

If a person can't avoid working nights, they may be able to reduce their health risks by eating a healthy diet, watching their weight, and getting enough exercise and sleep, Vetter advised.

The findings could not prove a cause-and-effect relationship between rotating shift work and Type 2 diabetes. But, other recent studies have also found associations between these work schedules and heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

The new report was published online in February in the journal *Diabetes Care*.

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CRAVING: FRIED FOODS

CORN DOG HUNT

Finding one in Chicago more difficult than you'd think, so road trip could be in order

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER | Chicago Tribune

Chicago has no shortage of hot dogs. You can get them dragged through the garden or shrouded in a pile of french fries. We have sloppy chili dogs and mighty bacon-wrapped Sonoran dogs. You can even order one with ketchup, if you wish. But if you want a corn dog, that battered and fried dish you eat on a stick, you'll have to put in some real effort, and what you get might not be worth it.

You may consider the cornmeal batter-coated specialty strictly a fair food, where fried and portable reign supreme, but Chicago used to have a number of excellent corn dog options. As recently as six years ago, my current Tribune colleague, Louisa Chu, enthused on WBEZ about a "corn dog renaissance" in Chicago. But most of the restaurants either closed (Franks 'n' Dawgs, Wiener and Still Champion) or removed the corn dogs from their menus (Bangers and Lace, Old Town Social), leaving a handheld-fried-food hole in our scene.

Chicago's most iconic corn dog still exists, sort of. Graham Elliot's lobster corn dog takes a lot of liberties but still stays true to the fundamentals of the classic. Sure, it uses lobster instead of a hot dog, and it comes topped with a lemon aioli and fresh herbs, but you can still eat it with one hand. Unfortunately, it's only available in the concession area of Lollapalooza, a four-day music festival in Grant Park with a full pass last year costing \$335 (plus fees).

This is kind of sad because Illinois has a proud corn dog history. To experience it, you might want to travel outside the Chicagoland region (though we'll

talk about a new option in the city later) and head south to our state's capital, Springfield.

That's where you'll find Cozy Dog Drive In. Before you even pull in, you'll notice two anthropomorphized corn dogs twirling atop the sign (they look like plumper sausage cousins of Superdawg's iconic mascots, Maurie and Flaurie). As any self-respecting establishment with a history dating to 1947, the interior is a mishmash of old newspaper clippings hung on the walls, beat-up license plates from all over the country and other hot dog paraphernalia. It feels lived in and honest, which is exactly the sort of place you want it to be.

Occasionally, you'll see Cozy Dog Drive In mentioned as one of the originators of the corn dog, but there's a pretty overwhelming case against it being the first.

In "Man Bites Dog: Hot Dog Culture in America," authors Bruce Kraig and Patty Carroll note that a patent for a corn dog "frying device dates to 1927." The book also claims that Fletcher's Corny Dogs started serving the specialty at the Texas State Fair in 1941.

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Battling burnout, Chicago chef ran away and joined a circus

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ
Chicago Tribune

Before she entered Canada, Chrissy Camba had to kill her mother.

Not her real one — don't be morbid — it was her sourdough starter that, in truth, was more baby than life-giver. After all, Camba had been nurturing the thing since running away and joining the circus, just a few months and a number of cities before the border.

A "Top Chef" alum, owner of

wandering pop-up Maddy's Dumpling House and former chef of the short-lived Laughing Bird in Lincoln Square, Camba decided to take something of a hiatus from restaurant life. So in January 2017, she up and left Chicago to join Cirque du Soleil's touring "Kurios" show. It's not that she was even running away — "I have to get married at some point," she said, referring to her fiancé, Ashlee Aubin, chef of Salero and Wood restaurants in Chicago — but she needed a refresh.

When the opportunity to cook on the line for "Kurios" presented itself, Camba leaped at the chance.

"I had a weird epiphany," said Camba, on a stop in Vancouver, British Columbia, the last leg of the North American tour. "I lost something along the way, and I needed to get back to why I loved cooking in the first place."

"Chefs can burn out, and I was at that point," she said about the period before signing on with

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Chrissy Camba embraces her fresh homemade bread at her Chicago home in January, before leaving for Florida with Cirque du Soleil.



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Hunt on for corn dogs

Corn dogs, from Page 1

“We were the first in our area,” Josh Waldmire, the grandson of founder Ed Waldmire Jr., says over the phone. “That’s what I always tell people.”

Even Ed Waldmire admitted he didn’t dream the deep fried concept out of thin air. According to Cozy Dog’s website and confirmed by his grandson, the founding Waldmire first tried a corn dog in Muskogee, Okla., in 1941. But — and it’s a huge but — they were baked, not fried. “That’s the story we were told,” says Josh Waldmire. “He liked the corn dogs, but they took a long time to cook, so he wanted to figure out a way to fry them quickly.” Fortunately, Ed had a friend whose dad was a baker, and he came up with the batter mix that would adhere to the hot dog.

You won’t find a corn dog on the menu of the Cozy Dog Drive In. Instead, it’s known as a cozy dog, which honestly feels like a better name for a sausage enveloped in an edible blanket that you can eat without utensils. According to Josh Waldmire, the restaurant serves around 200 cozy dogs a day during the slower winter months and will blow through 600 to 800 during busy summer shifts.

Employees fry each and every corn dog to order. First, an employee takes a hot dog speared with a stick out of a refrigerator, then snaps the end onto the restaurant’s unique frying rack and dunks the hot dog into the batter. The thick-as-tar batter is Cozy Dog’s big secret, and it is amazing how the batter clings onto the hot dog without falling off immediately. Finally, it’s placed in the fryer, where it cooks for two to three minutes.

The most surprising aspect of the cozy dog is that it doesn’t taste greasy. Most corn dogs function like sponges for grease, sucking up as much oil as possible. But cozy dogs develop a satisfyingly crunchy golden coating, while the interior stays soft and slightly sweet, more like a corn muffin than cornbread. The restaurant uses an Oscar Mayer tur-



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Cozy Dog Drive In, where you can get a corn dog, is in Springfield, Ill., and is a popular stop along the historic Route 66.



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At Graham Elliot’s Lollapalooza food stand in 2010, you could get a lobster corn dog. It came topped with lemon aioli and fresh herbs — but it still has that handy stick.

key, chicken and pork hot dog, which, if not quite up to Vienna Beef standards, still packs a meaty bite.

The Cozy Dog Drive In may not have invented the corn dog, but it definitely refined the process and continues to carry the banner proudly. Any fan of the corn dog ought to make the trek.

Fortunately, Chicago

might be getting back in the game. When Maplewood Brewery & Distillery in Logan Square opened its lounge in December, it did so with a corn dog placed prominently on the menu. “Corn dogs rule,” says Adam Cieslak, head brewer and co-founder of Maplewood Brewing, “plus, it felt like a perfect pairing with our beers.” In fact, the

brewery’s Pulaski Pilsner is used in the batter for the corn dog and the beer cheese sauce served on the side.

Maplewood also uses the porky freedom sausage from Publican Quality Meats. “I don’t know if you want to call it a gourmet corn dog,” says Cieslak, “but it’s a little step up, and people really enjoy it.”



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Before you even pull in, you’ll notice two anthropomorphic corn dogs twirling atop the sign.



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There are no corn dogs on the menu at the Cozy Dog Drive In. Instead, they are known as cozy dogs.

Craving: Fried foods

Food & Dining is focusing on fried food in March — from today’s corn dog history to the genesis of egg rolls with peanut butter. Follow along in print and online at chicagotribune.com/fried.

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Bibimbap at H Mart is a symphony of colors, textures and flavors.

EAT THIS!

Bibimbap in a grocery store

By GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

One of the best things about bibimbap is the myriad bright colors and interesting textures that come together for a flavorful punch. H Mart’s is no different and is a great way to top off a trip to the Korean grocery store.

Head to the SGD DUBU Tofu & Korean BBQ market stall for this comforting dish. Served in a hot stone bowl called a dolsot, it arrives sizzling. Wait a few moments before disengaging the rice from the edges of the black bowl, so it can

reach the ideal crispiness.

On top of the rice lie portioned julienned raw carrots and fresh cucumbers, crunchy pickled cucumbers and daikon radish, chewy shiitake mushrooms, bean sprouts and a hearty mass of marinated beef, garnished with some sesame seeds. The smoky-sweet gochujang, or red chili paste, is packaged separately, so you can add as much or as little as you like, depending on your spiciness tolerance.

While you can eat the bowl as is and create different bites depending on what you put on your

spoon, I personally like to mix everything to create a bite of crunchy, savory, sweet and soft food each time.

Small plates, or banchan, accompany the bibimbap. The kimchi and thin slices of fish cake give you a break from the savory main dish. Be warned that this is a generous amount of food, but it’s easily reheated, so you can enjoy it later.

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DRINK THIS!

Low-alcohol beers at Mousetrap

By ADAM LUKACH
Chicago Tribune

I like to drink. Not getting drunk, mind you, but the act, the ritual of drinking. Few things offer a better time than sitting at a bar with friends and enjoying a tasty beverage, or two or three, depending on the length of your stay.

Less fun is getting tanked when you didn’t intend to.

At Off Color Brewing’s Mousetrap taproom in Lincoln Park, co-founder/brewer John Laffler and Co. solve the problem simply: with a selection of low-ABV beers — as in, less-than-4-percent-alcohol-by-volume low. While more than half of the tap handles at Off Color feature beers below 5 percent ABV, there are currently a trio of brews crossing an even lower threshold. Two regular options are the Little Friend, a Belgian-style table beer at 3.8 percent, and Wari, a chicha-demolle-inspired ale that was originally brewed for the Field Museum.

The Russian serf stout Myshka also checks in at 3.5 percent, but that handle will be rotated soon. At any given time, Laffler said, the Mousetrap taproom will have three or four beers under 4 percent.

Despite the low alco-



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Off Color Brewing’s taproom offers low-alcohol beers.

holic content, these aren’t Miller Lite. The body and mouthfeel on all three beers are impressive, thanks to some “brewer tricks” as Laffler puts it.

“One of the dangers with super-low ABV beers is that it can taste really watery or washed out,” he said. “And we don’t want to avoid that by just dumping a bunch of hops in there.”

Mission accomplished. The Little Friend is a worthy Saison imitator, sweet, yeasty and super drinkable, with a bit of a peppery finish. Its body is slightly heavier than the Wari, which is close to a lambic with its tangy, tart flavor. It will make you pucker at first, but you’ll soon get used to it.

The Little Friend and Wari are available most of the year, which is good news for summer drinking

enthusiasts. Laffler said Off Color has several options for sub-4-percent suds, so check back to see what succeeds the Myshka, and maybe stick around a bit.

“I enjoy the camaraderie. I enjoy the fellowship, kind of like the old pub atmosphere, the old tavern atmosphere,” Laffler said of his tasting pub. “That’s something we don’t really have in the U.S.? You go to London, you go to more of the rural U.K., it’s still a very strong thing. The pub is a center of life. It’s the living room outside of your house. ... So it’s nice to have something you can drink a lot of, but not get snookered.”

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Pour wine to savor and enjoy, not guzzle



MICHAEL AUSTIN
The Pour Man

When you think of the broad concept of “enjoying wine,” or at least when I think of it, it’s hard not to imagine a glass being raised. Sometimes it’s a person raising a glass in a gesture of “Cheers,” and other times, it’s a bottoms-up raising of the glass as someone takes a sip or a whiff of wine. But just as often, that glass is being raised slightly — at the end of an extended arm — to move it closer to the opening of a bottle that is about to be poured.

The word “bounty” springs to mind in every scenario. The people are reaching for more wine and raising it up. It is a celebration. Let the wine flow, let the trumpets blare — clothing and the clock be damned. I have nothing against whooping it up. In fact, I’m all for it. But you can do that at a measured pace. Don’t limit yourself by overpouring.

I suggest getting into the habit of pouring yourself (and your guests) just enough to be able to smell and taste the wine. You don’t have to use an eyedropper — just be mindful of the fact that we all have our limits. And we have lots of wines to try. In some aspects of wine enjoyment — particularly the pouring aspect — being miserly usually pays greater dividends than the so-called “healthy pour” does.

Let us count the ways. For one, when there is less wine in your glass, you can taste a greater variety of wines. If you are at home with family or friends, and you have six bottles open and want to have a taste of each, a standard 5-ounce pour (which you would get



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When you pour less wine into your glass, you can taste a greater variety of wines and have enough of that bottle to share with others.

in most restaurants) might not allow you to reach bottle No. 6 and, furthermore, might give you regrets the next day.

Reason No. 2 in favor of miserly pours is if you determine a favorite among the open bottles, you’ll still have room in your belly and brain to return to it for another glass — a proper pour of 5 ounces (or 6 ounces if it’s your birthday) — after everyone has already tasted it. If you have nine bottles open, your test pours are going to have to be even smaller than they were on that night when there were six bottles open. And you might even consider spitting some of those tastes, especially if you can tell right away that you don’t like them.

Reason No. 3 comes to us courtesy of kindergarten. Sharing is good. When you

don’t have 5 or 6 ounces in your glass, there can be a few ounces in someone else’s, and you’ll all get to taste all of the wines together, without people holding up an empty bottle and saying how much they loved it, as others stand by wishing they’d had a taste. Once everyone has tasted a bottle, it’s open season.

Reason No. 4 is for your well-being. When you have less wine in your glass, you will drink more slowly, which for obvious reasons is good for everyone involved, especially you.

Reason No. 5 is for confidence and pleasure. It depends on the glass, but if your glass has tall sides, its base is on the table and your wine is below the halfway mark, you will be able to swirl with ease. Aromas will open up to you as your wine whirrs,

and you will not have to worry about sending a tornado of red liquid onto your cousin’s white drapes or up the sleeve of your shirt.

This is not a rapid-fire strategy. Go ahead and enjoy your under-pour as you would any other pour. And if you are totally convinced that all you want is another glass of that wine, make your feelings known and ask whether anyone would mind if you give yourself a real pour. If people haven’t tried it and still want to, your interest will push them into action.

For a regular pour, after the preliminary tastes are complete (or even if it’s just the two of you and you’re splitting a bottle), fill your glass to just below its widest point — at the very highest. Don’t pour more than 5 or 6 ounces at

a time because, come on, you don’t have to put it all in your glass at once. There’s more in the bottle, and it’s only an arm’s length away. Plus there’s something seductive and hopeful about refilling those glasses. Give yourself those opportunities.

One tip on pouring. You know that little twist of the wrist that wine servers do the moment they finish each pour? That’s to prevent dribbling. Give it a try. You could go whole hog and give the lip of the bottle a wipe with a cloth after each twist too. But the twist alone should be good enough for home. Save the cloth treatment for when you get hired at a restaurant.

Another tip on pouring: The French and Italians each have a phrase for pouring a little splash of

wine into a clean glass and then swirling it and pouring it out. It’s a seasoning of sorts, a warmup for the glass. You don’t have to do it, of course, but it’s a nice little ritual. It is especially helpful when you are switching from one style of wine to another — sort of the wine-glass equivalent of a palate cleanser. These little splashes should be even smaller than the miserly pours I am advocating for. Don’t use this trick to try to mask unsavory odors in the glass. In those cases, wash the glass — and then give it that preliminary wine splash. Pour the splash down the drain or just drink it. If you like it, maybe you can return to it later for a real pour.

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Guide to Chinese groceries

Shopping gets easier when you break down what's offered into categories

BY GRACE WONG
Chicago Tribune

Walking into an Asian grocery store for the first time can be a daunting experience. Many of the labels aren't in English, or the English is misspelled or indecipherable. You're left with reading tiny type on the back or trying to mime to someone who may not speak English fluently.

But don't be intimidated by these obstacles. We've broken down what grocery stores carry into a few categories, so you'll realize it's much simpler than you thought.

I've been going to Asian grocery stores in Chinatown and the suburbs with my Chinese-Indonesian mother since I was a small child. This month, I asked her to point out some items that were must-haves for someone looking to make Asian food in their own kitchens. From fresh produce to canned goods, these are her recommendations to start your journey into Asian cuisine.

Sauces, vinegars, oils

Hoisin sauce — Used in cooking, as a condiment and as a marinade, this sauce is sweet, thick and savory. Try dipping roasted duck in it or brushing it over salmon before grilling.

Chinkiang vinegar — Also known as Zhenjiang vinegar, this rice-based black vinegar is used in cooking and as a dipping sauce. Its sour, slightly sweet, earthy and pungent flavor is great for dumplings and as a base for other sauces.

Oyster sauce — It's often used as a topping for steamed vegetables, like gai lan (see below). Just drizzle the sauce on top after steaming. Done. The savory sauce is slightly seafood-y with a caramel-like taste and texture.

Sesame oil — A little goes a long way for this fragrant, nutty oil. Great for stir-fries and braising. Use a tiny amount, and add more if you dig it. Don't forget to refrigerate it, so it doesn't go rancid.

Rice wine — Another heavy lifter, rice wine can be used in pretty much everything. Try mixing it into dumpling filling, making a sauce with soy sauce or flavoring cooked noodles for chow mein.

Produce and meat

Gai lan — Often referred to as Chinese broccoli or Chinese kale, it has a slightly bitter flavor similar to broccoli rabe and pairs well with savory side dishes. You can stir-fry it with ginger and garlic, or steam it and add a drizzle of oyster sauce. Packed with vitamins A and C, iron, potassium and calcium, it's an easy way to add a green, leafy vegetable to your diet.

Snow pea tips — One of my favorite Asian vegetables, these are crunchy with slightly hollow stems. The flavor is similar to a snow pea, but slightly more aromatic with a fresh, sweet, grassy aftertaste. Try stir-frying them with garlic and serving as a side.

Chinese chives — A little garlicky, a little onion-y, a little leek-y, this versatile and flavorful vegetable is often stir-fried with eggs, wrapped into dumplings or mixed in batter for a pan-fried pancake. If you're around people who are sensitive to pungent smells, tie up the bag you put it in.

Live fish — Momma Wong typically goes for the tilapia, which is thwacked, gutted and scaled in the store. At home, she rubs it down with some salt and then steams the entire fish in ginger, green onion, garlic and soy sauce. If the prospect of dealing with a whole live fish is challenging, you can also find packaged versions.

Oxtail — This is a cut used in many cuisines around the world, but my favorite two styles are braised or in a soup. The oxtail cooks down nice and tender when braised. In soup, the fat creates a silky broth



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Five spice powder is a combination of ground cumin, star anise, cinnamon, peppercorns and cloves.



Many Asian grocery stores carry fresh produce like this bok choy.



Oxtail is used in many dishes and is good braised or in soups.



Chinkiang vinegar, a rice-based black vinegar is earthy and pungent, and has many uses, both in cooking and on its own.



White Rabbit is a popular creamy candy that is wrapped in a thin layer of edible rice paper. It tastes like a vanilla milkshake.

that is comforting and satisfying. Try making oxtail soup with a simple preparation of carrots, celery, potatoes and tomatoes.

Jarred and canned

Pork floss — This dried-pork product can top congee or is used as a filling in buns and wraps. As a child, I would just eat it by the spoonful. Think of it as a fluffier version of pork jerky.

Water chestnuts — You can choose fresh or canned, depending on how you're going to use them. If you're just looking for the crunch factor, the canned version will save you some work. Try them in fried rice or dumpling filling.

Wheat gluten — I'll admit that this item isn't essential, but it's a big part of congee culture. Pickled cucumbers and wheat gluten are bright, sweet toppings for hearty, comforting congee.

Lao gan ma — This chili oil has a cult following for a good reason: It tastes great

on everything. Fried rice, noodles, sauces, scrambled eggs, whatever. Mix in a little or a lot — this tingy, crunchy, salty, umami chili oil with preserved black soy beans is the real deal.

Five spice — This powder is made of ground cumin, star anise, cinnamon, peppercorns and cloves, and is used heavily in meat dishes as a dry rub or part of a marinade. In the Western Hemisphere, it's used in drinks and baked goods, as well.

Packaged

Dumplings — You'll find myriad brands, styles and flavors of dumplings at any Asian grocery store. Some are fully cooked and just need to be heated up, while others need a little more work because the filling is raw. Check out these brands taste-tested by the Tribune Food & Dining team.

Wonton wrappers — When you're feeling ambitious and want to make your own dumplings, save a lot of time by buying

wonton wrappers. They come thinly sliced and ready to fill with your own creation.

Noodles — Dried rice noodles, vermicelli, egg noodles and flour noodles are staples that are easy to rehydrate and cook. Try putting rice noodles in soup or stir-frying egg noodles with vegetables and sesame oil.

Dried shiitake mushrooms — Rehydrate by putting them in some water for 10 minutes. Then, slice and toss them into a stir-fry, fried rice or a filling. They're also great in breakfast frittatas with some goat cheese.

Snacks — The choices are endless. Try honey crisp bars (which are crunchy and sweet), crackers (try something with a seaweed dust) or White Rabbit candy, which was my favorite candy that had the flavor of a vanilla milkshake and the texture of a Starburst. Pick a bag, go nuts.

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DREAMSTIME

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Short rib chili is a standout

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This is my version of what chili should taste like. I have made it with turkey and chicken, but I have to say short ribs make my favorite version. The ribs must be cut into 1-inch pieces so that they become meltingly tender in the spicy chili sauce. Ask your butcher to do it for you.

Beer provides a slightly bitter flavor. The

sautéed red and yellow peppers offer a caramelized sweetness to the savory spices. And the grated chocolate rounds out all of the flavors.

I like to serve this chili on cool evenings to a large crowd when I want a substantial and informal main course. Serve with your favorite corn bread and a green salad. Put out a big bowl of guacamole with tortilla chips or raw vegetables to start, and serve chilled Mexican beer.

Short rib chili

Prep: 45 minutes

Cook: 2 hours, 10 minutes

Makes: 10 to 12 servings

- 7 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 6 pounds boneless short ribs, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 large onions, finely chopped
- 1 jalapeno, seeded, finely chopped
- 8 medium garlic cloves, finely minced
- 4 teaspoons ground oregano
- 3 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chili powder
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) beer
- 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 1 can (15 ounces) kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (16 ounces) pinto beans, drained
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded, cut into 1-inch dice
- 1 yellow bell pepper, seeded, cut into 1-inch dice
- 1 square (1 ounce) unsweetened chocolate, grated
- Salt

Garnishes: sour cream, tomato or jalapeno salsa, shredded sharp cheddar, chopped green or red onion, tortilla chips

1 Warm 2 tablespoons oil in a 6-quart pot over medium-high heat. Add the meat in batches to lightly brown it on all sides, about 4 minutes per batch. Transfer pieces to a bowl as you go.

2 Add 3 tablespoons oil to the pot; sauté the onions until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the jalapeno; sauté, 1 minute. Add the garlic, oregano, cumin, coriander, cinnamon and chili powder; stir until well combined.

3 Add the beer, broth, tomatoes and reserved meat; heat to a boil. Reduce the heat, cover partially and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the sauce is slightly thickened, about 1 hour. Add the kidney and pinto beans; simmer, uncovered, 30 minutes. The sauce should be slightly thickened.

4 Meanwhile, in a medium skillet over medium heat, warm the remaining 2 tablespoons oil. Add the red and yellow peppers; cook until slightly caramelized, 7 to 10 minutes. Add the sautéed peppers, grated chocolate and salt to taste to the chili; stir until the chocolate is melted. Taste for seasoning.

5 Serve in bowls, offering garnishes in small bowls for guests to add as desired.

Nutrition information per serving: 583 calories, 30 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 93 mg cholesterol, 35 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 41 g protein, 577 mg sodium, 8 g fiber

“The Old South is where I cook. The Old South is a place where food tells me where I am. The Old South is a place where food tells me who I am. The Old South is where food tells me where we have been. The Old South is where the story of our food might just tell America where it’s going.”

— Michael W. Twitty



BRET HARTMAN PHOTO

Michael W. Twitty is a food and cultural historian, and the founder of the blog Afroculinaria.

Honest, lyrical book looks at race, food, shared past

BY BILL DALEY
Chicago Tribune

Michael W. Twitty was 7 years old when he told his parents he wanted to be a writer, a teacher, a preacher and a chef.

“Just be careful for what you wish for,” he said with a chuckle during a recent telephone interview.

For Twitty has managed not only to weave elements of those professions together as a food and cultural historian and founder of Afroculinaria, a blog “exploring culinary traditions of Africa, African American and the African Diaspora,” but also in his powerful and personal first book, “The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African American Culinary History in the Old South” (Amistad, \$28.99). It is a compelling mix of autobiography, genealogy, history, race relations and food, written with honesty, humor and hope.

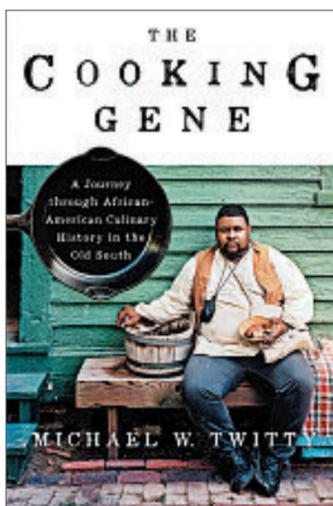
“I dare to believe all Southerners are a family,” Twitty writes in his introduction. “We are not merely Native, European, and African. We are Middle Eastern and South Asian and East Asian and Latin American, now. We are dysfunctional family, but we are family. We are unwitting inheritors of a story with many sins that bears the fruit of the possibility of ten times the redemption. One way is through reconnection with the culinary culture of the enslaved, our common ancestors, and restoring their names on the roots of the Southern tree and the table those roots support.”

“The Old South is where I cook,” the Maryland resident continues. “The Old South is a place where food tells me where I am. The Old South is a place where food tells me who I am. The Old South is where food tells me where we have been. The Old South is where the story of our food might just tell America where it’s going.”

“The Old South/ With soul food in its mouth/ and I, who am African American, must know her,” he writes, setting the stage for what is to come in the rest of the pages.

Twitty’s book is a persuasive argument that we all “must know her” to understand ourselves. For while his geographical locus is “The Old South,” this is a story of America and Americans, no matter where they live.

“To admit the South’s original sin is not to bash the South. But to say that only the South had these sins is a



lie,” Twitty said, speaking of the impact of slavery and racial injustice in the United States.

“I don’t pull punches. I’m not Booker T. Washington. I’m not going to compromise with you,” he said, referring to the black leader and educator who advocated educational and economic advancement over political or social equality for African-Americans during the Jim Crow era. “If we are going to have this conversation, we’re going to do so on an uncompromising level. We’re going to tell the truth as we see fit and stand up and represent ourselves.”

“The Cooking Gene” debuted in August. Sales figures were unavailable from HarperCollins Publishers, of which Amistad is an imprint, but a publicist said the hardcover book is in its fifth printing — which says something about its sales — and a paperback edition is slated for release in July, speaking to its popularity too.

Twitty’s work is winning recognition in media and food circles. It was one of NPR’s Best Books of 2017, a finalist in nonfiction for the Kirkus Prize, and one of the Ten Best Books About Food in 2017, according to Smithsonian Magazine. Padma Lakshmi, host of the “Top Chef” television series, posted a photo of herself on Instagram holding up the book. “This book will become a classic. My hat’s off to you, Michael!” she wrote. Nigella Lawson, the British cooking show star and author, tweeted that she was “bowled over by this book:

beautifully written, searingly important.”

As a first-time book author, Twitty said, “I had to do it right, as a black man, as a black gay man, as a black gay Jewish man. ... I had to be accurate, and I had to be careful.” Not everyone, however, feels satisfied.

“Some white people think I should spill the secrets of soul food, and there are black people who don’t want to see a black man dressed like ‘some damn slave,’” Twitty said. He explained that he doesn’t dress like a slave but like “a person wearing clothes from the past.” In the first paragraph of his book, he writes, “They call this a costume but it is my transformative historical drag; my makeup is a dusting of pot rust, red clay, and the ghost smells of meals past.” There are those, too, who don’t like that he wrote about being gay.

Next up for Twitty is a culinary tour of Ghana. He plans to look for culinary links between that West African country, the Caribbean and the cooking of African-Americans.

Twitty is also thinking of more books, specifically a work on Jewish food and faith, followed by a book on food from a gay perspective. He recalled being a fellow at the 2016 conference organized by TED, a global nonprofit “dedicated to ideas worth spreading.” One presentation focused on the first printing of a specific person’s entire genome. It took up 175 books. Twitty sees “The Cooking Gene” and the two future books as a “food version” of his genetic code.

For Twitty embraces all of his identities. He walks into the “historical kitchen,” as he writes in the book, bringing “politics and race, sexuality and spirituality, memory, brokenness, repair, reclamation and reconciliation, and anger. I bring in moments from my own childhood and wince sometimes at the feeling of mourning and pain I get from them. Moments of shame and failure, moments of incredible love and affection.”

Readers of “The Cooking Gene” are having their own moments, their own epiphanies. Twitty grapples with how to respond to their supportive comments, many of which tell him what they got out of his book.

“How do I thank someone for finding something in themselves?” he asks. “This is great. This is awesome. I’m grateful.”

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West African peanut stew with chicken

Prep: 40 minutes

Cook: 55 minutes

Makes: 6 servings (makes about 11 1/2 cups)

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons peanut oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 piece (2 1/2 inches long) ginger, peeled, minced (2 tablespoons)
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) no-salt-added diced tomatoes, with juices
- 1 medium sweet potato (12 ounces), peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 bunch collard greens (tough ribs discarded), leaves chopped (about 3 cups total)
- 2 medium red bell peppers, seeded, chopped
- 1/3 cup natural-style peanut butter (smooth or chunky)
- 6 tablespoons chopped roasted unsalted peanuts

1 Season the chicken with 1/4 teaspoon salt and the pepper. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large heavy pot over medium-high heat. Add half the chicken; cook, stirring, until it loses its raw look and is lightly browned in spots, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Repeat with another tablespoon of the oil and the remaining chicken, transferring the meat to the plate.

2 Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the pot; reduce the heat to medium. Add the onion; cook until softened, for about 3 minutes. Add the garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin, turmeric, cinnamon and the remaining 3/4 teaspoon salt; cook, stirring, 30 seconds.

3 Stir in the broth, tomatoes and their juices, the sweet potato, collard greens and red bell peppers; once the mixture comes to a boil, reduce the heat to medium-low, partially cover and cook until the vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes.

4 Return the chicken to the pot. Heat soup to a boil over medium; stir in the peanut butter until well incorporated. Cook until the chicken is thoroughly done, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve warm, topped with the chopped peanuts.

Nutrition information per serving: 410 calories, 18 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 85 mg cholesterol, 26 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 35 g protein, 380 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

1-pot West African-inspired stew finds the 'sweet spot'

BY ELLIE KRIEGER
The Washington Post

I am on a constant quest for exciting ways to hit what I call the "sweet spot," where delicious and healthy meet. Happily, there are endless such discoveries to be made by exploring cuisines from around the globe, and it's doubly nice when their ingredients are easily acces-

sible as they are for this wonderful West African-inspired one-pot meal.

The stew's distinctive taste comes from its unexpected combination of familiar flavors: peanut butter, which provides a creamy, toasty richness, and a warm, earthy spice blend of cumin, coriander, turmeric and cinnamon. These healthful seasonings add richness, nutrition and depth to the colorful medley of sweet

potatoes, tomato, bell pepper and collard greens that is studded with plump chunks of chicken breast.

If you are feeling a little bored with your health-conscious eating routine, this sumptuously satisfying dish is sure to shake things up.

Ellie Krieger is a nutritionist and freelance writer.

Egg foo young done right: Looking at you, gravy

BY LOUISA CHU
Chicago Tribune

Editor's note: The egg foo young gravy recipe was inadvertently omitted when this article was originally published on Feb. 28. We are reprinting the story and main recipe, and including the gravy recipe.

Egg foo young, the classic Chinese-American puffed omelet, was just one of the dishes we served under silver domes at Chinese Pagoda, the chop suey restaurant on the Northwest Side of Chicago owned by my aunt and uncle.

The last wok on the end of the fiery line in the kitchen was reserved exclusively for making the deep-fried delicacies. At a glance, I could always tell who'd made the order — my grandmother's were my favorites for their endearingly irregular form.

Well into her 70s, she'd heat the oil nearly filling the enormous blackened wok, before lowering a scoop filled with ingredients bound by eggs and bean sprouts. Forged by ferociously bubbling fat, a golden puff emerged. Before rushing the dish to a waiting table, I'd ladle on gravy.

That's where it all goes wrong.

The egg foo young origin story is said to go back to the southern Chinese coastal province of Guangdong, formerly known as Canton. The dish can now be found as a Cantonese hybrid not only in this country, but across Asia too.

But the reputation of the Chinese-American restaurant dish has been unjustly smeared with poorly made gravy, often a cornstarch-thickened, soy sauce-colored nightmare.

The recipe here simply celebrates the ingredients, hopelessly with the best



Eggs hold the mushroom and sprout mixture together as the pancake begins to fry.



Fry the pancake in oil on both sides until it is set throughout and crispy.



Egg foo young with mushrooms and bean sprouts is served with rice and mushroom gravy.

pastured organic eggs, crisp local bean sprouts and fresh shiitake mushrooms, the savory umami taste subtle yet decisive.

Rather than deep frying, pan fry in a wok with a generous pour of oil for a halo of crispy, egg-battered

tendrils. And then there's the redemptive gravy: a luscious mushroom sauce that will have you licking the spoon, after lavishing it over your finished dish.

Purists may cry that this is not a so-called authentic

egg foo young, and it's not. It's not the vintage restaurant dish, but its hand-crafted modern descendant, perhaps closer to the spirit of the original.

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Egg foo young

Prep: 25 minutes **Cook:** 35 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

- Peanut or vegetable oil
- 8 ounces fresh shiitake or portobello mushrooms, sliced thin
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon dry vermouth or vegetable stock
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1/2 cup water chestnuts, chopped rough
- 1/2 cup bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced scallion greens
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 6 eggs, beaten frothy
- Steamed white rice
- Egg foo young gravy, see recipe
- Sesame seeds, optional

1 Heat wok to medium-high; add 1 tablespoon peanut oil and mushrooms immediately. Cook until mushrooms start to brown, about 5 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons soy sauce and vermouth; cook until mushrooms are golden brown, about 5 minutes more. Transfer to a big bowl, with scraped up browned bits; stir 1 teaspoon sesame oil into the mushrooms; set aside to cool.

2 After mushrooms cool, add water chestnuts, bean sprouts, 1/4 cup scallions, remaining soy sauce and sesame oil, and salt and pepper to taste; toss to mix well.

3 To frothy beaten eggs, add mushroom-sprout mixture; mix well to coat all with eggs.

4 Clean out wok, heat, then add oil for frying, about 2 tablespoons.

5 Immediately ladle about 1/2 cup egg mixture in wok. When bottom sets and turns barely golden, flip carefully. Cook other side. Transfer to a rack over a baking sheet. Repeat with remaining mixture, adding more oil if needed.

6 Best served immediately over steamed white rice, with gravy on top or on the side, garnished with scallions and sesame seeds.

Egg foo young gravy

Prep: 15 minutes **Cook:** 25 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

- 1/2 cup peanut or coconut oil
- 1/2 cup finely sliced white part of scallions
- 4 ounces shiitake or portobello mushrooms, chopped well
- 1/2 cup flour
- 4 cups (one 32-ounce carton) vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

1 Heat wok to medium-high; add oil, scallion whites and mushrooms. Cook until browned well, about 10 minutes.

2 Sprinkle in flour; stir and cook until golden, about 5 minutes. Slowly whisk in stock until sauce forms. Simmer until desired consistency, 5 to 10 minutes. Add soy sauce, and salt and pepper to taste. Keep warm until ready to serve.

Chicago chef ran away, joined traveling circus

Circus, from Page 1

"Kurios." "Working in Chicago, so much of (working in restaurants) is about the hype, the public relations strategy. Plus the many external factors of working in a restaurant: food costs, trendiness, will this work for the neighborhood? But I want to know, does this make people happy? That's lost in so many restaurants."

On the road, Camba felt lighter, happier, her biggest joy being the chance to cook across all techniques and mediums. One day, she might have been baking, but the following week, she would brush up on her French techniques. "Us cooks go through these phases," Camba explained. "One week, we were all into sweetbreads, pates and sausages — synced up like women's menstrual cycles! Then all of a sudden, we were cooking Hawaiian."

"As a chef, it's nice to not have to make the same food all of the time. I'm making food because it's what I want to eat."

Cirque du Soleil's performers and crew are famously international, coming from 23 countries, allowing Camba a chance to try different cuisines at the drop of a hat. "One day, the contortionists — there are four of them, three Russian and one Mongolian — and they all wanted pelmeni (a type of dumpling). The next day, we did a whole thing: kulebyaka, a salmon puff pastry pie, some borscht."

Many of the performers are Canadian, and "they can tell the difference between maple syrups," said Camba. "We're usually good about sourcing the right ingredients, but you can't fool them — they grew up on the stuff."

To document her roving menu, Camba set up an

Instagram account for the food she and her team created (@chrisycamba). Between her own social media and the @kurioskitchen account, you'll find shots of pork collar char siu with steamed bao buns; razor clams with chile, parsley, garlic and white wine; dramatically plump fig and burrata salad with sea beans, Cheez-It dukkah and red wine reduction; a bounty of carrots, chard and cherries from the Edmonton, Alberta, stretch; boxes of Voodoo Doughnuts from when "Kurios" was in Portland, Ore. The cheese list, too, reads like a Michelin-approved menu: Ferrier Camembert, Berthaut Epoisses, Harbison from Jasper Hill. In between shows, Camba practiced her bread-making, even teaching the kitchen manager and the site carpenter her tricks of the trade. "I had a total meltdown. The carpenter's bread is already so much better than mine! I thought to myself, 'How do I sabotage him?'"

Touring city to city — Dallas; Houston; Winnipeg; Manitoba; Edmonton; Portland; and Vancouver — she and the other cooks helped build up and tear down the heavy-duty trailers housing the collective kitchen. The dining room looks like your standard, run-of-the-mill cafeteria — simple round tables with a smattering of chairs throughout — while the kitchen is as industrial as any restaurant's: gleaming stainless steel sinks, countertops and shelves abound. Every city, it's the same: a few days to unpack and build the nomadic setup, and a few days tearing it all down. The process, said Camba, became clockwork.

The kitchen fires burned six days a week, three meals a day, but

Camba didn't blink. Sourcing for the kitchen fell under the purview of the kitchen manager, who sent notes three to four weeks ahead of the caravan to purveyors in the next city. When possible, Camba and her crew shopped at local farmers markets for things like meats, cheeses and some seasonal produce, but for the most part, they only had to focus on cooking.

Camba and her crew cooked on double-stacked convection ovens, or over a gas flame range — the standard appliances you'd find in any kitchen. It was spacious there, with none of the rush of orders coming in, none of the high-strung energy of a battalion of chefs chiffonading or plating for potential Michelin reviewers, Yelpers or food critics. "The performers are happy to eat with us," said Camba. "They're a huge family here."

"The performers are not fine-dining eaters — they only expect to be fed, and we take our job seriously to feed them well and take care of them," said Camba. "In restaurants, everything about a meal can be perfect, but if a customer is in a bad mood, the littlest thing can set them off, and they'll write a bad Yelp review. It's not like that here."

When the "Kurios" North American run ended Dec. 31, Camba opted not to join the Asian leg of the tour. Instead, she signed on to another Cirque show, "Volta," where she will work for another month. What does life look like after the circus? "Hopefully, I open up a bread thing, a bakery," said Camba. "I have no structured plans. Life comes at you at all angles."

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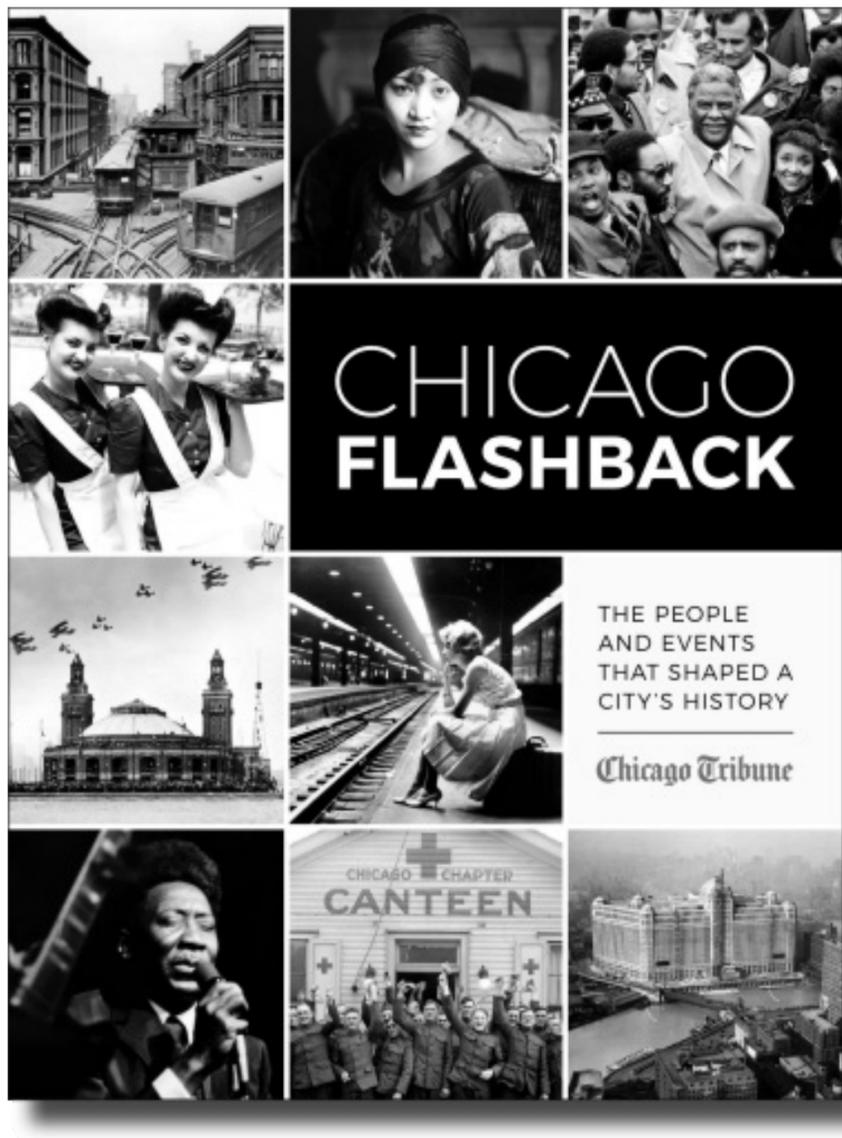
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\$478 Lb.
 \$2.39 1/2 Lb.

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\$798 Lb.
 \$3.99 1/2 Lb.
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\$1098 Lb.
 \$5.49 1/2 Lb.
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Boneless Chicken Wings
\$499 Lb.
 Boneless Chicken Wings 2 Lb. Bucket \$9.95

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\$578 Lb.
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Yoplait
Yogurt
•Original
•Whips •Light
Selected Varieties
4 - 6 Oz.



10/\$5

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Biscuits
•Buttermilk
•Homestyle
7.5 Oz.
49¢

Dutch Farms
Dips
•French Onion
•Ranch
16 Oz.
3/\$4

Parkay
Margarine
•Spray •Squeeze
•Spread •Quarters
Selected Varieties
8 - 16 Oz.
\$179

Dutch Farms
Premium Dips
11.5 - 12 Oz.
2/\$4

Pillsbury
Rolls
•Crescent
•Cinnamon
8 - 13.9 Oz.
\$229

Daisy Brand
Sour Cream
24 Oz.
2/\$5

Challenge
Butter
1 Lb. Qtrs.
\$399

Daisy Brand
Cottage Cheese
16 Oz.
3/\$5

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•Bagels
14 Oz.
•English Muffins
6 Pk.



99¢

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Half & Half
14 Oz.
3/\$5

Dean's
Easter Egg Nog
Quart
2/\$6

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Yogurt
•Activia 4 Pk.
•Danimals Drinks 6 Pk.
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•Light & Fit
•Oikos
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Natural Cheese Slices
Selected Varieties
7 - 8 Oz.
\$229

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Bagel Chips & Cream Cheese Dip
2.5 Oz.
2/\$3

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Shredded Cheese
•Mozzarella •Mild Cheddar
8 Oz.
99¢



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Selected Varieties
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\$189

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Whipped Topping
6.5 Oz. Can
\$169

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Cheese
Selected Varieties
•Bars 8 Oz.
•Natural Slices 6 Oz.
\$189

Dutch Farms
Gelatin Rings
19.5 - 24 Oz.
3/\$5

Dutch Farms
Cheese Spread
8 Oz.
\$219

Dutch Farms
Pudding
22 Oz. Tub
2/\$5

Dutch Farms
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2 Lb. Loaf
\$399

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Cream Cheese
•Regular
•1/3 Less Fat
8 Oz. Box
4/\$5

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24 Oz.
2/\$5



Dean's DairyPure
Sour Cream
8 Oz.
99¢

Dannon
Yogurt
•Fruit On The Bottom
•Light & Fit •Whole Milk
Selected Varieties
5.3 Oz.
10/\$5



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Tea
59 Oz.
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•Whole •1%
1/2 Gallon
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Gallon
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1/2 Gallon
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•Waffles •Pancakes
9.8 - 16.4 Oz.
2/\$4



McCain
Potatoes
22 - 26 Oz.
2/\$5

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Vegetables
•Mixtures •Stir Fry
Selected Varieties
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\$369

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•Asiago Mozzarella Sticks 11.5 Oz.
•Pretzel Stick Pub Cheese 12 Oz.
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Banquet
Meat Pot Pie
7 Oz.
89¢

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4 - 5.5 Oz.
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Sandwiches
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Selected Varieties
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•Original
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12 Inch
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\$399

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9 Oz.
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Appetizers
Selected Varieties
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\$499

DiGiorno
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12 Inch
2/\$11

Pizza
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12 Inch
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9 Inch
•Gino's East Tavern Style
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Pizza
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• Crush
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• Canada Dry
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3/\$9



Regular, Diet
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• Mtn. Dew
• Crush
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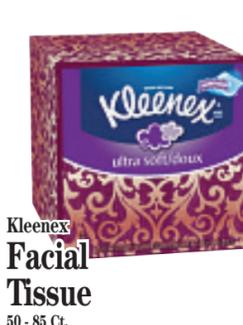
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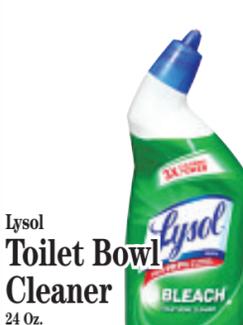
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