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"We can't just sit back with our arms crossed," said Mauro Navarro, of Carpentersville, who has temporary protected status.

Welcome mat pulled, Salvadorans live in fear

Protected migrants face uncertainty as years of 'temporary' status end

By NEREIDA MORENO
Chicago Tribune

More than two decades after he fled civil war in his native El Salvador, Mauro Navarro doesn't want to give up on his claim to the American Dream.

Navarro, 45, has been shielded from deportation through temporary protected status, a federal program for immigrants who were unable to return to their countries because of armed conflicts, environmental disasters or other "extraordinary and temporary conditions."

But as with many who signed up for TPS status, Navarro's stay turned out not to be temporary. He built a life in the United States for 25 years — only to be told that it's time for him to go home.

Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen announced in January that the El Salvador program would be phased out by Sept. 9, 2019. Salvadorans have until March 19 to re-register and renew their work permits a final time.

In the Chicago area, many facing this plight — TPS status also is ending for immigrants from Haiti, Sudan and Nicaragua — are feeling overlooked in the debate on immigration reform. Politicians have focused on the plight of so-called Dreamers who are in danger of losing protections under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. But TPS holders say they are Dreamers too.

"We can't just sit back with our arms crossed," said Navarro, of Carpentersville. "We have 18 months to fight."

Under the temporary protected status program, established in 1990, the federal government can grant protections for immigrants from a particular country for six to 18 months, then renew a country's status if conditions remain unsafe.

It's not unusual for the designation to end after two or three years. But many immigrants being

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In Trump tariffs, break for allies

Exemptions eyed for Mexico, Canada as White House wrestles with fluid plan

By KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans and business groups were bracing Wednesday for the impact of expected tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum, appearing resigned to additional protectionist trade actions as President Donald Trump sig-

naled upcoming economic battles with China.

Trump was expected to make a final announcement Thursday, and officials were working to include language in the tariffs that would give Trump flexibility for certain countries. Late Wednesday, reports surfaced that the White House might not meet the Thursday target.

Administration officials said

Wednesday that Trump is planning to offer Canada and Mexico a temporary exemption, reversing his original insistence that the measures apply to U.S. allies as well as nations such as China.

One version of the plan, which was still being finalized, would give Canada and Mexico a 30-day exemption from the tariffs, the officials said. The exemptions could be extended based on progress in renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The move came as the White

House signaled a new flexibility after a drama that has roiled relations with the country's closest allies, triggered the resignation of National Economic Council chief Gary Cohn and spooked investors. Republicans in Congress have been urging the president to narrow his proposed global tariffs to avoid boomeranging on U.S. businesses and consumers.

Peter Navarro, the director of the White House's Trade and

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Liz Hogan, who accused Robert Rita of battery in 2002, says her case is more resonant today. "It's almost like a second chance."

Domestic battery charges resurface in legislative race

Acquitted in '03, south suburban lawmaker sees accuser aiding foe

By RAY LONG,
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Chicago Tribune

Fifteen years ago, a jury acquitted state Rep. Robert Rita after a woman he had dated accused him of barging into her house in Evergreen Park, pulling her to the floor and threatening to rape her.

Now the case is resurfacing as the Democratic state lawmaker from south suburban

Blue Island runs for re-election in a new political climate shaped by a sexual harassment scandal in Springfield as well as the nationwide #MeToo movement.

Emboldened by a belief that her story carries more resonance today, Rita's former girlfriend is speaking out and siding with a female challenger, Mary Carvlin, in the March 20 primary. Carvlin also has raised the issue in her campaign, calling a news conference to highlight the case and questioning Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan's continued support for Rita.

"It's almost like a second chance," Liz Hogan, Rita's accuser, told the Tribune.

Rita, who was found not



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"I did not do the horrible acts I was accused of," Rep. Robert Rita, D-Blue Island, has said. He was found not guilty.

guilty in 2003 on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and criminal trespass, declined requests for a Tribune interview, though his representatives dismiss the issue as an old

charge that ended in acquittal.

Rita started his first term not long before his trial. At the time, Rita called the pending charges "unfounded" and labeled them "false accusations," according to The Associated Press. "I did not do the horrible acts I was accused of," Rita said.

Madigan, the state Democratic Party chairman, backed Rita after his 2002 arrest and in every election since. The speaker's financial support for Rita includes tens of thousands of dollars this campaign season for printing, mailing and staff costs.

"The not guilty verdict in the trial and his conduct since does

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Emanuel must give testimony about police shooting

Deposition ordered in lawsuits over killing of teen, neighbor in '15

By DAN HINKEL
AND JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

In a rare move, a Cook County judge has ordered Mayor Rahm Emanuel to sit for a sworn deposition in lawsuits stemming from the controversial police shooting of a baseball bat-clutching teen and an innocent



LeGrier



Jones

bystander.

Lawyers for the city had waged a sustained battle to prevent Emanuel or police Superintendent Eddie Johnson from having to

give statements under oath, but Cook County Circuit Judge James O'Hara ordered Wednesday that both must give depositions in the coming weeks.

The ruling comes more than two months after the city's police oversight agency determined that Officer Robert Rialmo unjustifiably shot and killed Quintonio LeGrier, 19, and his 55-year-old neighbor, Bettie Jones, while responding to a domestic disturbance on the West Side in 2015. Johnson has yet to determine whether he will adopt the disci-

plinary agency's recommendation and seek Rialmo's firing by the police board, and volumes of litigation over the shooting are still pending.

After O'Hara's ruling, the city's lawyers asked that the judge set a time limit for the mayor's testimony, but he declined to do so. O'Hara said he would supervise the deposition and make sure it remained "reasonable."

The judge set a hearing for Tuesday for the lawyers to dis-

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Candidate's resume, style draw scrutiny

Congressional candidate Benjamin Thomas Wolf, whose focus on legalizing marijuana earned him the nickname "cannabis candidate," touts his service as an FBI agent. But, like other claims he has made, the Tribune found it isn't true. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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GOP state Rep. Jeanne Ives, a candidate for governor, is pushing legislation to stop Mayor Rahm Emanuel's CityKey ID.



JOHN KASS

Ives accuses Emanuel, Rauner of 'pandering'

Jeanne Ives, the conservative candidate for governor of Illinois, gets to the heart of policies that are cynical, subversive and designed to blur the distinction between the citizen and noncitizen.

Those policies are Mayor Rahm Emanuel's controversial city ID card that will be issued to citizens and noncitizens alike in his sanctuary city, and Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's signing of sanctuary state legislation.

"They're two parts of the same issue," Ives told me in an interview Wednesday. "They're both about pandering for votes. Rauner betrayed the Republican base with his sanctuary state signing and the taxpayer-funded abortion bill. And with the city ID, Mayor Emanuel opens the door to vote fraud while pandering for Hispanic votes for his re-election.

"My campaign believes in the rule of law. We believe in following federal immigration law. The others (Rauner and Emanuel) don't. So these are fundamental incompatible beliefs. And that's the problem here."

Republican state Rep. Ives, of Wheaton, has submitted legislation to stop the mayor's ID program. Democrats in control of the Illinois House dumped it into the black hole of the Rules Committee.

Yet the issue is still alive, because it is fundamental, and it resonates with voters going into the March 20 primary.

Democratic candidates for governor must step carefully. Latino activists favor the mayor's ID card idea, while many old-line white ethnic neighborhoods are opposed.

Interestingly enough, African-American voters — whom Rauner must reclaim to win re-election in 2019 — are ambivalent at best about the mayor's ID card proposal, and many are downright hostile, judging from the people I've talked to and anger over the topic on WVON-AM, a black talk radio station.

It's one of those topics, perhaps considered taboo, left largely uncovered by Chicago media. But competition between Latinos — including those who are here illegally — and African-Americans who worry about

being pushed to the back of the political and economic line is real.

African-American aldermen who support the mayor tell me they understand the political problems with his CityKey ID. They listen to WVON. They pay attention.

If the animosity among black voters toward the mayoral ID continues, then look for this scenario:

Emanuel's handpicked city clerk, Anna Valencia, could get a strong challenge from an African-American candidate in 2019, backed by black and white wards on the Northwest and Southwest sides.

So Emanuel played his Donald Trump card against Ives.

"She should just take her Trump rhetoric out of the city," he said. "It doesn't reflect our values."

It doesn't reflect his values, either, or least, those he expressed for years while working for Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. Then, Emanuel was all for the rule of immigration law.

He implored Clinton to stage immigration raids at businesses to convince Americans he was serious about illegal immigration.

Yet these days, running for re-election, reaching out to Latinos, he's become Mayor Zorro.

"African-Americans get it, many legal Hispanic immigrants, and non-Hispanics get it, the children of European immigrants get it," Ives said. "Pandering is what these policies are about."

Emanuel's CityKey ID cards will be issued to citizens and noncitizens alike and are expected sometime in spring. They will help allow cardholders to register to vote. Only U.S. citizens are legally allowed to vote. But voters are not required by state law to prove citizenship and simply need two pieces of identification, and to attest they are citizens.

Those ambiguities have spurred this debate.

"The mayor's CityKey ID plan is about suborning voter fraud," Ives said. "And City Hall, which has made Chicago a sanctuary city, knows it."

Supporters of the mayor's plan scoff at the notion that the card would

be used for vote fraud, saying immigrants here illegally don't want to draw notice.

Critics, however, aren't so sure. Either way, political control ultimately resides in election law and election bureaucracies.

And when it comes to politics, Illinois isn't exactly the Garden of Eden.

"There's no doubt the city ID card will be used for voter registration," Ives said. "You need two pieces of identification, and one must be a picture ID. ... Not all registrars are well-trained, many are political, and they must ask the question, 'Are you a U.S. citizen?' If they don't ask it, trust me they'll assume they're a citizen and they're going to register them to vote."

"The mayor's policy counts on people who aren't government employees to follow the correct procedure. And I have zero confidence they'll do this correctly."

In these last two weeks of her campaign against the wealthy, if weakened, Rauner, Ives has had to contend with his ads portraying her as a creature of Democratic boss Mike Madigan.

Rauner's campaign took her comments at a Tribune Editorial Board debate and twisted them to make it appear as if Ives were defending Boss Madigan.

It's disingenuous at best, at bottom a lie. Still, it has had an effect.

"Rauner can continue to lie, and he knows he has the money to run his Madigan bogeyman ads against me," Ives said. "I'm going to address the Republican Party. The Republican base knows what he's about. He betrayed them. They know it. And without the Republican base, you can't win a general election."

There are less than two weeks to go until the March 20 party primaries.

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Tony Blair, pictured last week in Brussels, was in Chicago for a quick visit Wednesday.

In Chicago, Blair skips the pizza known for its Brexit connection

Former British Prime Minister **Tony Blair** made a whistle-stop visit to Chicago on Wednesday — but didn't express any interest in visiting his countrymen's favorite Chicago pizzeria.

The Pizzeria Uno at O'Hare International Airport has gone down in history as the unlikely spot where **David Cameron** — who became British prime minister three years after Blair left office — in 2012 agreed to a deal to hold a referendum on Brexit.

"All I can say is, I hope the pizza was better than the deal!" said Blair, referring to what economists broadly agree was the British people's financially disastrous decision to leave the European Union.

Blair, who was in town to speak at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, spoke to Chicago Inc. and WTTW's **Paris Schutz** to promote his acceptance of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation's Lincoln Leadership Prize. Blair will accept the award at an April 24 fundraising dinner.

In a news release announcing the honor, the foundation's chairman, **Ray McCaskey**, said Blair was like Lincoln in that they "both led their countries through tumultuous times."

Blair's least popular decision, going to war in Iraq, went unmentioned, and Blair told Inc. that he did not consider the

award to be any kind of vindication. "It's about a career, which is about more than one decision," he said. "If you're prime minister for 10 years, you do things people don't like as well as do like."

Blair said he was not jealous of the U.S. custom of building lavish libraries in honor of former presidents. Unlike presidents, he noted, prime ministers are not heads of state and do not qualify for palaces.

More recently, Blair has been forced to deny allegations contained in **Michael Wolff's** book about President **Donald Trump's** administration that he had tried "sucking up" to **Jared Kushner** for an appointment as a Middle East peace envoy. Asked by Inc. if he would accept such a position if Trump offered it, he said, "First of all, he hasn't and he won't, and secondly, I don't want to go back into an official position."

Asked if he was glad he did not have to deal with Trump, he laughed, but said, "No, I'm not going to get into insulting," describing Britain's relationship with the U.S. as "too important" to jeopardize.

Still, he added of dealing with Trump: "It would be a form of British understatement to say the challenges were evident."

— Kim Janssen

Brazilian makes NU tennis mark

His family name is synonymous with luxury lodging and elegant dining in Brazil, but **Antonioni Fasano** lives a much more modest life as a freshman member of the Northwestern University tennis team.

"It's really busy, especially now with the (tennis) season. We've been traveling every single weekend, playing a match at home whenever we're here, so there's not time to go out to Chicago and do anything," Fasano, 19, told the Tribune.

Fasano's relatives, meanwhile, have built a hotel and restaurant empire. The family was dubbed "the biggest name in Brazilian hospitality for over a century" by The Wall Street Journal last year. The restaurant chain, which dates to 1902, has reportedly welcomed **Fidel Castro**, **Nat King Cole** and President **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, among other prominent figures. Fasano's dad, **Fabrizio Fasano Jr.**, is a judge on "Bake Off Brasil."

More than 5,000 miles away, Antonioni



Fasano

Fasano is charting a different path. The teenager — who has a twin brother, **Lorenzo** — has not yet declared a major, but said he is focusing on economics. He grew up in Sao Paulo and moved to Spain for a year to focus on tennis. Fasano said he realized a few years ago that he may not want to be a professional tennis player, so he decided to go to college so he could study while he played tennis.

His talent drew the attention of Northwestern tennis coach **Arvid Swan**. "He's one of our best players as a freshman. He's a very talented player, both in singles and doubles and he's really integrated well with the team," Swan said. "His parents have done a great job of raising him. I know he has kind of an unusual family background, but you would never, when speaking with him, know that his family is well-known in Brazil."

— Tracy Swartz

Quigley takes on hockey campaign

North Side U.S. Rep. **Mike Quigley** has taken up the cause to get **Willie O'Ree**, the NHL's first black player, inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

"Sixty years ago, Willie O'Ree broke the black color barrier in professional hockey, all while overcoming racist slurs, doubt and blindness in his right eye," Quigley said on the House floor Tuesday.

According to the Hall of Fame's bylaws, "qualifying public submissions must be received by March 15 in each year to be circulated prior to the April 15 nomination deadline."

Quigley said O'Ree, "often referred to as the **Jackie Robinson** of hockey," is worthy of induction despite his short NHL career, "and it is long overdue that Willie's name be added to that list."



Quigley



O'Ree

"As the Hockey Hall of Fame continues to accept and review nominee submissions before the March 15 deadline, I want to remind everyone of the countless ways Willie strengthened and supported the sport."

O'Ree, now 82, was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and played 45 games in the NHL, all for the Boston Bruins over two seasons, 1957-58 and 1960-61.

He scored four goals and had two assists.

"On January 18, 1958, when I stepped onto the ice to play for the Boston Bruins, I honestly had no earthly idea that I was breaking hockey's color barrier," O'Ree wrote for The Players Tribune in 2016.

— Phil Thompson

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Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

'Cannabis candidate' touts FBI agent past

But like other Wolf claims in race vs. Quigley, it isn't true

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

Benjamin Thomas Wolf's congressional campaign office in Chicago's Ukrainian Village neighborhood is adorned with framed news stories, touting his service in the FBI.

A Newsweek article features a portrait of Wolf holding a lit marijuana blunt and asks, "Who is Benjamin Thomas Wolf? Former FBI agent smokes weed in Illinois congressional campaign ad." A Vice story declares, "This former FBI agent is running for Congress to legalize weed." The Times of Israel says, "Jewish ex-FBI agent makes blunt bid for Congress."

In a news release last week, the Wolf campaign identified him as a "former FBI agent."

But the news release and articles got one detail wrong: Wolf was never an FBI agent.

A spokesperson for the FBI confirmed to the Tribune that Wolf served the agency as "a non-special agent professional support employee." Wolf, one of two challengers in the Democratic primary trying to unseat Rep. Mike Quigley in Illinois' 5th Congressional District, said this week that he failed the FBI's agent test.

The Tribune found other problems with the Wolf campaign's assertions. He wrote an endorsement from a former associate to use on a campaign webpage without the associate's approval, Wolf told the Tribune. Although Wolf has never outright claimed to have served in the military, his campaign has used words and phrases that seem to imply he did, tweeting that Wolf "served multiple tours" in Iraq.

In interviews with the Tribune this week, Wolf said he has never identified himself as an FBI agent and downplayed the difference between his support role and an FBI agent. He also said he's never implied he served in the military, and when he's talked about being "overseas" or "on tour," he was referring to his time with the State Department.

"People are caught up in minor details," Wolf said. "I don't care."

Wolf said the emphasis should be on the issues, particularly his focus on legalizing marijuana, which has earned him the nickname "cannabis candidate," and on his years of service as a diplomatic security special agent for the State Department. The State Department confirmed Wolf was employed as a special agent until July 2013 but didn't provide specifics about his assignments.

Wolf's unorthodox campaign style and resume have drawn scrutiny.

Thomas O'Connor, president of the FBI agents union, said employees like Wolf are valuable



Benjamin Thomas Wolf is running in the Democratic primary against Rep. Mike Quigley in the 5th District.



Wolf displays a State Department badge at his campaign HQ.

workers who often do surveillance, but they're not FBI agents.

Wolf's duties as a nonagent support staff member don't line up with some of the ways he's being described in news articles or how he lists his former employment as a "national security advisor" on Facebook, O'Connor said.

"If someone was not an FBI agent, they should not claim to be an FBI agent," O'Connor said.

'Former FBI agent'

In an interview, Wolf said he is originally from Ohio and his public service interest intensified on an eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C. He said he was standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and looking at the Reflecting Pool and the buildings around him when he knew that's where he wanted to be.

Wolf said he attended Kent State University and graduated in five years with a bachelor's degree in political science and criminal justice in 1998.

During an internship, Wolf said he bumped into a woman who

asked what he wanted to do with his life.

"I said, 'Well, ma'am, I just want to serve my country. I'd like to one day be an FBI agent,'" he recalled.

The woman handed him a business card and asked him to come see her, Wolf recalled. Wolf said he went to the FBI building for recruitment and met the woman, who told him he was too young for an FBI special agent job. Instead, Wolf said, the woman offered him another opportunity.

"It's a classified job. It's a covert job," she said, according to Wolf. "Fill out the application and get back to me."

Later, Wolf was hired at the FBI as an investigative specialist. Wolf said he joined in March 1999 and left in July 2003.

His campaign website says he "worked for years within the National Security Division on the highest priority terrorism, intelligence, and international security matters."

A 2017 news story on the now-defunct DNAinfo.com site quoted Wolf after a public safety meeting with Ald. Scott Waguespack and police, where hundreds of residents turned out to discuss crime concerns.

"As a former FBI Agent, I am confident and clear in saying that the police are underfunded and crime is out of control in Chicago," the story quoted Wolf saying.

Wolf's campaign shared the story on Facebook and highlighted Wolf's "FBI agent" boast.

Wolf blamed the news release on a staffer and said the DNAinfo story misquoted him, but it wasn't important enough to correct.

Wolf said he shared the story with the quote on Facebook because "it's a great article." Asked whether he was concerned about

the supposed inaccuracy, he said, "I don't care."

Diplomat

When Wolf failed the FBI agent test, he said it was "crushing" to know he wanted to do something but couldn't.

He was applying for other opportunities with the federal government and then heard from the State Department.

"I was going to go back and do it again, I would've crushed it, but the State Department called," Wolf said.

Wolf worked for the State Department as a special agent in diplomatic security as a foreign service specialist for more than a decade, the department confirmed.

Wolf said that State Department job is "the same job" as being an FBI agent.

"I carried a badge and a gun and I was a special agent for the United States government. The FBI, they're specially appointed agents for the Justice Department. I just happened to be with the State Department. It's the same job," he said.

Wolf showed the Tribune a variety of commendations and plaques in his office marking his service at the State Department. One award notes he helped evacuate Peace Corps personnel from Guinea. Another document shows he was part of a team that helped ensure former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's safety on a trip to Alabama after Hurricane Katrina.

He was also recognized for helping provide anti-terrorism training in Iraq, according to a memo. Wolf showed the Tribune documents stating his job also

took him to Algeria, Senegal and Miami.

"I fell in love with that job," Wolf said.

Wolf's campaign website says, "He actively and loyally served four Secretaries of State and advised dozens of U.S. ambassadors."

Wolf said he resigned to pursue a doctorate in Chicago.

'Multiple tours'

On Veterans Day in November, Quigley's official Twitter account tweeted about immigrants serving in the military and thanked veterans for their service.

Wolf's official Twitter account responded, "Wolf served multiple tours in Africa and Iraq. Wolf for congress."

In June, Wolf's campaign posted a chart on Facebook contrasting Wolf's policy positions and life experiences with Quigley's.

In one row, the chart says Quigley "has never served in military or overseas." On the same line, Wolf's says, "Served in Iraq and Africa multiple times."

Asked whether his campaign literature implies Wolf served in the armed forces, Wolf said no.

"The Department of Defense and the veterans community does not have a patent on the word 'service,'" Wolf said. "They cannot copyright the term 'service.'"

In a statement, Quigley campaign spokesman Thomas Bowen said, "Ben Wolf has made numerous claims about his background and experience that are simply untrue. His lies about his biography are a disservice to all those who have served honorably and raise serious questions about whether voters can trust a word he says."

In May, Veterans Affairs worker Timothy Lawson publicly accused Wolf's campaign of "fabricating" a glowing recommendation on Wolf's campaign website. Lawson told the Tribune he wasn't interested in commenting on the matter but called it a "misunderstanding."

Wolf told the Tribune he wanted to publish a letter from Lawson that would serve as a testimonial. He wrote the letter for Lawson but never got his approval and published it on his site anyway.

In another endorsement on Wolf's campaign website, George Washington University professor James Bailey said Wolf "may just be the new JFK."

Bailey confirmed the comment to the Tribune and said he's known Wolf for about eight years.

Bailey said the basis for comparing Wolf to John F. Kennedy is that Wolf speaks articulately about the obligation of citizens to participate in democracy.

"Plus, they look a little alike," Bailey said.

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Separation 'mistake' probably happens all too often



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This is a start.

The mother of the 7-year-old child I've been writing about for the past week — the child detained by the government here in Chicago while her mother was held 2,000 miles away in California — has been released from an immigrant detention facility in San Diego.

And according to Sen. Dick Durbin, who spoke with me Wednesday afternoon, the head of the Department of Homeland Security acknowledged to him that the separation of the mother and child who arrived in November seeking asylum was "a mistake."

"She said it was a mistake," Durbin said, following a conversation with DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen. "She said it never should have happened."

A source at DHS disagreed with Durbin's account and said the secretary did not acknowledge any mistake.

I'll allow the political folks to sort out who said what and when.

But given that the mother followed all appropriate steps for

seeking asylum, passed an initial asylum screening showing she has a strong case, was not accused of any form of abuse or neglect and then had her daughter taken away without explanation while she could hear the child screaming, I'm going to just go ahead and say this was a mistake.

To be clear, it was a 4-month-long mistake that put a mother, who fled Congo fearing death, and her 7-year-old daughter through unimaginable and wholly unnecessary trauma. It continues even now as the child remains at a Chicago facility run by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Relocation.

It was a 4-month-long mistake that was identified and addressed only because of a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and growing pressure from the Chicago Tribune and other media outlets.

Saying it was a mistake — if that was even said — is easy, but there are a slew of questions that remain unanswered, most notably: How many more families seeking asylum have been separated, and what's going to happen to them?

Durbin told me he asked Nielsen how much this is happening and she said, "Less than 1 percent." (I sought confirmation of this part of Durbin's comments but received no response.)

There have been dozens of reports — from news organizations and advocacy groups — about families being separated along the border.

And Homeland Security officials had previously discussed using this tactic as a means to deter illegal immigration and asylum-seekers.

Durbin said he takes Nielsen at her word and will be meeting with her to follow up on this issue next week.

"She knew about it right away, so that was an indication that it made it up the chain in a hurry," Durbin said. "It is clearly inhumane and unacceptable to separate a mother from her child in this circumstance. There's enough trauma in that little kid's life, already being uprooted and transported halfway across the world."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement attorneys filed a response to the ACLU's lawsuit late Wednesday in U.S. District Court in the Southern District of California. The response updated the court on the mother's release and offered some explanation for the separation.

The attorneys wrote that given "the minimal documentation available of the alleged parent-child relationship, which includes only a student identification card for" the child with the mother's name on it, a DNA test is neces-

sary. The filing says the DNA test was scheduled for Wednesday.

That's quick work. But it seems it could have happened sooner, especially since the mother's attorneys say she had previously offered to do a DNA test.

Things move fast when the pressure is on, I guess.

I sent several questions to Nielsen's press office, including: Is there any kind of a review planned to make sure there aren't other situations like this involving asylum-seekers? Does DHS know how many children have been separated from parents seeking asylum? If so, how many are there? What is the protocol for screening parents who arrive here with children seeking asylum?

Those questions were referred to Sarah Rodriguez, deputy press secretary for ICE, who would only confirm that the Congolese mother had been released from ICE custody.

"I don't have anything further for you on this," Rodriguez wrote in an email.

I've been getting a lot of that lately.

For now, at least, the mother — identified in court documents only as "Ms. L," a Catholic who fled a small village in the Congo with the help of a Catholic church — is free and being helped by her immigration attorney.

Lee Gelernt, deputy director of

the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project and one of the attorneys representing the mother and child, told me: "I think they won't reunite her with her daughter until she has a stable place. Our next step is to immediately get her to a more permanent place to live."

Gelernt said the mother was rather unceremoniously released from the California facility Tuesday afternoon, with her attorney given only two hours' notice.

Which again makes me wonder: If it was so important to separate the two in the first place, why was it so easy for the mother to be released once pressure was put on immigration officials?

Sounds like a mistake to me. A terrible one.

And my fear is that it's a mistake being made — perhaps with a wink and a nod from an administration openly hostile toward immigrants — far more often than we realize.

I thank all of you who have emailed me about this case, offering help, offering your homes and telling me of calls you've made to politicians across the country. Your voices certainly helped.

And while Ms. L and her daughter are still not reunited, the situation is better than it was before.

This is a start.

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U. of I. union stages sit-ins amid strike

Grad student workers target president's, chancellor's offices

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

In a sign of escalating tensions surrounding a strike at the University of Illinois, members of the graduate student workers union at the Urbana-Champaign campus have camped outside the university president's office and were refusing to leave Wednesday until a contract agreement had been reached.

Members of the Graduate Employees' Organization walked off the job Feb. 26 following nearly a year of unsuccessful contract talks with the administration. The union, which represents around 2,700 graduate and teaching assistants, began negotiating a new contract in March 2017 and has been working without a contract since August.

University spokesman Tom Hardy said union members, who entered the building Tuesday, are occupying the hallway and staircase next to President Timothy Killeen's office and suite in the Henry Administration Building. A video that union members posted to their Twitter account shows strikers in the hallway, some with tents, with signs affixed to the wall showing messages including "Fund education first" and "Fair wages for grad labor."

"They are acting peacefully and have arrayed numerous protest signs in the area," Hardy said. "Staff departed the office and re-entered this morning with no incident."

Later Wednesday afternoon, members also staged a sit-in outside Chancellor Robert Jones' office in the Swanlund Administration Building in Champaign, according to a video the union posted to its social media accounts.

The strike is affecting campus life. University officials say 457 classes have been moved and 576 classes have been canceled over seven school days, though they maintain those numbers represent a small percentage of the number of classes offered daily. Between 1,936 and 2,880 class sessions are held Monday to Friday on the Urbana-Champaign campus.

In bringing the demonstration to Killeen's office, students say they are hoping to place more pressure on the administration to meet their demands for guaranteed tuition waivers and more generous pay raises — the primary issues of contention between the two sides.

The strike, the longest in the union's 20-year history, is into a second week after a mediation session Sunday failed to result in any progress. Another mediation got underway Wednesday, according to union and university leaders, but talks continued into the evening without any word of progress.

"Our picket lines have been really strong for the past week and people keep turning up. Our rallies are packed, and that's excellent," said Ashli Anda, one of the union organizers. "But we also recognize that even a successful, repetitive action might not be enough of an escalation. So we had this plan to apply a little bit more pressure through this occupation."

Urbana-Champaign Provost Andreas Cangelaris said he believed the university's team has offered several concessions that met the demands of the graduate student workers.

"We share a common goal here," Cangelaris said in a statement. "We want to reach an agreement that is fair, equitable and ensures that Illinois

continues to be a top choice for the best graduate students in the world. We also need to be sure that our faculty continue to steward the quality and competitiveness of our academic programs. ... We're back at the bargaining table today to work together with them to reach common ground and a fair resolution."

Union leaders are seeking guaranteed tuition waivers for themselves and future students, arguing that the benefit is the primary reason many can afford to pursue graduate-level studies at the U. of I. The administration wants to regain the ability to modify waivers for programming and financial reasons but says any changes would not affect the terms for currently enrolled students.

The majority of members in the bargaining unit have graduate and teaching assistant programs requiring them to work 20 hours a week for up to nine months a year as a condition of their tuition waivers, according to a university website. Only those who work 10 to 27 hours a week for their assistantships are part of the bargaining unit, according to the union leaders.

The union also is seeking 747 percent raises to the minimum pay for assistantships in the current academic year. It also is requesting 3.5 percent base pay increases and 3.5 percent annual raises during a three-year contract. The administration proposed a 4 percent boost in base pay for this year then 1.5 percent increases in the remaining years of a five-year contract, according to a university website. Reappointed graduate employees would receive a 3 percent raise in the first year.

Union members also are seeking increases to health care coverage and a monthly child care subsidy for parents, among other benefits.

Members of U. of I.'s undergraduate senate expressed support for the graduate workers. In an open letter over the weekend, 33 senators urged Cangelaris, the provost, to agree to the union's demands on tuition waiver guarantees and said students across campus have felt the effects of the strike.

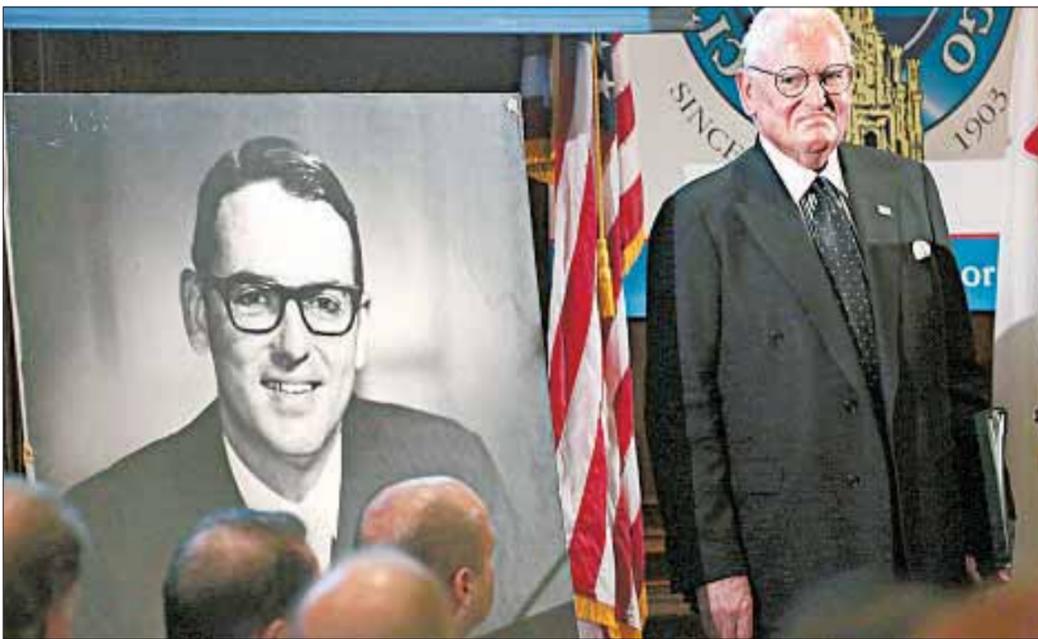
"Attacking that guarantee (or hedging it) lowers morale, exponentially increases students' financial uncertainty and embarrasses the university nationally," the letter stated. "Undergraduates benefit vastly from access to the best possible teaching assistants, and tuition waiver guarantees draw in such instructors. As the past few days demonstrate, without quality instructors the university cannot function."

Several academic departments have also posted letters and messages on social media in recent weeks supporting the union's bargaining efforts and praising their contributions in teaching and research. Graduate unions at other universities also have been tweeting encouragement.

Killeen, who was away from the office on business Tuesday, said in a statement the university remains "firmly committed" to graduate and undergraduate students.

"I have been in close contact with Chancellor Jones and Provost Cangelaris throughout negotiations and during the strike," Killeen said. "I trust that the scheduled talks with the federal mediator will bear fruit soon with a fair and reasonable agreement."

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A vintage photo of Ed Burke over the alderman's shoulder as he is honored Wednesday at the City Club of Chicago.

Burke reflects on nearly 50 years as city alderman

City Club speech covers smoking ban, Shoeless Joe, recycling push

BY BILL RUTHART
Chicago Tribune

Proclaiming he has been lucky enough to have a "front row to history," long-time Ald. Ed Burke reflected on his nearly 50 years in Chicago politics during a Wednesday afternoon speech to the City Club of Chicago.

Burke won election as Democratic committeeman for the 14th Ward in July 1968 after his father, Ald. Joseph P. Burke, died of lung cancer while in office. The younger Burke has held that post ever since, rising from a young ward heeler to long-serving chairman of the powerful City Council Finance Committee, where he wields great influence over Chicago's purse strings.

"It was 50 years ago when a young police officer took leave from the force to replace his father as 14th Ward committeeman. At age 24, he was the youngest Chicagoan ever to hold that job," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in introducing Burke on Wednesday. "He still holds that job today, and anyone who knows Chairman Burke knows him as a walking encyclopedia of Chicago history."

As such, Burke's 20-minute speech offered a heavy dollop of city history and his role in it. While "history will conceive there have been plenty of rascals who saw Chicago as an opportunity to make a quick score," Burke said the City Council also has been filled with "many more statesmen who furthered the interests of this city quietly and with great dignity."

Burke's career has not

always been a quiet one. In the mid-1980s, he led the Vrdolyak 29 with then-Ald. Edward Vrdolyak. The group of predominantly white aldermen stood in the way of virtually every move of then-Mayor Harold Washington, the city's first African-American mayor. Burke made no mention of those so-called Council Wars during his speech, nor did he bring up his unsuccessful 1980 bid for Cook County state's attorney against Richard M. Daley or his brief flirtation with a run for mayor before backing Daley in 1989.

There also was no talk of Burke's role as a top property tax appeals attorney in town or an ethics probe into his decision to sideline an effort to increase the property taxes paid by the owners of two buildings his law firm represents.

There was, however, plenty of nostalgia.

"It's a humbling experience to reflect back on nearly a half century at City Hall. I have been privileged to be a witness, and at times a participant, in so many historic and defining moments in Chicago history," Burke said, noting he has worked alongside 240 other aldermen during his City Council career.

"I recall with warm regard and sentiment the faces and the names of past and present colleagues, the outcomes to important and often vexing issues of the days and the many political battles — both won and lost — that live on in memory."

Burke, who will celebrate his 50th year on the council in 2019 and already holds the Chicago record for longest-serving alderman,

ticked through what he considered his top legislative accomplishments. Chief among them: a smoking ban in public places, a cause that he said took him 18 years to accomplish and was close to his heart given his father's death from lung cancer. (Burke himself underwent surgery for prostate cancer in June 2014 but has said little about it since.)

Among the other achievements Burke highlighted: measures to fight opioid abuse, raising the tobacco age to 21, mandating carbon monoxide monitors, requiring defibrillators in large and public buildings, fighting distracted driving, banning the sale of detergents that contained phosphates, increasing the city's recycling efforts and fighting public utilities in court.

Burke, however, also has become known for his various resolutions drawing attention to odd subjects or quirks of Chicago history. He has tried to get Major League Baseball to exonerate "Shoeless" Joe Jackson for his role in the 1919 Black Sox scandal, for example.

"It was our hope to vindicate Joe's reputation in order to pave the way for his eventual enshrinement into baseball's Hall of Fame," Burke said.

"The commissioner of the major leagues, however, gave us the cold shoulder and Joe has, to this day, never been cleared."

Burke said he had more success in officially clearing Catherine O'Leary and her cow of starting the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. As legend has it, her cow kicked over a lantern, leading to the fire. But Burke said "reliable evidence" suggested it was neighborhood "ne'er do-well" Den-

nis "Peg Leg" Sullivan who started the fire by being careless with his pipe as he tried to steal a pail of milk for a nearby party.

"For 128 years, the historical record blamed Cate and the family milk farm for igniting the town conflagration that scorched and flattened the entire city from 12th Street all the way to Fullerton, rendering 90,000 people homeless. The O'Leary descendants no longer have to shoulder the burden of responsibility," Burke said to a loud round of laughs. "Rest easy now, Cate, you're entirely blameless."

Back in the present, the alderman lauded the heroism of recently slain Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer and called for gun control legislation. He showed a rare moment of emotion when he choked up near the end of his speech while thanking his wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

Soon after the speech, City Club organizers announced they would be breaking from protocol and that Burke would not be entertaining questions from the audience because he had to make a "very important meeting." He also blew past reporters afterward.

In his remarks, Burke quoted one of Emanuel's favorite lines and two ancient Chinese proverbs but saved perhaps his favorite saying for last.

"As 19th-century actress Sarah Bernhardt once said, 'I adore Chicago. It is the pulse of America,'" Burke said. "I couldn't agree more."

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Affidavit: Ex-Harvey official wore a wire for bribery investigation

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The FBI is investigating allegations that a key consultant to Harvey Mayor Eric Kellogg demanded tens of thousands of dollars in kickbacks from developers to win city approval in a string of real estate deals, federal court records unsealed Wednesday show.

At the center of the investigation is a series of secret recordings made by a now-deceased Harvey comptroller, Joseph Letke, who recorded conversations with officials, including Donald Luster — a consultant to the city given influence over economic development by Kellogg. Luster said he could fast-track projects if given bribes, according to an affidavit filed in court for a search warrant.

The FBI warrant notes Letke, who is not referred to in the documents by name but as a "confidential human source," was cooperating with the FBI in its investigation of city corruption. The Tribune is identifying that source as Letke because the affidavit refers

to his former post as comptroller and his 2016 suicide.

On the recordings, Luster and Letke discussed bribery schemes involving a local grocery store, real estate and other businesses in the financially strapped suburb, according to the affidavit.

Luster is a twice-convicted felon and former mayor of Dixmoor who considers himself a minister and was already paid more than \$100,000 a year by Kellogg's administration as an economic development consultant, the affidavit shows. But Luster wanted more, the affidavit states.

The FBI alleged there's probable cause to believe Luster "required private developers to hire him as a consultant for the same development work for which Luster was being paid by the city." He then solicited these developers to pay him bribes "that were thinly concealed as consultant fees," according to the affidavit.

In exchange for the bribes, Luster took official action or caused Kellogg or other Harvey officials to take official action with respect to development

projects in Harvey, the affidavit alleges. Despite being paid substantial amounts by Harvey to consult on development projects to succeed only if private developers paid him bribes, according to the affidavit.

Letke's recordings captured south suburban businessman Ron Finlay discussing a development deal and bribes involving a property Finlay wanted to make a paintball park, the affidavit alleged.

On the recordings, Luster and Finlay discussed the possibility of the city taking the property sought by Finlay and giving it to him due to unpaid taxes.

Reached for comment, Luster denied any wrongdoing and any involvement with bribes and said he has no influence on the mayor "at all. None whatsoever."

Sean Howard, a spokesman for the city, did not respond to calls for comment. The Harvey Law Department later sent a statement saying the city had not seen the allegations but that Mayor Kellogg "will fully cooperate."

Finlay has been listed as

the owner and general manager of a Markham nightclub known for violence that received nearly \$1 million in taxpayer funds from Markham. He was also the landlord for a strip club that has also seen numerous shootings in the same city.

Reached by telephone, Finlay declined to comment. Asked if he had an attorney representing him in the matter, Finlay said, "No, I've done nothing wrong." He has not been charged with a crime.

After Letke killed himself in 2016, the FBI affidavit alleged, investigators have not seen any action on the property Finlay and Luster discussed. The affidavit said it appears Luster may have been tipped off to the investigation after the suicide by someone who knew Letke.

The FBI said Letke began wearing a wire in the hopes of getting a lessened sentence for previous crimes for which he expected he would be prosecuted.

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Ex-Schaumburg cop seeks release from prison

Hudak, who pleaded guilty in drug ring case, wants out after charges against former colleague dropped

By **ROBERT MCCOPPIN** | Chicago Tribune

A former Schaumburg police officer who pleaded guilty to running a drug-dealing ring wants his conviction overturned because prosecutors failed to reveal wrongdoing by the main informant in the case.

The lawyer for imprisoned ex-cop Matthew Hudak contends the newly disclosed information should be enough to dismiss his client's case, given it also prompted prosecutors to drop all charges against another officer arrested in the scheme, John Cichy.

The same new evidence could also jeopardize the conviction of the third officer who was implicated in the scheme, ex-Schaumburg police Officer Terrence O'Brien.

The claim by Hudak's attorney in court documents filed Monday is the

latest bombshell in a case that has shocked since the three officers were arrested outside Woodfield Mall five years ago.

"This is a bigger-picture issue," said Thomas Glasgow, a former prosecutor. "This to me is a serious, serious affront. You've got one of the biggest cases to hit that county in 20 years, it's given to prosecutors on a silver platter, and (one of the prosecutors) withholds information. Why?"

The three Schaumburg officers were charged in January 2013 after Carol Stream police arrested a man for cocaine possession and he told them he was selling the drugs for cops he knew from working as their informant. The officers were accused of confiscating drugs from other arrests



Hudak

and selling them through the informant for personal profit.

Besides physical evidence and eyewitness testimony, prosecutors said they had surveillance video of the men taking \$20,000 in planted money from a storage locker and caught them talking about the scheme with the informant in secretly recorded conversations.

All three swiftly resigned from the Schaumburg Police Department. Hudak and O'Brien pleaded guilty in 2014 and were sentenced to 26 and 24 years, respectively.

But Cichy held out, and his case dragged on for five years.

Then, on the day Cichy's trial was supposed to begin last month, prosecutors suddenly announced they were dropping all charges against him, citing new information about "criminal activity" by the informant in

the case.

There were also other problems. Hudak would not testify against Cichy, and O'Brien would not tell prosecutors what he would say on the stand, DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said.

"It was my opinion," Berlin wrote in a statement, "based on more than 30 years of prosecuting cases, that with such a seriously compromised ... witness and co-defendants ... the state's case against John Cichy could not go forward."

O'Brien's attorney, Paul DeLuca, said he is also looking at the new evidence to decide whether to formally seek to have O'Brien's conviction dismissed.

"This is pretty startling," DeLuca said.

"It all involves whoever knew about this and didn't do anything. That's egregious enough to warrant dismissal for failure to disclose evidence."

Berlin's office declined to comment late Tuesday.

In the legal request to dismiss Hudak's conviction, Glasgow wrote that the informant's cooperation in the case came after the informant's arrest for an unrelated narcotics trafficking case in Kane County.

Glasgow called the witness "a professional informant" and wrote: "He made his living by selling drugs and setting up other people in order to gain advantage for himself and to continue his illegal activities."

According to the court filing, about two months after the officers' arrests, the informant was investigated for allegedly stealing a treadmill from the health club where he worked, and selling it to another drug dealing suspect in Kane County. The informant was fired from his gym manager job and admitted the wrongdoing to Carol Stream police in May 2013, but prosecutors declined to charge him, according to the court document.

The same month, police investigated the informant

for allegedly stealing from the credit card accounts of 33 gym members, the filing states, but he denied the accusations and, again, was not charged.

The former prosecutor in Hudak's case, who is not named in the defense attorney's court filing, was directly involved in investigating the informant, the court document states.

Glasgow said none of this information was provided to the defense until Feb. 20, after Cichy's case fell apart.

Prosecutors are required by Supreme Court rulings, state law and ethics guidelines to disclose to the defense all evidence that could bolster a defendant's claim of innocence or undermine the state's case.

Glasgow has asked the judge to bar Hudak's case from being reheard. Hudak and O'Brien pleaded guilty, but defendants can seek a new trial even after admitting their crimes, based on new evidence.

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Battery allegations against lawmaker resurface

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not suggest there's any merit to this political charge," said Madigan's spokesman, Steve Brown.

The allegations against Rita first made headlines after he had won the 2002 Democratic primary. Madigan's daughter, Lisa — then a state senator running for her first term as attorney general — called on Rita to withdraw from the race.

But Rita went on to win the November general election and was acquitted the following April, a few months after he was sworn in as a legislator. A Tribune story at the time quoted Rita as saying it was "nice to be able to put this behind me."

Hogan, now a married prekindergarten teacher at a South Side Catholic school, said she looks back at the not-guilty verdicts and still shakes her head. "There was no justice served," she said.

Rita's domestic battery case has received little attention in the races he has run every two years, most of them uncontested.

The political resurrection of the criminal case by Carvlin's campaign, news stories and now Hogan puts Rita in an uncomfortable spot. Having already faced his accuser in court and won, he now finds himself on the defense again, this time in the court of public opinion.

In recent weeks, Hogan reached out to Carvlin and offered her support after the candidate's news conference denouncing Rita. Carvlin said she considered Hogan credible and Rita unacceptable to hold office.

"It's extremely painful for a woman to talk about this sort of thing," Carvlin said. "He never made any kind of public apology."

Carvlin's candidacy is considered a long shot. A junior high school Spanish teacher from Blue Island, Carvlin has raised only

about \$3,500; Rita had nearly \$746,000 in the bank at the end of 2017. In the past two months, Rita has reported tens of thousands more in contributions, including nearly \$45,000 worth of in-kind donations from Madigan-controlled funds.

But voters now are looking at campaigns through a different political lens because the #MeToo movement "has kind of changed the environment," said Charles N. Wheeler III, director of the public affairs reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

"These days just about anything is fair game," Wheeler said.

The #MeToo movement engulfed Illinois politics late last year when a female lobbyist accused state Sen. Ira Silverstein, D-Chicago, of making unwanted comments and late-night calls and sending hundreds of Facebook messages. An inspector general report found Silverstein fell short of sexual harassment but had engaged in conduct "unbecoming of a legislator."

Just last month, Speaker Madigan ousted from his political organization two men who long served as top lieutenants — one over sexual harassment via repeated inappropriate texts to a female campaign worker and the other over what a female lawmaker called abusive behavior during a campaign.

Seeking to send a "crystal clear" message, Madigan this week warned House Democrats to keep relationships with staff "strictly professional" or he will "personally get involved to put an end to it."

"The speaker has spoken and taken action," said Brown, the Madigan spokesman. "This shows his concerns and beliefs."

In an interview, Hogan said she had been trying to

break up gradually with Rita when he showed up unexpectedly at her Evergreen Park home just before 7 a.m. July 15, 2002.

The daughter of the late Democratic Rep. Andy McGann, Hogan at the time was a Cook County deputy sheriff's officer and single mother of three known as Elizabeth Miller.

Hogan told jurors Rita had been angry because she had called his cousin and asked him to get Rita to stop contacting her, according to news reports. The cousin, who also served as Rita's campaign manager at the time, denied ever receiving such a call.

"I had let the dog out and I came back in, and all of a sudden, I see him at the door," Hogan said in an interview. "I tried to shut it, and he pushed it back, pushing me into the house."

As in the trial, Hogan described a struggle in which Rita barged in, pulled her hair and threatened to rape her. She said that when she ran to the bathroom, he chased her and then pulled her to the floor.

"I don't know what happened that made him stop and leave," Hogan said. "But he did."

Despite Rita's acquittal by a jury of nine women and three men, prosecutors sought to extend the existing order of protection against him. Enrico Mirabelli, Rita's defense attorney, recalled in an interview last week that he strenuously objected to the extension. The two sides eventually reached a settlement that allowed the order of protection to expire July 31, 2003.

The settlement was a compromise that helped avoid a lengthy and costly hearing, according to Mirabelli and documents he provided to the Tribune.

Mirabelli describes Rita as "ironically lucky" that Hogan reported the alleged incident immediately in-

stead of years later, when it would have been harder for Rita to defend himself.

"Bob is almost fortunate because his accuser came forward in a timely manner, and he had a chance to confront his accuser in a court of law and challenge the allegations," Mirabelli said. "Most of these men accused today (of incidents that occurred years ago) are not afforded an opportunity to defend themselves like that."

Though the trial played out nearly 15 years ago, Mirabelli said he still often refers to it when he discusses the impact of "witness credibility" in a case. Hogan testified during the trial for more than 3 1/2 hours, much of that time under cross-examination, according to news reports.

As an example, Mirabelli noted that Hogan testified she could not recall whether she had vacationed with Rita in the Bahamas in the months before the alleged attack. Mirabelli had hoped the trip would diminish Hogan's assertion that she was frightened of Rita for more than a year before his arrest.

A female friend of Hogan's then testified that she had watched Hogan's children while Hogan and Rita went on the trip, Mirabelli said.

Looking back, Hogan now says she was too embarrassed to admit she went on vacation with Rita.

In addition to Carvlin, Rita has a second opponent in the primary, Kim Koschnitzky, a first-time candidate who has raised only \$1,250.

A review of Koschnitzky's nominating petitions shows some people who helped her gather signatures to get onto the ballot have ties to Madigan's political operations as volunteers and donors.

Allegations of ghost candidacies have been raised in

prior campaigns involving Rita. But in an emailed response to Tribune questions, Koschnitzky said she is running a legitimate campaign. She dismissed the relevance of any connections to other political organizations.

Brown said he had no information on her candidacy.

Koschnitzky, who lives in Oak Forest but whose family has long ties to Blue

Island, declined to comment on the prior allegations against Rita and said she did not want to run a negative campaign.

But for Hogan, the primary offers another — and, perhaps, final — chance to be heard.

"People are still remembering it," Hogan said.

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Lipinski challenger joined with felon in business

Newman says restaurant deal fell apart once partner's past known

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executive, author and anti-bullying advocate.

Absent from her resume: Less than four years ago, Newman and husband James went into business with a felon who spent time in federal prison for his role in a large-scale mortgage fraud scheme.



Newman

The Newmans joined with James Garofalo to invest in and run three suburban breakfast cafes and Luigi's House, a popular Aurora restaurant once owned by restaurant magnate Dick Portillo. The venture began in September 2014. By April 2015, the two sides had parted ways, documents show.

Marie Newman said she and her husband didn't know about Garofalo's criminal conviction and started taking steps to end their involvement after they found out. Asked this week what voters should make of her failure to adequately vet Garofalo's background, Newman said that "things will go wrong" in business or any organization.

"What speaks to your character is when you immediately fix it. And my

husband and I immediately fixed our error," Newman said. "I think it speaks very clearly that I'm very transparent, and that when I see that I've made a mistake or an error I'm very accountable and I own it, and then I fix it immediately and I move on, and I don't make that mistake again."

The 53-year-old La Grange businesswoman is running against the veteran Lipinski in the 3rd Congressional District, which cov-

ers parts of the Southwest Side and southwest suburbs. The contest has drawn national attention as a case study of left-wing Democrats taking on one of the party's more conservative members. Lipinski opposes abortion rights unless a mother's life is at stake and voted against the Affordable Care Act and the DREAM Act to protect young undocumented immigrants — positions Newman says are out of step with the district.

Lipinski, 51, has positioned himself as a pragmatist working to find compromise and get things done. He has warned that Newman represents a move toward "a Tea Party of the left" that would lead to more gridlock and hurt the country.

The restaurant in question, Luigi's House, opened in 2000 on a busy strip of Route 59 near Fox Valley Mall. It was the brainchild of Portillo, the property's landlord, who was getting out of the restaurant business and into real estate investments when Garofalo and the Newmans came on the scene.

Garofalo was a restaurateur but also had been a home builder who co-owned Madison Home Partnerships, according to court records. In 2008, a federal grand jury indicted Garofalo, accusing him of selling houses to straw buyers at inflated prices and paying kickbacks of 5 to 30 percent of the sale price to co-defendants.

Garofalo was among 400 indicted during a nationwide probe dubbed Operation Malicious Mortgage, an investigation authorities said ensnared builders, buyers, appraisers, loan officers, real estate agents and lawyers.

In 2010, Garofalo pleaded guilty to two counts of wire fraud, was sentenced to six months in federal prison and was ordered to pay \$1.37 million in restitution. He was released in 2011.

More than three years later, the Newmans, who had taken over an Italian restaurant in Oak Park, were looking for other investment opportunities. Marie Newman said their real estate broker suggested Garofalo as a potential partner.

Garofalo said he and the Newmans formed a company in September 2014 to buy Luigi's House and Honey-Jam Cafe breakfast restaurants in Batavia, Bolingbrook and Downers Grove.

Marie Newman said that within a month or so, a friend brought Garofalo's fraud conviction to the couple's attention. Newman said she and her husband started taking steps to end their involvement with him.

"I don't recall the whole conversation (with Garofalo)," Newman said. "I will tell you that we were very clear that we were hugely disappointed, and that we didn't feel like we could move forward."

Restaurant operations continued over the next several months, however. In October 2014, Garofalo stepped aside from managing the limited liability corporation and the Newmans took over as managers, according to state records. By December 2014, that company had obtained a liquor license for Luigi's House.

Newman said those steps were part of making sure the business kept operating so they could pull out and get back their \$353,000 ownership stake.

"They were good," Garofalo said of the Newmans. "They were new at the restaurant business, but they were very smart and willing to learn. But the restaurant business is different than any other."

Eventually they parted ways, but not amicably, Garofalo said. "Any time there's a split, I think neither side is very happy."

Garofalo said the Newmans "got back every dime (of their investment) plus interest."

Luigi's House eventually closed. By August 2016, Portillo had signed a lease to demolish it to make way for Miller's Ale House, part of a Florida-based chain of sports bars.

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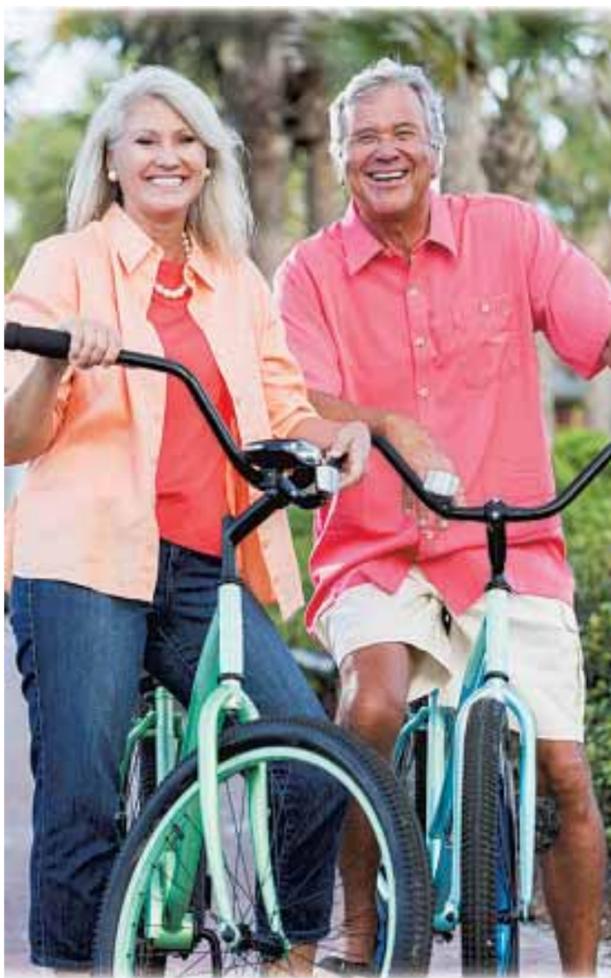
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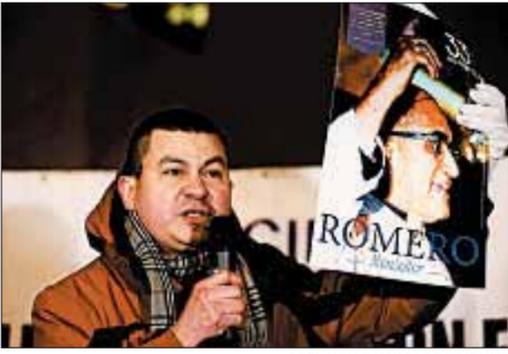


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Mauro Navarro, an immigrant from El Salvador with temporary protected status, speaks at a rally Jan. 17 in the Loop.

Salvadoran migrants fear losing protection

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affected now have held TPS status for 10 or 20 years and have established deep roots in the United States. Many have American-born spouses and children.

Under the Trump administration, the Department of Homeland Security has moved to end temporary protected status for immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti, Sudan and Nicaragua but extended it for South Sudan and Syria. The agency will still decide whether to end the program for Honduras, Nepal, Yemen and Somalia.

White House chief of staff John Kelly emphasized that TPS is "temporary" after visiting Haiti in June 2017, when he was still serving as the homeland security secretary.

"The point is not that there be a complete recovery of all ills in the country," Kelly told the AP. "The point is, whatever the event is that caused TPS to be granted — that event is over, and they can return."

Illinois is home to about 4,073 people with temporary protected status, out of 436,869 in the U.S.

On a recent afternoon, Navarro called a meeting at Centro Romero, an organization in the Edgewater neighborhood that serves the bulk of TPS holders in Chicago. Navarro has renewed his status there over the years and now leads a group that advocates for TPS.

The group gathered in a computer lab where children studied while their parents renewed their protected status, practiced their English skills and participated in adult education classes.

Navarro said some people are afraid to renew their status, but that the group encourages people to "follow the rules" and fight for more permanent forms of immigration relief.

"Our country hasn't recovered from the war or the earthquakes. It's impossible to go back," Navarro said. "We need Congress to hear us."

To qualify for TPS, immigrants have to pass a background check and pay an application fee. They had to be present in the United States at the time that a TPS designation was initially made. Those convicted of any felony or two or more misdemeanors in the U.S. are ineligible.

Salvadorans who fled their country's civil war and were physically present in the U.S. as of September 1990 were granted temporary protected status. Salvador was re-designated for the program because of the damage caused by two earthquakes that devastated the country in 2001.

Immigration advocates say the country is not prepared to receive thousands of people and that conditions are still dangerous. They point out that the State Department warns people to "reconsider travel" to El Salvador due to crime.

Alejandro Segura, 49, said he left El Salvador in 1999 and came to the U.S. on a religious worker visa. He applied for TPS in 2001 and settled in Joliet with his wife and sons, who were 4 and 7 at the time. Segura had worked as a teacher in El Salvador and left to do missionary work in the U.S. He and his wife decided to stay so that their children would have a shot at a better life.

Now, Segura manages a restaurant in Joliet. His children graduated from high school and work full time. Segura worries that his sons will "fall in with the

wrong crowd" in El Salvador. He said they primarily identify with American culture and mostly speak English.

"It may not be so difficult for me to return because I already had a career and a life over there," he said. "But my sons haven't. They're very young. It'd be like sending them to the belly of the beast."

The family doesn't plan on returning to El Salvador any time soon. Segura said he has "faith" and "confidence" that the situation will work itself out.

"Everything seems dark now, but we're going to do things the right way," he said. "If we have to return, we will return with pleasure. No problem. The only thing I'm worried about is my kids. I don't think they'll be able to adapt over there."

Maria Cruz visited Centro Romero recently to renew her temporary protected status for the last time before the March 19 deadline.

Cruz, 47, of North Riverside, said her family traveled to the U.S. on a tourist visa in 2001 and applied for the program after learning about it on the news. She said it was a good opportunity for her children, who were 9, 7 and 3 at the time, to flee violence and poverty in El Salvador.

"I've been here for 18 years. I pay taxes and I follow the rules," she said. "So it's sad to hear that they want to deport us."

Cruz said she has three U.S.-born grandchildren and dreads the thought of being separated from them. Worse, she fears the prospect of returning to a country that her family says isn't ready to receive them.

"How can we return to a situation like that? It's terrible," she said. "My mom says you can't even take a walk in the neighborhood without being in danger."

President Donald Trump reportedly referred to El Salvador, Haiti and some African nations as "shithole countries" in a January meeting to discuss a bipartisan immigration deal. The White House has denied that he used that phrase, though Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., insists that Trump said it "repeatedly."

Navarro called Trump's remarks "hurtful" and said they motivated him to get involved in advocacy work.

"Donald Trump thinks we're all part of MS-13, but that's not the case," he said, referring to a criminal gang. "He doesn't know the reality of the situation or why we're here. We didn't come here to take a single penny away from U.S. citizens. On the contrary, we are contributing to the country's economy."

Navarro said he left El Salvador in 1991 because of the 12-year civil war that destroyed his home. He entered the U.S. illegally in 1992 and applied for the program as soon as it was established. Now, he works two jobs — he's a full-time cook and part-time factory worker — to help support his three U.S.-born children and pay his mortgage.

Navarro said he's planning to apply for permanent residency through his U.S.-born daughter, who will be 21 in November and can apply on his behalf.

Navarro said he wants to fight for other Dreamers and TPS holders who don't have that option.

"We want Congress to understand that we didn't come here to steal jobs or anything like that. We're not asking for a handout," Navarro said. "We just want to stay. This is home."

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Mayor to be deposed in shooting

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cuss a date for Emanuel's deposition, though the judge said the mayor must testify within the next 30 days. Johnson's deposition is scheduled for March 15.

An attorney for the city's Law Department, Naomi Avendano, said in court that her office might appeal the order.

Discussion at prior hearings has focused on whether Emanuel's potential deposition would be limited to specific topics, but the judge did not address that issue Wednesday.

The city's lawyers declined to comment as they left the Daley Center courtroom, and spokesmen for the Law Department and mayor's office also declined to comment.

Lawyers for the LeGrier and Jones families said they want to ask Emanuel about topics such as use-of-force policies and the oft-discussed "code of silence" among officers.

Attorney Basileios Foutris, who represents the LeGrier estate, said the judge made "the right call."

Emanuel and Johnson are "no different from anyone else before the law," he said.

Having a sitting mayor submit to sworn testimony in a lawsuit alleging wrongdoing by the city is unusual but not unprecedented. In some cases, the possibility that a current or past mayor will have to testify has been foreclosed by a settlement.

In 2016, Emanuel, on a judge's orders, gave a deposition in a lawsuit in which eight Chicago police officers alleged they were dumped from the mayor's security detail for political reasons after he took office. Under oath at the legal offices at City Hall, the mayor mostly responded to questions by saying he couldn't remember details. A jury later found in favor of the city and awarded no damages to the officers.

A year earlier, city attor-

neys fought vehemently to prevent Emanuel from having to testify in a police whistleblower case alleging two officers were blackballed by the department for helping the FBI investigate a corrupt sergeant. The judge in that case ruled that the mayor could be subpoenaed to take the stand in light of the fact he'd acknowledged the code of silence existed. The city, however, settled the case for \$2 million on the day the trial was set to begin.

In at least three lawsuits involving allegations of police misconduct litigated before and after he left office, former Mayor Richard M. Daley appeared to be on track to testify before the cases were settled.

It is also rare for police superintendents to testify

clined to bring criminal charges against Rialmo.

As Rialmo backed down the stairs, he fired eight times, hitting LeGrier six times, according to prosecutors. Jones, who stood behind the teen during the incident, was shot once in the chest, prosecutors wrote.

Rialmo's attorney, Joel Brodsky, has said his client was justified in firing in self-defense.

But the December ruling from the city's police disciplinary agency, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, casts doubt on Rialmo's account of events and turns in part on investigators' determination that the evidence indicated that LeGrier did not swing the bat at Rialmo, as the officer has said.

Investigators also found

vate lawyers representing the city displayed "contemptible behavior" during depositions. During a deposition on Feb. 14, Barrett Boudreaux, a private lawyer representing the city, asked LeGrier's mother, Janet Cooksey, "how was it that Quintonio was conceived" with his father, Antonio LeGrier, according to a partial transcript. Court records show that Boudreaux then asked, "So Antonio approached you about a sexual relationship in exchange for money; is that correct?"

Cooksey and Foutris have said that any allegation of prostitution was both baseless and irrelevant. After the Tribune inquired about Boudreaux's questions, Corporation Counsel Edward Siskel issued a statement saying his office was reviewing the matter and would "not hesitate to take action" if the inquiry found anyone acted improperly.

In court Wednesday, the judge gave the city's lawyers several weeks to respond to Foutris' allegations.

After the hearing, Foutris said he'd like to ask Emanuel about the aggressive legal gambits the city's lawyers have pursued even as the mayor has taken a conciliatory tone on the case.

"There's a cognitive dissonance," Foutris said.

Rialmo's legal troubles extend beyond the lawsuits. He was charged in January with two counts of battery and one count of theft, all misdemeanors, following an early morning bar fight late last year at Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria on the Far Northwest Side.

He is also accused of stealing the jacket of one of the men he is charged with hitting.

Brodsky has said Rialmo was defending himself against drunken aggressors and did not steal the jacket.

"There's a cognitive dissonance."

— Attorney Basileios Foutris, who is representing the Quintonio LeGrier estate, about the actions city lawyers have taken and the mayor's conciliatory tone on the case

in lawsuits, though it has happened occasionally in recent decades.

Rialmo's shooting of Jones and LeGrier has been a source of repeated controversy since it unfolded on the West Side the day after Christmas 2015.

About 4:30 a.m., Rialmo and his partner responded to 911 calls about a disturbance at the apartment in the 4700 block of West Erie Street where LeGrier was staying with his father. LeGrier, apparently plagued by mental health problems, had behaved erratically as a student at Northern Illinois University and had altercations with peers and run-ins with police, records show.

Jones, who lived downstairs, answered the door and pointed police to the second floor. LeGrier then came down the stairs with a baseball bat, according to an analysis released a year ago by State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, which de-

clined to bring criminal charges against Rialmo. As Rialmo backed down the stairs, he fired eight times, hitting LeGrier six times, according to prosecutors. Jones, who stood behind the teen during the incident, was shot once in the chest, prosecutors wrote.

The agency concluded that a "reasonable officer" would not have believed he was in danger of death or serious injury.

Some of the city's lawyers' legal maneuvers in the case have also proved controversial.

Late last year, the city's lawyers filed a lawsuit that sought to shift blame and some financial liability for Jones' death from the city onto LeGrier's estate. After the Tribune reported on the lawsuit a few hours after it was filed, the city's lawyers quickly dropped the suit. Emanuel apologized, saying he did not know of the litigation beforehand but found it "calculus."

A motion Foutris filed last week argued that pri-

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Panels can't get advisers to talk

Experts say Trump aides stretch use of executive privilege

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WASHINGTON — When President Donald Trump's former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, appeared in January before the House intelligence committee investigating Russian political interference, he refused to answer questions about his conversations with Trump after he was fired by the future president in June 2016.

The Republicans running the panel did not respond with a subpoena, which Congress can use to compel testimony. They instead invited Lewandowski to return when he was ready, and he's scheduled to testify again Thursday.

Steve Bannon, the former

White House chief strategist, Donald Trump Jr., the president's eldest son, and Hope Hicks, the outgoing communications, also have declined to discuss certain topics in closed-door House committee hearings.

Over in the Senate, top Trump administration intelligence and law enforcement officials, most notably Attorney General Jeff Sessions, have refused to discuss their private conversations with Trump, at least in public hearings, regarding Russia and other issues.

Most of the conflicts over congressional testimony have revolved around executive privilege, the president's legal authority to keep some conversations and other material secret to protect internal deliberations. Although the White House hasn't formally invoked the privilege, Trump's current and former aides said they would not answer questions to protect the

president's right to cite the privilege later should he seek to do so.

Legal experts said the White House has broadened the traditional use of executive privilege to direct individuals to avoid answering questions about conversations with the president.

The Trump White House is "preventing any testimony from people on the grounds that something, at some point, is potentially covered by executive privilege," said Mark Rozell, a professor at George Mason University who has studied the presidency.

Jim Schultz, a former deputy counsel in Trump's White House who now works at the Cozen O'Connor law firm, said there's nothing wrong with safeguarding the president's prerogative to keep some information secret.

It's the obligation of the White House counsel to protect the institution of the

White House and the executive privilege that goes along with it," Schultz said.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, conceded that partisanship can be at play. But he said Republicans are bending over backward to accede to White House efforts to rope off areas of inquiry.

"I've rarely seen a total surrender, a total failure of congressional oversight," Nadler said. "They're going further than the president's party usually goes."

Republicans have accused Democrats of conducting a partisan quest to embarrass Trump and his inner circle. They also have argued that special counsel Robert Mueller is conducting a criminal investigation of the Russian meddling, and whether Trump or his aides committed any crimes, reducing pressure on Congress to find the answers for themselves.

The venue for most conflicts involving the Russia investigation has been the House intelligence committee, one of three congressional panels conducting inquiries.

When the House panel interviewed Donald Trump Jr. about his June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower with a Kremlin-linked lawyer, he refused to recount his conversation with his father about the meeting, claiming attorney-client privilege because a lawyer was present at the time.

Bannon, the former White House strategist, rejected any questions from the committee regarding events or conversations after the election. After the committee slapped him with a subpoena, Bannon agreed to return for another hearing.

But during his second appearance, he was only willing to address a predetermined list of yes-or-no

questions that White House lawyers had helped him prepare.

A spokeswoman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., declined to discuss whether Bannon would be held in contempt.

A spokesman for Rep. Devin Nunes, the panel's chairman, did not respond to a question about how many subpoenas have been issued in the investigation.

Rozell said the Constitution's separation of powers is no longer working as envisioned.

"James Madison would not be happy to see this. He believed each branch of government would zealously defend its prerogatives," he said. "The administration is essentially preventing the legislative branch from doing its job. And to the extent they stand down, it weakens the institution in the long run."

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As bid to fix DACA flails, 2 sides move to fix blame

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WASHINGTON — Deadlocked with Congress on an immigration issue that both parties say they support, President Donald Trump has gone on the attack, blaming Democrats and further dimming the chances of agreement before November's elections to protect so-called Dreamers from deportation.

In a speech to Republican-friendly Latino business leaders Wednesday, Trump said he wants to sign a law replacing the Obama-era program — Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA — to allow up to 1.8 million young immigrants who are in the country illegally to stay, get work permits, attend college or serve in the military. The problem, he said, is Democrats.

"They're nowhere to be found. It's really terrible," Trump said, while Republicans are "ready, willing and able."

He urged the audience: "Go get DACA. Go push those Democrats. I'm telling you it's lost. So this is a moment for DACA, for all of us."

The president's comments, which echoed his partisan tweets of recent days, reflected his sensitivity to being blamed himself for the demise of a program that is broadly popular with Americans. His speech



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Marchers voice support for DACA recipients and so-called Dreamers this week at the Capitol in Washington.

came in a week when the program was supposed to end, by his order of last September, and after he rejected bipartisan Senate legislation to replace it last month. The president's party, which controls Congress, has been unable to agree on legislation it could pass without Democrats' backing.

Democrats point out that DACA's proposed expiration is a problem of Trump's own making, given his September order putting nearly 700,000 young permit-holders at risk of deportation.

"Right now the president created this crisis and only

the president can end this crisis," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Wednesday in the Senate. "Six different times we've gone to him and six different times he's rejected bipartisan approaches."

Court decisions have temporarily kept the program partially operating, in the meantime, requiring the administration to continue renewing the two-year protections indefinitely for people already approved for DACA permits. That was unchanged by a third court ruling this week in the president's favor.

The two earlier federal court decisions also re-

moved the urgency for Congress and the White House to act on a substitute program, according to lawmakers from both parties.

"While I'm glad that DACA recipients have a little bit more time, for some, that urgency is no longer there," said Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, a Republican from Florida who has worked on previous immigration bills.

Similarly, Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the Republican leadership, said Wednesday: "Some of the time pressure has gone off DACA, but if you're a DACA kid, you're a DACA young adult, you still feel

that pressure, I'm sure."

Republicans and Democrats each are waiting for an overture or concession from the other party, according to interviews on Capitol Hill.

Democrats, however, are less eager to act in the wake of the court rulings, banking that they will have more congressional seats — and more leverage — after the midterm elections.

The Senate last month failed to pass either Trump's preferred bill, which would not only legalize the young immigrants but also restrict legal immigration, or a separate, bipartisan measure with more

support. Afterward, several GOP senators suggested extending the current DACA program as part of a government-spending bill that must pass by March 23 to avoid another federal shutdown.

Yet as Republican and Democratic leadership aides have met this week to determine what goes into the spending bill, neither side has proposed adding an immigration provision, three aides said.

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Mueller gaining insight on meeting in Seychelles

Insiders detail bid for start of a back channel to Russia

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WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller has gathered evidence that a secret meeting in the Seychelles islands just before the inauguration of Donald Trump was an effort to establish a back channel between the incoming administration and the Kremlin — apparently contradicting statements made to lawmakers by one of its participants, according to people familiar with the matter.

In January 2017, Erik Prince, the founder of the private security company

Blackwater, met with a Russian official close to Russian President Vladimir Putin and later described the meeting to congressional investigators as a chance encounter that was not a planned discussion of U.S.-Russia relations.

A witness cooperating with Mueller has told investigators the meeting was set up in advance so that a representative of the Trump transition could meet with an emissary from Moscow to discuss future relations between the countries, according to the people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

George Nader, a Lebanese-American businessman who helped organize and who attended the Seychelles meeting, has testified on the matter before a grand jury gathering evi-

dence about discussions between the Trump transition team and emissaries of the Kremlin, as part of Mueller's investigation into Russian efforts to interfere with the 2016 election.

Nader began cooperating with Mueller after he arrived at Dulles Airport in mid-January and was stopped, served with a subpoena and questioned by the FBI, these people said. He has met numerous times with investigators.

Last year, Prince told lawmakers and the media that his Seychelles meeting with Kirill Dmitriev, head of a Russian government-controlled wealth fund, was an unplanned encounter that came about by chance because he happened to be at a luxury hotel in the Indian Ocean island nation with officials from the United Arab Emirates.



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Erik Prince, the founder of Blackwater, was in the Seychelles about a week before Donald Trump's inauguration.

In his statements, Prince has denied reporting by The Washington Post that said the Seychelles meeting, which took place about a week before Trump's inauguration, was described by U.S., European and Arab officials as part of an effort to establish a back-channel line of communication between Moscow and the incoming administration.

Prince told lawmakers on the House intelligence committee that he did not plan to meet Dmitriev in the

Seychelles but that once he was there discussing possible business deals with UAE officials, they unexpectedly suggested that he visit the hotel bar and meet Dmitriev.

"At the end, one of the entourage says, 'Hey, by the way, there's this Russian guy that we've dealt with in the past. He's here also to see someone from the Emirati delegation. And you should meet him, he'd be an interesting guy for you to know, since you're doing a lot in

the oil and gas and mineral space,'" Prince told lawmakers.

The two men, he said, spoke for no more than 30 minutes, or about the time it took him to drink a beer.

"We chatted on topics ranging from oil and commodity prices to how much his country wished for resumption of normal trade relations with the USA," Prince told lawmakers. "I remember telling him that if Franklin Roosevelt could work with Josef Stalin to defeat Nazi fascism, then certainly Donald Trump could work with Vladimir Putin to defeat Islamic fascism."

Prince said he went to the Seychelles as a private businessman, not as an official or unofficial emissary of the Trump transition team.

Asked to comment on assertions that new evidence appears to contradict Prince's description of the meeting, a spokesman for Prince referred to his previous statements to the committee and declined further comment.

In Oval Office, McMaster in tight corner

Aide often stands alone as others try to rein in Trump

BY BRIAN BENNETT
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WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump appears to lurch from crisis to crisis on the world stage, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson have quietly maneuvered to constrain an impulsive commander in chief, the latest sign of a national security team that is increasingly challenging the president.

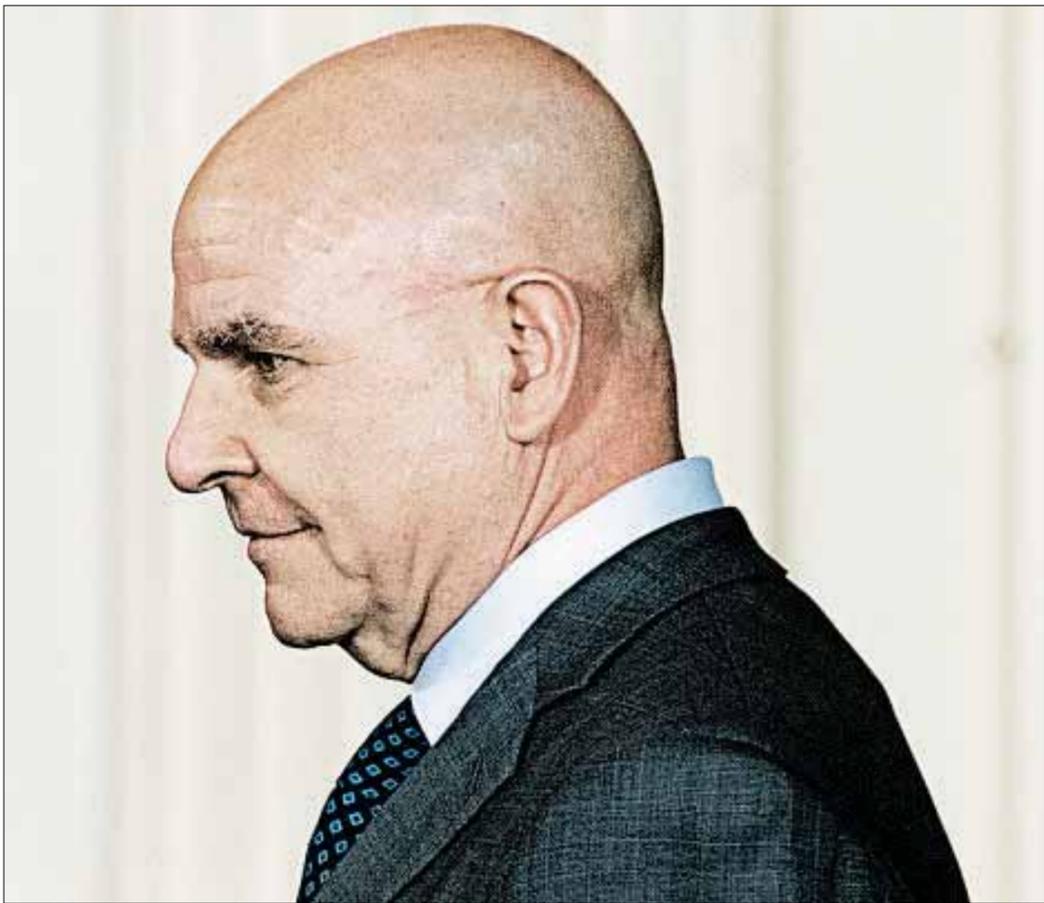
Officials say the Cabinet officers have slow-rolled requests for options on a wide range of policy goals, including exiting the Iran nuclear disarmament deal, reacting to missile strikes into Saudi Arabia by Iran-backed rebels in Yemen, pressuring longtime ally Pakistan by cutting U.S. military aid, and possible limited airstrikes on North Korea's nuclear infrastructure.

Trump is said to blame Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, bristling when his national security adviser has not presented the options he sought, or as quickly as he demanded them. That has given rise to multiple reports that McMaster could resign or be forced out in coming weeks, and added to the portrait of a White House in perpetual turmoil.

But when he walks into the Oval Office, McMaster is often caught in a carefully orchestrated manipulation by Mattis and Tillerson to slow the delivery of options they don't want the president to take, according to two current White House officials and one former official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal discussions.

"They are going to hide the ball from the president to keep him from doing stupid (stuff), there's no doubt about it," said another former official, a national security expert who served in the Trump administration transition and asked not to be identified discussing internal deliberations.

Other members of Trump's national security



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National security adviser H.R. McMaster could resign or be forced out in coming weeks, according to multiple reports.

team also have pushed back, suggesting that some of the president's top advisers have decided to speak out rather than acquiesce to what they see as false claims or dangerous policies.

In a Senate intelligence committee hearing Feb. 13, six of the president's hand-picked security chiefs — including Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, CIA Director Mike Pompeo and FBI Director Christopher Wray — challenged or contradicted Trump's stated views on Russia's role in the 2016 election, the danger of Russian meddling in elections this fall and whether a GOP memo on surveillance was accurate.

Last week, Adm. Michael Rogers, head of the National Security Agency and the Pentagon's Cyber Command, told Congress he was concerned the White House had not ordered any retaliation against the Rus-

sian meddling, or given him new authority to block it in the future.

Russian President Vladimir "Putin has clearly come to the conclusion that there's little price to pay and that therefore 'I can continue this activity,'" Rogers told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 27. "Clearly what we have done hasn't been enough."

Even McMaster has pushed back — but then got bloodied for it.

During a security conference last month in Germany, McMaster said the federal indictment of 13 Russians in the special counsel investigation provided "incontrovertible" evidence of Moscow's meddling the 2016 election.

Trump furiously tweeted back that McMaster "forgot to say that the results of the 2016 election were not impacted or changed" by the Russian campaign.

The practice of Cabinet

officials sandbagging presidential requests has several precedents in modern American history.

The Pentagon misled President Lyndon B. Johnson about the effects of escalating the Vietnam War, a pattern of devastating bureaucratic misdirection that McMaster studied for his doctoral thesis and was the subject of his 1997 book, "Dereliction of Duty," which became a bestseller last year after he joined the White House.

President Reagan's first secretary of State, George Schultz, was careful about what information he shared with Reagan about the Soviet Union because he was afraid Reagan might act on his bellicose impulses toward Moscow, historians

say.

But with Trump, it is "a different kind of strategic withholding," said Julian Zelizer, a presidential historian at Princeton University.

Trump's advisers fear he will say something rash or take an unplanned action, and are likely calculating that by slow-walking a potentially explosive action, his attention will turn to something else, Zelizer said.

One concern among advisers close to Mattis and Tillerson is that McMaster is willing to present Trump with options the president has requested for a so-called bloody-nose military strike at North Korea in an effort to disable its nuclear weapons or ballistic missiles before Pyongyang

achieves the ability to launch a nuclear-tipped missile at the United States.

McMaster has told staff that he would present the options, even though he agrees with most experts that a limited series of U.S. airstrikes would spark war on the Korean Peninsula.

The Pentagon, which has warned of hundreds of thousands of casualties if war breaks out, has been slow to deliver the bloody-nose options to the White House.

Trump was frustrated in April after Iran-backed Houthi insurgents based in Yemen attempted to ram a boat packed with explosives into a Saudi Aramco fuel terminal. Trump demanded more U.S. military options to counter the possibility of similar attacks, but was not satisfied with the list he got.

Trump also asked for ways to deter Iran from sending short-range ballistic missiles into Yemen; Houthi rebels have fired the missiles into Saudi Arabia in recent months. Again, military options were slow in coming.

Trump publicly called for cutting aid to Pakistan in August, and privately railed against the country for not doing more against terrorist groups. He got nowhere until Jan. 1, when he tweeted about what he called Pakistan's "lies & deceit." Many saw the tweet as a way to short-circuit the bureaucracy.

Three days later, the State Department announced it was freezing as much as \$1.3 billion in annual aid to Pakistan.

"Mattis and Tillerson are holding the line because they don't want to rush to war any faster than we otherwise would," said Ned Price, a former CIA analyst and National Security Council spokesman under President Barack Obama. "It's not that unrealistic to be concerned that if the president is in a petulant mood, he will start an actual war."

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Watchdog report: Failed VA leadership put patients at risk

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WASHINGTON — "Failed leadership" at the Department of Veterans Affairs during the Obama years put patients at a major hospital at risk, an internal probe finds, another blow to Secretary David Shulkin, who served at the VA then and is fighting to keep his job.

The 150-page report released Wednesday by the VA internal watchdog offers new details to its preliminary finding last April of patient safety issues at the Washington, D.C., medical center.

Shulkin acknowledged to reporters that the problems were "systemic," but said he was not aware of the issues at the Washington hospital. He pledged wide-scale change across the VA.

Painting a grim picture of communications breakdowns, chaos and spending waste at the government's second largest department, the report found that at least three VA program offices directly under Shulkin knew of "serious, persistent deficiencies" when he was VA undersecretary of health from 2015 to 2016. The report, however, stopped short of saying whether he was told about them.

Shulkin, who was elevated to VA secretary last year by President Donald Trump, told government investigators that he did "not recall" ever being notified of problems.

Among the changes he promised — unannounced audits of more than 1,700 medical facilities from health experts in the private sector, immediate hiring to fill vacancies at local hospitals and plans in the coming months to streamline bureaucracy and improve

communication.

Shulkin pointed to VA medical centers in the New England, Arizona and Washington D.C. regions that needed improvements to address patient safety.

"Not to act when you identify systemic failures I think would be negligent," he said.

Shulkin has been struggling to keep a grip on his job since a blistering report by the inspector general last month concluded that he had violated ethics rules and that his then chief of staff had doctored emails to justify his wife traveling to Europe with him at taxpayer expense.

He also faces a rebellion

among some VA staff and has issued a sharp warning to them: Get back in line or get out. "I suspect that people are right now making decisions on whether they want to be a part of this team or not," he said last month.

On Wednesday, the White House affirmed its continued support for Shulkin despite the controversies, saying he has done a "great job" implementing changes at VA. "We're proud of the work that we've done and we're going to continue to do everything we can to help veterans in this country," said spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

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How rest of world secures its schools

Strategies vary, sometimes include drills, armed guards

By Associated Press

The United States is in the midst of a national debate over school security after the mass shooting last month at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

To President Donald Trump and some gun supporters, the solution is to put more guns in the hands of trained school staff, including teachers, to “play defense” against a rampaging gunman.

The rest of the world has different strategies to deal with violence around schools. But the U.S. appears to be the only place in the world where some want to arm teachers to the degree the president wants.

Rather, emergency drills, armed guards patrolling school campuses and intruder drills seem to be more of the norm.

Here is a look at school security measures in other countries.

France: In the wake of deadly terror attacks in Paris and Nice, France introduced new security guidelines at schools when children went back to classes in September 2016.

The measures, which remain in place, include a tighter screening of people entering schools, which can include bag checks, and improved coordination with police.

Police officers patrol in school areas, while parents and students are requested to avoid gathering near schools and to report any suspicious behavior or object. French schools also hold three security drills a year, including one in which an alleged assailant enters their premises. Students are taught how to hide or to escape.

Israel: Education Ministry spokesman Amos Shavit said “the vast majority of schools have armed security guards” and those that don’t are supposed to have heavy locks and security systems.

Visitors to the school are questioned by the guard,



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After last month’s Florida high school shooting, President Donald Trump proposed arming teachers — a global rarity.

who checks their bags and sometimes uses a hand-held metal detector. Entry is strictly forbidden to anyone without authorization, Shavit said.

That’s augmented by municipal security units that work in conjunction with police. “If there is an incident at a school they will be there in a minute or less,” Shavit said.

He said the small number of teachers who have a legal gun license and usually carry a weapon can do so as well in school but that this is not policy or encouraged.

Japan: Attacks on schools are rare in Japan, where there have been a handful of knifings, but guns are practically non-existent. Security measures at Japanese schools became compulsory only after a June 2001 attack at an Osaka elementary school, where eight children were stabbed to death and 15 others were injured by an intruder who was later sentenced to death and executed.

Japanese schools generally do not allow outsiders to freely walk into schools without getting permission

at the gate, which is usually closed during school hours. Parents or other visitors must wear a pass to go in. Schools are also required to have an emergency manual in case of crime or accident at school or while children are walking to or from school. Some schools have set up security cameras, or teachers sometimes take turns patrolling during breaks or lunchtime.

Parents or neighborhood volunteers usually stand along designated commuting routes or intersections to watch kids as they walk to and from school. Children usually carry handheld alarms attached to their school bags that they can use in an emergency while they are on the road. Schools, PTA and students set up commuting routes and draw safety maps.

Italy: Rome has been spared any terrorism-related attacks, but international schools in Italy’s capital have been deemed “soft targets” for several years and receive extra security.

Several have army jeeps with machine-gun toting soldiers standing guard. The

measures are similar for embassies as well as popular outdoor gathering spots, such as the Campo dei Fiori market in Rome’s historic center. The increased security is more a response to Islamic terrorism fears than mentally unstable people getting hold of weapons.

There have been no visible signs of increased security at public schools.

Mexico: The ongoing drug war has driven schools in Baja California, Monterrey, Ciudad Juarez and some other cities to hold emergency drills to instruct teachers and students what to do in case of gunfire that sometimes breaks out outside schools during drug cartel shootouts.

Students are usually advised to drop to the floor, seek cover behind walls, remain calm and crawl to safety.

Nigeria: Nigeria’s president has ordered security forces to defend all schools in “liberated areas” of the country’s northeast to avoid further mass abductions from schools by Boko Haram extremists.

The order follows last month’s kidnapping of 110 girls at a school in Dapchi town, and requires leaders of police and civil defense forces to coordinate with the military and the governors of Borno, Yobe and Adamawa states.

Shettima Kullima, executive chairman of the Universal Basic Education Board in northern Nigeria’s Borno state, ruled out guns even in schools where soldiers serve as teachers and said students should be trained to be aware of security threats.

Students would find armed teachers “highly distracting and disorienting” and could associate teachers with fear, said Yusuf Tom, a teacher in Maiduguri.

In Yobe state, where the latest mass abduction occurred, the government has said it is deploying armed security personnel to schools in remote locations.

Poland: There is no armed security in Polish schools, which have not experienced any mass attacks.

In most schools, visitors need to ring in to be admit-

ted. Janitors at the doors are supposed to ask what brings them to the school.

The main concerns are drug dealers and also truancy.

Kindergartens are locked, mainly to prevent kids from wandering into the street or someone other than the parent picking up a child without written permission.

Russia: Violent incidents have been rare in Russian schools, but two attacks last month attracted nationwide attention and drew comparisons to the school violence in the U.S.

The incidents triggered calls for stronger protection. Now there are security guards at Russian schools.

Sweden: The Swedish National Agency for Education has issued a pamphlet for schools with general advice about what to do in case of an armed attack, including locking a door or barricading oneself, evacuating the premises and seeking shelter. The brochure says the guidelines are general because school buildings can vary.

Should schools have to disclose bullying?

Amid safety push to notify parents, some fear inadvertently outing LGBT youths

BY MARY ESCH
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Richard and Christine Taras knew their soft-spoken son had been picked on by a school bus bully. But they were unaware of the more extensive torment Jacobe endured in school hallways until the day the 12-year-old middle schooler killed himself with his father’s shotgun.

“Dear Mom and Dad, I’m sorry but I can not live anymore,” Jacobe wrote on a sheet of lined notebook paper in 2015. “I just can’t deal with all the bullies, being called gay being told to go kill myself. I’m also done with being pushed, punched, tripped.” He signed off, “I LOVE YOU.”

“We had no idea of the extent or the seriousness of what was going on,” Richard Taras said. “My son didn’t tell me and the school didn’t pass along the information they had.”

Nearly three years later, Richard and Christine Taras of Moreau, 40 miles north of Albany, are pushing for a New York law that would require schools to notify parents if their child is being bullied. Known as “Jacob’s Law,” the measure unanimously passed the state Senate last week but has an uncertain fate in the Assembly.

At least eight states currently have laws requiring that schools notify parents when their child is being bullied or is bullying other kids. But such policies have come under attack from LGBT advocates who argue that schools officials could inadvertently be put in the position of outing gay, lesbian or transgender pupils to their parents. And such students may avoid reporting bullying to officials for fear of having their parents told.

“While it’s important for parents to be aware if their children are being bullied in



RICHARD TARAS

After Jacobe Taras took his life, his parents pushed New York to have schools tell parents if their kid is being bullied.

school, it’s also imperative to remember that LGBTQ students may not be out to their family or may not have supportive families,” said Ikaika Regidor, director of education and youth programs for GLSEN, a national organization focused on safe schools for LGBTQ students.

In 2001, a successful wrongful death lawsuit was filed after a Pennsylvania high school football player committed suicide when police officers threatened to tell his family he was gay. A

federal court in Philadelphia ruled that the U.S. Constitution prohibits governments from delving into the sexual orientation of Americans.

Those concerns have at least one state rethinking its law.

In New Jersey, known for having some of the strictest anti-bullying statutes in the nation, state education department officials have suggested stepping back from automatic notification and instead requiring schools to consider incidents on a

case-by-case basis before contacting parents.

“There are laws that restrict what school officials can tell a parent about anything the official has discovered about the student’s sexual orientation or gender identification,” said Bob Farrace, spokesman for the National Association of Secondary School Principals. “Where notification might lead into that conversation puts the official into a very difficult spot.”

The Education Commission of the States says many states require that school districts develop policies around parental notification of bullying, but only a few explicitly outline those requirements at the state level.

Connecticut, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Virginia and Wisconsin have statewide requirements for parental notification of bullying, although timing of notification varies. In Louisiana, a parent must be notified before any student under 18 is interviewed about a report of bullying. In Connecticut, parents must be notified within 48 hours after an investigation of bullying is completed.

Other states require schools to develop local

policies on parental notification. They include Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

In New York, every school district is required to develop a code of conduct addressing bullying and discrimination. It must include provisions setting circumstances and procedures for notifying parents of code violations.

Richard and Christine Taras contend that the rural South Glens Falls District failed to protect their son from bullies who made fun of him for being a Boy Scout, among other things. A year after he died, they filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the district in state Supreme Court in Saratoga County. Since it’s still pending, school officials declined to comment on his case.

“Jacob was the kindest soul you could meet, with extremely good manners, empathy and people skills,” Richard Taras said. “For someone like that to decide to take his own life, it’s hard on so many levels. You feel like you didn’t protect them.”

Florida lawmakers pass firearms bill in response to shooting

BY MICHAEL SCHERER
The Washington Post

Florida lawmakers bucked the National Rifle Association on Wednesday to pass new firearms regulations and create a program for arming some school employees in a rare act of Republican compromise on the divisive issue of gun violence.

The response to the slayings at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., signaled a major shift for a state

known as a legal laboratory for gun rights activists. It could become a blueprint for other states looking at new measures to address mass shootings.

A bipartisan vote of 67-50 in the state House ended a three-week process in which students marched on the state capital in Tallahassee to demand change. The Senate passed the bill Monday.

The action came on the



Cruz

same day that shooting suspect Nikolas Cruz was formally charged with 17 counts of first-degree murder, which could mean a death penalty if convicted.

The indictment also charges the 19-year-old with 17 counts of attempted murder for the Valentine’s Day massacre at the Parkland high school.

After weeks of debate, lawmakers approved a bill that would impose a three-

day waiting period for most purchases of long guns and raise the minimum age for purchasing those weapons to 21. The legislation also includes millions of dollars to improve school security and train and arm school employees.

Federal efforts to further regulate guns and improve the federal background check system have sputtered, caught up in the political divide that has undermined attempts to tighten rules for firearms.

The U.S. Senate has not

scheduled any debate on gun legislation, with a bill on background checks stalled. The House of Representatives is planning a vote next week on a new grant program to educate teachers and students about how to identify and intervene when school violence breaks out.

President Donald Trump has not put forward his own school safety proposal, after initially saying he supported arming teachers, raising the age for some purchases and even remov-

ing guns from people deemed dangerous before a judicial review.

GOP Gov. Rick Scott, who is exploring a U.S. Senate bid, reiterated his opposition to arming teachers Wednesday but stepped short of threatening a veto.

“I am going to read the bill, and I am going to talk to parents,” he told reporters. “My goal is that this never happens again to a parent in our state.”

Associated Press contributed.



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State police respond to a car accident Wednesday along the snowy and icy Pennsylvania Turnpike in Philadelphia. Officials in the Northeast urged residents to stay off the roads.

2nd nor'easter in week clobbers the Northeast

BY KAREN MATTHEWS AND DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the second time in less than a week, a storm rolled into the Northeast with wet, heavy snow Wednesday, grounding flights, closing schools and bringing another round of power outages to a corner of the country still recovering from the previous blast of winter.

The nor'easter knocked out electricity to tens of thousands of customers and produced "thunder-snow" as it made its way up the coast, with flashes of lightning and booming thunder from the Philadelphia area to New York City.

A middle school teacher holding an umbrella on bus duty outside a school in Manchester Township, N.J., was struck by lightning but survived, police said.

Officials urged people to stay off the roads.

"It's kind of awful," said New York University student Alessa Raiford, who put two layers of clothing on a pug named Jengo before taking him for a walk in slushy, sloppy Manhattan, where rain gave way to wet snow. "I'd rather that it be full-on snowing than rain and slush. It just makes it difficult."

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning into Thursday morning from the Philadelphia area through most of New England.

More than 2,600 flights across the region — about 1,900 in the New York metro area alone — were canceled.

It wasn't much better on the ground, with Pennsylvania and New York banning big rigs from some major highways and transit agencies reducing or canceling service on trains and buses.

The storm wasn't predicted to be as severe as the nor'easter that toppled trees, inundated coastal communities and caused more than 2 million power outages from Virginia to Maine last Friday.

But it still proved to be a headache for the tens of thousands of customers still in the dark from the earlier storm — and for the crews trying to restore power to them.

PECO, Pennsylvania's largest electric utility, reported 120,000 outages Wednesday, about 6,000 of which were left over from last week.

The storm unloaded snow at a rate of 2 or 3 inches an hour, with some places in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut getting up to 16 inches by

Wednesday night.

Ten people were taken to hospitals with symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning after running a generator inside a home in North White Plains, N.Y., police said. All were expected to survive.

The wind knocked gobs of slush and snow off buildings and trees in Philadelphia and New York, forcing pedestrians to watch out.

Across the region, power lines and tree branches sagged precariously under the weight of the wet show. Suburban streets were littered with downed trees and branches.

"I don't think I'm ready for this to happen again," Caprice Dantzer said as she walked through Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square. She said many trees that crashed into cars and homes and blocked streets during the last storm had yet to be removed.

A few hardy tourists waded through puddles and slush to visit the World Trade Center memorial, where Juan Escobar, visiting from Cali, Colombia, with his wife, Daniela, snapped a selfie in front of one of the reflecting pools.

Escobar said it was the second time in his life he had seen snow.

"It's awesome!" he said. "We are cold as hell, but we are happy."

Reports: Syrian troops split rebel-held enclave

BY PHILIP ISSA
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Government forces on Wednesday seized vast swathes of territory including farmland from rebels in the opposition-held suburbs of Damascus, effectively dividing the besieged enclave in two and further squeezing rebels and tens of thousands of civilians trapped inside, state media and a war monitor reported.

The government, determined to wrest the suburbs from the control of rebels after seven years of war, has resorted to extreme levels of shelling and bombardment to clear the way for its troops to advance on the ground. Hundreds have been killed in the past two weeks.

The state-affiliated al-Ikhbariya TV station on Wednesday broadcast live shots from the region, showing dense columns of smoke rising above the town as explosions and rockets could be heard flying overhead. Syria's Central Military Media said troops took control of the town of Beit Sawa and most of Misraba, both rebel-held communities in the heart of the enclave.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that by nightfall, Syrian government troops and allied militias had seized half of the territory held by rebels in eastern Ghouta and split the enclave in two halves — northern and southern.

By slicing the territory, the Syrian government succeeds in severing supply routes and further squeezing rebels inside.

Dramatic videos released by the opposition's Syrian Civil Defense on Wednesday showed rescuers digging away hard-packed rubble to rescue a dust-covered little boy and a baby girl in the town of Arbeen. The Britain-based Observatory, which moni-



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Syrian Civil Defense volunteers help a man in Hamouria during government shelling on areas in eastern Ghouta.

tors the war through a network of activists on the ground, said 40 people were killed in the bombardment Wednesday.

In Geneva, U.N. human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein denounced what he said were attempts by Syria's government to justify indiscriminate, brutal attacks on hundreds of thousands of civilians by the need to combat a few hundred fighters in eastern Ghouta, calling it "legally and morally unsustainable."

"When you are prepared to kill your own people, lying is easy too. Claims by the government of Syria that it is taking every measure to protect its civilian population are frankly ridiculous," he said.

Civilians are not safe anywhere in eastern Ghouta, and aid workers who entered briefly on Monday said some residents hadn't seen sunlight for two weeks because they were sheltering underground.

At least 800 civilians have been killed since the offensive started Feb. 18, according to the Syrian Observatory of Human Rights. Russia's military by its own admission is playing a key role supporting the assault.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has urged all parties to abide by a 30-day cease-fire ordered

by the Security Council on Feb. 24 to allow humanitarian aid to reach civilians in desperate need. A rare humanitarian aid convoy made it to eastern Ghouta on Monday but was forced to cut short its mission amid severe bombardment by the government. It was not clear whether another convoy, planned for Thursday, would go through. Aid agencies said they were negotiating security guarantees ahead of the mission.

The Security Council was expected to meet Wednesday to address the failed cease-fire.

Meanwhile, Turkey called on the United States to prevent U.S.-backed Kurdish forces from sending fighters deployed against the Islamic State group to shore up Kurdish forces battling a Turkish offensive in an enclave in northwest Syria.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's spokesman said Turkey wants the United States to "step in and prevent" the redeployment.

A spokesman for Arab militias within the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said Tuesday that as many as 1,700 fighters would be redeployed.

U.S. officials have warned that Turkey's offensive could undermine the fight against Islamic State.

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China's new tack: Slowly reeling in Taiwan

Beijing makes it easier to work, study in China

BY RALPH JENNINGS
Los Angeles Times

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Some Taiwanese have long feared that China would try to take back the island by force. Last month China tried a far gentler approach: measures to make it easier for Taiwanese to invest, work and study on the mainland.

Still, the 31 measures unnerved the government in Taipei, which accused China of trying to lure away talent while undermining Taiwanese political identity.

Those reactions from Taipei come as China's legislature begins annual meetings that normally include a sweeping, high-level statement on the future of Beijing's ever thorny relations with Taiwan.

They also follow nearly two years of diplomatic and economic pressure from Beijing against Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen.

China claims sovereignty over democratic and self-ruled Taiwan, viewing it as a rogue province. China insists on eventual unification, by force if needed, despite Taiwanese government polls showing that 70 percent to 80 percent of Taiwanese people prefer their autonomy.

China's Taiwan Affairs Office has announced the measures aimed at attracting Taiwanese people to do business or study in China.

Twelve of the measures would give Taiwanese investors equal treatment with mainland counterparts. The office said the



Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, center, watches during drills by the Taiwanese military, rated No. 19 in the world.

SAM YEH/GETTY-AFP

package overall would help Taiwanese factories cut manufacturing and operating costs and allow their goods to reach further into the massive Chinese market, a hallmark of the \$11.2-trillion-plus Chinese economy that grows about 7 percent every year.

Nineteen measures make it easier to study, set up businesses and work in China.

"They are aimed at sharing the opportunities of the mainland's development with Taiwan compatriots," the Taiwan Affairs Office said on its website.

The Taiwanese govern-

ment's Mainland Affairs Council dismissed the measures as an attempt by China to fulfill its goal of fusing the island and mainland together.

"Recently mainland China has tightened pressure on us, then it releases 'measures advantageous to Taiwan' to win over our public," the council said in a statement. "For mainland China to repeatedly launch numerous measures like that over the long term means it's accelerating its one-sided economic development goals by attracting Taiwanese resources as well as hoping (the mea-

asures) will help change Taiwan's political identity."

A day before China announced the measures, Taiwan's president appealed for foreign help in keeping her island autonomous. China has the world's third-strongest military, compared with Taiwan's at No. 19.

China and Taiwan have been separately ruled since the Chinese civil war of the 1940s, when Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists lost the mainland to the Communists and moved their government to Taipei.

"Taiwan's stance of maintaining status quo will

not change," Tsai said at a Foreign Ministry event last week in Taipei, meaning no unification. "But I want to remind that this maintenance is not just one country's responsibility. Maintaining the status quo requires every country in the region to work hard together."

Beijing resents Tsai for declining to see both sides as parts of one country, a precondition for any dialogue. Tsai, who took office in 2016, is also backed by a political party with senior members who advocate more distance from China.

To pressure Tsai, a 61-

year-old law scholar, China has flown military aircraft near the island and blocked Taiwan from joining United Nations organizations. The Taiwanese government said it canceled a February cultural event in the Indian Ocean nation of Mauritius after China forced a Taiwanese plane to turn back.

Beijing's 31 measures cut out any relations with the Taiwanese government, noted Alexander Huang, a strategic studies professor at Tamkang University in Taiwan.

"All these measures are targeting Taiwan people," Huang said. "They are communicating with the people. They bypass the government and say, 'We'll take care of you.' They're turning from de jure unification into a de facto one."

Tsai's plea may bolster efforts in Tokyo and Washington to help Taiwan without jeopardizing their relations with China, experts say. Both are staunch informal allies of Taiwan hoping to check China's influence in the Asia-Pacific region.

Chinese officials may believe it is pointless to pressure Tsai this year, said Lin Chong-pin, a retired strategic studies professor in Taiwan. Beijing's "soft prong" in a two-part approach to Taiwan will gain ground instead, he said.

Beijing already made it easier last year for Taiwanese to work in China.

It might instead step up actions, such as the measures announced, aimed at luring Taiwanese citizens to China, he said. The measures also offer advantages to Taiwanese in taxation, land use and health care, the Taiwan Affairs Office said.

Mexico, Canada may be spared

Tariffs, from Page 1

Manufacturing Policy office, said Wednesday night on Fox Business that the president would meet Thursday afternoon with steel union workers and "sign the proclamations. And within about 15 to 30 days, the tariffs go into effect."

Other officials said the timing of the announcement and details of the plan remained fluid and subject to change.

The White House shift came after Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson made a last-minute appeal for flexibility, saying that overly broad tariffs would damage key security ties with U.S. allies.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said earlier that the exemptions would be made on a "case by case" and "country by country" basis.

The looming departure of Cohn, a former Goldman Sachs executive who has opposed the promised tariffs, set off anxiety among business leaders and investors worried about a potential trade war.

More than 100 House Republicans wrote in a letter to Trump: "We urge you to reconsider the idea of broad tariffs to avoid unintended negative consequences to the U.S. economy and its workers."

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross told CNBC that Trump has "indicated a degree of flexibility."

"I think a very sensible, very balanced degree of flexibility," Ross said. "We're not trying to blow up the world."

Trump signaled that other trade actions could be in the works. In a tweet, he said the "U.S. is acting swiftly on Intellectual Property theft." A White House official said Trump was referencing an investigation in which the U.S. trade representative is studying whether Chinese intellectual property rules are "unreasonable or discriminatory" to American business.

The official, who spoke



President Donald Trump, seen Wednesday at the Latino Coalition's Legislative Summit, may make a final announcement Thursday on tariffs.

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Trump miscasts manufacturing, trade balance

BY PAUL WISEMAN AND JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is presenting a skewed picture of the decline of manufacturing in making his case for import penalties that could spark a trade war.

Here's a look at his latest statement on the subject as he prepares to impose heavy tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum this week:

Trump: "From Bush 1 to present, our Country has lost more than 55,000 factories, 6,000,000 manufacturing jobs and accumulated Trade Deficits of more than 12 Trillion Dollars. Last year we had a Trade Deficit of almost 800 Billion Dollars. Bad Policies & Leadership. Must WIN again!" — tweet Wednesday.

The facts: Trump persistently miscasts the trade balance, citing the U.S.

deficit in goods and ignoring the U.S. surplus in services. The actual trade deficit last year was \$566 billion.

As for manufacturing, Trump leaves out what is widely regarded as the main reason for the decline in factory jobs — automation and other efficiencies. Trade is certainly a factor as well.

He's in the ballpark when referring to how many factory jobs have been lost since January 1989, when George H.W. Bush became president. The number he cites as 6 million is actually 5.5 million, according to the Labor Department.

What he doesn't say, though, is that despite the loss of those 5.5 million factory jobs, the U.S. economy overall has added a net total of about 40.6 million jobs in that time. Incomes from those jobs have paid for the imported goods that have added to U.S. trade deficits.

He also does not offer a larger

historical context. The U.S. lost 1.6 million manufacturing jobs in the decade before Bush, a pace of decline only slightly lower than that during the 30-year period cited by Trump.

Factory jobs dropped during the severe downturns of the early 1980s, stayed fairly stable until about 2000, then dropped sharply. Economists are divided about why.

The big drop after 2000 roughly coincides with China's entry into the World Trade Organization in December 2001, which meant U.S. manufacturers increasingly competed with China and gained an incentive to move factories there. Some economists put the most blame on technology.

Ball State University's Center for Business and Economic Research, for instance, found in a 2015 study that trade accounted for just 13 percent of factory job losses, with technology devouring most of the rest.

on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, said an announcement on the findings of the report — and possible retaliatory actions — was expected within the next three weeks.

Meanwhile, the EU's trade commissioner, Cecilia Malmstroem, said Wednesday that the bloc is ready to retaliate with countermeasures, escalating the risk of a trade war. Many economists say such conflicts tend to hurt all sides because exporting producers suffer but so do consumers who face higher costs.

Malmstroem said the EU is circulating among member states a list of U.S. goods to target with tariffs so that it can respond as quickly as possible. The list includes U.S. steel and agricultural products, as well as products such as bourbon, peanut butter, cranberries and orange juice.

"This is basically a stupid process, the fact that we have to do this. But we have to do it," EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker had said Friday. "We can also do stupid."

Business leaders, meanwhile, continued to sound

the alarm about the potential economic fallout from tariffs, with the president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce raising the specter of a global trade war. That scenario, Tom Donohue said, would endanger the economic momentum from the GOP tax cuts and Trump's rollback of regulations.

The president has said the tariffs are needed to reinforce lagging American steel and aluminum industries and protect national security. He has tried to use the tariffs as leverage in ongoing talks to revise

NAFTA.

White House senior adviser Jared Kushner and staff from the State Department and National Security Council met Wednesday with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto and other top officials in Mexico City. Kushner has been the designated point person for the United States' relationship with Mexico since the 2016 presidential campaign. But ties have become more complicated in recent weeks, given that the White House recently downgraded Kushner's security clearance, raising questions

about how effective he might be in a meeting with a head of state or whether there are key issues he might not be informed about.

U.S. lawmakers opposed to the tariffs have suggested more narrowly focused approaches to target Chinese imports. But members of Congress have few tools to counter the president.

The White House is weighing contenders to succeed Cohn, and names circulating include Goldman Sachs executive Jim Donovan, Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Kevin Hassett, and trade adviser Peter Navarro, people familiar with the matter said. Trump's plan to slap tariffs on on steel and aluminum imports was promoted by Navarro.

Other names being floated for Cohn's job include Mick Mulvaney, head of the White House Office of Management and Budget; CNBC contributor Larry Kudlow; Chris Liddell, assistant to the president for strategic initiatives; Deputy Director for Economic Policy Shahira Knight; economist Stephen Moore; Vice President Mike Pence's chief economist, Mark Calabria; and Bob Steel, former under-secretary for domestic finance at Treasury under President George W. Bush, according to the people.

Washington Post and Bloomberg News contributed.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Cohen got secret order against porn star Daniels, attorney says

LOS ANGELES — President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, obtained a restraining order last week to block porn star Stormy Daniels from speaking publicly about Trump's alleged extramarital affair with her, according to Daniels' attorney.

The order came in a private Los Angeles arbitration proceeding Cohen initiated to enforce a deal reached with Daniels in the closing days of the

2016 presidential campaign. In return for keeping silent, Daniels received \$130,000.

Asked whether Trump knew about the payment when it was made, Sanders responded: "Not that I'm aware of."

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, filed a lawsuit against the president Tuesday seeking to void the October 2016 hush-money agreement, saying Trump never signed it.

British police: Nerve agent used in attack on former Russian spy

LONDON — British police said Wednesday that a former Russian double agent and his daughter who are fighting for their lives in a British hospital were "targeted specifically" with a nerve agent.

Mark Rowley, who heads Britain's counterterrorism policing, said that a police officer, one of the first on the scene, was in serious condition in hospital.

On Sunday afternoon,

Sergei Skripal, 66, and his daughter Yulia, 33, were found unconscious on a bench in the center of Salisbury, a cathedral city 90 miles southwest of London. The two were rushed to a hospital, where they remain critically ill.

Skripal, a former Russian spy, was jailed in 2006 for passing state secrets to Britain. He was released in 2010 as part of a high-profile spy swap.

Police: 1 student dead, 1 injured in shooting at Alabama school

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A 17-year-old girl was killed in a shooting Wednesday at an Alabama high school and a 17-year-old male student was injured, authorities said, adding they were investigating it as accidental.

Birmingham interim police Chief Orlando Wilson said investigators are still seeking to determine the circumstances of the shooting shortly before 3:30 p.m. at Huffman High

School, adding they had begun seeking out witnesses and school surveillance video.

Wednesday's shooting prompted a brief lockdown at the magnet school. Students were subsequently released and authorities said they had determined that the shooting was not perpetrated by "someone from the outside" entering the school. Wilson declined to say who fired the gun.



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Naval visit: Vo Nhat Truyen, 30, who suffers from the effects of Agent Orange, warms up Wednesday to a sailor from the USS Carl Vinson, which arrived Monday in Vietnam. The chemical the U.S. used to destroy foliage in the Vietnam War also causes birth defects.

West Virginia teachers return to classroom after 9-day strike

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia teachers returned to work as schools reopened Wednesday after winning a 5 percent pay increase through a massive mobilization that continued without a hitch as teachers stood their ground when lawmakers didn't give them what they wanted.

A nine-day strike was declared over Tuesday after the Legislature passed and Gov. Jim Justice signed the pay raise to end what's believed to be the longest strike in state history. The last major strike, in 1990, lasted eight days.

The walkout shut 277,000 students out of classrooms, forced their parents to scramble for child care and cast a national spotlight on government dysfunction in West Virginia.

These 35,000 public school employees, some of the lowest-paid in the nation, had gone four years without a salary increase.

Justice has asked county superintendents to be flexible as they decide how to meet the requirement of having 180 days of school, saying students "have suffered enough." He wants families to have time for

summer vacation and doesn't want summer feeding programs placed in jeopardy if classes go too far into June.

Some superintendents are mulling whether to cut short spring break.

At Stonewall Jackson Middle School in Charleston, students filed past a hallway sign that read "Welcome back, let's roll."

After the layoff, Stonewall Jackson student Angel Davis said she tried to convince her sister that it's good to be back in school.

"I was happy," she said. "I said I want my education."

Calif. decision expected soon on Manson corpse

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — A California court commissioner will rule soon on who can collect the remains of murder mastermind Charles Manson.

Kern County Superior Court Commissioner Alisa Knight said Wednesday that she would rule in a few days on petitions to release

Manson's remains from the Bakersfield morgue, said deputy Kern County counsel Bryan Walters said.

Several would-be heirs and a former pen pal are vying for the corpse that's been on ice since Manson died Nov. 19 in a hospital at age 83.

A man who claims he

was fathered by Manson and another who says he's a grandson are locked in a dispute with a friend who collects so-called Manson memorabilia.

Manson was serving a life sentence for orchestrating the 1969 killings of pregnant actress Sharon Tate and eight others.

Holocaust Museum pulls major award from Suu Kyi

WASHINGTON — The United States Holocaust Museum is revoking a major human rights award given to Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, the country's civilian leader, saying she has failed to respond adequately to the mass killings of Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya minority.

The museum said Wednesday that the Elie Wiesel Award given to Suu Kyi in 2012 would be rescinded. The move is the latest in a series of blows to Suu Kyi's international reputation, which has plummeted over the Rohingya massacres.

Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.

The museum has embraced the plight of the Rohingya and published a report in November that said there was "mounting evidence of genocide" committed by the military and Buddhist extremists.

Pope Francis has

cleared the way for Archbishop Oscar Romero to be made a saint, declaring that the churchman murdered by El Salvador's right-wing death squads for standing up for the poor should be a model for today's church. Francis signed a decree confirming a miracle attributed to Romero's intercession.

Sabotage may be

contributing to water shortages in Mexico City that have caused protests in the city of 9 million. Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera said the city is buying lockable covers for valves. Residents will vote for president and the city's mayor July 1, and some fear the sabotage may be politically motivated.

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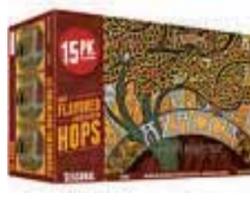
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Choices for Cook County courts

The Tribune Editorial Board concludes endorsements for Cook County subcircuit judicial races. All of these are Democratic primaries unless noted.

5th subcircuit, Washington II vacancy: This is an easy choice. Judge **Robert Harris** was Cook County's public guardian from 2004 until his appointment to the bench in September. Bar associations gave thumbs down to both of his opponents, Shay Tyrone Allen and Mary Alice Melchor. Harris is endorsed.

6th subcircuit, Chevere vacancy: Major bar associations awarded their highest ratings to Judge **Kent Delgado**, who was appointed in 2017 and is assigned to probate court. The groups had concerns about David C. Herrera's temperament and said Sean Patrick Kelly needs more experience. Delgado is strongly endorsed.

6th subcircuit, Cooke vacancy: The three candidates in this race all are qualified for the bench. Edward J. Underhill is a private attorney focusing on business and commercial litigation. Andrea Michelle Webber is an assistant public defender assigned to the Homicide Task Force. Judge **Charles "Charlie" Beach**, appointed to the vacancy last year, has impressed his fellow judges and the lawyers who appear in his courtroom. Beach is endorsed.

6th subcircuit, Lopez Cepero vacancy: In a little over a year on the bench, Judge **Stephanie K. Miller** has moved from traffic court to misdemeanors to bond court. Her varied career as an assistant state's attorney — handling felonies, sex crimes and juvenile cases — prepared her to handle many roles. Her opponent, Linda Perez, also is well-equipped. As an assistant public defender, she's handled felonies, misdemeanors, juvenile crimes and child protection cases. In a close call, Miller is endorsed.

8th subcircuit, Fabri vacancy: We endorsed Judge Robin Denise Shoffner with reservations in 2016. She lost that race and was appointed to fill this vacancy. The CBA says she "is working to address concerns about her legal knowledge and temperament." A better choice is **James "Jamie" Shapiro**, who was a circuit judge from 2007 to 2012 and now has a private practice that focuses mainly on state and federal criminal defense. Also on the ballot are Stephen J. Feldman and John Christopher Benson, both private practitioners, and Bonnie C. McGrath, who skipped the evaluations. Shapiro is endorsed.

8th subcircuit, Liu vacancy: Judge **Michael A. Forti** was appointed to the bench in 2016 and works in the Domestic Relations Division. He has been a private litigator, a supervisor in



Robert Harris



Kent Delgado



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the Chicago Law Department and chief counsel for the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Council of Lawyers says he manages a high-volume courtroom and is praised for his handling of pro se litigants — people who appear before him without attorneys. Also on the ballot are Athena A. Farmakis, a Luvaabull-turned-lawyer who is a stellar assistant state's attorney; Lindsay Huge, a career public defender currently handling appeals; and Cyrus Hosseini, who didn't participate in evaluations. Forti is endorsed.

8th subcircuit, Pethers vacancy: This is another strong field. A former assistant Illinois attorney general, Judge **Myron "Mike" Mackoff** quickly impressed fellow judges after his appointment in 2016. Jeanne Marie Wrenn is a former prosecutor who served as legislative liaison to the Illinois General Assembly; she also was ethics officer for the Pace bus system and general counsel to the National Safety Council. Rishi Agrawal is a private attorney specializing in commercial, criminal and family law. Mackoff is endorsed.

10th subcircuit, O'Neill Burke vacancy: Colleagues and court observers say Judge **Stephanie Saltouros** is doing a fine job in municipal court. Before she was appointed to a vacant seat in 2016, she was a criminal defense attorney, and before that a prosecutor. Gwynn E. Ward Brown is a career assistant public defender, now handling post-conviction and appellate matters. Lorraine Murphy is a first chair felony prosecutor. Voters can't go wrong. But Saltouros is endorsed.

10th subcircuit, Suriano vacancy: Judge **Gerald Cleary** was not elected in 2012, when we first endorsed him, but was appointed to a vacancy in 2015 and is assigned to the challenging Chancery Division. He earns our endorsement again. Colleen Reardon Daly is impressive, as in 2016. Jill Rose Quinn and Thomas J. Gabryszewski get mixed reviews from bar associations. Noreen Patricia Connolly did not participate in evaluations. Cleary is endorsed.

11th subcircuit, Kennedy vacancy: Judge **Joanne F. Rosado** was a rock star assistant public defender, sitting first chair in murder cases and assigned to the multiple defendants unit. She also handled child protection cases. She was appointed to this vacancy in 2017. Scott Jay Frankel is a former public defender now in private practice. He handles civil and criminal cases in state and fed-

eral courts and gets high praise for his legal skills. He, too, would be a fine judge. Our endorsement goes to Rosado.

12th subcircuit, Maki vacancy: This subcircuit has primaries for both parties. For Democrats, our pick is **Joel Chupack**. The CBA rated him "highly qualified," noting his "knowledge of the law, legal scholarship, legal ability and excellent temperament." His private practice focuses on real estate law, and he has worked extensively as an arbitrator. Also on the ballot are Carmine Trombetta and Thomas Raymond Molitor.

For the Republicans, **David Studenroth**, a former prosecutor now doing private criminal defense, is endorsed over Alan M. Jacob, who did not participate in bar association evaluations.

13th subcircuit, Crane vacancy (Republican): There are two good choices in this race. **Gary William Seyring** is an attorney and certified public accountant who has been in private practice for nearly four decades. He focuses on family, business and real estate law and estate and tax planning. He is endorsed over Susanne Groebner, a veteran prosecutor praised by the CBA for her "outstanding" trial skills.

13th subcircuit, Lawrence vacancy (Republican): Judge **Michael Perry Gerber's** legal journey — three years as a public

defender, nearly 33 as a prosecutor — was capped by his appointment to the bench in 2016 at age 71. Daniel Patrick Fitzgerald is also impressive. He is senior counsel for Walgreens and has been an assistant attorney general and general counsel to several state agencies. Gerber is endorsed.

14th subcircuit, Garcia vacancy: Bar associations say **Beatriz A. Frausto-Sandoval's** private practice — focusing mostly on immigration law — has not prepared her for the circuit court bench. Judge **Marina E. Ammendola** brings broad experience as a civil litigator and has served as a guardian ad litem; she was appointed to the bench in 2017. Ammendola is endorsed.

15th subcircuit, Scully Jr. vacancy: **Michael B. Barrett** is a private attorney specializing in personal injury, workers' compensation, probate and estate planning. He gets high marks for his courtroom skills. Bar associations say Ashonta Rice-Akiwowo doesn't have enough experience to be a judge. Barrett is endorsed.

15th subcircuit, Zelezinski vacancy: Judge **Anthony C. Swanagan** worked in private practice and as a corporate in-house counsel and spent 15 years as a law clerk for appellate and federal court judges. He was appointed to the bench last year. He's endorsed over Scott McKenna, a private attorney with extensive experience in civil litigation.

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Danny Davis blows a chance to denounce Farrakhan's hateful words

Louis Farrakhan, hate-spewing leader of the Nation of Islam, gave a speech in Chicago recently in which he attacked "powerful Jews" and portrayed himself as an enemy of white people.

"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," he told a large audience gathered at Wintrust Arena for the Nation's Saviours' Day event Feb. 25. Farrakhan included other anti-Semitic remarks in his speech, the same type of bilge he's preached for years. A 2015 report by the Anti-Defamation League chronicled Farrakhan's long history of repellent views.

Farrakhan is the ill-informed leader of a large organization. It's important that his comments be condemned by other influential voices in the community, such as a member of Chicago's congressional delegation. But when The Daily Caller, a conservative publication, asked Rep. Danny Davis,

D-Chicago, the congressman laughed off his close relationship with Farrakhan, saying he had no problem with him and wasn't concerned by Farrakhan's anti-Semitism.

"That's just one segment of what goes on in our world," Davis told The Daily Caller. "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."

Davis' words were thoughtless and irresponsible. He responded later with a strong statement condemning anti-Semitism and all forms of hatred. He also attacked The Daily Caller for trying to impugn his character. But as our colleague John Kass noted in a column, what Davis didn't do in his three-paragraph March 5 statement is criticize or even mention Farrakhan. Not a word. That leaves Davis open to the charge that he's complicit in Farrakhan's bigotry.



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Rep. Danny Davis hasn't done enough to repudiate Louis Farrakhan.

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A welder works Monday at an ironworks facility in Ottawa, Ontario. Most of the steel the U.S. imports comes from allies and friends, including Canada.

Trump tariffs are not about national security or dumping



STEVE CHAPMAN

Perfection is a rare achievement in Washington, so give Donald Trump credit for the trade policy he unveiled last week to put new tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum. It is perversely flawless in its disregard for factual reality, U.S. trade law and economic logic. It is all flies and no ointment.

The policy has two rationales, one official and one unofficial, which are alike in being either terribly misguided or consciously fraudulent. In reality, it is classic special-interest pandering, fleecing the many to enrich a favored few.

The official White House justification is that slapping new duties on these foreign metals is essential for our national security. Steel and aluminum are needed for military hardware, it argues, and we don't want to be dependent on our potential enemies or other unreliable nations to supply them.

But putting tariffs on all imports to prevent dependence on China or Russia is like throwing away your library card to avoid bad books. It

would make more sense to focus on the guilty countries rather than deploy a prayer that also soaks the innocent.

The national security risk is minuscule, though. Imports make up only one-third of the steel we use, and the Pentagon requires less than 3 percent of our domestic output. No enemy has us over a barrel, because we buy steel from 110 different countries.

Most of what we import comes from allies and friends, including Canada, South Korea and Mexico, which would have no reason to cut us off in a crisis. If China stopped shipping to us, friendlier countries would leap to grab the business.

Likewise with aluminum. Domestic firms provide for one-third of national consumption — and only 5 percent of the total supply is needed for the military. Nearly half of our imports come from Canada. China and Russia account for just one-fifth.

Perhaps because the national security excuse is so flimsy, those defending the tariffs offer another one: that China is overproducing steel and unloading it at cut-rate prices on the U.S. market. Trump has made this claim many times, and Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y., echoed it in an interview with NPR: "When you have a country like China that is dumping steel ... that is not sustainable."

The flaws in this argument are many. Chinese steel exports, far from rising, fell by 30 percent last year. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, the Financial Times reported, reached an agreement with Beijing to cut its capacity, only to be spurned by Trump.

The U.S. has laws against dumping — selling foreign goods below "fair value" — and the federal government often uses them. There are 29 tariffs already in place on Chinese steel products over supposedly unfair practices.

The law defines "dumping" so liberally that it isn't hard to prove. But Trump is not willing to settle for enforcing the law. He wants to go after foreign steelmakers whether they are playing by the rules or not.

Why? To raise the prices American companies can charge here at home so they make more money and employ more workers, in order to secure their allegiance in future elections.

The tariffs would undoubtedly hit consumers and companies that use steel and aluminum for their products. But the administration dismisses the burden. Ross said the change would add less than a penny to the cost of a can of soup and about \$175 to the price of a new car — a "trivial effect."

He has a point, but it only illustrates the genius of Trump's scam. If I took a dollar out of every bank account in the country, I'd be very rich, and most of

the victims wouldn't miss it. That doesn't mean they would be unharmed.

Spreading small costs over a large number of people to deliver large rewards to a tiny group is the textbook definition of special interest legislation. Trump proposes to use his power to line the pockets of steel and aluminum companies and workers, who number less than 150,000, with money taken from hundreds of millions of other people.

It's a form of intentional self-impoverishment. To counter the U.S. levies, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said the EC might impose new tariffs on American motorcycles and bourbon. "This is basically a stupid process," he said in exasperation, but "we can also do stupid."

Oh? Trust me, Jean-Claude: In this contest of stupidity, you're out of your league.

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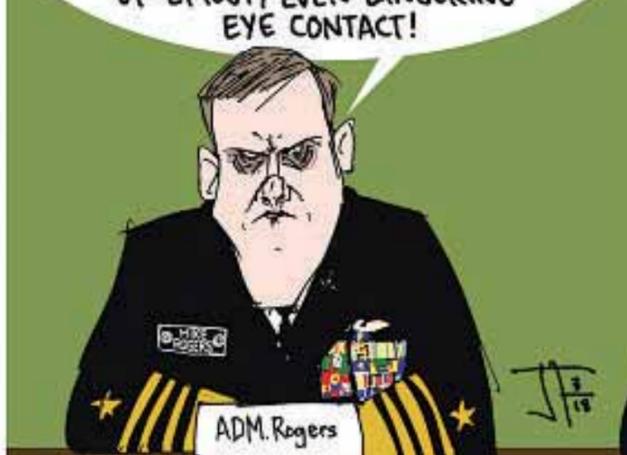
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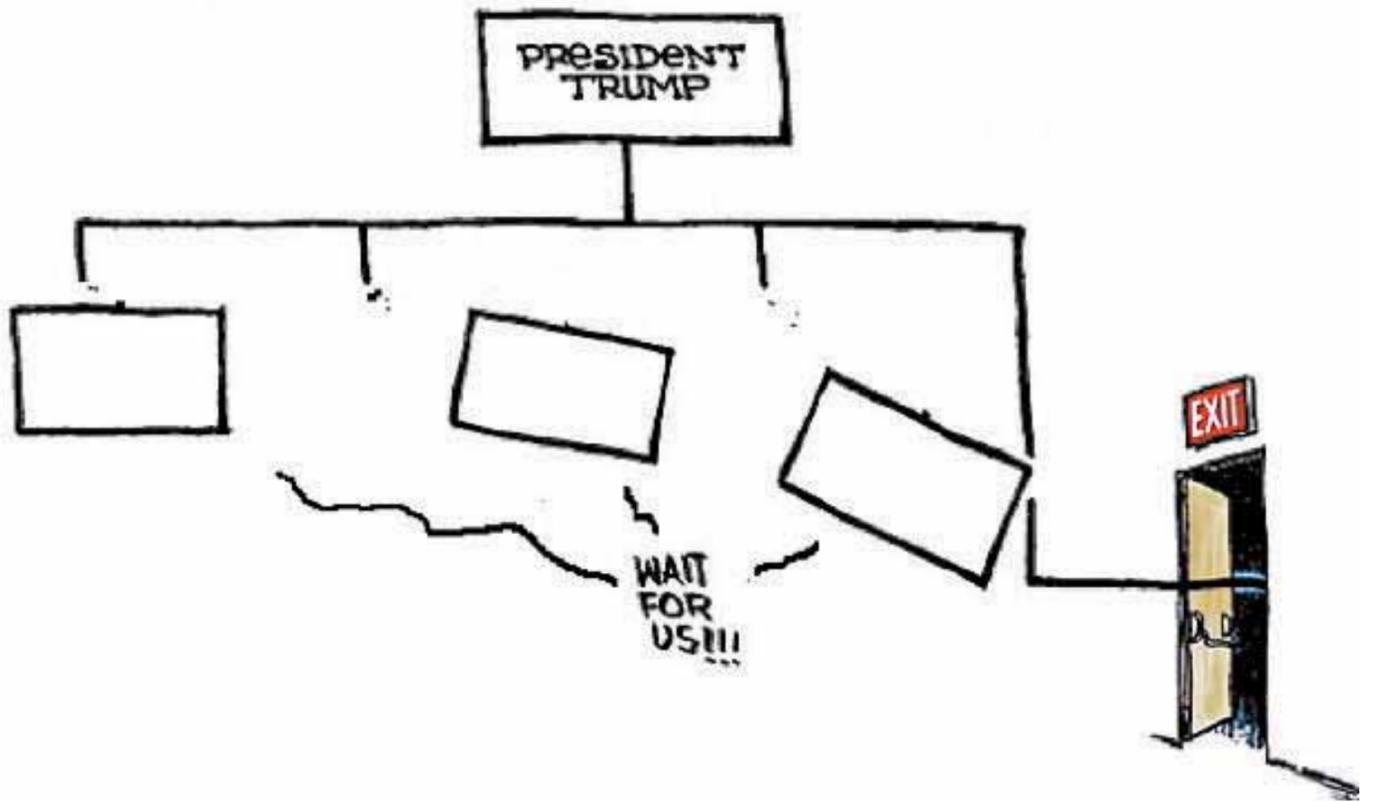
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President Trump's best-and-brightest problem

BY TIMOTHY L. O'BRIEN

Way back in 2015, shortly after Donald Trump announced his presidential run and the country began to learn what New Yorkers had always known about him, he reassured folks that he was a talent magnet.

"I'm going to surround myself only with the best and most serious people," he boasted to *The Washington Post* back then. "We want top-of-the-line professionals."

And, here we are. Boris Epshteyn, Anthony Scaramucci, Sebastian Gorka, Carter Page, Roger Stone, Paul Manafort, Michael Flynn, Corey Lewandowski, Steve Bannon, Reince Priebus, Sean Spicer and others all have come and gone.

Now let's focus on two others in Trump's circle, both of whom offer reminders that the elite club of "Trump advisers" isn't merely populated with examples of the president's poor judgment and bad taste. They're also reminders that some of those bad hires have come back to haunt Trump, and may visit legal nightmares upon him and his White House.

On Monday, Sam Nunberg, a former communications and political adviser whom Trump has sued, hired, fired, rehired and fired again in recent years, made it known that he doesn't plan to comply with a subpoena that the Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller sent his way. Nunberg made a dizzying round of media calls and appearances to reinforce his point, beginning with *The Washington Post*, in which he dismissed Mueller's investigation of Trump, his presidential campaign, and Russian meddling in the 2016 elections.

"They want me in there for grand jury on Friday," Nunberg told Bloomberg News. "I'm not paying the money to go down there. What's he going to do? He's so tough — let's see what they do. I'm not going to spend 40 hours going over emails. I have a life."

Nunberg told the *Post* that he planned to tear up his subpoena on Bloomberg TV and



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Former Trump campaign aide Sam Nunberg, who has been subpoenaed to hand over documents related to the presidential campaign, had some unconventional visits with reporters this week.

would let Mueller "arrest me," all of which misses the point a little bit. Nunberg and his lawyer are free to petition Mueller to narrow the scope of the subpoena. They can also seek to quash it. But if Nunberg simply ignores the subpoena, Mueller will ask a court to intervene. After a review, the court is likely to cite Nunberg for contempt — which would probably mean that a judge, not Mueller, would then send Nunberg off to prison.

Nunberg kept plowing ahead throughout Monday afternoon and evening. He told MSNBC's Katy Tur that Mueller's request for "every email I had with Roger Stone and with Steve Bannon," (as well as his email contacts with current and former Trump advisers Hope Hicks and Corey Lewandowski) was "ridiculous." When Tur changed gears to ask if Mueller's investigators "have something on the president," Nunberg was helpful.

"I think they may," he responded. "I think he may have done something during the election."

Ouch. Nunberg capped off his Monday with an unhinged TV appearance in which he found himself denying to a CNN host that he'd been drinking prior to

the interview.

So Nunberg, like many others in Trump's orbit, is loopy. But he also was a member of the Trump campaign during a period that Mueller's team is probing. He told an MSNBC host, Ari Melber, on Monday night that Mueller has offered him "immunity," and he told *The Associated Press* that he will cooperate with the probe. That brings us to Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, who also made a media appearance Monday. The *Wall Street Journal* reported that after Cohen wired a \$130,000 payment to a porn star, Stormy Daniels, for agreeing not to discuss an alleged sexual encounter with Trump, he complained to friends that he had yet to be properly reimbursed for the expenditure.

Cohen has described the Daniels payment as a legal, "private transaction" and has told reporters that he wasn't reimbursed by the Trump campaign or the Trump Organization. But he has declined to answer questions, the *Journal* reported, "about whether he was reimbursed by Mr. Trump or anyone else."

Cohen was sloppy. He set up a limited liability company called Essential Consultants, apparently to help mask the

source of the payment to Daniels. He incorporated the LLC in Delaware, which doesn't require public disclosure of the entity's managers and he used a pseudonym to identify Daniels. But when Cohen wired the money to Daniels just 12 days before the presidential election in 2016, he sent the whole pile at once. Come on! Anybody trying to hide big payments knows that sums of \$10,000 or more trigger a regulation requiring banks to disclose the transaction to the federal government.

Had Cohen been thinking, he might have tried breaking up the payments into 14 or more smaller chunks (though "structuring" payments that way to avoid disclosure and detection can also be illegal). Cohen's \$130,000 payment caused his bank to report the transaction to the Treasury Department, according to the *Journal*.

The *Journal* also reported that Cohen told the paper's sources that he missed two earlier deadlines to pay Daniels "because he couldn't reach Mr. Trump in the hectic final days of the presidential campaign." Reach Trump to talk about what? The *Journal* didn't specify, but it noted that Cohen's actions suggested "he intended



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Trump attorney Michael Cohen made the porn star payout.

to involve Mr. Trump in the deal" with the porn star.

Mueller has been investigating Cohen's participation in a possible deal to build a Trump-branded skyscraper in Moscow in late 2015 and early 2016 with a longtime Trump business partner with a shady past, Felix Sater.

It's unclear whether the special counsel will also probe the Daniels affair. A nonprofit group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, has asked the federal government to examine whether Trump had an undisclosed interest in Essential Consultants. Another nonprofit, Common Cause, has asked the Federal Election Commission and Justice Department to review the Daniels payment to determine if it amounted to an illegal campaign contribution.

Nunberg and Cohen's travails undermine the Trump family's narrative about the patriarch's flawless radar for finding the best people.

"My father values talent. He recognizes real knowledge and skill when he finds it," said the president's daughter Ivanka at the Republican National Convention in 2016. "When Donald Trump is in charge, all that counts is ability, effort and excellence."

If so, Trump defines "ability, effort and excellence" differently from the rest of us.

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PERSPECTIVE

When Kim Jong Un makes fake nice

BY DAVID VON DREHLE

Say what you will about Little Rocket Man. North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un is the chief thief of a family-run kleptocracy. Like his father and grandfather, he'll starve his own people to get what he wants. Torture and murder are preferred tools of statecraft.

But he ain't stupid. With the announcement of a summit between North and South Korean leaders as a possible prelude to talks with the Trump administration, Kim has maneuvered within view of a victory his forefathers only dreamed of: membership in the world community, on North Korea's terms. Many things can still go wrong. But his path forward seems pretty clear.

Step one is his rapidly advancing rapprochement with South Korea. The collapse last year of the conservative government in Seoul produced a new South Korean president, Moon Jae-in, who favors better relations with North Korea. Kim responded by rushing to complete testing of his intercontinental ballistic missile in time for an ostentatious peace overture tied to the Winter Olympics near the demilitarized zone.

That led, in turn, to a rare visit by emissaries of the South Korean president to Pyongyang. They returned to Seoul on Tuesday with plans for the late-April meeting — and what appears to be Kim's next gambit. According to Moon's national security director, the North Koreans offered a moratorium on further nuclear and missile tests in exchange for "heart-to-heart" talks with the United States. The Kim regime also dangled the idea of giving up its nukes entirely if North Korea's safety and sovereignty are guaranteed.

"We will see what happens," President Donald Trump tweeted, with commendable caution. As he weighs his options, he's sure to hear from critics of new talks between Washington and Pyongyang. Many of them will cite the example of Lucy van Pelt and Charlie Brown's football. The Kim family has a long track record of promising changes, then snatching them away.

But it's hard to see that Trump has much choice. The alternative to dangling carrots of safety and sovereignty is to wield the military stick, but this particular stick is in South Korea. Swinging it requires help from our allies on the front lines. Yet Seoul is not on board.

Kim appears to understand that the United States can hardly expose South Korea to a potentially apocalyptic war without support from Moon. To do so would court disaster diplomatically, economically and militarily.

Thus Kim's thaw with South Korea will likely lead to new talks eventually. When that happens, at least three important facts will be materially different from the last time Lucy got the ball.

First, North Korea's nukes are an accomplished reality, no longer a possibility to be averted. As appalling as it is to acknowledge this, Kim's negotiating position is much stronger now. He can aim for a lasting settlement rather than temporary breathing room.

Second, Kim has in neighboring China a model for his own future. His family has always believed that modernization threatens its grip on power and sealed it out, making North Korea a Hermit Kingdom. But Xi Jinping, the Chinese premier, is attempting to prove that

economic liberalization can coexist with political dictatorship. Kim may conclude that he can maintain power without utterly isolating his country.

Third, Kim has on the horizon a prospect for greater security than ever before. It looks like this: Russian President Vladimir Putin is champing at the bit to build a natural gas pipeline through North Korea to supply the energy-hungry dynamo to the south. America's fracking revolution has put tremendous pressure on Russia's state-owned Gazprom to find new customers for piped gas, which is cheaper than U.S. gas that must be liquefied for oceanic shipping. South Korea is an especially tantalizing market.

Putin was sidetracked by Kim's decision to weaponize his nuclear capability, and the international sanctions that followed. But if talks with the United States clear away the most severe restrictions, Putin's pipeline project will surely be resurrected. And if completed, the pipeline will constitute a major strategic Russian asset running right through the middle of North Korea — enough insurance against a U.S. attack that Kim could afford to mothball his own nukes to shelter under the Russian umbrella.

These facts point to a possible solution of the nuclear standoff. Further provocation gains Kim nothing. But his past outrages have put him in a new position, potentially able to turn the page.

On the other hand, the prospect of a normalized North Korea underlines the longer-term challenge for the United States. Would de-escalation erode the rationale for American bases in the south?

China and Russia would certainly be happy to see us leave. And happiest of all would be Kim Jong Un — reckless, dangerous, ruthless Kim — the madman who just might be crazy like a fox.

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When what starts out as liberal becomes progressively absurd



VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

Not long ago I waited for a flight to board. The plane took off 45 minutes late. There were only two attendants to accommodate 11 passengers who had requested wheelchair assistance.

Such growing efforts to ensure that the physically challenged can easily fly are certainly welcome. But when our plane landed — late and in danger of causing many passengers to miss their connecting flights — most of the 11 wheelchair-bound passengers left their seats unassisted and hurried out. It was almost as if newfound concerns about making connections had somehow improved their health during the flight.

Two passengers had boarded with two dogs each. No doubt the airlines' policy of allowing an occasional dog on a flight is understandable. But now planes are starting to sound and smell like kennels.

Special blue parking placards were initially a long-overdue effort to help the disabled. But these days, the definition of "disabled" has so expanded that a large percentage of the population can qualify for special parking privileges — or cheat in order to qualify.

In California, 26,000 disabled parking placards are currently issued to people over 100 years of age, even though state records list only about 8,000 living centenarians.

Current crises such as homelessness and illegal immigration did not start out as much of a public concern.

Originally, progressive politicians felt that cities should bend their vagrancy laws a bit to allow some of the poor to camp on the sidewalks. Bathroom and public health issues were considered minor, given the relatively small pool of so-called "street people."

Few objected to illegal immigration in the 1960s and 1970s. Foreign nationals came unlawfully across the border in relatively small numbers — thousands, not millions. Fifty years ago, America was eager to assimilate even the few arrivals who arrived illegally. Not now. The melting pot gave way to the identity politics of the tribe that asks little integration of the newcomers.

Whether out of guilt or out of fear of being perceived as exclusionary by harder leftists, progressives cannot, or will not, draw realistic limits to illegal immigration or homelessness. Yet both cost the law-abiding public billions of dollars in social services, often at the expense of American poor.

This rapid spread of progressivism leads to an endless race for absolute equality and an erosion of prior rules. It also makes once-liberal positions seem passe, recasting those positions as dangerously reactionary.

In 2008, Barack Obama ran for president on a number of Bill Clinton's centrist Democratic

policies. Obama opposed gay marriage as contrary to his own Christian beliefs.

Obama supported increased security along the border with Mexico. As a senator, he had voted for a 2006 measure to create 700 miles of new fencing along the Mexican border.

But by the time Obama sought re-election in 2012, progressives were routinely labeling Obama's positions on gay marriage and immigration as homophobic and nativist, respectively.

Twenty years ago, there was honest debate over global warming. Ten years ago, there was still honest debate over the effects of human-induced climate change. Five years ago, there was still honest debate over the cost-benefit analysis of dealing with the problem.

Not now. Anyone who doubts that there is an existential man-caused threat to the planet — requiring the radical and costly reconstruction of the global economy and society — is considered a "denier," deserving of professional ostracism or worse.

In the eternal search for perfect justice and equality, what starts out as liberal can quickly end up as progressively absurd. The logic of equality of result, rather than equality of opportunity, demands that there is always one more group, one more grievance, one more complaint against the shrinking and overwhelmed majority.

The conservative ancient Athenian philosopher Plato once made his megaphone Socrates lament that in ancient Athens' nonstop search for perfect equality, soon even the horses would have to be accorded the same privileges as humans.

Socrates' fantasy was an exaggeration intended as a reminder about the craziness of always-creeping mandated equality. Now it seems not far from the mainstream positions of animal-rights groups.

If we insist that the human experience is not tragic and cyclical, but instead must always bend on some predetermined arc to absolute equality and fairness, then unfortunate results must follow.

One, what is welcomed as progressive on Monday is derided as intolerable on Tuesday. The French and Russian revolutions went through several such cycles. After reformers had removed absolute rulers, the reformers were soon derided as too timid. Then came far more radical revolutionaries, who were in turn beheaded or shot as dangerous counter-revolutionaries.

Second, when rules and regulations are always watered down as too exclusionary, the descent to no rules is quite short. The ultimate destination is nihilism and chaos. We see that now in Venezuela and Cuba — and increasingly in California as well.

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Exploiting Paul Bauer

Of all the harebrained schemes contrived by Democrats, none is more vile than the so-called Paul Bauer bill before the Illinois House. Some Democrats have hijacked the name of a loved local hero to try to push their hatred of liberty down everybody's throats.

This is exactly the kind of disingenuous knee-jerk idiocy that anyone with an ounce of patriotism has been warning about all along.

Specifically, I am referring to the element of the bill that will make Illinois the only state in the Union to prohibit possession of safety gear, namely protective vests. Calling it "body armor" in an attempt to use the most battle-connected term lawmakers can

find, the bill would even ban an insert into a backpack, such as a metal plate, that could conceivably stop a bullet.

Protective vests are purely defensive items that one could wear while cleaning guns, hunting with their kids, or working as a late-night cashier and not wanting to die from a gunshot wound.

It is already illegal to wear such items while committing a crime. Now, Democrats want to brand you a felon simply for having one in your closet.

Think about that. Freedom-loving citizens of all stripes should be outraged. Keep track of how your representatives vote on this issue, and proceed accordingly.

— Robert Blameuser, Antioch

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Unanswered questions for CPS

On Feb. 28, the Board of Education approved Chicago Public Schools' plan to close National Teachers Academy Elementary School. Chicago has endured many school closings, but none like this. NTA has a Level 1+ performance rating (the highest possible) and is efficiently utilized, serving over 700 students. Seventy-eight percent are African-American and 75 percent come from low-income families.

NTA's success is hard-earned. In 2013, it was a Level 3 school, the lowest rating. During the last five years, NTA's academic performance rapidly climbed to Level 1+ due to the dedication and perseverance of its students, teachers, parents and administrators. In short, NTA is a model neighborhood elementary school and vital community resource.

Instead of celebrating or trying to replicate NTA's success, CPS

has decided to close it. CPS says that the South Loop needs a new neighborhood high school, and that it will phase out NTA (closing it grade by grade), reassign NTA's attendance boundary to South Loop Elementary, and eventually use NTA's building for a new high school.

This plan departs from past practice. In 2013, CPS's Commission on School Utilization recommended that the district not close any Level 1 schools because "Chicago needs to preserve and nurture every high-performing school," and that the district not close any school with more than 600 students or that is efficiently utilized. Notably, this Commission was led by Frank Clark, the current president of Chicago's Board of Education. If CPS executes its plan for NTA, this will be the first time a Level 1 school is closed.

Moreover, state law requires the district to set criteria for phasing out a school. CPS failed

to set out any rational criteria for phasing out NTA (e.g., low academic level, low utilization rate, condition of facilities, etc.) presumably because any rational criteria for phasing out NTA could not be met.

In the end, two major questions remain unanswered and deserve an explanation. Why does the perceived need for a new neighborhood high school require CPS to sacrifice an extraordinary elementary school? What message does this decision send to NTA teachers, students and parents who, collectively, worked so hard to achieve every goal that CPS set for them?

If CPS closes this school, which achieved all objective measures of success, then hope is lost for fairness in school closing decisions throughout the district.

— Katherine Gladson, staff attorney, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago

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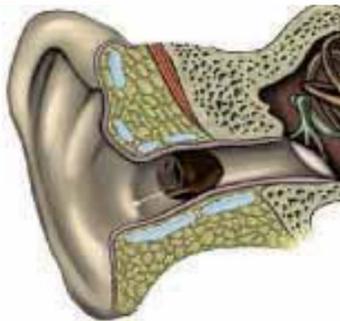
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State Farm HQ to cut nearly 900 IT jobs

Bloomington workers told they can apply for spots in other offices or departments

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

State Farm is cutting about 890 information technology positions at its Bloomington, Ill., headquarters as part of a “realignment” and downsizing of the department.

Affected employees were given notice Tuesday and offered the opportunity to apply for openings in other departments or approximately 380 IT jobs that are moving out of state.

“When we did this realignment, we just found we didn’t need as

many positions in our IT department,” said Missy Dundov, a spokeswoman for State Farm, the nation’s largest auto insurer. “We’re hoping that we can get them placed in a different department, maybe a different office.”

Overall, the State Farm IT workforce is being reduced by about 500 positions across the country, Dundov said.

State Farm began consolidating its IT operations in October, eliminating an undisclosed number of management positions and reducing three departments into one. While Bloomington is losing

890 positions, State Farm hubs in Atlanta, Dallas and Phoenix will add a total of about 380 IT positions.

Bloomington will remain the largest IT office, Dundov said, but the employees whose positions were eliminated will need to relocate to other State Farm locations or “pursue opportunities outside of State Farm” to remain in their current line of work, according to a memo the company issued Tuesday.

Some employees “may choose to retire,” while some will have the opportunity to apply for positions in other departments, the memo said. “They can also apply to other departments ... if they do not want to leave Bloomington,” Dundov

said. “It’s just their skill set in the IT area, those jobs are going elsewhere.”

Founded in 1922, State Farm is Bloomington’s largest employer. Jacquelyn Reineke, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, said the state is offering guidance to the employees whose positions were eliminated.

“Our rapid response team is on the ground there, making sure that anybody that is laid off has the proper resources to be able to ease the transition a little bit for the affected employees,” Reineke said.

The State Farm Bloomington workforce will remain at about 15,000 employees after the IT layoffs due to an influx of other

positions. The company is bringing 550 claims positions to Bloomington, including 250 from a previously announced move from State Farm’s Tacoma, Wash., office, and at least 300 additional claims positions, according to the memo. The company employs about 65,000 nationwide.

Dundov said the workers who received notice Tuesday will have several months before their jobs end, affording time to apply for the new claims positions.

“We anticipate these new claims positions will be available in time for them to take advantage of it,” Dundov said.

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“We’re making a rare investment in the neighborhood that needs it.”

— Ravinia Brewing Co. co-owner Brian Taylor, of the now-halted plan for a Highland Park brewpub



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Ravinia Brewing Co. head brewer Grant Thompson prepares to transfer beer into quarter barrels Wednesday at the company’s Chicago brewery.

New Kraft Heinz unit to invest in food trends

Company seeks new products appealing to the health-conscious

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

The maker of the top-selling processed cheese slice is creating a business unit to fund and foster food brands for the protein bar and Greek yogurt set.

Kraft Heinz — which makes brands including Oscar Mayer, Velveeta and Jell-O in addition to its namesake macaroni and cheese and ketchup — hopes its new platform to support small and startup food businesses will allow it to better identify new trends and the companies that are shaping them, and in turn provide an avenue for investment in the rapidly growing natural food segment.

The move highlights a trend of big food brands either financing or acquiring small new brands in an effort to keep pace with innovation, especially as consumers increasingly flock to niche products and natural, organic and other health-conscious foods. For Kraft, it’s also a new avenue to reverse sluggish sales and assuage investors who have grown frustrated over the lack of acquisitions since its failed bid to acquire Unilever for \$143 billion almost a year ago.

Kraft Heinz, based in Chicago and Pittsburgh, calls its new venture Springboard. It will focus on brands across categories that include popular food trends like natural and organic, specialty and craft food, those intended to improve health or performance and what Kraft Heinz calls

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Discord over ‘Ravinia’

Highland Park brewpub on hold after music festival demands royalties

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

A burgeoning brewery in Highland Park has halted construction on a planned brewpub after Ravinia Festival demanded royalties from its beer sales.

The well-known outdoor concert venue sent a licensing agreement to Ravinia Brewing Co. in mid-February, said Brett Tolpin,

an intellectual property attorney representing the 3-year-old company.

Ravinia Festival has two trademarks for its name: one covering entertainment services and the other covering restaurant and catering services. The agreement would allow the brewing company to use the Ravinia name if, among other stipulations, it turned over some of its profits,

Tolpin said.

That was unacceptable for the owners of Ravinia Brewing, who applied for a trademark on their company’s name in 2015, though it has not yet been granted. The groundbreaking for the brewpub, originally scheduled for Feb. 26, has been put on hold.

“This huge cloud was placed over my client’s head,” Tolpin said. “Should they build it?”

Should they abandon the efforts?”

The brewery’s name is causing confusion among consumers, Ravinia Festival spokesman Nick Pullia said.

“We already received calls from people saying, ‘Oh, is Ravinia starting a brewing company? Is Ravinia putting in a new

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U.S. markets wobble on Cohn’s exit

Stocks dip early on trade uncertainty, finish day mixed

BY MARLEY JAY
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — “What does it mean for trade?” That question continued to guide Wall Street on Wednesday, leading stocks to a mixed finish after President Donald Trump’s top economic adviser resigned after opposing the administration’s planned tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum.

Stocks fell in the morning as investors reacted to the departure of Gary Cohn, a former Goldman

Sachs executive who was seen as a proponent of free trade. The losses deepened after Trump suggested on Twitter that the U.S. may impose penalties on China as part of intellectual property disputes. The Dow Jones industrial average fell as much as 349 points.

Cohn, the director of the National Economic Council, was known to disagree with the tariff plan, which has also drawn criticism from Republicans in Congress as well as from much of corporate America.

“He was seen as a key proponent of free trade to balance some of the other more protectionist-type advisers in the administration,” said Keith Parker, U.S. Equity Strategist for UBS. Cohn

was also considered one of the architects of last year’s corporate tax cut.

The market bounced back late in the afternoon after the White House said some countries, including Canada and Mexico, might be granted exemptions to the tariffs. That suggested a lighter touch that won’t affect the global economy and corporate profits as much as a broader tariff would, and wouldn’t result in as much retaliation from other countries.

Industrial companies like Caterpillar and Boeing whipsawed on the news. Technology and health care companies ended higher, while energy companies fell with

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The stock market dropped early on Wednesday before rebounding following the departure of White House chief economic adviser Gary Cohn.

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Gun sales still in 'Trump slump'

Despite talk of more rules, there's no run on guns

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Gun store owners called it the "Trump slump." Sales of firearms slowed dramatically after the election of Donald Trump as president in 2016 allayed fears of a Democratic crackdown on gun owners.

That trend has continued in recent weeks even with talk of gun control in Congress and among business leaders following the Feb. 14 massacre of 17 people at a Florida high school.

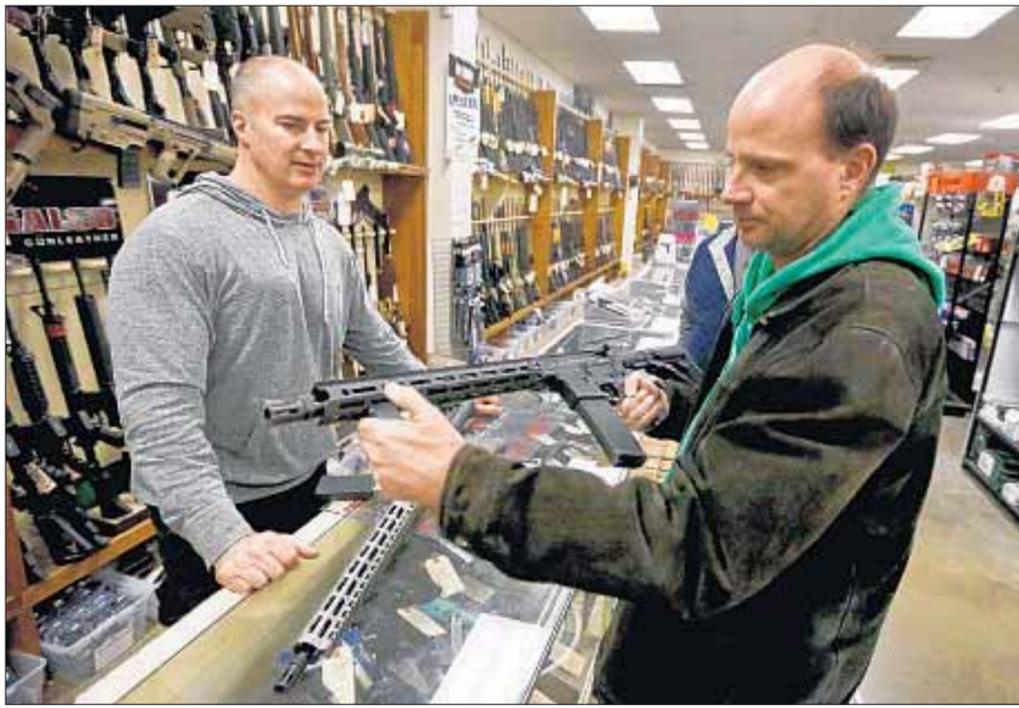
In the past, gun massacres generally led to an uptick in sales as people worried about the government restricting access. But with Parkland, things are different.

"The day after the election, it's just like somebody turned a faucet off," said David Dobransky, 67, who owns Dobransky Firearms, a small gun shop in North Canton, Ohio. Since then, sales there have been cut in half, and nothing the president or Congress has done or said following the Florida shooting has improved business.

Gun owners apparently have faith that Trump won't impose more restrictions, gun show owners say. That's even with the confusing messages Trump has sent in the past week.

He has cast himself as a strong supporter of the National Rifle Association but Wednesday criticized lawmakers for being too fearful of the NRA to take action. He also reaffirmed positions opposed by the NRA, such as banning gun sales to those under 21.

Then the next day, Trump met with NRA officials and tweeted they'd had a "Good (Great) meeting." The NRA's executive director, tweeting about the



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Wes Morosky, owner of Duke's Sport Shop, left, helps Ron Detka shop for a rifle Friday at his store in New Castle, Pa.

same meeting, said Trump and Vice President Mike Pence "don't want gun control."

At Rapid-Fire Firearms in Rapid City, S.D., business is "just like normal," owner Robert Akers said Thursday, contrasting business with the panic buying under President Barack Obama.

In an earnings conference call last week, American Outdoor Brands, which owns Smith & Wesson, said revenue fell by one-third over the past three months, consistent with a drop since Trump was elected.

Demand dropped in December and January, before the Florida shooting and the debates on gun laws that followed, he said. The company doesn't expect sales to improve much over the next year.

Sturm Ruger and American Outdoor Brands have both seen their stocks plunge since Trump was elected, as they have mostly

reported disappointing sales in recent months. American Outdoor Brands has plunged 67 percent since the presidential election and Sturm Ruger is down 28 percent.

Potentially dampening sales further, four major retailers last week — Kroger, Dick's Sporting Goods, L.L. Bean and Walmart — announced they will no longer sell guns to anyone under 21.

In addition, outdoor retailer REI says it's halting future orders of some popular brands — including CamelBak water carriers, Giro helmets and Camp Chef stoves — whose parent company also makes ammunition and assault-style rifles.

Over the past 30 years, U.S. gun production has tripled. Nine million were produced in 2015, compared with 3 million in 1986, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Those figures don't reflect sales since Trump took office, bringing with him the perception he was friendlier to gun owners.

The U.S. also imports millions of guns annually.

At Duke's Sport Shop in New Castle, Pa., gun sales have gone up in recent days, but that's thanks to the annual infusion of tax refunds, shop owner Wes Morosky said Thursday.

The family-owned business started by Morosky's father, Duke, has about 2,000 firearms in stock at any one time, including AR-15s, the assault-style rifle used in the Florida shooting and the main subject of new debate about an assault rifle ban.

After the 2012 Sandy Hook school massacre, the store had a hard time keeping stock on shelves as fears arose that Obama would ban assault rifles through an executive order, Morosky said.

Today?

"Generally, people are still comfortable with the government that's intact right now," Morosky said.

On Friday morning, a few customers browsed shelves at L.E.P.D. Firearms & Range, a small gun shop on the northwest side of Columbus. In the back, a handful of people practiced target shooting at the shop's indoor range. A UPS driver dropped off a delivery while co-owner Eric Delbert awaited another package from FedEx. The store sells a full array of new and used firearms, including the AR-15.

After Trump's election, the drop in sales was almost "instantaneous," said Delbert, a part-time police officer, following nearly eight years of panic buying with a Democrat in the White House.

Recently, "We really haven't seen any uptick in sales, other than the normal trends for the time of year," Delbert said.

Kraft Heinz to work with startups

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"experiential brands" that are "producing activities to change how and what we eat."

"We are committed to support and partner with teams that will impact the future of our industry," said Sergio Eleuterio, a Kraft Heinz executive who will serve as Springboard's general manager. "We are actively searching for emergent, authentic brands that can expand into new categories, and are looking to build a network of founders to help shape the future of foods and beverages."

Springboard will partner with existing brands, offering an accelerator program for small brands and a four-month incubator for startups. The incubator program will take applications from startups over the next month.

Companies selected for the incubator program will get financial assistance and advice on how to raise additional funds, as well as use of "pilot plants" and commercial kitchen space at the Kraft Heinz Innovation Center in Glenview.

With the launch of Springboard, Kraft Heinz is following in the footsteps of some of its competitors. Several packaged-goods companies have established funds to provide financing to startup firms, noted Morningstar analyst Erin Lash.

But it's also following the money. While big, processed-food companies have seen a slowdown, smaller companies that focus on fewer, healthier ingredients have seen big growth, said Jim Slama, founder and president of FamilyFarmed, the nonprofit that runs the Good Food Business Accelerator at 1871.

"I think (the move by Kraft) is indicative of just how dynamic the space is," he said, noting that the natural and organic food sector has been growing at a double-digit pace for years. "That's what Big Food is looking for — it's growth," he said.

But in order to successfully take small brands and grow them to create good investments, Kraft Heinz will have to tread lightly, noted Phil Lempert, a grocery analyst who runs the Supermarket Guru website.

It would be a mistake, Lempert said, for Kraft Heinz to use Springboard as a way to find companies to acquire. "I think that model is a bit flawed," he said. "What they've got to figure out is how to work with these brands and how to nurture them."

Campbell Soup learned that lesson when its acquisition of fresh food and juice maker Bolthouse Farms didn't produce the sales boost it was hoping for, Lempert noted. But he believes Kraft Heinz could see success from investments in these small companies, like Tyson Foods' investment in plant-based meat-maker Beyond Meat.

Good Food's Slama says he welcomes the investment in the fresh food market.

"This is a very rich market right now ... and we've got a long way to go. There's a lot of economic opportunity in this space," he said.

Music festival plans brewery meeting

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location?" Pullia said. Ravinia Festival plans to meet with the Ravinia Brewing owners soon to sort out the issues and "clear the air," he said.

Ravinia Brewing started selling its beers last year, co-owner Brian Taylor said. Its brews, including Source of Truth double India pale ale, Grunsfeld dry-hopped lager and Flight of the Rooster saison, are sold in markets and bars throughout the Chicago area. It brews its beers at a facility in Chicago, and the brewpub it plans to open about a mile from the Ravinia Festival would be its first.

The brewpub, which the owners hoped would open this summer, would offer coal-fired pizzas and have a patio and garage doors that open on warm days. There's still time to catch some of that summertime business, Taylor said, but in the meantime, the delay is costing the new brewery money.

Ravinia Festival's actions were surprising and disappointing, Taylor said. Ravinia Brewing also plans to open a soda fountain and diner that would share a kitchen with the brewpub,

and the project could help transform the neighborhood, he said.

"We're making a rare investment in the neighborhood that needs it," Taylor said. "We would've thought that the leading local nonprofit would have recognized it should be a mutually beneficial relationship."

A deciding factor in many trademark conflicts is whether a consumer would be confused by the source or sponsorship of a good or service. That decision is often left up to the courts in a process that can result in hefty legal fees, said Randall Erickson, a Wheaton-based intellectual property attorney who is not involved in the Ravinia dispute.

There are also concerns over maintaining the strength of a trademark, Erickson said. For trademark holders, that means making sure other companies aren't using the same name and diluting it. Ravinia Festival has "a right to police their trademark to make sure their trademark stays strong," he said.

A company trying to protect its trademark often would send a cease-and-desist letter to the entity it feels is infringing. Ravinia



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A quarter barrel is labeled Wednesday at Ravinia Brewing Co.'s brewery in Chicago.

Brewing received no such notification from Ravinia Festival, Tolpin said.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office documents indicate Ravinia Festival has not opposed the trademark Ravinia Brewing seeks.

The name "Ravinia" was around decades before Ravinia Festival was established, Tolpin said, and long before its trademarks were awarded in the early 2000s. Ravinia used to be a village and was annexed by Highland Park in 1899.

Ravinia Festival got its start in 1904 as an amusement park called Ravinia Park, created to attract riders for the young Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Rail-

road. The railroad didn't make it, and Ravinia Park's first life ended, according to Ravinia Festival's website. A group of North Shore residents reopened it in 1911, and classical music and opera thrived there until the Great Depression, when it shuttered for five years. After that, local businessmen formed the Ravinia Festival Association and revived it.

Ravinia Festival's claim over the name has neighborhood advocates concerned for other food-related businesses in the area, as Ravinia Brewing is not the first to use the name. The building in which it plans to open its brewpub

used to house Ravinia BBQ & Grill. Other examples include the former Ravinia Coffee Station, which was replaced by another coffee company, and Ravinia Farmers Market.

"Would they not be able to use Ravinia in their name?" said Justin Kee, president of the Ravinia Neighbors Association. "How broad is this scope going to be enforced against any other businesses?"

Pullia, the Ravinia Festival spokesman, said no existing businesses should have any concerns.

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Stocks dip early following trade uncertainty

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oil prices.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell as much as 1 percent during the day but finished with a loss of just 1.32 points, less than 0.1 percent, at 2,726.80. The Dow Jones industrial average declined 82.76 points, or 0.3 percent, to 24,801.36.

The Nasdaq composite gained 24.64 points, or 0.3 percent, to 7,396.65. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 12.33 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,574.53. It's fared better than the S&P

and Dow over the last week as the companies on that index are far more U.S.-focused and would stand to lose less from a flare-up in global trade tensions.

In response to the planned steel and aluminum tariffs, the European Union has proposed tariffs on U.S. exports including motorcycles and bourbon. Jack Daniel's maker Brown-Forman sank after CEO Paul Varga said his company "could be an unfortunate and unintended victim" of more hostile trade.

The company also forecast a smaller-than-ex-

pected annual profit and its stock dropped \$3.15, or 5.6 percent, to \$52.89. Motorcycle maker Harley-Davidson slid 43 cents, or 1 percent, to \$43.90.

Discount retailer Dollar Tree's fourth quarter results disappointed investors, and so did its forecasts for the current year. It tumbled \$15.11, or 14.5 percent, to \$89.25. Competitor Ross Stores lost \$5.11, or 6.3 percent, to \$75.40 following its report.

Benchmark U.S. crude dropped \$1.45, or 2.3 percent, to \$61.15 a barrel in New York after the Energy

Department reported that U.S. oil production rose last week.

On Twitter, Trump said the government is "acting swiftly on intellectual property theft." The U.S. Trade Representative is investigating whether Chinese intellectual property rules are "unreasonable or discriminatory" to American business.

UBS' Parker said the tariffs could reduce corporate profits by about \$10 billion, far less than the boost corporations will get from the tax cut that was signed into law in December. However



MARK LENNIHAN/AP 2016

The Dow industrials fell as much as 349 points in the wake of White House economic adviser Gary Cohn's departure.

he said steps against China, and retaliation by the Chinese government, could

raise the cost of items including phones, technology goods, and clothing.

State Street's Fearless Girl keeps up the fight



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State Street Global Advisors installed Fearless Girl in front of Charging Bull on Wall Street one year ago.

BY EMILY CHASAN
AND JEFF GREEN
Bloomberg News

In the year since State Street's Fearless Girl statue started her showdown with Wall Street's Charging Bull, the \$2.6 trillion asset manager has faced a confrontation of its own in corporate boardrooms: pressing firms to add more women to their boards.

More than 150 companies State Street targeted for not having a female director as part of its Fearless Girl

campaign have added at least one, it said Wednesday.

The company sent letters and engaged in an unprecedented withholding of votes from directors responsible for nominating their colleagues at more than 400 companies.

"We still have a long way to go but we're happy to see the impact we've had so far," said Rakhi Kumar, who leads environmental, social and governance investment strategy at Boston-based State Street.

"This is about diversity of

thought and backgrounds. Women could be 50 percent of your customer base, and 30 percent of your employees. How are you representing the views of half of society?"

Investor-led efforts to get women on boards are at their strongest in years. In recent months, the California State Teachers' Retirement System said it will withhold votes from directors at companies without women on their boards.

BlackRock Inc. has said it now expects companies to

have at least two women on their boards and proxy adviser Glass Lewis & Co. in December pledged to start recommending votes against directors at Russell 3000 Index companies with all male boards in 2019.

The number of companies in the Russell 1000 Index without any women on their boards has fallen to 47 from a recent high of 176 in 2009.

State Street has added boards in Japan and Canada to the target list this year, Kumar said.

Co-op's letter warns farmers of suicide dangers

BY LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Accompanying the routine payments and price forecasts sent to some Northeast dairy farmers last month were a list of mental health services and the number of a suicide prevention hotline.

The Agri-Mark dairy cooperative got the resources out to its 1,000 farmers in New England and New York following the suicide of a member farmer in January, and one the year before.

"I know there's a number of farmers out there that are under such tremendous stress that we're worried about that same thing happening," said Bob Wellington, an economist for Agri-Mark Inc., which owns Cabot Creamery.

Farmers are facing their fourth year of payments well below their cost of production, due in part to a national and global oversupply of milk, he said.

Prices paid to farmers hit an average of \$24 per hundred pounds of milk in 2014, the highest price since at least 2000. They quickly dropped to an average of about \$17 per hundred pounds of milk in 2015, \$16 in 2016 and \$17 last year.

"They're really getting frustrated, getting concerned and in some cases they're getting almost desperate about how they're going to pay their bills, how they're going to support their families," Wellington said.

The farm prices have no direct correlation with what consumers pay for milk.

According to a 2016 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report, people working in farming, fishing and forestry

had the highest rate of suicide.

Agri-Mark is also creating its own assistance program for its members and isn't alone in its concern.

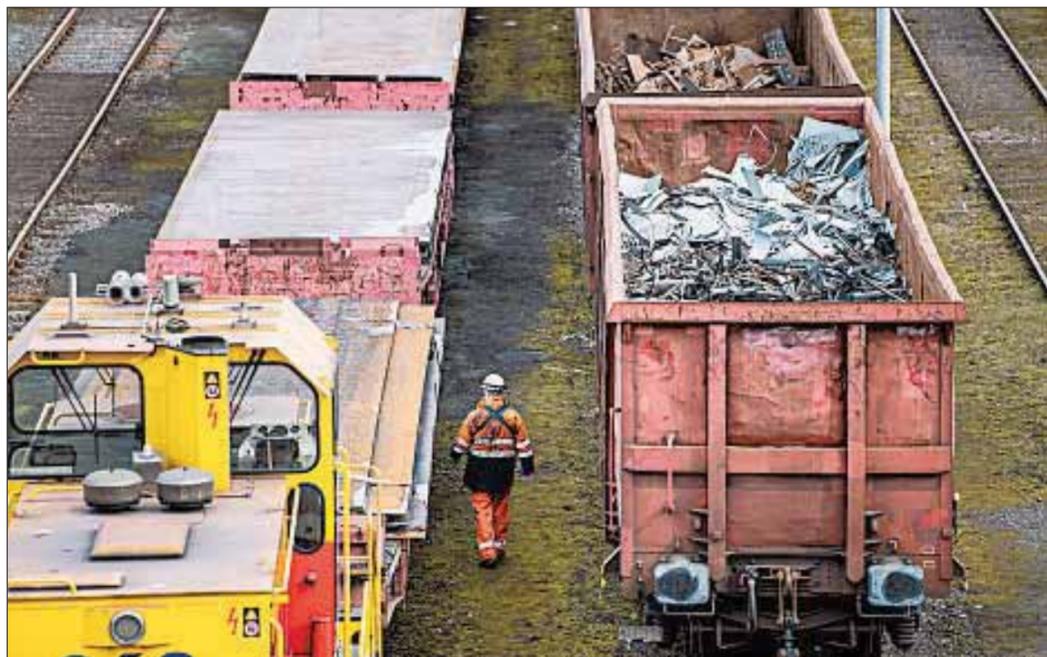
Minnesota has set up a free, 24-hour confidential help line as stress, anxiety, depression, financial burdens, and other mental and emotional problems continue to affect farmers and other rural residents. It also provides workshops for people who work with and serve farmers, such as bankers and suppliers, to understand mental health.

Since the department started promoting the help line in early October through December, 39 calls came in including from a few suicidal farmers and others who called about fights with a spouse, anxiety or physical manifestations of stress, like not sleeping, said Meg Moynihan, a dairy farmer and adviser for the Minnesota Agriculture Department.

"At this time of year, people are doing their taxes and starting to go in for operating loans, and it's kind of terrifying to say, 'Am I going to be able to farm again for a year?'" she said.

Calls have poured in to FarmNet in New York since the end of December. The service is seeing more severe cases in recent months, with farmers realizing they're stressed out. Some lenders are not letting certain farmers have a line of credit, so FarmNet is encouraging farmers to work with their suppliers.

Social worker Erica Lewbner's load has jumped from one new case a month to at least one new case a week, she said. "Farmers are very proud," said Lewbner, of Marietta, N.Y. "They typically do not reach out for help."



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Most American steel is now made at super-efficient mini mills, which use arc furnaces to turn scrap metal into steel.

As Trump eyes tariff, U.S. steel profits up

Industry made \$2.8B in 2017, added 8,000 jobs

BY PAUL WISEMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump prepares to impose a 25 percent tax on imported steel, America's steelmakers are actually faring well.

The U.S. steel industry last year earned more than \$2.8 billion, up from \$714 million in 2016 and a loss in 2015, according to the Commerce Department. And the industry added more than 8,000 jobs from January 2017 to January 2018.

Even before Trump mentioned the tariff last Thursday, the price of the benchmark U.S.-made hot-rolled steel had reached the highest level since May 2011, according to S&P Global Platts. The price surged even higher on the tariff news.

"We finished 2017 in a good position. We look forward to 2018," U.S. Steel CEO David Burritt told industry analysts Feb. 1, according to a transcript at the website Seeking Alpha. He continued: "We're seeing increased demand from our customers and have re-scheduled some projects to ensure that we can make enough steel to support our customers' needs."

Still, the steel companies complain they're victims of unfair foreign competition. "The industry isn't doing as bad as their press releases say it is," says steel analyst Charles Bradford, president

of Bradford Research. "Any time world economic growth is over 3 percent, the steel industry usually does OK." The International Monetary Fund says the global economy grew 3.7 percent last year and expects it to grow 3.9 percent in 2018.

The U.S. economy grew 2.3 percent last year, an improvement on 1.5 percent growth in 2016. Also raising demand for steel: Florida and Texas are rebuilding after last year's hurricanes.

Ned Hill, a professor at Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs who studies economic development, says that after decades of cost-cutting and restructuring, American steel is "a vastly improved industry. It seems to me that they've established a competitive equilibrium."

In the 1980s, American steelmakers needed 10.1 man-hours to produce a ton of steel; now they need 1.5 man-hours, says Joe Inname of S&P Global Platts.

Most American steel is now made at super-efficient mini mills, which use electric arc furnaces to turn scrap metal into steel. Some mini-mills need just 0.5 man-hours to produce a ton of steel, Inname says.

The industry definitely faces long-term problems. Massive overproduction by China has flooded world markets with steel and kept world prices lower than they would have been. Some countries subsidize their steel producers and allow them to sell steel at unfairly low prices.

U.S. Steel to restart Illinois plant after tariff decision

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — U.S. Steel Corp. said it will restart one of two blast furnaces along with steel-making facilities in Illinois after President Donald Trump announced a 25 percent tariff on steel imports.

The Belleville News Democrat reported that Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel said Wednesday that it anticipates calling about 500 Granite City Works employees back to work this month. The company said the change comes due to anticipated demand for more U.S. steel in re-

sponse to Trump's tariff announcement last week.

About 2,000 workers were laid off when U.S. Steel idled the St. Louis-area plant in late 2015.

U.S. Steel President and CEO David Burritt said Trump's action "recognizes the significant threat steel imports pose to our national and economic security."

Trump has said the tariffs are needed to preserve American industries and protect national security.

— Associated Press

But the United States has already aggressively defended U.S. steel producers. As of mid-2017, the government was imposing 149 different restrictions on steel imports.

Steelmakers don't just face competition from foreign producers. They also vie against lighter materials — plastics and composites — that increasingly can be used in building construction and auto production, says Ohio State's Hill.

Most economists oppose Trump's proposed steel tariffs, along with his call for a 10 percent duty on imported aluminum. Taxing imported steel would help domestic steel producers, they concede, but it would

drive up steel prices and put pressure on the far more numerous companies that consume steel, such as automakers and aircraft manufacturers.

The Trade Partnership, a consulting firm, says the tariffs would increase U.S. employment in the steel and aluminum sector by about 33,000 jobs but would cost 179,000 jobs in the rest of the economy.

A better option, Bradford says, would be increasing the gasoline tax to finance road, bridge and other public works projects that require lots of steel. The steelmakers "don't really need tariffs," he says. "What they do need is more infrastructure spending."



MIKE GROLL/AP 2012

Dairy farmers face financial stress and anxiety as prices continue to fall below cost of production.

In Japan, victims wary of #MeToo movement

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese women who say "Me too" do so at their own risk.

Online comments accused Rika Shiiki of lying and being a publicity hound when she tweeted that she lost business contracts after refusing to have sex with clients. Some said that by agreeing to dine with a man, she led him on.

"The comments I received were disproportionately negative," the 20-year-old university student and entrepreneur told a TV talk show. "We need to create a society where we can speak up. Otherwise sexual har-

assment and other misconduct will persist forever."

The #MeToo movement has not caught on in Japan, where speaking out often draws criticism rather than sympathy, even from other women.

In a patriarchal society where women have long taken the blame, many victims try to forget attacks and harassment instead of seeking support and justice, said Mari Miura, a political science professor at Sophia University in Tokyo.

One woman, journalist Shiori Ito, went public last year. She held a news conference after prosecutors decided not to press charges against a TV newsman

whom she had accused of raping her after he invited her to discuss job opportunities over dinner and drinks in 2015.

Many online comments criticized her for speaking out, looking too seductive and ruining the life of a prominent figure. Some women called her an embarrassment, she said.

The October release of Ito's book "Blackbox" detailing her ordeal came as the #MeToo phenomenon was making headlines in America. It prompted some discussion in Japan, but only a handful of other women came forward.

"Many people think Shiori's problem has nothing

to do with them and that's why #MeToo isn't growing in Japan," said lawyer Yukiko Tsunoda, an expert on sex crimes.

Nearly three quarters of rape victims said they had never told anyone, and just over 4 percent had gone to police, according to a 2015 government survey. The study found that 1 in 15 Japanese women had been raped or forced to have sex.

Justice Ministry statistics show only one-third of rape cases go to court, and punishment is not severe. Of the 1,678 people tried for sexual assault in 2017, only 285, or 17 percent, were sentenced to prison for three years or longer.

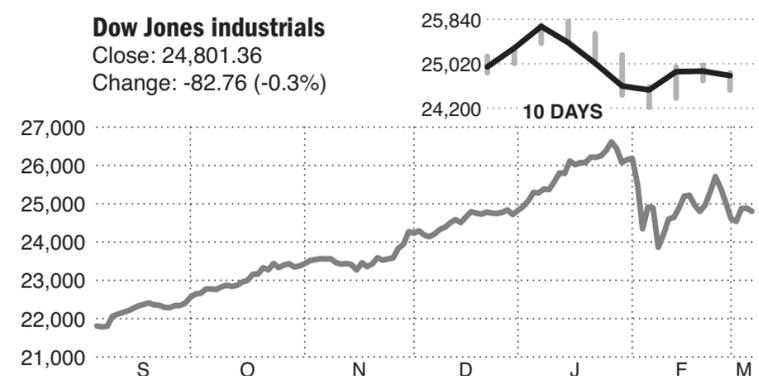


MARI YAMAGUCHI/AP 2017

Journalist Shiori Ito, who says she was raped in 2015, talks about the need for more awareness and support for victims in Japan. She has been criticized for speaking out.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,849.68 Low: 24,535.12 Previous: 24,884.12



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+24.64 (+.33%)	-1.32 (-.05%)	+12.33 (+.79%)
Close: 7,396.65	Close: 2,726.80	Close: 1,574.53
High: 7,403.79	High: 2,730.60	High: 1,576.73
Low: 7,311.73	Low: 2,701.74	Low: 1,550.47
Previous: 7,372.01	Previous: 2,728.12	Previous: 1,562.20

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 2.88%	-7.60 to \$1,326.00	-14 to 106.07/\$1	+0.0001 to .8062/\$1	-1.45 to \$61.15

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
-91	+170	+48	-37	+4.89	+1.68	+18.92	+26.71	+15.40

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	505	505	493	493	-9
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	378.75	380.75	378.50	379.25	-50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1058	1063	1054.50	1055	-9.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	32.19	32.19	31.88	31.93	-37
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	383.40	386.20	379.50	380.20	-4.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	62.30	62.58	60.58	61.15	-1.45
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.750	2.789	2.744	2.777	+0.028
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.9373	1.9486	1.8985	1.9103	-0.0228

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	61.29	+41	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	84.54	-17	McDonalds Corp	N	152.38	+1.18
AbbVie Inc	N	114.72	+16	Equity Residential	N	57.83	+9.4	Middleby Corp	O	124.30	+2.80
Allstate Corp	N	93.39	-0.4	Exelon Corp	N	36.82	-35	Mondelz Intl	O	43.58	-1.99
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.14	-0.9	First Indl RT	N	29.09	-0.7	Morningstar Inc	O	94.51	+4.6
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.03	-0.1	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	61.79	-4.4	Motorola Solutions	N	108.84	+0.1
Baxter Intl	N	67.02	+0.1	Gallagher WJ	N	69.55	-0.6	Navistar Intl	N	37.04	+0.1
Boeing Co	N	347.04	-1.88	Grainger WJ	N	271.26	+3.50	NiSource Inc	N	22.95	-2.6
Brunswick Corp	N	61.75	+1.4	GrubHub Inc	N	104.16	+2.74	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	107.62	+9.0
CB&E Global Markets	O	118.79	+6.2	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	85.07	+1.9	Old Republic	N	20.52	+3.0
CDK Global Inc	O	70.65	+8.1	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	77.62	+1.27	Packaging Corp Am	N	117.99	-1.08
CDW Corp	O	74.58	+4.7	IDEX Corp	N	142.05	+1.02	Stericycle Inc	O	63.76	+6.4
CF Industries	N	41.91	-1.29	ITW	N	163.00	+1.35	TransUnion	N	57.09	+0.4
CME Group	O	168.58	-1.01	Ingredion Inc	N	134.00	+3.7	Tribune Media Co A	N	41.53	-1.3
CNA Financial	N	52.39	+4.6	John Bean Technol	N	113.30	-2.0	USG Corp	N	34.98	+0.1
Caterpillar Inc	N	151.51	-2.24	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	168.02	+4.3	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	201.07	+8.5
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	37.77	-5.2	KapStone Paper	N	34.86	-1.5	United Contl Hldgs	N	67.81	+2.9
Deere Co	N	157.90	-6.1	Kraft Heinz Co	O	67.46	-3.1	Ventas Inc	N	51.22	+7.7
Discover Fin Svcs	N	76.63	-1.8	LKQ Corporation	O	39.00	-5.5	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	69.50	-2.9
Dover Corp	N	99.51	-5.0	Littelfuse Inc	O	214.13	+2.15	Wintrust Financial	O	90.24	+2.23
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.10	+0.8	MB Financial	O	44.17	+7.0	Zebra Tech	O	143.98	+7.6

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	14.51	-13
Bank of America	32.18	+0.7
Rite Aid Corp	1.80	-1.0
Ambev S.A.	7.06	-0.1
Twitter Inc	35.76	+1.33
Ford Motor	10.63	...
Chesapck Engy	3.04	-0.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	74.26	-1.92
Snap Inc A	18.02	+0.1
Sthwstn Energy	4.16	-2.4
Wells Fargo & Co	56.60	-0.7
AK Steel Hold	5.68	+0.6
Petrobras	14.33	-3.3
Vale SA	13.14	-2.4
Kroger Co	26.23	-1.78
Penney JC Co Inc	3.59	-1.7
US Steel Corp	45.69	+1.16
Pfizer Inc	35.93	+0.5
AT&T Inc	36.91	+0.4
Square Inc	50.72	+1.12
Park Hotels & Resort	26.81	+6.6
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.66	-0.2
General Motors Co	37.74	-1.9
CenturyLink Inc	17.88	-1.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	36.91	+0.4
Alphabet Inc C	1109.64	+14.58
Alphabet Inc A	1115.04	+14.14
Amazon.com Inc	1545.00	+7.36
Apple Inc	175.03	-1.64
Bank of America	32.18	-0.7
Berkshire Hath A	306756	-249
Berkshire Hath B	204.30	-25
Exxon Mobil Corp	74.26	-1.92
Facebook Inc	183.71	+3.93
Intel Corp	51.32	+6.1
JPMorgan Chase	114.73	-4.3
Johnson & Johnson	129.04	+8.2
Microsoft Corp	93.86	+5.4
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.41	-7.0
Source Cap	41.20	-0.1
Unitedhealth Group	227.27	+1.09
WalMart Strs	87.74	-1.32
Wells Fargo & Co	56.60	-4.7

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.63	+0.8	+23.0
American Funds AmnGrA m	27.14	-0.2	+11.0
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	152.43	+0.5	+10.9
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	61.89	-0.3	+8.8
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.35	+1.0	+2.2
American Funds FdmntInvA m	63.56	-0.2	+18.7
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	52.85	+1.0	+25.4
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.13	-0.2	+8.7
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	41.38	-0.4	+16.2
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.31	+1.2	+26.2
American Funds WAMTInvA m	46.11	-0.8	+15.6
DFA EMktCorEq	23.76	-0.5	+26.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.60	-0.1	+2.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.79	+0.4	+17.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	208.23	-1.9	+14.5
DoubleLine TTrRetBdl	10.45	...	+2.3
Fidelity 500IdxInv	95.64	-0.4	+17.4
Fidelity 500IdxInsv	95.64	-0.4	+17.4
Fidelity 500IdxPrrm	95.64	-0.4	+17.4
Fidelity Contrafund	130.30	+5.5	+30.9
Fidelity ContrafundK	130.24	+5.5	+31.0
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	10.96	...	+1.7
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.74	-1.8	+17.3
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.31	-0.1	+3.4
Metropolitan West TTrRetBdl	10.40	...	+1.1
Oakmark IntlInv	28.52	+0.8	+22.4
PIMCO IncInclSt	12.18	...	+5.5
PIMCO TTrRetInv	10.04	-0.1	+2.5
Schwab SP500Idx	42.16	-0.1	+17.4
T. Rowe Price BCGr	106.36	+6.3	+37.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.96	+3.4	+32.2
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	252.61	-1.1	+17.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.61	-0.2	+12.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	88.20	+3.7	+10.6
Vanguard IntTrTEAdmrl	13.88	-0.1	+2.6
Vanguard InslIdxInv	249.17	-1.1	+17.4
Vanguard InslIdxInsv	249.20	-1.0	+17.4
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	60.92	0.4	+17.4
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.87	+1.8	+39.4
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	195.81	+1.3	+15.5
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	140.22	+0.4	+26.0
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.51	-0.1	+1.0
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	72.15	+3.5	+14.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.47	+0.2	+10.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.58	...	+12.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.87	+0.1	+13.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.88	+0.1	+15.0
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.47	...	+1.2
Vanguard TtBMDInsv	10.47	...	+1.2
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	21.64	+0.2	+2.6
Vanguard TtInBIdxInsv	30.63	...	+21.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	122.49	-0.1	+21.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsv	122.51	-0.2	+21.2
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.31	...	+21.1
Vanguard TtInSMDIdxAdmrl	68.34	+0.5	+17.4
Vanguard TtInSMDInsv	68.35	+0.4	+17.4
Vanguard TtInSMDInsv	68.31	+0.5	+17.2
Vanguard WngntAdmrl	72.10	-0.5	+10.1
Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl	63.82	-0.5	+5.9
Vanguard WndsrIdAdmrl	67.20	-1.5	+11.8

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.64	1.63
6-month disc	1.83	1.82
2-year	2.25	2.25
10-year	2.88	2.89
30-year	3.15	3.15

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1326.00	\$1333.60
Silver	\$16.428	\$16.715
Platinum	\$953.20	\$970.60

INTEREST RATES

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	20.3915
Australia (Dollar)	1.2797
Brazil (Real)	3.2434
Britain (Pound)	0.7197
Canada (Dollar)	1.2932
China (Yuan)	6.3261
Euro	0.8062
India (Rupee)	64.956
Israel (Shekel)	3.4572
Japan (Yen)	106.07
Mexico (Peso)	18.7371
Poland (Zloty)	3.39
So. Korea (Won)	1068.32
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.27
Thailand (Baht)	31.33

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3271.67	-18.0/-6
Stoxx600	372.71	+1.3/+4
Nikkei	21252.72	-165.0/-8
MSCI-EAFE	2028.91	-4.1/-2
Bovespa	85483.55	-169.5/-2
FTSE 100	7157.84	+11.1/+2
CAC-40	5187.83	+17.6/+3

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OBITUARIES

ALAN STONE 1928-2018

Businessman worked to end homelessness

BY GRAYDON MEGAN
Chicago Tribune

Alan Stone helped manage Stone Container Corp., a Chicago-based packaging materials company begun by his father and grandfather, and oversaw the company's procurement activities with an innovative approach for the time.

His son-in-law Jeff Weiss said in a eulogy that Stone "rewrote the book on procurement," treating suppliers more like customers and partners.

Stone's innovations continued even after a late-1990s merger and subsequent sale that erased the Stone name from the business. His work in philanthropy and community service have benefited many Chicago-area organizations, most notably All Chicago, which works to end homelessness.

All Chicago grew out of a small family charity called the Emergency Fund that was run by Stone's parents, according to Nonie Brennan, the organization's CEO. "He really took the Emergency Fund from a small family charity to the largest provider of homelessness prevention assistance in the country," she said. "He really had this vision that he wanted to move ... to a community organization."

Stone, 90, died Feb. 28 at JourneyCare in Chicago, according to his son, Josh Stone, who walked with a slight limp from a childhood bout with polio, lived for decades in the Streeter-ville neighborhood of Chicago.

Stone grew up in Chicago, graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1946 and went on to get a bachelor's degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



FAMILY PHOTO
Alan Stone helped manage Stone Container Corp., which was founded by his father and grandfather.

From there he went into the family business that his father, Norman, and grandfather Joseph founded in 1926. The company grew to be among the largest linerboard, kraft and corrugated container companies in the world.

In addition to his work in procurement, Stone held several other key positions, including as a senior vice president and as a member of the board of directors. At one time, he ran a Stone manufacturing operation and was president of five railroads.

The railroads became part of the company during expansion in the 1980s, and Stone became transportation head for the company, according to Josh Stone.

Stone was a board member with the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago from 1997 to 2003. From 1975 to 1977, he was president of vocation services provider JVS Chicago, which honored him in 2009 with its JVS Business Leadership and Philanthropy Award.

Through his work for JUF, he and his wife made at least seven trips to Israel, where among others they met current Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu and Pope John Paul II, according to JUF officials.

He also worked with Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and the Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation of the University of Chicago.

But his greatest impact may have been with All Chicago, a merger of his family Emergency Fund and the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness.

According to the All Chicago website, in 2017 the organization helped more than 3,500 households, including more than 2,300 children.

He was a hands-on board chairman and fundraiser, Brennan said. "He realized there was an opportunity to be much more impactful in curing the needs of people who were in financial crisis and he built an organization to do that."

"He took the lead in building and strengthening the board and then positioned the Emergency Fund to merge with the Chicago Alliance. He was incredibly energetic and dedicated to fundraising."

Steven Nasatir, president of the Jewish United Fund, said Stone was a significant leader in the community.

"He was just a very thoughtful good person who really cared about his community," Nasatir said.

Stone was twice divorced.

In addition to his son, Stone is survived by his third wife, Joanie; his daughter Christie Weiss; stepdaughters Sandra Friedman and Sharon Jacobson; a stepson, Gary Friedman; a sister, Judi Haberman Stern; a brother, Ira; and six grandchildren.

Services were held.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON MARCH 8 ...

In 1917 Russia's "February Revolution" (so-called because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.

In 1944 U.S. bombers resumed bombing Berlin.

In 1948 the Supreme Court ruled that religious instruction in public schools violates the Constitution.

In 1950 Soviet Marshal Voroshilov announced that Russia had the atomic bomb.

In 1958 the Chinese government imposed martial law on Lhasa, the capital of Tibet.

In 1965 the United States landed about 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.

In 1971 Joe Frazier became the undisputed heavyweight boxing champion of the world with a unanimous 15-round decision over Muhammad Ali in New York.

In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed an executive order limiting secrecy surrounding federal documents and restricting the power of officials to classify them.

In 1973 Northern Ireland violence spread to London, where automobile bombs exploded outside the Old Bailey, killing one person and injuring many others.

In 1974 President Richard Nixon proposed to lead a cleanup of political campaigns, including financing.

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan denounced the Soviet Union as an "evil empire."

In 1994 the Defense Department announced a smoking ban for workplaces ranging from the Pentagon to battle tanks.

In 1995 the plummeting dollar stabilized after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan called the decline unwarranted.

In 1996 Dr. Jack Kevorkian was acquitted of assisted suicide for helping two suffering patients kill themselves.

In 1997 President Bill Clinton, in keeping with his push for private businesses and churches to hire off welfare rolls, ordered federal agencies to do the same.

In 2001 the Republican-controlled House voted for an across-the-board tax cut of nearly \$1 trillion over the

next decade, handing President George W. Bush a major victory only 48 days into his term.

In 2002 Kmart Corp. announced the closing of 284 stores and elimination of 22,000 jobs.

In 2003 the militant Islamic group Hamas vowed revenge after one of its founding members and three bodyguards were killed in an Israeli helicopter attack in Gaza; the Israeli army promised to strike the militants again.

In 2005 Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov was killed in northern Chechnya during a raid by Russian forces.

In 2008 President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using simulated drowning and other coercive interrogation methods to gain information from suspected terrorists.

In 2014 Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members disappeared en route to Beijing, triggering a multinational search. (The plane is believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean.)

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
March 7	
Powerball	06 13 19 36 51 / 18
Powerball jackpot: \$34.8M	
Lotto jackpot: \$6.5M	
Pick 3 midday	967 / 0
Pick 4 midday	3814 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto midday	11 24 26 31 41
Pick 3 evening	265 / 9
Pick 4 evening	5679 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening	11 13 18 20 38
March 9 Mega Millions: \$290M	

WISCONSIN	
March 7	
Megabucks	02 05 07 17 31 42
Pick 3	363
Pick 4	8829
Badger 5	11 12 20 23 27
SuperCash	08 09 16 24 28 39

INDIANA	
March 7	
Lotto	05 17 21 28 39 40
Daily 3 midday	861 / 4
Daily 4 midday	9667 / 4
Daily 3 evening	965 / 7
Daily 4 evening	8582 / 7
Cash 5	10 21 27 37 41

MICHIGAN	
March 7	
Lotto	01 05 11 12 16 31
Daily 3 midday	887
Daily 4 midday	1895
Daily 3 evening	243
Daily 4 evening	2389
Fantasy 5	08 14 16 25 34
Keno	01 03 07 08 10 11
	12 22 34 36 39 42 44 45
	47 49 51 58 66 77 79 80

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Death Notices

Ballard, DeLores Mary

DeLores Mary Ballard; died January 28, 2018; beloved wife of the late Ray; loving mother of Carol Ballard, Joan (Bob) Wilson and Peter (Denise) Ballard; cherished grama of Linda (Carl) Zillier, Scott (Cheryl) Wilson, Mark (Antoinette) Wilson, Kevin (Claudia) Wilson and John Ballard; great grama of Nicholas, Olivia, Maxwell, Ian, Derek, Lauryn, Joseph, Devon, Colin, Shannon and Erin; fond aunt of Ronnie (Donna) Ballard; also survived by extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org appreciated. Memorial visitation Saturday March 10, 2018; 10 am at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park; Prayer Service 11:30 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Brown, Marjorie Ann

Marjorie Ann Brown, age 73, after a long illness, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2018. Loving wife of 53 years to Larry D. Brown; Adored mother to Marjorie (Aaron) Lambert and Larry D. Brown; Beloved sister to Mary, Jerome (Sandy), Clare (Don), Richard, Celeste (the late Frank), Elise, and Francis; Dear aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Visitation will be from 5-8 PM on Friday, March 9, at **Cypress Funeral Home**, 1698 N. Bloomingdale Rd, Glendale Heights, IL 60139. All other services will be private.

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Calderon, Eliseo (John)

Beloved husband of Elizabeth (nee) Kelso, Loving Father of Juanita (Ken) Jepson, Mary Rose, John (Suzanne), Dave (Grace), Patricia Calderon, Kathleen (Dale) Ohnmeis, Ann Marie, Eileen (Norman) Jarvis, Deborah (Gary) Weber, James (Judy) Stolspart, Denise (Dave) Samulis. Many Grand and Great grandchildren. Loving brother and uncle to many. Former employee of Bartlett Lifting Devices. Visitation Friday 2 pm to 8pm at **Szykowny Funeral Home** 4901 S. Archer Ave. Chicago, IL (Jonathan F. Siedlecki Director). Funeral Saturday. Chapel service 9 am Mass 10:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church. Interment St Mary Cemetery. Funeral info 773-735-7521

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Chapman, Myron

Myron Chapman, 1928-2018, native of Chicago, IL, most beloved brother, uncle, friend & family man, passed away at the age of 90 on March 2nd, 2018 in Boca Raton, FL. Myron is survived by his sister Marilyn Chapman of Chicago, IL; his nieces: Susan Goldberg of Winnetka, IL & Denver, CO & Donna Goldberg of Vershire, VT; his Life-Partner Audrey Schlossberg of Chicago, IL & Boca Raton, FL; Audrey's children: Lynn Schlossberg of Salem, MA, Gayle nee Schlossberg (Ken) Stoll of Swampscott, MA and John (Lori Stone) Schlossberg of Chicago, IL. Myron was a wonderful PAPA to Audrey's grandchildren: Benjamin (Abby Rotman) Stoll, Adam (Cali Van Dam) Stoll, Allison nee Stoll (Jeff) Riley, Daniel (Natalie Machado) Schlossberg, Jacob Schlossberg & Jessica Schlossberg. "Dear departed" include: Myron's sister Adrienne nee Chapman (Richard) Goldberg, his niece Marianne Goldberg of Martha's Vineyard, MA & Audrey's daughter Jody Thompson, nee Schlossberg, of Chicago, IL. Born in Chicago on January 9, 1928, Myron attended Hyde Park High School where he excelled as a letterman in basketball, then on to University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana. He worked with the family business manufacturing casket hardware, but later went on to pursue his true love of investing, at which he was brilliant and among the best. His time spent in the navy during the Korean War was as a Lieutenant, (LTJG) on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, later spending summers on Lake Michigan enjoying family and friends while cruising in his boat, "Chipanook". To all who had the good fortune to know Myron, they will not forget his cheerful countenance, sense of humor, generosity and enthusiasm for life. They broke the mold when he was born and the brightest of lights has just gone out. Bon voyage and fly with the angels Myron! In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2018 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment to immediately follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd., Skokie, IL 60076. For funeral information 847-256-5700.

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Connors, Thomas James

Thomas James Connors, age 88, beloved husband of the late Marilyn (nee Gilroy); loving father of Thomas and Timothy (Carrie) Connors; cherished grandfather of Kaitlin, Claire and Emma Connors; dear brother of Robert (Barbara) Connors; fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday March 10, 8:15 A.M. until time of Prayers at 9:15 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462. To St. Alexander Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations to Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, 585 Co Rd z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl. Memphis, TN 38105, would be appreciated. Funeral info 708-429-3200.

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Gibbons, John "Jack"

Beloved husband of Peggy (nee O'Neill). Loving father of Peggie (Mark) Vizza, Kevin (Kathy Flynn), Marie (Jim) Ryan, John (Carlette McMullan), Nancy, and Sally (Joe) Milioto. Beloved son of the late Redmond and Mary (nee O'Donnell) Gibbons (Cahir, Louisburgh Co Mayo Ireland) Fond grandfather of Brendan, James, John Vizza, Sarah, Kevin, Nora Gibbons, Joseph Ryan, Michael, Patrick Milioto, and Madeleine Gibbons. Dear brother of Marie (Bob) Luebke, Kathryn (the late Honorable James) Alesia, James (Gayle), and the late Sally, Francis (Janet), and Richard Gibbons. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was devoted to his family and faith. Proud salesman for over 65 years of the Curtis Casket Company. In lieu of flowers donations to St. Columbanus Catholic Church Food Pantry 331 E. 71st St. Chicago, IL. 60619 appreciated. Visitation Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass at 11 a.m. at St. Bernadette Church 9343 S. Francisco Ave. (Evergreen Park) Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For Service Info (312)225-8500 or www.colettasonfuneralhome.com

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Heidler III, Frank Joseph

Frank J. Heidler III of Sister Bay, WI and Oak Brook, IL passed away peacefully at his home March 4, 2018 surrounded by his family. Frank was a lifetime lumberman, and third generation owner of Heidler hardwood Lumber Company. Born in Austin, IL, August 20, 1928 to Frank J. Heidler Jr. and Sylvia Ulrici Heidler. He grew up in Riverside, IL, graduated from Riverside Brookfield High School, attended Iowa State University and graduated from the University of Michigan. Frank was preceded in death by his wife Sallie J. Heidler, and is survived by son Skip Heidler (Debby) Hinsdale, IL, daughter Betsy Steele (Jeff)Chicago, IL, son Scott Heidler (Amy) Lisle, IL, grandchildren Woody Heidler (Emily), Erica Heidler, Lindsey Mazeika (Jason), Kendra Zalar (Alex), Amanda Smith (Ryan), Kaela Steele, Gretchen Steele, William Heidler, Bradley Heidler, and great grandchildren Avery Mazeika, Emma Mazeika, and Jamie Zalar. Service being held on Saturday, March 17, 2018, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Sister Bay, WI, Visitation 1PM, service following at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, 1250 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401, pca.org

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Hurwitz, Katherine

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Kolb, Lois Anne

Lois Anne Kolb, nee Clover, OP Lay Dominican, age 87, of Norridge, IL passed away on February 26, 2018; Devoted wife of Virgil Kolb; loving mother of John Kolb, Mary (Dennis) Zelasko; cherished grandmother of Matthew (Carissa) Zelasko, Kristen (Thomas) Hawkins, and Megan Zelasko; proud great-grandmother of Virgil Hawkins. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Becky Clover and numerous nieces and nephews. Lois is preceded in death by her sisters Rosemary Austgen and Alice Clover, and brother John Clover. Lois enjoyed many wonderful years at home with her children. She worked as a teacher's aide and was also an employee at Marshall Field and Company in Chicago as a manager in the accounting department for 17 years. She was a devoted member of Divine Savior Church for many years, as well as the Dominican Laity. Along with her husband Virgil, she was a long time volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Lois had a lifelong love of learning and enjoyed nature, travel, music, and laughing with friends and family. Memorial visitation will be held at Divine Savior Church in Norridge, IL from 10:30 - 11:00 am, followed by a Memorial Mass at 11:00am on Saturday, March 10. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Catholic Charities or St. Dominic Mission Society in Chicago. For info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.

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Lipetzky, Regina "Jean"

(nee Minnick). Age 86. Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Lipetzky. Loving mother of Jean (Greg) Pajak, Beth (Bill) Doyle, Joseph A. (Betty) Lipetzky, and John Lipetzky. Proud "Mama" of Gina (Vince) Loizzo, Joseph J. Lipetzky, Meredith Doyle, Daniel Doyle, Stephen (Kaci) Lipetzky, Andrew (finacé Clare Thompson) Pajak, Jonathan (Brittany) Pajak, Christopher Pajak, Nora and Keighley Lipetzky. Cherished great grandmother of Lilly and Jacob. Devoted sister of the late Mary Patricia (Edward) Steyer, Gerard (Kathleen) Minnick, Richard (Phyllis) Minnick, and Elizabeth Minnick. Dear sister-in-law of Claudia Lipetzky, the late Vincent Lipetzky and Joan (Robert) McDonald. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dearest friend of Luella Rill. Registered Nurse at Holy Cross Hospital from 1960-1970. Industrial Nurse at NBC Channel 5 Chicago from 1970-1989. Volunteer Nurse at St. Denis Grammar School. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 8:45 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 15050 S. Wolf Road, Orland Park, IL, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Maraviglia, Mary R.

Mary R. Maraviglia nee Biagioni, age 94; Beloved wife of the late Evo; loving mother of Annette (John) Potamitis and the late Richard (Diane); cherished grandmother of Carolyn (Adam) Schuler, Andrea (Ken) Young and great grandmother of Mason, Kali, and Maya; dear sister of the late John (Mary) Biagioni; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at BELMONT FUNERAL HOME 7120 W Belmont Ave. Funeral prayers Saturday 10:15 a.m. at funeral home to St. Francis Borgia Church for Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 a.m. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com

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McManus, William B. 'Bill'

William B. "Bill" McManus, age 83, U.S. Army veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1972, passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at his home. He was born August 11, 1934 in Jersey City, NJ. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213.

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Metz, Garnita Marie

(nee Frerichs) Age 95. Beloved wife of 67 years of the late William G. Metz. Loving mother of William J. (Brenda), the late Richard J. (Debra Metz-Markus), Florence L. (Andrew) Tomich, Thomas J., Reinelda A. (Ralph) Izzo, Robert J. (Jana), Mary C. (Conrad) Golonka and Bernadette M. (Michael) Pappas. Cherished grandmother and great-grandmother of many. Dear sister of the late Sr. Florence Frerichs. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Devoted Ambassador of the Statue of Mary for over 50 years. Long time sacristan of St. Denis Church of Chicago. Devoted pro-life advocate for her entire life. Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of prayers 10:30 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Mass of the Resurrection 11:15 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests you say a rosary. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Murnane, Philip M.

Philip M. "Mick" Murnane. 86, Feb. 26th Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Margaret (nee Sullivan) for 57 years. Loving dad of Timothy M. (Sarah) Murnane. Dear grandfather of Kate, Annie, Matt, Mary and Will. Brother of the late Joseph (the late Pat) Murnane. Brother-in-Law of Patricia (the late Bill) Roach, William (Noreen) Sullivan, John (Judy) Sullivan and the late Maureen (the late Ralph) Richards. Uncle of 21 nieces and nephews. Retired Manufacturer's Representative for office furniture and supplies. Memorial Visitation at St. Barnabas Church 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. until time of the Memorial Mass 10:30 a.m. Int. Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **Donnellan Funeral Home**. Info (773) 238-0075 Sign guestbook at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

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Norman MD, Douglas R.

Douglas R. Norman MD, 81, of Northfield, passed March 6, 2018. Beloved husband of Margaret nee Galbraith. Loving father of David (Lindy), Jeff, Wendy, and Greg (Esther). Proud grandfather of Mackenzie, Maddie, Ellie, Elbie and Lou Ellen. Visitation, Saturday 2-6 p.m. at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Rd., Glenview. Family and friends will meet for funeral mass Monday 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Keats Camps, #3-5707, Sidley St., Burnaby, BC V5J 5E6. www.keatscamps.com. Funeral Information 847-998-1020.

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O'Neill, Peggy A.

Peggy A. O'Neill, age 58, suddenly. Cherished and beloved daughter of Margaret and the late Francis O'Neill. Loving niece of Mary Kelly. Peggy will be dearly missed by her many cousins and friends. Funeral Saturday 11:00 am from the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, 16600 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park, to St. Julie Billiard Church. Mass 11:30 am. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Visitation Saturday morning 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Masses appreciated. Former employee of the University of Illinois. (708) 614-9900 or www.bradygill.com

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Otomo, John 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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Plunkett, Don

Don "Buckwheat" Plunkett Sr, age 94 of Westerville, passed away at Parkside Nursing Home surrounded by his loving family on March 6, 2018. He was born on June 23, 1923 to the late William H. and Goldie Mae (Shoemaker) Plunkett in Grand Junction, CO. Don served his country during WWII. Don is survived by wife of 68 years Blanche (Malekovic) Plunkett, children Mary Rubnitz, Rebecca (James) Rousseau, Donald (Kathleen) Plunkett Jr., Yvonne (James) Tobin, Michael (Amy) Plunkett, Jeanette (Kathleen) Plunkett, Olivia (Scott) Rader, Marty Plunkett and Peggy (Michael) Petrovich, 18 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, his is preceded in death by daughter Ann Adams, sons-in-law Fred Adams and Allen Rubnitz, brother William H. Plunkett. Friends may call at **Newcomer Funeral Home**, NE Chapel, 3047 E. Dublin Granville Rd., Columbus, OH on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 5pm to 8pm. Funeral service on Friday at St. Paul's 313 N. State St., Westerville, OH at 10:30am. Reception to follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Jireh India Missions, 2212 Raccoon Ln, Centralia, IL 62801 or to Capital City Hospice, 1650 Watermark Dr., Columbus, OH 43215. Messages of condolence may be shared with the family at www.NewcomerColumbus.com

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Quinn, John D.

John D. Quinn; Beloved husband of the late Margaret "Peggy", nee O'Hara; Devoted father of the late Mary Ellen, John (Mary), Jim (Anne Porter), Margaret Eagan (Mike Moline), Noreen (Mike Murphy), and Kathleen; Loving grandpa of John (Claire) Eagan, Shamus, Will, Maura, Patrick Quinn, Luke and Michael Murphy; Dear brother of the late Niall (Kitty), the late Nuala (Dan Curran), and the late Patrick (Anne); Kind uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews; Native of Kilkeel, County Down Ireland; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Saturday, 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Terrence Church, 4300 W. 119th Place, Alsip, IL; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers donations to Medical Missionary of Mary, 3410 W. 60th Place, Chicago, IL 60629, St. Terrence Church, or your favorite charity would be appreciated; For funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com

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Ringbloom, Kenneth R.

Kenneth R. Ringbloom, passed away peacefully at his home in Naples, Florida, WWII B17 Bomber Pilot, 35 Missions - "Mighty Eight" receiving the distinguished Flying Cross with awards of Oak Leaf Clusters, Owner of Ringbloom Construction; President of Midland Management Co., Real Estate Developer in IL and Naples, FL, General Contractor; beloved husband of the late Darlene nee Lawrence; loving father of Kim (Steve) Morris, Lisa Howard, the late Kenneth Jr. and Mark; cherished grandfather of Sean (Mandy Schnibben), Steven (Caitlin) Morris, Ellie Morris, Parker Howard, Brett Gray; cherished great-grandfather of Mason, Lindsay and Tatum; fond brother of the late Vernon (Sally) Ringbloom; dear uncle of Judy (Murray) Hale; many thanks to main caregivers Birute plus Juraite, Kristina and Gulnar; Ken was a family man who enjoyed his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be remembered for his generosity and caring spirit, to know him was to love him. Visitation Friday 4 to 9 P.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien where a funeral service will be held Saturday 10:00 A.M. Entombment Bethania Cemetery. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Ryding, Mark Allen

December 21, 1958-February 26, 2018



Mark Allen Ryding of St. Charles, Illinois died unexpectedly at 59 years young. Dad was a kindhearted and sensitive person. He was born in Polk, Wisconsin to Rev. Donald and Elizabeth (Buskist) Ryding. He leaves behind his mother; siblings, many friends and relatives,

along with his three daughters, Angelic Semenek, Athena Hanson (Eric) of St. Charles, Illinois, and Alanah Ryding of Chicago, Illinois. Also his three grandsons: Alexander and Adin Hanson, and Sebastian Semenek.

Mark graduated from Montana State University in 1982, and moved to Utah where he met Wanda Martinez. They married and later divorced. He welcomed Wanda's two beautiful daughters into his heart and together they had a third daughter a couple years later. His daughters were the most important part of his life.

Although he was most recently a Security Engineer, his vast career began as a government employee at Hill Air Force Base in Utah, as an Electrical Engineer. Mark had many positions over the years working mainly in technology and enjoyed learning, often taking on difficult technological tasks at work. He also had an adjunct faculty position at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. He pursued his varied hobbies (archery and photography to name only two) passionately. As a child, he was active in both the Boy Scouts and church, the latter instilling in him spirituality that he carried into his adulthood.

He will be cremated and his ashes spread at Bridger Range in Bozeman, Montana. A memorial service will be held at a yet to be determined date.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

-Proverbs 3:5-6

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

-Psalm 34:18

-Until we see you again, we will hold you in our hearts forever.

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Salerno, Patricia A

Patricia A. Salerno. Beloved wife of the late Alex A. Loving mother of Anthony and the late Alec. Fond sister of Gloria Dromose and the late Minnie De Marco. Visitation Friday 11:00 AM until time of funeral Service 1:00 PM at **COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME** 7508 S. County Line Road (one block south of 155/Stevenson) Burr Ridge.. Interment Queen of Heaven. 630 654 8484 or www.coglianese.com

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Saltiel, Eugenia 'Jenny'

Eugenia "Jenny" Saltiel (nee Henriquez) of Pembroke Pines, FL; formerly of Hillside, IL. Beloved wife of the late Isaac 'Armando' Saltiel, M.D.; loving mother of Diana Cenci, Dr. Armando (Lori) and Dr. Frank (Patti); devoted grandmother of Laura (Omar) Delgado, Stephanie, Jessica, Jennifer, Armando, Emily, Sarah, Samuel and Frank Saltiel; cherished daughter



of the late Francisco Henriquez and the late Adela Noller. Visitation 11:30am until time of Funeral Service 2:30pm Saturday, March 10th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment Oakridge Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Make a Wish Foundation appreciated. For info: 708-352-6500 or hfunerals.com

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Schendl, Dorothy

Dorothy Schendl, 80, of Wood Dale, IL and formally of Schiller Park passed away March 4, 2018 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, IL. She was born July 1, 1937 in Chicago Illinois to Rocco and Margaret (nee Camasta) Schendl. Dorothy met Frank Schendl and were married on November 19, 1960 After graduating from Foreman High School and Wright Junior College, Dorothy created a loving home for her husband, Frank and her son, Michael. Dorothy enjoyed craft projects, vacations "up north" with family and friends. She also looked forward to lunches, going to the show and trips to the casino with the ladies. There wasn't a day that went by that she didn't talk about her family and friends. So please keep telling stories about her so she can live on with us in memories.

Her spirit is carried on in the hearts of her son Michael (Susan) Schendl. Grand children Brynn Schendl and Nathan Schendl, Joseph Barkley, Colin (Alena) Barkley and Emma Barkley (George Bernhardt). Her sister, Angela Frey and sisters in law, Lillian Camasta and Irene Camasta. Nieces and nephews, Thomas (Susan) Camasta, Susan Feigel, Joseph (Lydia) Camasta, Corinne (Mike) Johnson and Cathy (Mark) Watson. Many great and great-great nieces and nephews. Dorothy will be missed by her many friends whom she has touch and left a piece of her loving personality especially her best friend since kindergarten, Jean Klein.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, Rocco and Margaret Camasta, her loving husband, Frank Schendl, her brothers, Dominic Camasta and Joseph Camasta, her brother in law, Eddy Frey, and her nephew Nicky Surbier.

The family will receive visitors on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9am-11 am followed with Mass at 11am at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 10050 Ivanhoe Ave, Schiller Park, IL 60176. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven, 1400 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL 60126. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dorothy's favorite charity: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept.142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Funeral services were entrusted to **John Rago Sons Funeral Home**, 721 North Western Avenue (at Superior St.), Chicago, IL 60612. For info call 773-276-6056 or online guestbook at www.RagoSons.com

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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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Skrzypek, Louise M.

Louise M. Skrzypek (nee Blomarz) 94, of Lisle, IL passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018; Beloved wife of the late Mitchell A. Skrzypek; loving mother of Mark (Tammy), Glen, Gail (Steve) Stockton, and Lynn (Ray) Kingos; cherished grandmother of Stephanie, Todd, Nicole, Grant, Mitchell, Mikayla, Gabrielle, Jonathan, and Gustavo; devoted great grandmother of Oliver, Benjamin, and Maya; Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at St. Joan of Arc Church 820 Division St. Lisle, IL 60532 (On the corner of Kingston and Front Street) Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Joan of Arc Church. For more information 630-964-9392 or visit www.blake-lambfuneralhome.com

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Slayton, Wendel Noyes

Wendel Noyes Slayton, Jr. age 88; resident of Downers Grove, IL. Beloved husband of the late Grace Slayton; loving father of Wendel "Skip" (Linda) Slayton, Laura Cullen, and Thomas (Elizabeth) Slayton; cherished grandfather of Paul (Emily), Tyler, Brittany, Molly, and Ben Slayton, Mimi and Julia Cullen; dear brother of Nancy (the late Robert) Bigelow. Funeral Services and Interment Private. Arrangements by **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan** Funeral Home, Downers Grove, IL. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com



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Smentek, Kenneth J.

Kenneth J. Smentek, age 73, of Morton Grove. Retired Teacher and Principal for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Beloved husband and soulmate of Linda, nee Novak; loving father of Kevin; fond son of the late Joseph and Lillian; dear brother of the late Ronald (Linda). Visitation, Saturday, March 10, 2018, from 9 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 10 a.m., at St. Martha Catholic Church, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove. Inurnment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum, Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Martha Catholic Parish, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove, IL, 60053. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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Smith, Betty L.

Betty L. Smith, age 83 of Addison, Devoted mother of Karen (Mike Campanella) Smith-Nuzzo and the late Sharon Smith; Cherished grandmother of Ashley (Tim) Ericksen, Kristi and Robert Nuzzo; Loving great grandmother of James and Marie Ericksen; Dear mother in law of the late Ralph Nuzzo, Dear sister of the late Alberta Kereta, Dear cousin of the late Gilbert (Buster) Jones; Dear godmother of Frank Constantino. Betty kept a close circle of family and friends and was especially close to Carol, Paula, Rick and Stacy Kereta. Visitation Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.). Funeral Mass 10:45 a.m. at St. Isidore Chapel. Interment Private. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com.



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Stanley, Norman A.

Norman A. "Buck" Stanley, 92, passed peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family. Devoted husband of Eleanor for a loving 69 years; loving father of Adrian Stanley-Pfeffer, Leslie (Daniel) Platt, Nora (Michael) Grajdura and Carolynn (Geoff) Collingbourne; dear grandfather of Sarah, Lindsey, Brent, Tommy and Carson; brother of the late Arthur and Harold Stanley and Margaret Heidorn; uncle of many. Member of Niles VFW Post # 3579, retired foreman/carpenter Chicago Dept of Aviation, builder of many homes in the suburbs and one "special home" on Bass Lake in Michigan. Visitation Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of service 12:00 noon at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Stanley, Richard D.

Richard D. Stanley, 86, passed away March 6, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Barbara A. Stanley (nee Patton); loving father of Cynthia (Randolph) Penna, Stephanie (Paul) Schneider and the late Michael Stanley; cherished grandfather of Douglas (Elizabeth) Ulaszek, Patrick (Miranda) Ulaszek, Sydney Penna and Liberty Penna; proud great-grandpa of Benedict, Gregory, Lucy and Leo; dear brother of Gloria (the late Howard) Kannenberg, Kathy (Jim) Kaltved and the late Beverly (the late Harry) Stephenson; fond uncle of Anne (Karl) Jones, Pheonix, Dakota and many nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home** 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187. Memorial Service Saturday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Services conclude at the funeral home. Info @ www.williams-kampp.com or (630) 668-0016. In lieu of flowers doantions appreciated to CNS Home Health and Hospice c/o Cadence Health Foundation OS050 Winfield Road, Suite 200 Winfield, IL 60190.

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Sutz, Darlene Lea

Darlene Lea Sutz, 81, passed away March 5, 2018. She was a dedicated wife to Robert Sutz for more than 60 years, a devoted mother to her six children, Ed Sutz, Frances Sutz, Raeanne Sarazen (Rob), Howard Sutz (Alison), Debra Baker (Scott) and Michael Sutz (Megan), and an enthusiastic Oma who always had a book for her grandchildren: Wyatt, Ethan, Aidan, Ben, Michael, Elaine, Jack, Sadie, Liceis and Miguel. Her perfect day would include hunting for an art book in an independent bookstore, sharing a meal with family, chatting with friends and hearing stories about the many people she cared about. She is survived by her brothers Jerry Ullman (Anita), Julian Ullman (Judy), and predeceased by her brother Marvin Ullman and his wife Jan Krafsur. A service will be held Friday, March 9 at 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights, IL. Donations may be made to the Arizona Jewish Historical Society's We Remember Holocaust Art Project at www.WeRememberArt.org or by mail at We Remember AZJHS, 122 E. Culver St., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

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Witkov, Arthur

Arthur Witkov, 94, beloved husband for 68 years of the late Beverly Witkov; devoted father of Michael (Sharon) Witkov and Harold (Judith) Witkov; treasured grandfather of Mitchell (Jenni) Witkov, Jill (Daniel) Lauer, and Leah (Steve) Korzun; adored great-grandfather of Nathan, Jonathan, Allison, and Anna. Proud WWII Veteran who fought in The Battle of the

Bulge. Graveside service Friday, March 9, 11 AM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Rd (enter off of Wilke), Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the World Wildlife Fund, www.wwf.org. For info: **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home** 847-256-5700.



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Ziegenhorn, Martin Patrick

Martin Patrick Ziegenhorn, age 63, passed away March 2, 2018. Beloved son of Pat Healy Ziegenhorn and the late Frank Ziegenhorn, CPD; loving brother to Kathleen (Ed) Bernal, Patricia (Kevin) Kane, Maureen, retired Lt. CPD (the late James O'Neill, Lt. CPD), Colleen (Michael) Dillon, and the late Adorable Franny (Mary Frances); dear uncle to Jack (Emily) Kane, Patrick (Melanie) Kane, Michael (Catherine Matthews) Kane, Brian Kane, Colleen Bernal, Patrick Dillon, Mary Frances Dillon, and Erin Winnie Dillon; fond nephew of Mary Conrad and Virginia Hozak. Martin was a graduate of St. Angela School, Fenwick High School, and Loyola University. Memorial visitation Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. with Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Juliana Church, 7200 N. Osceola, Chicago, IL 60631. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 would be appreciated. Info: 773-774-3333

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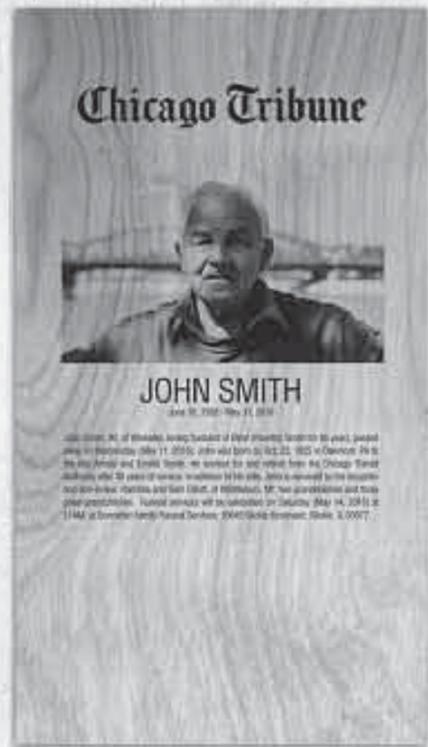
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CUSTER AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT WATER SYSTEM INTERCONNECT WITH MCCOOK
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Sealed Proposals will be received by the Village of Lyons at The Village Hall, 4200 Lawndale Avenue Lyons, IL 60534 until 2:00 PM local time on March 29, 2018 at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for the construction of the Custer Avenue Watermain Replacement and Water System Interconnect with McCook Project in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents prepared by RHMG Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers.

The work for which proposals are invited consists of the construction and installation of approximately 2,020 feet of 12-inch watermain by open cut construction; valve vaults, fire hydrants, water service reconstructions, one precast meter vault and all included appurtenances including lawn, pavement and sidewalk restoration work. All construction to take place in the Village of Lyons, Cook County, Illinois.

Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained upon application at the office of RHMG Engineers, Inc., 975 Campus Drive, Mundelein, IL 60060. Drawing will be provided electronically in PDF format. Each set includes Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents.

Each proposal must be submitted on the proper forms contained in the Contract Documents and shall be accompanied by an acceptable form of Proposal Guaranty. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in the full amount of the Bid or Proposal. The project is to be substantially complete within 90 calendar days commencing from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Final completion is required within 120 calendar days, commencing from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

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All questions pertaining to construction documents should be sent Operations & Maintenance Department, johnlambrecht@triton.edu / (708) 456-0300 Ext 3210

CASE NO. 00JARS4
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK ss. - in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department, Child Protection Division. In the interest of Tenele Morre, A Minor, No. 00JA 854. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Natural Mother Tamarae Thomas, that a Motion has been filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County by Theodosia Merritt praying for and Order to reinstate wardship and to terminate private guardianship, and for other relief. A Hearing will be held on said motion on March 13, 2018 at 10:00 am in Room 14-N at 2245 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL before the honorable Judge John Huff or any judge sitting in his stead. Dorothy A. Brown, Clerk. Joseph G. Gebhart (56407), Attorney, 6904 W. Cermak Rd., Berwyn, IL 60402

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

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Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center HVAC Architectural / Engineering Services
RFQ #18-07

The City of Evanston's Public Works Agency is requesting information and a Statement of Qualifications to perform architectural and engineering services for evaluating and designing a long term solution for the heating and cooling system at the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

A non-mandatory pre-submission meeting will be held in Room 2402 of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 15, 2018. The above item shall conform to the RFQ on file in the Purchasing Office. The document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available in the Purchasing Office on March 8, 2018. Parties interested in submitting a response should contact the Purchasing Office to receive a copy of the RFQ or see the City's website at www.cityofevanston.org/business/bids-proposals/ or Demandstar at: www.demandstar.com.

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The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each Proposer shall be required to submit with his/her proposal a Disclosure of Ownership Interest Statement Form in accordance with Section 1-18-1 et seq. of the City Code. Failure to submit such information may result in the disqualification of such proposal.

Jillian Ostman
Purchasing Specialist

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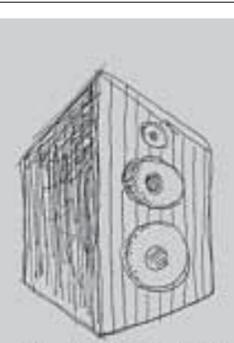
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BLUE DEMONS' FADE INTO IRRELEVANCY

When the Big East was full of big boys, DePaul wasn't getting it done. And in this pared-down version of the conference? Same. Above are the results of every regular-season Big East game DePaul has played the last 10 seasons. Dark spots are wins, light spots are losses. Game 1 is up top, Game 18 is at the bottom. In the span, the Blue Demons are 25-155, finishing in last place alone seven times — and tied for last in 2017-18.

THE LEASTS OF THE EAST



DePaul athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto and men's basketball coach Dave Leitao ask fans to be patient.

BRIAN CASSELLA/
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK
Notre Dame erases 21-point deficit vs. Virginia Tech, wins 71-65 in ACC tourney. **Page 4**

Amid another losing season and fan frustration, DePaul AD Lenti Ponsetto preaches patience

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

Before DePaul tipped off Wednesday night against Marquette in the Big East tournament, it was clear that no matter the result, the Blue Demons were headed for their 11th straight losing season.

They finished in the bottom three of the Big East standings for the 10th consecutive season at 4-14 and finished 11-20 overall after Wednesday's 72-69 loss to Marquette at Madison Square Garden. It's a familiar feeling for DePaul fans who had entered the fall with cautious hope for different results with a new downtown arena and a top recruit committed to the program.

Athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto told the Tribune she sees signs of improvement and feels confident the program is moving in the right direction as coach Dave Leitao wraps up the third season

of his second stint at DePaul.

"If you want to do it the right way, you have to be patient," Lenti Ponsetto said Wednesday. "You want to build it with young men who are terrific athletes but who are also good students and have good character. It's not turnkey. It doesn't happen overnight."

For some DePaul fans, the wait to return to the excellence of the 1970s and '80s has been too long. In the last 25 seasons, the Blue Demons have played in only two NCAA tournaments — in 2004 during Leitao's first stint as head coach and in 2000 under Pat Kennedy.

DePaul's women's basketball team — a paragon of consistent success — won the Big East tournament Tuesday for the third time in five years.

Turn to **DePaul, Page 4**

He's it: Tagging Fuller step in right direction

If Bears sign corner, they can focus on adding WR



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

Franchise cornerbacks matter too. Nobody needs to suggest Kyle Fuller means as much to the Bears as quarterback Mitch Trubisky. But if applying the transition tag on Fuller — a 26-year-old approaching his Pro Bowl potential — enables the Bears to sign him to a multiyear contract, then it could end up being general manager Ryan Pace's most significant offseason move.

Signing Fuller would allow the Bears to enter next week's free agent period feeling much less desperate, enabling Pace to focus on a wide receiver instead of a cornerback — not in addition to a cornerback.

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OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom

In Mitch Trubisky's interview on WSCR-AM 670 from Southern California on Tuesday, he often used the term "Cali." Quick, someone tell him nobody in California says "Cali" any more than people from Chicago say "Chi-town." Stop it, Mitch. Stop it, right now. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2** | More Bears, **Back Page**



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BULLS 119, GRIZZLIES 110

No match for Grizzlies' ineptitude

Bulls play by the rules, secure win No. 22 as NBA-worst Grizzlies lose their 15th game in a row. **Page 3**

Morrow setting up for his new role as closer

Cubs confident in reliever and his bullpen backups



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

MESA, Ariz. — Brandon Morrow and Steve Cishek, the two big offseason additions to the Cubs bullpen, both have been described as having a closer's mentality.

What exactly is that? It's difficult to define. "It can come naturally, or you can fake it," Morrow said. "You just want to have the same aggressiveness I think in the ninth that you would have any other time. You don't want to get tight."

The Cubs feel comfortable they have a half-dozen relievers who fit the mold, but Morrow will get the chance to prove he's the real deal.

Signed as a free agent this offseason after serving as setup man to Kenley Jansen with the Dodgers, Morrow enters the season as the new closer, replacing old, reliable Wade Davis.

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WHITE SOX | Who knows what kind of season James Shields will have, but he's helping mentor young Sox pitchers, including Michael Kopech. **Page 5**
■ Prized prospect Luis Robert hits grand slam in first spring start. **Page 5**

TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Translating Trubisky-speak

The most important figure in the Bears organization surfaced Tuesday evening. Finally. And good news, people: Mitch Trubisky is still alive.

For the first time since Matt Nagy was hired as coach two months ago, Trubisky was heard. His thoughts on the Bears' new world were beamed over the airwaves of WSCR-AM 670 on the "Bears All-Access" show. Trubisky sounded good. Loose. Excited. And who wouldn't be? I mean, Trubisky has shed the offensively challenged mind of John Fox for someone about half the former coach's age and more than twice the offensive hope.

Maybe it's me, but I couldn't help finding subtext everywhere — what Trubisky said and what I thought he also meant. Like this:

"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."

Fox was like your grandpa. I expected him to reach into his pocket and give me a butterscotch hard candy. I mean, they wouldn't even let him know they were going to draft me last year.

"I was really excited when I heard (Nagy) got the job here."

But not as excited as I was that Fox was gone. I said during the season that I hoped he would take the handcuffs off. I said it nicely. I said pretty please with sugar on top. But, nothing. Maybe he needed hearing aids.

"I know Chicago is going to have a warm welcome (for Nagy), 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."

Forget Bears fans — I'm giving Nagy the warmest welcome. I'm thrilled to have an offensive mind in charge of the team in a league that favors offense.

"I think (the Chiefs) utilized an athletic quarterback."

Fox still doesn't know what that means. "A lot of things the (Chiefs) 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."

OK, maybe not "a lot of pieces" that will create explosive plays, not yet, not as long as they continue to give Markus Wheaton a



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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky sounds excited for the post-John Fox world.

helmet. But you watch, we're going to incorporate a lot of run-pass options so the decisions come from the quarterback in the middle of the action instead of the constipated guy on the sideline.

"It is a very exciting time. ... The guys we have coming in, the coaches, they're just very creative."

And I'll bet Tarik Cohen will be on the field when it's first-and-goal.

"I love the responsibility that I've been given, and I think that has been earned through just hard work and dedication and showing my teammates what I'm capable of"

Just give me a chance. Give me all the chances. I'll never become a franchise quarterback if I never get the chance, if I never get all the chances.

"It's been nice to pick his brain (Rams quarterback Jared Goff, his roommate and

training partner in Southern California) just from the last two seasons he's had. I think that's helped me a lot."

Goff is the next step for me, same as the Rams are the next step for the Bears. That's who we want to be this season — top 10 in passing and rushing yards and a playoff team. Stop laughing. Everybody needs goals, people.

"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.'"

Because it's safe to go back to Halas Hall now. There's hope in Halas Hall now.

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THE LINEUP

Will she blaze new trail?



Becky Hammon could soon be breaking more barriers.

The Spurs assistant coach and former WNBA All-Star is being considered for the head coaching position of the men's basketball team at Colorado State, according to Yahoo Sports.

There has been a public clamoring for Hammon — who was a three-time All-American at Colorado State and had her number retired — to replace Larry Eustachy as the head coach. Athletic director Joe Parker has not ruled her out as a candidate.

"It's the most frequently asked question I get, and recommended candidate," Parker told Coloradoan.com. "I'm not closing the door on any thought."

If Hammon, 40, is hired by Colorado State, she would become the first female head coach of a Division I men's basketball program.

New York Daily News

Bond changed his path



Marjory Stoneman Douglas quarterback Tyler Goodman has committed to play football for a Massachusetts college because of the bond he formed with two

recruiters during the shooting at the Florida high school last month.

The Division III school wasn't one of Goodman's top choices at first. But during the Feb. 14 shooting, he hid in a room with his high school coach, several teammates and Nichols dean of admissions Paul Brower and assistant football coach St. Clair Ryan.

"They kind of went into father mode and protected us," Goodman told WFXT-TV near Boston. "We formed something special there."

Goodman hopes to wear No. 17 in college as a tribute to those who lost their lives.

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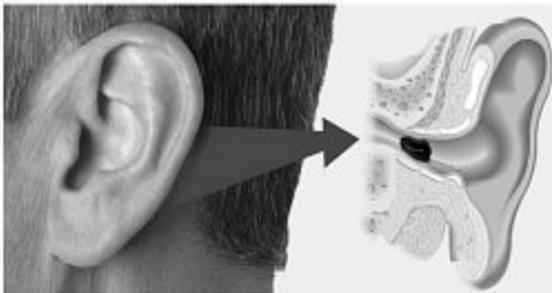
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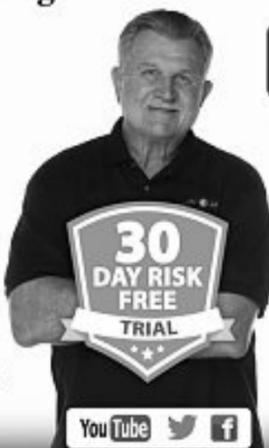


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BULLS 119, GRIZZLIES 110



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Zach LaVine goes to the basket against Grizzlies center Marc Gasol in the first half of the Bulls' victory.

Letter of law

Bulls barely follow lineup rules, hand Grizzlies 15th loss in row

By K.C. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

Anyone wondering what the Bulls thought about the NBA applying its new rules governing the resting of healthy players to their rebuilding plan got their answer with Wednesday night's rotation.

Justin Holiday started the first and third quarters and played just 17 minutes, 21 seconds in those lone two rotational turns during the Bulls' 119-110 victory over the Grizzlies, which didn't stop Holiday from scoring 14 points. Meanwhile, Robin Lopez remained inactive, though coach Fred Hoiberg said both players will start Friday in Detroit.

That the Bulls adhered to the bare minimum requirements of the first-year rules spoke volumes.

After all, the Bulls were starting a player in David Nwaba who has been strong analytically, plus their future core of Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen while also aiding their draft lottery pingpong ball chances by removing Holiday and Lopez as starters. Though the Bulls complied with the league's rules and showed understanding of its sensitivity to them, it didn't mean they loved the decision.

That the rules were enforced the day before the Grizzlies arrived with a losing streak that grew to 15 games and solidified their league-worst record had to make it more difficult to swallow. The Grizzlies, who cut a 21-point deficit to one four times in the fourth quarter, started Kobi Simmons, who played with Markka-

THE BOX SCORE

GRIZZLIES	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Brooks	28:04	10-18	4-4	0-1	2	2	29
Green	27:08	5-6	1-2	2-8	1	1	11
Gasol	27:17	4-11	8-10	1-6	7	3	17
McLemore	37:44	5-11	4-5	3-7	2	4	17
Simmons	27:49	5-10	1-1	1-3	1	6	11
Rathan-Mayes	27:53	4-12	1-2	0-1	7	4	9
Davis	18:36	2-2	0-0	1-3	3	4	4
Henry	18:36	2-6	1-1	0-2	0	1	5
Selden	15:53	3-6	0-0	0-0	1	0	7
Rabb	10:58	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
TOTALS	40-82	20-25	9-33	24	26	110	

Pcts: FG .488, FT .800. 3-pointers: 10-29, 345 (Brooks 5-9, McLemore 3-7, Selden 1-2, Gasol 1-4, Simmons 0-1, Henry 0-2, Rathan-Mayes 0-4). Team rebs: 5. Team turnovers: 14 (22 PTS). Blocks: 3 (Davis, Rathan-Mayes, Simmons). Turnovers: 14 (McLemore 6, Simmons 3, Rathan-Mayes 2, Gasol, Green, Selden). Steals: 12 (McLemore 3, Simmons 3, Brooks 2, Davis, Henry, Rabb, Rathan-Mayes). Technical fouls: coach Grizzlies (Defensive three second), 9:35 second.

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	17:21	5-5	0-0	0-4	1	2	14
Markkanen	34:52	8-14	4-4	1-6	0	1	22
Portis	29:49	6-12	2-2	3-10	2	5	15
Dunn	32:00	6-11	8-10	1-3	9	5	21
LaVine	33:14	8-14	4-6	0-2	5	1	21
Nwaba	24:06	3-4	2-3	2-4	1	2	8
Valentine	21:18	0-8	1-1	0-1	4	0	1
Felicio	18:13	0-0	1-2	1-8	0	4	1
Payne	16:00	3-6	1-2	1-2	3	1	7
Vonleh	13:10	3-5	1-2	0-1	0	1	9
TOTALS	42-79	24-32	9-41	25	22	119	

Pcts: FG .532, FT .750. 3-pointers: 11-29, 379 (Holiday 4-4, Vonleh 2-3, Markkanen 2-6, Dunn 1-3, LaVine 1-4, Portis 1-4, Payne 0-1, Valentine 0-4). Team rebs: 13. Team turnovers: 20 (28 PTS). Blocks: 1 (Dunn). Turnovers: 20 (Dunn 6, Holiday 3, Payne 3, Portis 3, LaVine 2, Markkanen, Nwaba, Valentine). Steals: 10 (Dunn 3, Portis 2, Holiday, LaVine, Markkanen, Payne, Vonleh). Technical fouls: coach Bulls (Defensive three second), 8:50 second.

Memphis	22	29	24	35	-110
BULLS	30	34	26	29	-119

Officials: Mark Ayotte, Justin Van Duyn, Bill Kennedy. T: 2:17. A: 20,210.

nen last season at Arizona.

The rules, designed mostly to stop good teams from resting good players in high-profile games, allow Commissioner Adam Silver to fine teams for violating policy but also allow teams to sit at least one healthy rotational player for home games. All healthy rotational players are supposed to play in road games.

Minimum requirements met.

"Our young guys still will get an opportunity to play," Hoiberg said.

They certainly did against the reeling Grizzlies, whose Dillon Brooks scored 20 of his 29 points in the fourth. Markkanen posted

his 10th 20-point game in a 22-point outing that featured six dunks. LaVine added 21 points and Dunn 21 points and nine assists. Dunn scored 11 of his 21 in the fourth as each of the young core scored 20 or more in the same game for the first time.

"I told you guys starting the rest of the season, I'm going to try to bring leadership," Dunn said.

Holiday sank all five of his shots, including four 3-pointers. Both he and Lopez continued to go with the flow.

Holiday said he didn't even know about the confirmed, cordial talks between the league office and the Bulls about his and Lopez's situation.

"We're still playing the young guys. That hasn't changed," Holiday said. "I'm pretty sure I'm not playing 35 minutes."

"They kind of tell me when I'm playing and when I'm not. It all works for me. I'm always ready. Whenever you want me to go out there, I'm out there."

Lopez said management's communication with him is fine and he would love to return as the Bulls' starting center next season.

"It's a little bit of a crazy situation. I'm always excited to play with the guys on the floor," Lopez said. "I'm not too familiar with what the NBA is thinking. ... And I'm not too familiar with what's going on with other teams in that (tanking) regard. When they pop up on the schedule, we're dialed in and ready to play. But otherwise, I'm a little oblivious."

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BULLS NOTES

Low in standings, tops in attendance

By K.C. JOHNSON

Chicago Tribune

On Nov. 17, the Bulls' sixth home game into a full rebuild, the franchise's 610-game sellout streak ended when 20,493 came to a United Center whose capacity is 20,917.

Nevertheless, the Bulls are on track to lead the NBA in attendance for a ninth straight season, currently averaging 20,679 to the second-place Cavaliers' 20,562.

The United Center's large size plays a part in this because the Bulls are at 98.9 percent capacity and still leading the Cavaliers, who are at 100 percent capacity. But the fact the Bulls continue to draw so well despite an abysmal won-lost record speaks to myriad factors — intrigue for the young core, seeing other teams' stars, the entertaining game experience.

The Bulls rank 11th in road attendance and second to the Cavaliers in overall attendance.

The Bulls have had three extended sellout streaks, the longest of which was 610 games during the dynasty. That streak lasted from Nov. 21, 1987, at the old Chicago Stadium to Nov. 7, 2000, at the United Center. It trails only the Trail Blazers' streak of 814 games and the Celtics' run of 662 sellouts in league history.

Parental pride: The NBA approved both Michigan State practicing at the Advocate Center on Wednesday and coach Fred Hoiberg watching the practice, which included his son, Jack, a redshirt freshman. No other Bulls personnel were allowed in the building for the closed practice after the Bulls' shootaround.

"The best thing about today is I was able to spend some time with my son," Hoiberg said. "These days, especially when your kids are off at college, you just don't get the opportunity to do that very often."

Hoiberg said he didn't watch for long, retreating to his office to finish game prep for the Grizzlies. Michigan State coach Tom Izzo and his team, which is on a spring break, then attended Wednesday night's game.

The Bulls staff is filled with people who have Michigan State ties, including associate head coach Jim Boylen, director of player development Shawn Respert and guard Denzel Valentine. Miles Bridges and Jaren Jackson Jr. have been linked to the Bulls in early mock drafts.

Layups: Paul Zipser missed his sixth straight game with his left foot injury. ... A subplot to Justin Holiday's re-entry to limited playing time is whether he will play enough to break Ben Gordon's franchise single-season 3-point record. Holiday entered Wednesday night with 136, which was 37 from tying Gordon's mark set in 2008-09.

BLACKHAWKS

Darling excited for return home

Ex-Hawks goalie who grew up in Lemont to start for 'Canes at UC

By PAUL SKRBINA

Chicago Tribune

The last thing Scott Darling wanted to do Wednesday afternoon was sit.

So after going door to door in full goalie pads trying to find his way to an auxiliary dressing room inside MB Ice Arena, a fresh-from-practice Darling tugged at his Hurricanes cap, nodded and opted to stand while facing questions mostly about why he has been sitting lately.

The former Blackhawks backup, who was traded and became a starter, has become a backup again, not too far removed from signing a four-year, \$16.6 million deal.

The reason, in its simplest form, is that Darling's .889 save percentage is the worst in the league. His 3.08 goals-against average is ninth-worst.

But it's more complex than that for a goalie who was 39-17-9 with a 2.37 goals-against average and .923 save percentage in 75 games (64 starts) over three seasons with the Hawks. As Corey Crawford's backup, Darling filled in admirably for a stretch during the 2015 playoffs on the way to a Stanley Cup. Now, he's poised to start against his former team Thursday night at the United Center.

The Hurricanes allow a league-low 28.7 shots on goal per game but are tied for 10th-worst in goals allowed at three per game. That's where shot quality and defensive breakdowns come into play, Hurricanes coach Bill Peters said.

"I don't like blaming the goaltender," Peters said. "I like to get to the root of the problem. It's like a plane crash — there are usually seven things that go wrong before the plane goes down."

"We have to play better in front of both our goaltenders and play with structure. When we play well and are committed to doing it right, we're a good hockey team. But when we get away from it, things are tough."

That is an apt adjective to use in regard to Darling's season. He has allowed at least four goals 11 times and gave up eight against the Maple Leafs on Dec. 19.

Darling is 3-10-3 in his last 18 games, 10-16-7 overall.

"It hasn't been ideal," he said. "In the second half I've played a lot better, (though I'm) still not getting the results I want in terms of wins and losses. ... It's just one of those years when things don't go your way. ... Eventually it will turn around."

Darling balked at blaming his struggles on the transition from being stunt double to star of the show, even though his coach said there's some credence to that.

"I don't think that's it," Darling said. "I know I didn't have



KARL B DEBLAKER/AP

Although he will start Thursday against the Hawks, Hurricanes goalie Scott Darling has recently been relegated to a backup role.

HURRICANES AT HAWKS

TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: Former Blackhawks backup goalie Scott Darling is 10-16-7 and has the NHL's worst save percentage (.889) and ninth-worst goals-against average (3.08) for the Hurricanes. **Trending:** The Hawks are 4-1 in their last five home games after losing seven in a row at the United Center. ... Former Hawk Teuvo Teravainen has four goals and an assist in his last five games.

the best start to the year and I had some bad games."

The biggest adjustments, Darling said, have come off the ice. He never had stayed in the same place for three years or been as comfortable as he was with the Hawks before they traded him.

Suddenly he was living in an apartment in an unfamiliar city, his house in the shadows of his hometown of suburban Lemont no longer where he lived full time. Suddenly he was with teammates he didn't really know, having left behind most of the ones he had helped to win a Stanley Cup.

"I had my stuff together here," Darling said. "... It's a big life change. Luckily I've been trying to get more settled in."

"I know the guys better (and am) getting more ingrained in the team and the culture there. It has been getting better."

Leaving wasn't easy. Coming back, though, is something to which Darling has been looking forward. He said he had dinner plans with family and friends Wednesday night and expects a crowd of around 30 to attend Thursday's game.

"It's a day I've had circled on my calendar," Darling said. "I had a great experience here. It's going to be great to have all my family at the game, just like it used to be when I was here."

"It's going to be weird for me, but once the puck drops it'll be just another game."

It's one he'll be happy to start.

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BLACKHAWKS NOTES

Hayden says Rockford stay 'good for my game'

By PAUL SKRBINA

Chicago Tribune

John Hayden went straight from the Ivy League to the big leagues.

Then he went to the minor leagues.

So how is life in Rockford for the Yale product, who spent the first 51 games of his professional career wearing a Blackhawks sweater?

"Feels great," Hayden said Tuesday after the IceHogs practiced at MB Ice Arena. "I've embraced the opportunity to play in a lot of situations, different roles, having the puck a lot. It's good for my game."

"I'm used to the buses. We're treated very well here too. It hasn't been much of a transition in that regard."

Hayden still has a home in Chicago and is one of a few IceHogs who sometimes commutes to Rockford. When he's not on the road, he stays in a hotel.

Though he won't come out and say it, Hayden plans to shorten his commute by returning to the Hawks ASAP.

He had three goals and 11 assists in 39 games with the Hawks, the last of which was Jan. 5. He earned coach Joel Quenneville's praise for his play early in the season.

With the IceHogs fighting for an AHL playoff spot and Hayden honing his game, the 23-year-old center said he's not focused so much on returning right now. He has five goals and nine assists in 22 games since being sent down.

"It's my job to make sure down the road I look back at this as a beneficial experience," Hayden said.

And he wants to make sure the road soon leads back to Chicago. The Hawks have one call-up remaining, and with defenseman Gustav Forsling hurt Hayden very well could be it.

Survey says: In an NHL Players Association survey of more than 500 players, Quenneville was most often named as the best coach for whom to play.

"I'm getting too soft," he joked.

Hawks fans were voted the best in the league and the United Center the second-best place to play.

One-timers: Artem Anisimov didn't practice Wednesday but was deemed "fine" by Quenneville and is expected to play Thursday against the Hurricanes. ... Defenseman Jan Rutta, who hasn't played since Feb. 24, earned a "we'll see" from Quenneville about whether he'll return Thursday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ROUNDUP

Knee injury sidelines KU center

Associated Press

Kansas center Udoka Azubuike sprained his left knee during a scrimmage and will miss the Big 12 tournament, putting his availability for the NCAA tournament in question.

Jayhawks coach Bill Self said Wednesday that Azubuike hurt the medial collateral ligament in his knee the previous day. He will be evaluated again Sunday.

The 7-foot Azubuike, who is Kansas' only significant inside presence, is averaging 13.7 points and 7.1 rebounds this season.

Big 12: Cameron McGriff scored 18 points, Jeffrey Carroll added 13 and 13 rebounds, and Oklahoma State (19-13) pulled away from Oklahoma (18-13) for a 71-60 victory in Kansas City, Mo. ... Dylan Osetkowski scored 20 points, Matt Coleman knocked down a crucial jumper in the final minute and Texas (19-13) earned a 68-64 win over Iowa State (13-18).

ACC: Jerome Robinson made a pull-up jumper with 17 seconds left to break a tie, then forced a turnover on an inbounds play as Boston College earned a 91-87 win over North Carolina State (21-11) in second-round play in New York. Robinson scored 26 points for the Eagles (19-14). ... Quentin Snider scored 19 points and Louisville (20-12) built a huge lead before knocking off Florida State 82-74. The Seminoles (20-11) trailed by as many as 26 points in the second half. ... Theo Pinson had 16 points, 11 rebounds and six assists as No. 12 North Carolina (23-9) notched a 78-59 win over Syracuse (20-13).

Big East: Shamorie Ponds returned from an abdominal strain and scored 26 points as St. John's (16-16) collected an 88-77 win over Georgetown (15-15) in New York.

Pac-12: McKinley Wright IV had 20 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds, and Colorado (17-14) put a dent in Arizona State's NCAA tournament hopes with a 97-85 win over the Sun Devils (20-11) in Las Vegas. ... Reid Travis had 19 points and 13 rebounds, helping Stanford (18-14) roll over rival California 76-58. The Bears finished 8-24. ... Drew Eubanks scored 19 points and Oregon State (16-15) edged Washington (20-12) 69-66 in overtime.

SEC: Yante Maten scored 25 points to lead Georgia (17-14) to a 78-62 win over Vanderbilt (12-20) in St. Louis. ... Chris Silva had 21 points and 11 rebounds, and South Carolina (17-15) rallied from five down in the second half to defeat Mississippi 85-84.

Patriot: Stephen Brown scored 22 points as Bucknell (25-9) won its second straight tournament title with an 83-54 victory over Colgate (19-13) in Lewisburg, Pa.

AUTOMATIC BIDS

- **Atlantic Sun:** Lipscomb
- **Big South:** Radford
- **Big Ten:** Michigan
- **Colonial:** Charleston
- **Horizon:** Wright State
- **MAAC:** Iona
- **Missouri Valley:** Loyola
- **Northeast:** LIU Brooklyn
- **Ohio Valley:** Murray State
- **Patriot:** Bucknell
- **Southern:** UNC Greensboro
- **Summit:** South Dakota State
- **West Coast:** Gonzaga



ABBIE PARR/GETTY PHOTOS

Bonzie Colson hugs Matt Farrell following Notre Dame's victory Wednesday night in New York.

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Irish comeback right on time

With healthy Colson, Farrell, they stage big rally, lift NCAA hopes

Tribune news services

NEW YORK — Bonzie Colson banked in a go-ahead, 3-point heave that barely beat the shot clock with two minutes remaining, and Notre Dame rallied from 21 down in the second half to stun Virginia Tech 71-65 on Wednesday night at the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Matt Farrell scored 22 points for the 10th-seeded Fighting Irish (20-13), who overcame a dreadful start in extending their late push to reach the NCAA tournament.

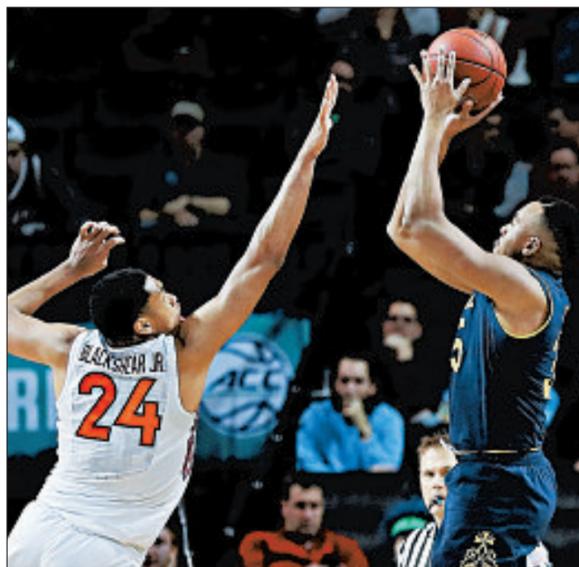
Finally healthy after injuries to Colson and Farrell nearly wrecked a promising season, Notre Dame advanced to play Thursday night in the quarterfinals against fifth-ranked and second-seeded Duke, the defending tournament champion.

Do the Irish need to win at least that one, too, in order to make the field of 68?

"You know, I've never been a big guy to campaign, but I think we really deserve to be in," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "And I don't want to hear about the best 68. When I have my guys back, we're a top 20 team, and I think the people in that committee know that."

Despite Brey's passionate stance, it's hard to say, but they sure woke up the echoes on this snowy night in Brooklyn.

With the Irish stars struggling to make shots, seventh-seeded Virginia Tech (21-11) was cruising along with a 47-26 lead with just under 14 minutes remaining when Farrell drained



Colson puts up a 3-point shot attempt over Virginia Tech's Kerry Blackshear Jr. during the second half of Wednesday's victory.

his second consecutive 3.

That started a ferocious surge that got a feisty Notre Dame squad back into it. The game got a little testy as the Irish picked up the intensity and the Hokies went cold on offense.

A technical foul on Virginia Tech swingman Chris Clarke for shoving Farrell led to four free throws that trimmed it to 54-50 with 7:45 left.

"It kind of got us going," Farrell said. "Guys had more energy in the huddle. We showed a little toughness. We've got to start games like that. We've got to show toughness right away like that, but I think for sure it shifted momentum."

Colson kissed three fingers on each hand and gestured to the crowd after his desperation shot from the right wing gave

the Irish a 60-59 edge.

They extended their advantage at the free-throw line, and in the final minute, Farrell looked over at former Notre Dame star LaPhonso Ellis, broadcasting for ESPN, and yelled: "I told you Phonso, we ain't done!"

Colson, back recently from a broken foot, finished with 12 points on 4-of-14 shooting.

Justin Robinson and Justin Bibbs each scored 15 for the Hokies.

"Just fell apart in the last 15 minutes defensively," Virginia Tech coach Buzz Williams said. "You can point to a lot of things. Offense wasn't great. They started switching everything just to try to keep us in front. I thought we had done a good job up through the first 25 minutes."

Don't mess with show's suspense

Selection Sunday tweak will spoil all the fun

SHANNON RYAN
On college basketball

Selection Sunday is one of the most delicious traditions in sports.

There's suspense. There's heartache. There's surprise.

Legions of college basketball fans — and annual March bandwagon jumpers — fill out brackets year after year while watching the NCAA March Madness Selection Show. It has been pretty perfect.

That is until television executives started tinkering with things.

Two years ago, CBS was deservedly ripped for drawing out the show to an excruciating two hours and was served some justice when the bracket was leaked before the show got around to it.

Lesson learned, right? Not quite.

On Sunday, the show will air on TBS — the first time in 36 years it won't be on CBS — and instead of getting to the juicy plot, the hosts will read through the 68 teams in the tournament before revealing the bracket.

At the risk of sounding like I'm entering life's "get off my lawn" phase, sometimes the old ways are the best ways.

Announcing the teams without the bracket is like bringing out the birthday cake without the song — or the candles.

"I don't know why there'd be an uproar," Harold Bryant, executive producer and senior vice president of production at CBS, told USA Today. "Everyone will know early in the broadcast who's in, and then they'll find out who they're going to play."

"I think teams will appreciate getting the information as fast as possible. If that means we lose one or two reaction shots from teams, that's a small price to pay for doing what's best for the viewer and the teams in the tournament."

Excuse me? The emotional reactions of celebrating, worried or heartbroken teams are the very essence of the show.

At least the two-hour show promises to include all the bracket information in the first hour with an hour of analysis to follow. But the addition of a live audience seems unnecessary.

After the debacle in 2016, the selection show last year was back to its more familiar model and received positive reviews. The show still fell to an all-time low of 4.883 million viewers.

The show has lost viewers since 2014 and is down 31 percent since 2009, when it drew 7,079 million viewers, according to Sports Illustrated. That's likely linked to an overall decline in traditional television viewing.

But that shouldn't mean tinkering with the show to the point it loses what makes it special.

It should reveal the bracket region by region with smart expert analysis. The show should last an hour. It should have plenty of shots of players erupting in joy when their team is announced.

Stop messing with the Selection Sunday show. Don't eliminate the drama.

It's part of the NCAA tournament tradition that doesn't need to change.

DePaul AD keeps optimism, but men's hoops fans get impatient

DePaul, from Page 1

DePaul's men's team also pales as the spotlight shines this season on Loyola's automatic NCAA tournament bid.

Lenti Ponsetto, a former DePaul player who has served as athletic director since 2002, said she's excited for the Ramblers, just as she was for Northwestern last season when it appeared in its first NCAA tournament. She hopes the Blue Demons' turn is coming.

She remains upbeat despite recent history. She said her confidence in Leitao remains strong and new university President Gabriel Esteban has expressed belief in the men's basketball program.

As signs of progress, she points to narrow margins of defeat this season.

The Blue Demons were 1-7 in games that went into overtime or were decided by five or fewer points. They had 11 games decided by single digits, winning just two of those. They lost twice to No. 3

Xavier by a combined eight points, including a 65-62 loss Saturday in the regular-season finale.

"I'd like to think next year we would be on the winning side of at least half of those games," Lenti Ponsetto said. "There would be seven or eight more wins. I feel like we would make a good step forward if we turn some of those (close losses) into wins."

Some fans are tired of being asked for patience.

Matt Martinez, who said he is a season ticket holder and 2012 DePaul graduate, banded with other disgruntled alumni to buy an ad in Sunday's Chicago Sun-Times calling for Lenti Ponsetto to be fired.

They raised a GoFundMe.com page and raised more than \$2,000 after initially asking for \$800 to buy ad space.

"Again and again it has been, 'Give us time,'" Martinez said. "A (similar record) is not what fans were looking for. (We wanted to be) winning 15 or 16 games,

"They're not coming to games expecting it to be the junior NBA."

— DePaul athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto on what she says she's hearing from "loyal season ticket holders"

winning more games at home. A lot of promises weren't met. I've seen die-hard fans turn from (saying) things are changing to being completely upset."

Fan frustration seemed to reach a fever pitch after four-star recruit Tyger Campbell — who had committed to DePaul in May, decommitted in September and then flirted with the Blue Demons again — decided last month to play at UCLA instead.

Lenti Ponsetto said she understands the fan frustration.

"This is a process and it requires patience, and I understand

we've been trying to do this the last several years with men's basketball," she said. "The Big East Conference we think is the right conference for us, and we're going to do the things we need to do to make our team better and more competitive."

"The facility (Wintrust Arena) is no small accomplishment for DePaul. It's a facility we've been talking about since Coach Ray (Meyer) went to the Final Four in 1979. We were able to get it built and have a positive impact on our program."

After moving this season from 18,500-seat Allstate Arena in Rosemont to the sparkling 10,387-seat arena near the South Loop, the Blue Demons drew an average of only 2,993 fans through the Feb. 7 game against Creighton, according to The DePaulia student news service, which obtained turnstile figures via a Freedom of Information Act request.

DePaul's 6,025 average paid attendance was the lowest among

Big East teams.

Lenti Ponsetto said paid attendance was "significantly better" than a year ago at Allstate Arena. She said the program is meeting financial goals for the building and corporate sponsorships are also up.

"I'm excited what I hear from our longtime, loyal season ticket holders who come to games because they want to support DePaul student-athletes," she said. "They're not coming to games expecting it to be the junior NBA."

"I appreciate we have some fans who want to win right away. I think there are some people who thought as soon as we opened the doors to Wintrust, that was going to equal winning right away. For us to be able to really realize the value of having a brand-new facility and amenity space that goes with it, it's going to take us a few years to do that because it's a recruiting process."

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WHITE SOX



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Veteran James Shields has been proactive about helping younger White Sox pitchers in spring training.

Class is in session

Shields has stepped forward to mentor Sox's young pitchers

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Michael Kopech stood in the outfield on Field No. 1 at Camelback Ranch and listened intently while James Shields showed the White Sox's top pitching prospect various grips and arm angles for throwing a changeup.

It was a teaching moment between players, one a 21-year-old phenom with one of the brightest futures in baseball and the other a 36-year-old veteran who has been through his share of battles during 12 big-league seasons.

As an elder statesman on the Sox, Shields didn't have to be there. He could have completed his daily work and gone about his business. Instead, he decided to dispense some knowledge.

"He's my teammate," Shields said Wednesday. "I don't really know anything different. He was asking me about my changeup and we were working on his. I'm just looking after him."

The young fireballer appreciates the mentoring.

"He's one of the very few vets we have in this clubhouse, so the fact that he wants to help us out is huge for us young guys," Kopech said. "I've seen the success he's

had at the big-league level and with his changeup, and the fact that he wants to take the knowledge over to me means a lot."

While it remains to be seen what impact Shields will have in the rotation this season, it's clear he's having a productive spring training — even if he isn't scheduled to make his Cactus League debut until Thursday against the Rangers in Surprise, Ariz.

"You get guys who have been in the game a long time and you want them to be able to relate to the younger guys and share their experiences," manager Rick Renteria said. "(Veterans) have a lot of insight to share, especially for the young men who are continuing to develop and learn what it is to be in the big leagues."

Teaching his younger teammates about the intricacies of the game isn't the only thing Shields hopes to accomplish this season.

The right-hander has been working on the back fields at Camelback in an effort to improve upon his 2017 season, which he finished at 5-7 with a 5.23 ERA. A midseason shift to a lower arm angle led to a strong September, when Shields won three of his final four starts, and that has been a focus this spring.

"It's a work in progress," he said. "It seemed to work out at the end of the season last year, and we're going to try to go with it."

Could finding a comfort zone with the angle help resurrect a career that has seen Shields struggle since joining the Sox in a

June 4, 2016, trade with the Padres?

"I hope so," Shields said. "I'm going out there to fight every five days ... and kind of bulldog it out. That's how I pitch."

"As a veteran who has been doing it a long time, I have high expectations for myself every year. My goal is to get some wins for this ballclub."

General manager Rick Hahn has taken heat for acquiring Shields for a then-unknown teenager, infielder Fernando Tatis Jr., who has since blossomed into a top-10 prospect. With hindsight having crystal-clear vision, Hahn instead focuses on the benefits Shields brings to the Sox.

"He plays a big role in our clubhouse," Hahn said. "A lot of these young pitchers will tell you stories about James spending time with them, whether it was in Charlotte while he was on rehab or in the last several weeks."

"He's willing to do what's best for the team and development of players around him. ... He'll provide a stabilizing presence in our rotation."

Shields said he recognizes fans' frustrations "because I didn't get the job done last season," but that is not his major focus.

"We're in this game for the fans, but I can't worry about all of that," Shields said. "I have to worry about my job on the field and get it done."

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Robert's debut as starter a big smash

BY CHRIS KUC
Chicago Tribune

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox finally unveiled prized outfield prospect **Luis Robert** fully to the general public.

And what an unveiling it was.

After being limited to late-inning replacement duty in Cactus League play and making two starts in "B" games, the 20-year-old center fielder made his spring debut as a starter during the Sox's 14-12 come-from-behind victory over the Reds on Wednesday at Camelback Ranch.

All Robert did was belt a game-winning grand slam in the eighth inning to give the Sox the victory. He finished 1-for-4 with a walk and stolen base and also made a fine running catch on a ball hit to the gap in right-center.

But it was Robert's home run to left field on a first-pitch slider from Reds reliever Jackson Stephens that had the Camelback crowd buzzing.

"When I was walking to home plate, I heard the crowd chanting for me and that got me excited," Robert said via a team interpreter. "Then I took a deep breath and calmed down. I was looking for a good pitch to hit and I hit it."

After Wednesday's outing, Robert is hitting .300 with a homer, four RBIs and two walks in 10 at-bats.

"At the beginning (of spring training) I was kind of shy, but

WHITE SOX RECAP

The White Sox came out on top of a Cactus League slugfest with the Reds, prevailing 14-12 courtesy of Luis Robert's eighth-inning grand slam Wednesday at Camelback Ranch.

At the plate: In addition to Robert's heroics, Yolmer Sanchez went 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs, Matt Davidson was 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs and Yoan Moncada was 3-for-3.

On the mound: Miguel Gonzalez started for the Sox and didn't make it out of the first inning, yielding five runs on four hits and two walks while recording two outs. Chris Beck didn't fare much better, allowing four runs on four hits with two walks and a strikeout in one inning of work. Jeanmar Gomez continued his strong spring with two scoreless innings.

The quote: "Everything was flat, (and) I wasn't finishing my pitches. I know what I have to work on for the next one." — Gonzalez

Up next (split squad): At Rangers, 2:05 p.m. Thursday in Surprise, Ariz. RH James Shields vs. LH Cole Hamels. Vs. Royals, 2:05 p.m. Thursday in Glendale, Ariz. LH Danny Duffy vs. RH Michael Kopech.

with more days (of) being around the guys I've been loosening up and more relaxed," he said.

The Sox have been overjoyed with Robert's efforts during his first major-league spring training. The Cuban-born player signed an international free-agent contract last May.

"He's just an explosive, fluid player — very athletic," manager Rick Renteria said. "There's a calm demeanor about him (and) his skill set is very high."

Robert is ticketed to start the season in Class A, either at Kannapolis or Winston-Salem.

Tough day: Miguel Gonzalez made his second Cactus League start and didn't make it out of the first inning. The veteran right-hander allowed five runs on four

hits with a walk and no strikeouts in two-thirds of an inning.

"That's pretty embarrassing," Gonzalez said. "I couldn't hit my spots. (It was) just one of those days (when) I didn't have any feel out there. It's something I need to work on in my bullpens and just flush it and go from there."

Getting there: Top prospect Eloy Jimenez continues to progress in his recovery from tendinitis in his left knee. The outfielder took batting practice and ran the bases Wednesday.

"We're getting him more and more (work and) he says he feels good," Renteria said. "We're just happy he's out there moving around, running the bases now and swinging the bat, which was the most important thing for us."

CUBS

CUBS NOTES

Maddon to keep his biography on shelf

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — A new book on Cubs manager **Joe Maddon** is coming out in time for the 2018 season, titled "Try Not to Suck: The Exceptional, Extraordinary Baseball Life of Joe Maddon."

The book focuses on his managerial jobs with the Rays and Cubs, and was written with Maddon's cooperation.

Does he plan on reading it? "Not any time soon," Maddon said.

Actually, Maddon said he's happy for the authors, ESPN's **Jesse Rogers** and MLB.com's **Bill Chastain**, and hopes the book sells well.

He just doesn't want to read about himself.

"It's really strange for me," he said. "I don't like to read about me, good or bad. Because then you get slanted both ways."

"I hope it works for them. If people enjoy it, that's great. Eventually one day I probably will be involved in (writing my own book). I've been asked since the 2008 World Series."

Maddon said he wouldn't want his own project to be "just a baseball book," meaning it would incorporate his views on life, love and his other outside interests.

Maddon said he won't receive any proceeds from the book, but his charity was paid an undisclosed sum for permission to use "Try Not to Suck" in the title.

Tippling point: New Cubs starter **Yu Darvish** said he wasn't sure if he actually tipped pitches in his World Series starts, as Sports Illustrated reported based on an

CUBS RECAP

This 2016 World Series rematch featured plenty of slugging as the Cubs beat the Indians 11-6 at Good-year Ballpark. Albert Almora Jr. hammered a fastball off right-hander Trevor Bauer for a three-run blast and Efrén Navarro took Bauer deep for a two-run bomb.

At the plate: Ian Happ was hit by a pitch and drew a walk. He also stole second and scored on an error. Kyle Schwarber hit his first homer of the spring.

On the mound: Jose Quintana allowed three hits in 2 1/3 innings, including a homer to first baseman Yonder Alonso.

The quote: "I felt way better, hit my spots better. I threw the first pitch for strikes." — Quintana

Up next: Vs. Padres, 2:05 p.m. Thursday at Sloan Park. RH Jordan Lyles vs. RH Tyler Chatwood.

interview with an anonymous Astros player. Darvish noted the Astros are a great team and he was not pitching at his "top level" at the time.

Maddon was asked if the Cubs have been working with Darvish this spring to eliminate any "tells" that would alert hitters to the type of pitch that was coming.

"He has been going about his work normally," Maddon said. "Honestly I don't know how much of our work is being concerned with that so much. I think that's overblown a bit. I don't know to what extent (the Astros) had him and how that played into him not having a great performance."

"It's an easy thing to talk about and it's an easy finger to point the blame at."

Morrow ready to pitch in

Sullivan, from Page 1

It's a bold experiment for the Cubs, who brought in two of the best closers in the game the last two years, acquiring Aroldis Chapman for the second half of 2016 and Davis before the 2017 season.

The Cubs memorably tried to make a closer out of setup man LaTroy Hawkins in 2004 with disastrous results. After replacing the injured Joe Borowski, Hawkins had a news conference to announce he was not talking to the media, then floundered in his new role and went down in Cubs' history for his role in the late-season collapse.

Morrow's numbers and stuff suggest he's ready for the role, but until he actually does it consistently, it's anyone's guess. He learned a lot from watching Jansen, perhaps the best closer in baseball.

"He's an animal," Morrow said. "His mentality was so even-keeled. He honestly was almost like bored to have to go out there again. That's kind of who he is. It was like, in August last year and I remember him saying, 'Oh, can the playoffs start? I want to feel something when I go out and pitch.'"

Manager Joe Maddon, who once made Kyle Farnsworth into a closer for the Rays, believes many talented relievers simply are denied a chance to close.

"A lot of it is opportunity," Maddon said. "You just have to give the guy a chance to fail. You know (Morrow's) stuff is good enough. Absolutely. His stuff is ridiculously good."

So who is I-A if Morrow can't go?

"Cishek is one," he said. "Justin Wilson, we've seen him and I really think (he's) coming back. And we've talked about (Carl Edwards Jr.), he's that guy in the making. Depending on the matchups, I love (Pedro Strop) out there. Mike Montgomery pitched in the World Series."

In the end, Maddon said it could be who's feeling "the most sexy" of the bunch.

"I'm not going to say I-A, I-B, etc.," he said. "We just have too many qualified candidates."

Cishek, a former closer who moved to a setup role last year for the Mariners and Rays, figures to be the next man up if Morrow can't go that day. Opportunities come in different forms, and Cishek got his first chance in strange fashion with the Marlins, beginning late in 2011 when closer Leo Nunez didn't show up for work.

"One day he didn't make the team plane and we didn't know why," Cishek said. "We heard rumors. Didn't know if it was true or not. His name wasn't Leo Nunez, and that was our closer." It was revealed that Nunez



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"It can come naturally, or you can fake it," Brandon Morrow said of having a closer's mentality.

was actually named Juan Carlos Oviedo and had falsified his documents at a young age in the Dominican Republic. The Marlins placed Nunez on the restricted list and turned to a bullpen-by-committee the rest of the season.

"I got a couple of saves that year," Cishek said. "So I got a little taste of it early, then in '12 we had struggles with our closer (Heath Bell) and (manager) Ozzie Guillen decided to throw me out there."

"I did OK and sure enough the next year they wanted me to be the closer in '13, and in '14. Over time I learned to put away those tough outings and trust my ability, and for me my faith was a huge factor."

Morrow made his Cubs debut in the fifth inning Tuesday against the Dodgers, but is operating without a safety net. He can't really get into true closer mode because Cactus League games are meaningless affairs.

"I don't think you practice running out in the ninth inning," he said. "Maybe when we go over to Florida (for a two-game series against the Red Sox on March 26-27) we'll have fewer people and we can run those more like regular-season games."

"At least get a routine going ... I think that's actually more important than pitching the ninth inning."

When the regular season begins March 29 in Miami, don't look for Morrow to be among the dancing relievers. Davis didn't join in on the fun, and Morrow said it's probably not in the cards for him.

"I don't know if the closer can dance," Morrow said. "You have to be mean."

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	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		EXH @MIL 3:05
		@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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THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

TIME	PROGRAM	NETWORK
7 p.m.	Tigers at Pirates	MLBN
7:30 p.m.	Giants at Mariners	MLBN
7 p.m.	Celtics at Timberwolves	TNT
9:30 p.m.	Spurs at Warriors	TNT
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
11 a.m.	ACC quarterfinal	ESPN
11 a.m.	Atlantic 10 second round	NBCSN
11 a.m.	Big East quarterfinal	FS1
11:30 a.m.	Big 12 quarterfinal	ESPN2
Noon	American first round	ESPN
1 p.m.	ACC quarterfinal	ESPN
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2 p.m.	Mountain West quarterfinal	CBSSN
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10:30 p.m.	Pac-12 quarterfinal	FS1
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BOYS BASKETBALL: IOWA STATE TOURNAMENT		
2 p.m.	3A semifinal	NBCSCH
3:45 p.m.	3A semifinal	NBCSCH
6:30 p.m.	4A semifinal	NBCSCH+
8:15 p.m.	4A semifinal	NBCSCH+
GOLF		
1 p.m.	PGA Valspar Championship	Golf Channel
11:30 p.m.	Indian Open	Golf Channel
NHL		
6 p.m.	Flyers at Bruins	NHLN
7:30 p.m.	Hurricanes at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
PARALYMPICS		
5 a.m.	Opening ceremony	NBCSN
UEFA EUROPA SOCCER		
Noon	Arsenal at AC Milan	FS2
2 p.m.	Zenit St. Petersburg at Leipzig	FS2
TENNIS		
1 p.m.	BNP Paribas Open Tennis Channel (more, 9 p.m.)	

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS	SPRING TRAINING RESULTS, SCHEDULE	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS QUICK HIT *SPLIT SQUAD	
White Sox 7-5	White Sox 14, Cin. 12	
Baltimore 6-6	Cubs 11, Cleveland 6	
Boston 8-6	Phillies 7, Tampa Bay 2	
Cleveland 7-6	Philadelphia 2, Boston 1	
Detroit 6-7	Miami 7, Houston 6	
Houston 9-5	Toronto 6, Detroit 5	
Los Angeles 7-6	St. Louis 4, Washington 3	
Minnesota 6-6	Minnesota 8, Boston 1	
New York 10-2	Toronto 13, Pittsburgh 4	
Oakland 5-5	NY Yankees 11, NY Mets 4	
Seattle 5-7	Milw. 10, Kansas City 6	
Tampa Bay 6-7	San Diego 4, San Fran. 4	
Texas 3-8	LA Dodgers 4, LA Angels 2	
Toronto 5-8	Colorado 5, Tex. 4	
	Oakland 7, Seattle 3	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE SITE TIME	
Cubs 9-2	San Diego vs. Cubs	Mesa, Ariz. 2:05
Arizona 6-7	White Sox* vs. Texas	Surprise, Ariz. 2:05
Atlanta 6-6	Kan. City vs. White Sox*	Glendale, Ariz. 2:05
Cincinnati 4-9	Newcastle vs. Pittsburgh	Bradenton, Fla. 12:05
Colorado 5-7	Houston vs. Atlanta	Kissimmee, Fla. 12:05
Los Angeles 5-7	Miami vs. St. Louis	Jupiter, Fla. 12:05
Miami 7-4	NY Mets vs. Washington	W. Palm Beach, Fla. 12:05
Milwaukee 8-4	Phila. vs. NY Yankees	Tampa, Fla. 12:05
New York 5-8	Tampa Bay vs. Boston	Fort Myers, Fla. 12:05
Philadelphia 5-8	Toronto vs. Baltimore	Sarasota, Fla. 12:07
Pittsburgh 3-7	Arizona vs. Milwaukee	Phoenix, Ariz. 2:05
St. Louis 5-6	LA Angels vs. Oakland	Mesa, Ariz. 2:05
Oakland 4-7	Cincinnati vs. Colorado	Scottsdale, Ariz. 2:10
Washington 4-7	LA Dodgers vs. Cleveland	Goodyear, Ariz. 7:05
	San Fran. vs. Seattle	Peoria, Ariz. 7:40

WHITE SOX 14, REDS 12	CUBS 11, INDIANS 6
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TOTALS 393 1412	TOTALS 3814164
Cincinnati 540	Cubs 023 301 200-11
White Sox 321	Cleveland 102 05X-14

BOYS BASKETBALL	At LaSalle-Peru
In bracket order: W: Wed.; F: Friday	F: Metamoraa (23-6) vs. Dixon 36
CLASS 4A SECTIONALS	F: Metamoraa (19-11) vs. Sterling (23-9), 7
At Pekin	F: Pontiac 22, Rich East 71
F: Belleville W. (28-2) vs. Lincoln (20-7), 7	F: Kankakee (21-6) vs. Marian Catholic (23-5), 7
At Romeoville	F: East St. Louis 62, Centralia 50
W: West Aurora 70, Lincoln-Way East 58	F: St. Louis (16-10) vs. Marion (21-11), 7
F: Bolingbrook (22-6) vs. West Aurora (24-4), 7	At Decatur Eisenhower
At Jacobs	W: Springfield Southeast 59,
F: Jefferson 77, Dundee-Crown 48	Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Larkin (22-8) vs. Jefferson (26-6), 7	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
At Glenbard East	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Benet (26-4) vs. Willowbrook (26-5), 7	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
At Lake Zurich	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Barrington (24-6) vs. Lake Zurich (25-7), 7	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
At Maine East	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
W: New Trier 77, Niles North 72 (20T)	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Evanston (24-5) vs. New Trier (25-7), 7	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
At Thornton	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Marist 61, Homewood-Flossmoor 47	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Thornton (28-3) vs. Marist (27-4), 7	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
At Riverside-Brookfield	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
W: Young 68, Lincoln Park 64	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Young 68, Lincoln Park 64	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
At Chicago State	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Chicago State (26-4) vs. Marist (27-4), 7	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
At Chicago State	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45
F: Chicago State (26-4) vs. Marist (27-4), 7	F: Springfield Southeast 59, Mahomet-Seymour 45

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL PAIRINGS	CLASS 4A SECTIONAL PAIRINGS
At Redbird Arena, Normal; Pekin winner vs. Romeoville winner, 8	At Redbird Arena, Normal; Pekin winner vs. Romeoville winner, 8
At Convocation Center, DeKalb; Jacobus winner vs. Glenbard East winner, 8	At Convocation Center, DeKalb; Jacobus winner vs. Glenbard East winner, 8
At Sears Center; Lake Zurich winner vs. Maine East winner, 8	At Sears Center; Lake Zurich winner vs. Maine East winner, 8
At Chicago State; Thornton winner vs. Riverside-Brookfield winner, 8	At Chicago State; Thornton winner vs. Riverside-Brookfield winner, 8
At St. Lawrence	At St. Lawrence
F: Morgan Park (21-9) vs. Bogan (21-8), 7	F: Morgan Park (21-9) vs. Bogan (21-8), 7
At Little Village	At Little Village
F: North Lawndale 58, Crane 38	F: North Lawndale 58, Crane 38
F: Farragut (17-10) vs. N. Lawndale (17-10), 6	F: Farragut (17-10) vs. N. Lawndale (17-10), 6

CLASS 3A SUPERSECTIONALS	CLASS 4A SUPERSECTIONALS
Tuesday; winners to state tournament	Tuesday; winners to state tournament
At Joliet Central; St. Lawrence winner vs. Little Village winner, 7	At Joliet Central; St. Lawrence winner vs. Little Village winner, 7
At Convocation Center, DeKalb; LaSalle-Peru winner vs. Pontiac winner, 6	At Convocation Center, DeKalb; LaSalle-Peru winner vs. Pontiac winner, 6
At Bank of Springfield Center; Centralia winner vs. Dec. Eisenhower winner, 6	At Bank of Springfield Center; Centralia winner vs. Dec. Eisenhower winner, 6
At Sears Center; North Chicago winner vs. Woodstock North winner, 6	At Sears Center; North Chicago winner vs. Woodstock North winner, 6
STATE TOURNAMENT	
At Carver Arena, Peoria	At Carver Arena, Peoria
Friday's semifinals	Friday's semifinals
1A, Annawan (30-3) vs. Sterling Newman (28-4), 11 a.m.	1A, Annawan (30-3) vs. Sterling Newman (28-4), 11 a.m.
2A, Oakville (23-1) vs. Oakville (23-1), 11 a.m.	2A, Oakville (23-1) vs. Oakville (23-1), 11 a.m.
3A, Pinckneyville (31-3) vs. Winnebago (29-2), 5:30 p.m.	3A, Pinckneyville (31-3) vs. Winnebago (29-2), 5:30 p.m.
4A, Orr (28-4) vs. Bloomington Central Catholic (25-6), 7:15 p.m.	4A, Orr (28-4) vs. Bloomington Central Catholic (25-6), 7:15 p.m.

LATEST LINE

NBA	THURSDAY
pregame.com at Charlotte 7	Brooklyn at Philadelphia 7
at Philadelphia 10 1/2	at Philadelphia 10 1/2
at Minnesota off	Boston at Oklahoma City 10 1/2
at Golden State 11 1/2	San Antonio at Oklahoma City 10 1/2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Virginia 7 1/2	THURSDAY
Clemson off	Boston Coll. off
SMU off	SMU off
Memphis 2 1/2	S. Florida off
Temple 5 1/2	Tulane off
Richmond 2 1/2	Duquesne off
Buffalo 3 1/2	Cent. Mich. off
Ball St. 3	Kent St. off
E. Michigan 5 1/2	Akron off
Brighton 4 1/2	Providence off
Butler 2 1/2	Kansas St. off
TCU 4 1/2	Baylor off
W. Virginia 4 1/2	Alabama off
Texas A&M 1 1/2	Miss. off
Miss. State 1 1/2	UNLV off
Nevada off	Colorado off
Arizona off	UC Riverside off
UC Davis 7	UC Riverside off

NHL

at Blackhawks -120	THURSDAY
at Carolina +1	at Carolina +1
at Columbus off	Colorado off
at Boston off	Philadelphia off
at New Jersey -106	Winnipeg +104
at Ottawa -146	Buffalo +135
at Tampa Bay off	N.Y. Rangers +220
at Florida -192	Montreal +177
Vegas -138	Detroit +128
at Nashville -147	Anaheim +137
at Edmonton -141	NY Islanders +137
at Los Angeles -131	Washington +121
at San Jose -145	St. Louis +135

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER	EASTERN	WESTERN
W	L	TPTS
GF	GA	
New York City 1	0	0
Philadelphia 1	0	0
Columbus 1	0	0
Orlando City 0	0	1
D.C. United 0	0	1
New York 0	0	0
FIRE 0	0	0
Montreal 0	1	0
Toronto 0	1	0
New England 0	1	0
Atlanta United 0	1	0

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
Man City 25	3	1	83	20	78
Man United 19	5	5	56	22	62
Liverpool 17	5	5	52	60	60
Tottenham 17	5	5	55	24	58
Chelsea 16	5	8	50	26	53
Arsenal 13	6	10	52	41	45
Burnley 10	10	9	24	26	40
Leicester 9	10	4	42	37	39
Watford 10	11	13	39	47	36
Brighton 8	10	11	28	38	34
Everton 9	7	13	33	49	34
Bournemouth 8	12	13	34	44	33
Swansea 6	15	10	41	42	37
West Ham 7	9	13	36	54	30
Huddersfield 8	15	25	50	30	30
Newcastle 7	8	14	27	40	29
Southampton 5	13	11	29	41	28
Crystal Palace 6	9	14	27	27	27
Stoke 6	9	14	28	24	27
West Brom 3	11	15	22	43	20

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BEARS

Tagging Fuller looks like step in right direction

Haugh, from Page 1

It would be foolish to overpay for both glaring needs, especially given the Bears, at this stage of their redevelopment, can't make the mistake of putting present concerns ahead of future goals.

Retaining productive players, especially first-round draft picks, always strengthens the organization's ability to take the long view in free agency. Anybody who heard Pace last week in Indianapolis knows the Bears' start-from-scratch mindset mirrors an expansion team more than a playoff contender. They aren't a player or two away from the postseason — more like years.

Applaud Bears coaches for the way Fuller progressed in 2017, but give most of the credit to the player who responded to the urgency surrounding his career. Fuller played with an unexpected swagger, challenging pass routes and supporting runs like a guy with something to prove. A defense lacking difference-makers in the secondary cannot afford to lose Fuller, a better fit than free agents Malcolm Butler or Trumaine Johnson because of familiarity. Fuller also wants to remain in Chicago and played like it. Only two NFL cornerbacks defended more passes than Fuller, whose sudden improvement seemingly

came out of nowhere.

You will recall that the Bears had all but given up on the 14th selection out of Virginia Tech in 2014, declining his fifth-year option after he missed the entire 2016 season because of a combination of injury and indifference, depending on the source. At the end of that season, you will recall, defensive coordinator Vic Fangio openly questioned Fuller's commitment, one of the worst labels to stamp on a professional athlete. Pace deciding to let Fuller's contract expire at the end of 2017 further reflected those reservations about consistency the disappointing player had earned.

So, unlike some out-of-town analysts, resist the urge to second-guess the Bears for having to pay Fuller more now when they could have controlled his rights at a lesser cost simply by extending his rookie contract through 2018. Phil Emery — not Pace — drafted Fuller. Pace's main allegiance was to the 53-man roster, not Fuller. Pace hasn't necessarily earned the benefit of the doubt but he has handled the Fuller situation correctly — so far. Declining Fuller's option year sent a strong message the cornerback heard loud and clear, turning that motivation into execution. Was that Pace's intent all along?



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During his strong 2017 season, veteran cornerback Kyle Fuller went from expendable to a cornerstone of the Bears secondary.

Remember that a year ago at this time Fuller was closer to a problem than a solution for the Bears, and Pace recommitting \$8.5 million contractually to a disappointing player would have brought deserved criticism. The transition tag guarantees Fuller will make at least \$12.971 million in 2018, but his performance last season suggests that would be more than a fair salary. Critics quick to jump on Pace overlook the likelihood that both sides will strike a long-term deal well

before the July 16 deadline — and possibly before free agency begins Wednesday.

If they do, expect the Bears to aggressively pursue unrestricted free agent receiver Allen Robinson, who would give Trubisky a true No. 1 target. Robinson fits the profile Pace seeks in college players and free agents, a high-character guy valued in the locker room as much as on the field. Robinson's traits give him a slight edge over wide receiver Sammy Watkins, a

free agent, and Dolphins wide receiver Jarvis Landry, a trade candidate who received the franchise tag. Watkins is explosive but inconsistent. Landry, with 400 receptions in his first four seasons, averages just 10.1 yards per catch, and his price tag might not be worth the possible baggage. Oddly, Robinson sounds like a safer bet for the Bears despite missing all but one game last season with a torn ACL in his left knee.

The wide receiver's successful rehabilitation makes training camp a realistic goal for his return, reports say. For a 24-year-old playmaker who caught 153 passes for 2,283 yards and 20 touchdowns combined during the 2015-16 seasons, it represents a risk worth taking for a Bears team with a young quarterback but no proven receivers. A Detroit native, Robinson played in the Big Ten at Penn State. Maybe that Midwestern lure will favor the Bears, maybe not. Of course, the 49ers and several other teams interested in Robinson will drive the price up.

The Bears have the money. And reinvesting in Fuller puts them in position to spend it more wisely in free agency.

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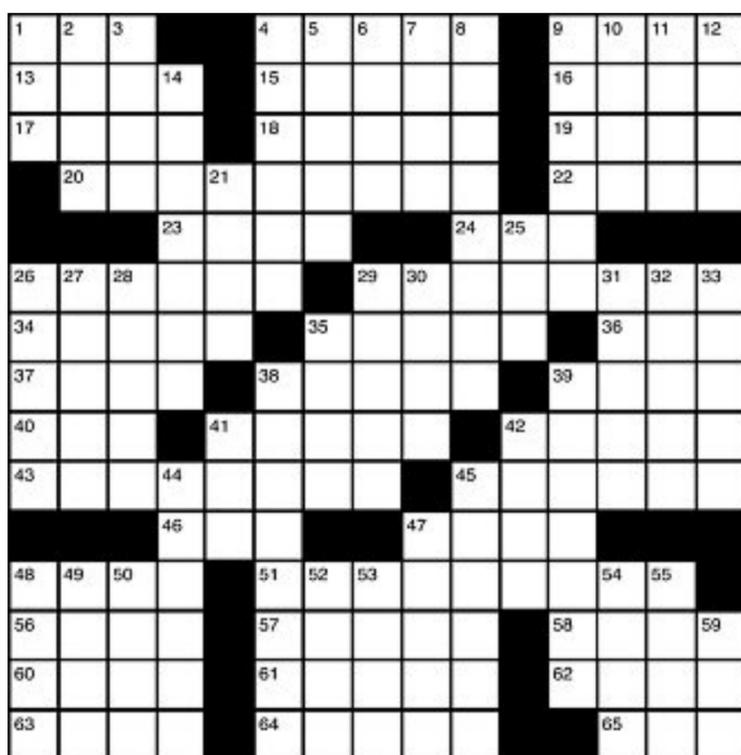
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ACROSS

- 1 Cereal grain
4 Brazilian dance
9 Apple pie à la ___
13 Run away
15 Assumed name
16 "Rome wasn't built in ___"
17 As comfortable ___ old shoe
18 Facial wrinkles
19 "The ___ Ranger"
20 Exclude from a group
22 Annoys
23 Brood
24 Apple computer
26 Transistors and others
29 Trolley
34 Real estate ___; house seller
35 Cries loudly
36 Regret
37 Source of woe
38 Two strokes under par
39 Gigantic
40 In just a ___; soon
41 Climbing plants
42 Fashion show participant
43 In a crazy way
45 Seamstresses
46 Skillet

DOWN

- 47 Twofold
48 "Stop" command
51 Breathtaking
56 Monthly expense
57 Pass out
58 "All You ___ Is Love"; 1967 hit
60 Prefix for angel or enemy
61 Complete; total
62 Fence opening
63 Hunted animal
64 Suspicious
65 Galloped

Solutions



- 25 Pacino & Gore
26 Temple leader
27 Once more
28 Car body flaws
29 Shrewd; clever
30 Pointed tools
31 Unrefined
32 Boring tool
33 ___ in; catches, as a fish
35 Arrestee's hope
38 Momentous
39 Wolves' activity
41 Once ___ while; now and then
42 Lunch or dinner
44 Indifference
45 Hot and humid
47 Restaurant
48 Cape or shawl
49 Frau's husband
50 A single time
52 Despise
53 Ceremony
54 Within reach
55 ___ rise out of; provoke
59 Group of Cub Scouts

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BEARS



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Despite not possessing ideal size, Ohio State cornerback Denzel Ward has the technique to be considered a high draft pick next month.

Pick of the bunch

Bears will have plenty of CBs to choose from in strong draft class

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

The Bears' decision Tuesday to use the transition tag on Kyle Fuller is part of a bigger cornerbacks puzzle that won't come together fully until the draft in late April.

Fuller still can entertain free agent offers beginning Monday, and the Bears' other top cornerbacks, Prince Amukamara and Bryce Callahan, are out of contract next week. It's still possible for Fuller to depart if another team offers him a multiyear deal big enough to discourage the Bears from matching it.

For the Bears, then, cornerback remains a pressing need. Shrewdly navigating the market requires an understanding of the options available.

"Cornerback this year in free agency and the draft is a good position, so that's beneficial to us," general manager Ryan Pace said Feb. 28.

By committing to pay Fuller \$13 million next season and reserving the right to match any outside offer he receives, the Bears at least clarified their outlook a bit. But even if Fuller remains a Bear, they have another starting cornerback spot to fill in their base alignment.

Fortunately for them, they will enter free agency next week comfortable believing there are draft prospects who could help.

Start with Ohio State's Denzel Ward, whose speed and agility will demand the Bears' consideration with the No. 8 pick.

"He has electric feet," said Matt Bowen, former NFL safety and current ESPN analyst. "He can just move. I would love to see him in a practice setting because I bet you it's just like he's dancing with the wide receiver."

At the NFL scouting combine Monday, Ward ran the 40-yard dash in 4.32 seconds, tied for the fastest time among cornerbacks.



MATTHEW HOLST/GETTY

Iowa cornerback Josh Jackson, right, led the nation last season with eight interceptions and 18 pass breakups.

His play, Bowen says, is even more enticing.

"He does a lot of stuff that allows him to keep his shoulders square," Bowen said. "From a press position it's called a 'motor-mirror' or a 'shuffle-scoot.' It's extremely hard to teach and execute. That allows him to stay square and take control of the route."

Ward's nimble feet are the key. His 5-foot-11, 183-pound frame is slight for a cornerback under consideration for a top-10 pick, but his technique compensates for that.

Playing outside the numbers in the NFL, if Ward stays on top of his receiver's route because of his agility, he will be positioned well enough not to get boxed out. That's why Bowen calls him the best cover corner in the draft, equipped to extend the track record of quality Ohio State defensive backs in the NFL.

Iowa's Josh Jackson is considered to have the best ball production of any cornerback in this year's class. His coverage style differs from Ward's, though both are capable, willing tacklers against the run. In fact, Pace and his top lieutenants scouted both players in person during their 2017 travels.

Jackson's eight interceptions and 18 pass breakups led the nation last season, a carryover of his experience as a wide receiver earlier in his career.

"You don't get eight picks in the Big Ten just by accident," Bowen said. "It means you're breaking on the football. You have eyes back inside on the quarterback. He has the ability to catch the ball outside of his frame. It's almost like we're breaking down the wide receiver position at times because his hands are like glue."

Jackson's 40 time of 4.56 seconds is in contrast to Ward's blazing

ON THE CLOCK

49 Days until the first round of the NFL draft (April 26).

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)

speed, but Jackson offers more size at 6-0 and 196 pounds. Jackson's time won't hurt his draft stock too badly, Bowen says, because his instincts equate to playing speed if not stopwatch speed.

"What you get with him is amazing anticipation and drive on the football," Bowen said. "And when you get to finish the play — some guys have a lot of passes broken up, and those are great, they win third downs. You want to win games? You have to get the football."

Central Florida's Mike Hughes is known for his physical play at the line of scrimmage and good timing playing the ball. He has only two seasons of major college experience, though. Adding to his upside is proven big-play ability as a kickoff and punt returner.

"He's instinctive," ESPN draft analyst Todd McShay said. "He'll support the run. He's a ball hawk. He's a difference maker in the return game. He doesn't have the greatest top-end speed, but (his 40 time of 4.53) was good enough."

With seven weeks until the draft, Bowen rounds out his top five cornerbacks with Colorado's Isaiah Oliver and LSU's Donte Jackson, who could be available to the Bears in the second round at No. 39 overall.

For now, those names and others on the Bears' evolving draft board at Halas Hall don't need to fully take on life. But they do represent options that amount to free-agency flexibility, which is always helpful for a team in need.

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Chiefs' Veach praises Nagy

Team's GM, longtime friend says new Bears coach 'passionate'

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Chiefs general manager Brett Veach has acquired two decades worth of knowledge about Bears coach Matt Nagy since they played together at Delaware, and he had many good things to say about him while at the NFL combine last week in Indianapolis.

But Veach also delivered a good-natured jab while reminiscing, like only old college pals can do.

"Matt, great quarterback, cannon for an arm, but he's just an awful athlete," Veach said. "You see him run, it's like embarrassing. But he has a cannon. Big hands, strong arm, he can cut that thing."

Of course, it worked out pretty well for Nagy at Delaware, where the coaching staff adapted the offense to fit his skills. He still holds the school record with 8,214 career passing yards.

Veach became one of his primary targets and best friends. And after Nagy exhausted his Arena Football League career, Veach helped him jump-start his NFL career with the Eagles and Chiefs, where he saw Nagy develop the skills he will bring to his new job in Chicago.

That crack about Nagy's athleticism was the only knock Veach had on the new Bears coach.

"He's passionate," Veach said. "He trusts the people around him, and that's a big deal. He's going to let people do what they do. He's going to trust the process and he's going to put full faith in them. In that quarterback room and that install room, he's going to be creative, be innovative and try to bring the offense to another level."

Veach called Nagy's work with Chiefs then-backup quarterback Patrick Mahomes last year in his rookie season "phenomenal" and said Nagy has the demeanor to develop young quarterbacks. The Bears are counting heavily on that as Nagy works with Mitch Trubisky to continue his development in his second season.

"He operates from that mindset of just cut it loose, to attack defenses," Veach said of Nagy's philosophy on quarterbacks. "He's going to put people in position to make plays. He's going to trust the quarterback. He'll put a lot on his plate."

"I'm sure it'll be a process that gets developed over the years, so he's not going to throw everything at Mitch from Day 1. But I think eventually he's going to have the expectation for him to grasp a lot of concepts and to take that offense to another level."

Nagy, new offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich and senior offensive consultant Brad Childress are in the early stages of designing the offense.

But Veach, who said he'd often walk into Nagy's office on a random weekday and see him studying various college schemes, expects him to be creative.

"You see the Super Bowl and the spread stuff and the (run-pass option) stuff, Matt's on top of that trend, always studying tape, always looking for new ideas, not afraid to dive into all the college concepts," Veach said. "Matt will push the envelope with regards to being innovative and being creative."

Veach wasn't the only one extolling Nagy's strengths to reporters at the combine. Chiefs coach Andy Reid called Nagy "one of my favorite guys."

Reid joked he wasn't into crystal balls when asked what would distinguish Nagy during his coaching tenure, but he still listed the qualities he brings.

"He will bring a certain toughness to the group, and he is a very intelligent guy," Reid said. "He is a great people guy, which is a big part of the job. You have to have a connection with the players, and he has that. He is going to ask them to get better at football, and guys buy into that."

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NFL NOTES

Eagles boost pass rush, get Seahawks' Bennett

Associated Press

The Super Bowl champion Eagles bolstered their formidable pass rush Wednesday with another top-level defensive lineman.

The Eagles acquired three-time Pro Bowl defensive end **Michael Bennett** from the Seahawks, according to reports. The Seahawks will get wide receiver **Marcus Johnson** and a fifth-round pick, while the Eagles also receive a seventh-round pick.

Bennett had 8½ sacks last season and has 54 in his nine-year career. Bennett, 32, has three years left on his contract, with a base salary of just \$1.65 million in 2018.

The Eagles will have to make roster moves to accommodate Bennett because they already are over the salary cap. Defensive end **Vinny Curry** is a likely candidate

to be traded or released as he has three years left on a five-year, \$47 million deal.

Bennett joins a deep front unit that includes **Fletcher Cox**, **Brandon Graham**, **Derek Barnett**, **Chris Long** and **Tim Jernigan**. He probably won't face double-teaming as much and could thrive in defensive coordinator **Jim Schwartz's** aggressive system.

Johnson has five catches for 45 yards in 10 career games.

Jones settles with NFL: Jerry Jones agreed to pay the league more than \$2 million in legal fees resulting from two disputes the Cowboys owner had with the league, according to reports.

Commissioner **Roger Goodell** held an appeal hearing with Jones on Monday just days after Goodell

assessed the financial penalties for Jones' lawsuit to overturn the ban of Cowboys running back **Ezekiel Elliott**, and for a lawsuit Jones threatened to stop Goodell's newly approved contract.

Pats cut Bennett: The Patriots released tight end **Martellus Bennett**, who played two games for the AFC champions last season after appearing in seven games for the Packers.

Bennett, 30, was placed on injured reserve with a hamstring issue in late November.

Ogletree to Giants: The Giants will acquire Rams linebacker **Alec Ogletree** for fourth- and sixth-round draft picks, according to reports.

Ogletree, 26, led the Rams in tackles in four of his five seasons,

failing to do so in 2015 when he played in just four games because of a broken leg. The Giants also get a seventh-round pick.

Extra points: The Bucs exercised one-year options on T **DeMar Dotson**, S **Chris Conte** and DB **Josh Robinson**. ... The Bengals and free agent DT **Chris Baker** agreed to a one-year, \$3 million deal. ... Long snapper **Jon Condo** said the Raiders told him he won't return in 2018. ... The Lions hired **Steve Gregory** as a defensive assistant. New Lions coach **Matt Patricia** was on the Patriots staff when Gregory played for them. ... The Redskins will give 1987 Super Bowl rings to the replacement players who went 3-0 during that season's strike. The Redskins beat the Broncos in the Super Bowl.

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HAWAII ATHLETICS

Hunter Hughes of Lake Zurich works out with the Hawaii football team. Hughes made the team as a walk-on quarterback and never played a snap but was awarded a full scholarship.

Astounding route to full scholarship

Lake Zurich man pulls it off despite never playing prep football

BY RICH MAYOR
Chicago Tribune

Hunter Hughes' short biography on his Instagram page includes a simple mantra: "Live a life that demands an explanation."

Hughes is 26, and his life story requires plenty of explaining.

How, for example, did he end up teaching English in Africa fresh out of Lake Zurich High School? How did he earn in-state tuition at the University of Hawaii, then walk on to the football team as a quarterback despite not having played football since eighth grade?

And why did he keep playing golf after receiving an alert that a missile was headed his way?

Hughes, it turns out, can explain everything.

Becoming a Warrior

Hunter Hughes was born in Naperville and grew up in Lake Zurich. He played football in junior high and was a three-sport athlete in high school.

But football was not one of his three sports. Instead he played golf, basketball and baseball. He said he had a "natural bend" toward baseball and batted .350 as the Bears' senior shortstop in 2010.

"You could absolutely count on him," said Ryan Rubenstein, who coached Hughes as a freshman and sophomore in Lake Zurich's baseball program. "When you give him advice, he'd go out and do it. He'd make the necessary changes to make himself a better player."

Added Darrin Hughes, Hunter's father: "He's a leader above all else. Always, on every team he ever played on, he assumed a leadership role. He wasn't always

the biggest, wasn't always the fastest or most talented, but there wasn't anybody on any team that worked as hard as Hunter."

Instead of pursuing college baseball, Hughes decided to take a gap year and joined Youth With a Mission, a Christian organization with missionary projects all over the world. His one-year break turned into a three-year passion, as he served the poor and taught English in Kenya, Sudan, Nepal and Taiwan and also traveled with YWAM to London.

Hughes recalled being in Sudan on May 2, 2011, the day Navy SEALs killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. That event led to strong reactions about U.S. foreign policy and military intervention, but Hughes said the people of Sudan were "incredibly loving and hospitable" and shielded him from any potential backlash.

"These experiences really taught me that the world does not revolve around Hunter Hughes as much as I think it does," he said with a laugh. "It brought incredible perspective on different cultures and different parts of the world."

"A lot of my character, who I am and will be as a person, was shaped in those three years."

'You guys are out of your mind'

Hughes then returned to YWAM's ministry center in Hawaii, where he learned that he qualified for in-state tuition. He enrolled at the University of Hawaii at 22 and tried out for the baseball team, but he said the Rainbow Warriors already had plenty of depth in the middle infield.

Still, he became acquainted with many athletes on campus, and through a variety of activities his classmates realized he had a good throwing arm. Some of his

friends dared him to try out for the football team during the spring practice session.

"My first thought was, 'You guys are out of your mind. I didn't even play football in high school,'" Hughes recalled. "I could throw it a little bit, but I had no understanding on how to read defenses or anything at all."

But a dare was a dare. In the spring of 2014, on a whim and with nothing to lose, Hughes walked into then-coach Norm Chow's office, shook his hand and asked if Hawaii had any openings at quarterback. Chow said he was looking for a walk-on quarterback, and if Hughes could run the 40-yard dash in less than 5 seconds and the coaching staff liked his arm, they'd give him a chance.

He tried out the next day. Less than a week later, he received a call that he had made the team.

And then he called his dad. "Son, I couldn't be more proud," Darrin Hughes said upon hearing the news. "But, wow, they must suck."

Hughes understood the humor in his father's response. After all, the Warriors were coming off a 1-11 season, and Hughes hadn't played football in seven years.

But Chow didn't know that. Hughes said the coaches didn't ask, so he didn't tell.

But Hughes' journey was just getting started. He was cut from the team after Hawaii brought in USC transfer Max Wittek that summer.

The next spring, at the end of his sophomore year, Hughes tried out again and did not make the team. Chow was fired during the 2015 season, and Nick Rolovich was hired.

The new coach heard Hughes' story and granted him a walk-on role in the spring of 2016, when the third-year student was 24. Although he did not play in a game

during his fourth year on campus — when he was classified as a junior on the football roster — he was named to the 14-player leadership council before his senior season last fall.

In September, Rolovich called Hughes to the center of the ring at a WWE event in Honolulu. New Day, a tag-team wrestling trio, helped reveal that Hughes had earned a full scholarship for his final semester.

"When you're a walk-on, you can't expect anything," Hughes said. "You're lucky if you see the next week. It messes with your expectations of things."

Hughes graduated in December with a degree in creative media. He never played a snap and practiced exclusively with the scout team.

But he was a Warrior to the core.

"He may never play for us, but he does everything right," Rolovich told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser after Hughes earned a scholarship. "Probably if you looked at him, you would say he doesn't belong on a D-I football team. But his heart does."

"It's hard to win football games. But it's not hard to change somebody's life. I'm glad we got everyone involved and we got that one done."

Greens fees and missile threats

The Hughes family moved from Lake Zurich to Tulsa, Okla., while Hunter was working abroad with YWAM. With his family no longer in Illinois, he has begun planting roots in Hawaii.

But Hughes got a scare Jan. 13 when he and his brother were en route to Kapolei Golf Club. The Hughes brothers — and thousands of others in Hawaii — got word at 8:07 a.m. that a missile was en route. "Seek immediate shelter,"

the alert said in all caps. "This is not a drill."

Hughes said many golfers began screaming and ran for cover. Hughes — demanding an explanation, as always — hopped in a golf cart and headed for the first tee.

"The course we were playing at was so exposed and wide open that it wouldn't have made sense to take cover for something like that," Hughes said, adding that he eventually found out on Twitter that no threat existed.

"But we had told our parents what was going on and got them prepared for the possibility of losing us to a nuclear bomb while we were playing golf."

Going pro for a day

Hughes now works as an operations manager for a plumbing company, which has helped him work down some of his student debt. He also has a website, www.huntinghughes.com, that showcases his design portfolio and hopes to use his degree for a career in animation.

Whatever he does next, it likely will demand explanation, though his father is confident about what's to come.

"I believe he's going to go on to success with whatever he chooses in his occupation, in his relationships," Darrin Hughes said. "I believe he'll go on to success building a family, being a father and a coach and a leader in the community."

"That's his heart, and I could see him moving on to making great decisions, whenever that is."

But Hughes will get one more chance to throw a football as a Warrior. Darrin Hughes said his son was invited to participate in Hawaii's pro day March 20.

"He's going to give it a shot," Darrin Hughes said. "At least he will have a great story to tell."

Another great story, that is.

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CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

"They're the best friends you'll ever have," Royals pitcher Danny Duffy says of dogs. "You walk in, you have a bad day, they don't care: They're ready to greet you at the door."

Love of dogs shapes Royals' Duffy

Pooches always have been part of pitcher's life

By VAHE GREGORIAN
Kansas City Star

SURPRISE, Ariz. — In a recent #AskThePadres Twitter Q&A, former Royal Eric Hosmer was quizzed about the best teammate he ever had.

A: Danny Duffy. "He was always bringing in stuff for the whole team," Hosmer replied. "He's the pitcher always on the top step when he's not pitching."

There are many reasons for Duffy's faithfulness, engagement and ongoing stature as the most real Royal there is, and none is more meaningful than being blessed to have nurturing parents and a naturally sensitive disposition.

But he's also who he is because of ... dogs, without whom his parents may not have ever meshed and a noble parade of which have been by his side since before he can remember.

If you don't like dogs, you probably can't relate.

If you are right-minded and love them, though, this is yet another way you might love Danny Duffy.

"They're the best friends you'll ever have," Duffy said

at spring training, where his dog, Sadie, is roaming for the seventh straight year — making her one of the Royals' veteran personalities. "They're super loyal. You walk in, you have a bad day, they don't care: They're ready to greet you at the door."

"So as much as we save their lives, they save ours, too."

Through it all: being bullied as a child, the extreme ups and downs of pro baseball and the dire and distressing circumstances of the last year.

That included the death of revered friend Yordano Ventura, elbow surgery, wildfires and mudslides near his offseason home in Santa Barbara, Calif., becoming the subject of trade speculation and being cited for a DUI on Aug. 27.

"The day after everything went down last year, the morning that I woke up, obviously, I was really kicking myself. And Sadie was right there next to me," Duffy said. "I woke up, stood out of bed, and there she was. We went out on a walk, and the day got started and time goes on."

"Time doesn't stop. It's always nice to have that comfort when everything is going south for you."

Which is virtually all he's ever known, starting with

the tone set in 1983 when his parents "met in jail," as his father, Dan, put it when I visited them last year.

Deanna, who would go on to join the California State Highway Patrol, was working for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department when Dan was hired.

Upon seeing her, he thought, "Wow, who's that?"

She had an equally powerful reaction: "I didn't like him much."

Until this: When he was unusually quiet one day, she asked what was wrong. He told her it was the anniversary of his father's death.

When she asked if he had a picture, he showed her one in his wallet.

But she was struck by something else, too.

He also was carrying a photo of his dog, Taffy, the turning point in their relationship.

Suddenly, she was unfurling wallet pictures of her own dog, Heidi, thinking there "was something more to him."

That begot what their only child would call "a zoo at my house ever since I can remember" — one that at times included cats, rabbits, birds and then some ... but was made whole by dogs.

No wonder Duffy thought to say "fur sure"

when he was in that bear suit talking to Fox Sports KC's Joel Goldberg in the 2015 postseason.

Before Sadie, and her three "cousins" (Tawny, K.C. and Scout) living back home in Lompoc, Calif., Duffy recalled, there were Kaiser and Molly and Baron and Sally and Champ, "my high school dog."

Every one of them has a place in the emotional IQ of Duffy, who among other related initiatives took part in promotional videos last year in support of a vote to finance a new KC Pet Project facility and was "stoked" when it passed.

Kaiser was "super protective," and one of the first true friends for an only child who by his own description "didn't have too many friends."

One way or another, he could say he received the same from them all.

But especially from Champ, a multitalented Chesapeake Bay retriever who learned how to open a refrigerator and take out a Gatorade and bring it to him and fetched the newspaper every day.

Nearly four years after his death from cancer, even with three well-loved dogs currently under their roof, Champ still is actively mourned in Duffy's childhood home.

And he is compellingly commemorated in an artist's portrait of a clay rendition of a photo of him in their backyard.

In it, he sits next to a rock the family still has that says, "I Wish That I Could Be The Person My Dog Thinks I Am."

The Washington state artist commissioned by a relative wanted to know all about Champ and what Danny does for a living, which led to one of the great flourishes of the 2014 work:

At Champ's front paws sits an imaginary future Lompoc Record, with the front-page headline: DUFFY AND ROYALS WIN THE WORLD SERIES!!!!!!

Now, there's Sadie, his first nonrescue dog, one he bought after going to the pet store without any intention of buying ... for 30 straight days.

She's such a part of him now that Duffy felt like "I was missing a limb" when she missed the first two weeks of spring training.

All is well now that she has returned to romping around at the practice facility in the mild weather.

As it happens, at 120 pounds Sadie couldn't afford to miss much more, either — despite the "doga" (yoga for dogs) Deanna Duffy likes to work with her

when she visits.

That No. 41 Duffy jersey Sadie's been known to wear while still acting like a lapdog? Well, she's "barely fitting into it" at 120 pounds.

"She could afford to lose about 20 of those," he said.

Could be she's a little spoiled.

Asked how Sadie traveled to California for the offseason, Duffy said it was via private plane to most smoothly accommodate her.

"She'll do a good job on sitting in the seat too," he said.

Add it all up, and it's easy to see the correlation between man's best friend and Hosmer's best teammate ever — something encapsulated in wisdom Duffy's mother shares with him from an unknown author:

"It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them," it goes. "And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart."

"If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are."

A dog's purpose. "They definitely are good at softening your heart," Duffy said. "And I wouldn't have been the same without them."

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Octavia Spencer, clockwise from top left, Viola Davis, Mo'Nique and Tracee Ellis Ross have talked about pay disparity in Hollywood.

Pay inequality

Black actresses and the squishy metrics of who earns what

BY NINA METZ | Chicago Tribune

It's taboo to talk about how much money you make — or how little. That's one reason inequities persist. The pay gap hits women of color the hardest, with black actresses in Hollywood talking about it openly in recent weeks.

Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer and Mo'Nique (Oscar winners each) have all spoken on record about their experience. In a more roundabout fashion, so has

Tracee Ellis Ross, who picked up a Golden Globe this year for her performance on "Black-ish."

In her Oscar acceptance speech earlier this week, Frances McDormand championed the idea of an inclusion rider, wherein stars can use their leverage to ensure producers hire a larger number of actors otherwise marginalized in Hollywood. That's great.

(Even if Netflix has been the first to openly reject the idea: CEO Reed Has-

tings said this week he would rather just talk about inclusion than contractually agree to it.)

But just as important is what people are getting paid.

Especially when research shows that among box office hits, movies about women outearn movies about men. And with "Black Panther" set to hit the \$1 billion mark in a matter of days, it's obvi-

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Chicago natives Adrienne Cheatham and Joseph Flamm will face off on "Top Chef."

South Siders to battle it out on 'Top Chef'

BY TRACY SWARTZ
 Chicago Tribune

South Side natives Adrienne Cheatham and Joseph Flamm promise Thursday's "Top Chef" Season 15 finale is a slugfest.

"I have a lot of respect and appreciation for Joe's level of talent and execution, and we really just were looking at each other like, 'I want you to put up your best dish against my best dish and whoever wins, wins.' Like, we just want to come out bloody-nosed, whoever wins, wins," Cheatham said by phone.

This is the first time in the 12-year-old competition that both finalists are from Chicago. On the line is the \$125,000 grand prize and bragging rights of being named the first "Top Chef" winner from the Chicago area in a decade.

At times, it didn't seem like either chef would make it to the finale, which is sched-

uled to air at 8 p.m. on the Bravo network. Flamm, a Marist High School alumnus who grew up in the Ashburn neighborhood, sailed through the Colorado-based competition, until he was sent home for a subpar cauliflower risotto in a "sudden death" quickfire challenge.

"We just want to come out bloody-nosed, whoever wins, wins."

— Adrienne Cheatham

The 31-year-old Spaggi executive chef had to battle his way back into the

kitchen by beating out other eliminated contestants in the "Last Chance Kitchen" contest. He went on to win both the quickfire and elimination challenges on last week's episode, giving him momentum heading into the finale.

Cheatham, a Whitney Young Magnet High School alumna raised in the Hyde Park neighborhood, also had a bumpy ride to the finale. The 36-year-old veteran of Red Rooster in Harlem and Le Bernardin often landed in the bottom in the early challenges but found her stride when she cooked her own food and figured out the right amount of seasoning.

A high point of the season was when Cheatham — who is now based in New York City but still has family in Chicago — elevated her mom's gumbo with butter-poached king crab leg and shrimp. Cheatham said she gets her grit from her parents.

For the finale, Cheatham and Flamm

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Doshi wins Pritzker Architecture Prize

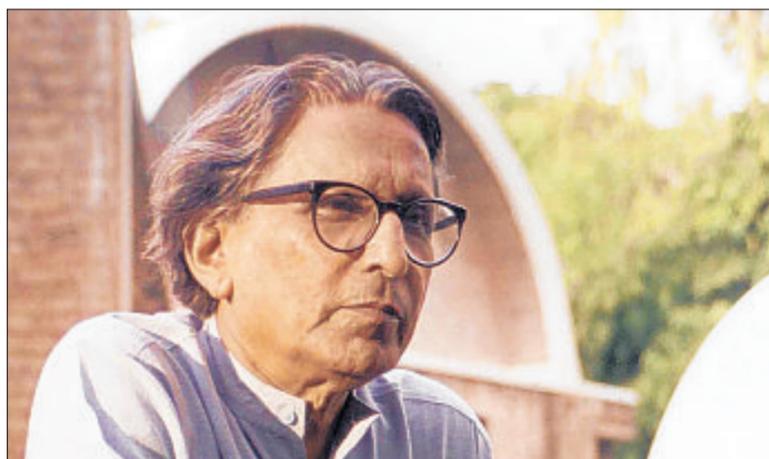
He is 1st winner from India, taught at U. of I.

BY BLAIR KAMIN
 Chicago Tribune

A renowned Indian architect and educator on Wednesday was named the first architect from his country to win the field's highest honor, the Pritzker Architecture Prize, which is bestowed by Chicago's billionaire Pritzker family.

Little known in the U.S., 90-year-old Balkrishna Doshi has won a global reputation in architectural circles for designs that transform the universal language and robust materials of 20th-century modernists Le Corbusier and Louis Kahn, for whom he worked, into buildings rooted in local sensibilities and circumstances.

Doshi "constantly demonstrates that all good architecture and urban planning must not only unite purpose and structure but must take into account climate, site, technique, and craft, along with a deep understanding and appreciation of the context," the nine-member jury that



VASTUSHILPA FOUNDATION

Balkrishna Doshi has won the 2018 Pritzker Prize, given by Chicago's Pritzker family.

awards the prize said in its citation.

The jurors also praised Doshi for creating "an architecture that is serious, never flashy or a follower of trends."

First presented in 1979, the Pritzker Prize is given annually to recognize "consistent and significant contributions to humanity and the built environment

through the art of architecture." In light of Doshi's age, it is the equivalent of a lifetime achievement award. Like previous winners, he will receive \$100,000 and a bronze medallion. The award will be presented in Toronto in May.

With more than 100 buildings to his credit, Doshi is known for dealing creatively with conditions in his country, the world's second-most populous, which is infamous for its overcrowded slums.

His projects include a low-income housing development that is said to effectively accommodate 80,000 people in a network of houses, courtyards and internal pathways. His design studio consists of a cluster of buildings, some with vaulted roofs, that are enlivened by grassy terraces and reflecting ponds. The jury singled out his Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, which was built from 1977 to 1992, saying the architect "has created spaces to protect from the sun, catch the breezes and provide comfort and enjoyment in and around the buildings."

The architect is equally well-known for

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PAUL HEBERT/ABC

Becca Kuftrin, 27, dumped by "The Bachelor" leading man Arie Luyendyk Jr., will be "The Bachelorette."

New 'Bachelorette' gets second chance

After having her heart broken on national TV — and winning over America's hearts — "The Bachelor" contestant Becca Kuftrin has been named "The Bachelorette" for Season 14 of ABC's reality dating show. Kuftrin was named "The Bachelorette" on the "After The Final Rose" special, which aired Tuesday night, as Part 2 of "The Bachelor" finale with leading man Arie Luyendyk Jr. Luyendyk proposed to Kuftrin on Monday night's finale, but two months after his proposal in Peru, where the finale was shot, he broke off the engagement. ABC's cameras followed Luyendyk as he broke up with Kuftrin, and the emotional scene was shown completely unedited. Kuftrin joined "The Bachelor" host Chris Harrison live on set during "After The Final Rose" to talk about her experience over the past few months since she wrapped filming "The Bachelor." "The Bachelorette" reveal was announced at the end. On Tuesday's special, Luyendyk proposed to his season's runner-up, Lauren Burnham, the woman he said he realized he was in love with. On the special, Harrison staged a surprised beginning of "The Bachelorette," bringing out a few men who will be contestants on Kuftrin's season, which begins filming immediately and will air later this year. After Monday's finale aired, Twitter users became angry with Luyendyk for how he handled the breakup on television, and Kuftrin garnered a huge outpouring of support on social media.

— Variety



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Colbert's big get: Stephen Colbert announced Tuesday night that former FBI Director James Comey, above, will make his first late-night television appearance on the April 17 episode of "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert." "We're gonna need a bigger chair, and I'm gonna need a stepladder to interview the guy," Colbert joked. Comey will also be participating in a special for ABC News with George Stephanopoulos, to air April 15. The interview has been touted as "nothing off limits." Comey's book, "A Higher Loyalty," will also be released April 17.

"Sex in the City" star considers politics: Cynthia Nixon is assembling a staff ahead of a potential run for governor of New York, NY1 reported. She recently wrote in an op-ed on CNN.com, "Each one of us has to do whatever we can to take the government back," including "taking the leap to run for office." She also wrote, "Everyday people running means more people of color, more women, more queer people, more first-generation Americans, more allies — more of the people whose voices have been missing for far too long."

New "Blues": Nickelodeon is whistling for one of TV's most famous dogs to come home and win over a new generation of kids. The media outlet has ordered 20 new episodes of "Blue's Clues," a seminal series for preschoolers that helped fuel growth at Nickelodeon in a different era.

March 8 birthdays: Actor and musician Micky Dolenz is 73. Actor Aidan Quinn is 59. Actor James Van Der Beek is 41.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Child broke it, adults should 'buy' it

Dear Amy: My young daughter recently had a slumber party.

One of her friends was playing on my husband's iPad and she dropped it and shattered the screen. My husband jokingly said, "You break it, you bought it." I think this scared her. She went into my daughter's room and hid under a blanket. She cried for a long time. Because I was out taking another child home, I was not home when it happened.

I texted the child's father (our neighbor) to tell him she accidentally broke the iPad and that she was inconsolable. When she finally emerged, my husband told her that he wasn't mad at her and that we like her very much. She seemed somewhat comforted by this.

Since then, we have not been contacted by the parents or received an apology. My husband would like them to replace the iPad screen, but they have three children and not a lot of money. Still, it would be nice if they would offer something.

My husband can be grumpy, and in the past, has had some negative interactions with this family. My daughter is afraid that if he says something, her friend won't want to come over anymore. I do not want to cause problems with their family either. What are your thoughts?
— Wondering

Dear Wondering: You don't say how old these children are, but your husband (presumably) was in charge of the group while you were gone, and so I'd say that when an

adult hands a child an iPad — or doesn't take it from her — then if she breaks it, YOU bought it.

Your husband already "joked" his way into scaring this girl. I give you all credit for working hard to comfort her.

It would be appropriate for the neighbors to help their child to write a note — or contact you to say, "We are so sorry this happened. We hope you'll understand and forgive our daughter, and we'll try to find a way to make things right."

It does not sound like these neighbors have it together enough to do this — either that, or the fact that your husband has had "negative interactions" with them in the past (what, exactly, does that entail?) has intimidated them into paralysis. If the crack isn't too bad, you can put a screen protector over the (cracked) screen and carry on using it. The lesson here is that in life, stuff happens. It is important to be forgiving and to move forward with integrity, even if you don't get what you want, or if others don't behave in the optimal way.

Dear Amy: Our son and only child committed suicide eight years ago, a week after he visited us for his 30th birthday.

Immediately after his death, we lost many "friends," and after all this time, they still shun us.

I researched the matter: It is very common that people shun you about this. Others excuse this behavior, saying, "Maybe they didn't know what to say."

However, those shunners are all highly educated people, adept at online

research. There is no excuse. They helped to ruin my life. There is no solution to their having compounded my lifelong grief.
— Grieving

Dear Grieving: I'm so very sorry. Unfortunately, I am familiar with this phenomenon — and many people who have lost family members to suicide have also experienced the additional loss of friendships. It is all part of the heartbreaking collateral damage related to mental illness, as well as the lingering taboo of suicide.

People can behave in such baffling and disappointing ways. My hope is that you can find a way to release your anger and pain about this, and turn your attention toward celebrating the friends who have remained steadfast through this.

You might be helped through reading, "The Unspeakable Loss: How Do You Live After a Child Dies?" by grief counselor (and grieving parent) Nisha Zenoff (2017, Decapo Lifelong Books).

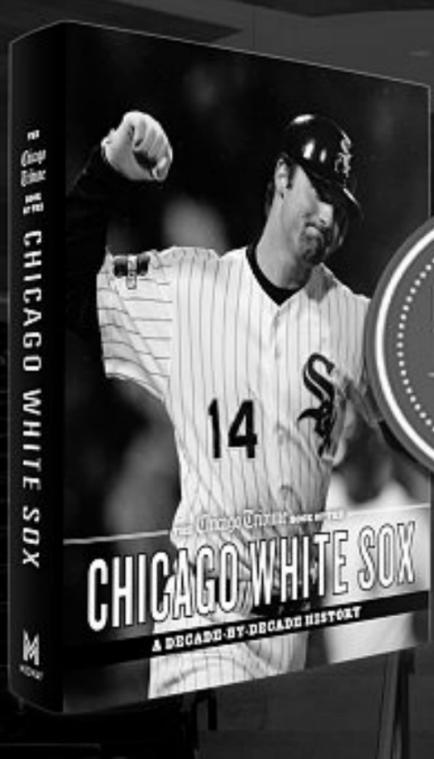
Dear Amy: I appreciate all of the literary references you make in your column! I saw a "Tennessee Williams" reference that made me smile. But don't you worry that all readers won't really "get" them?
— Appreciative

Dear Appreciative: Thank you! I'm a proud English major. In my own reading, I don't always "get" everything, and I think that's perfectly fine.

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A+E notes

'Dear Evan Hansen,' 'Dolly!' coming to Broadway in Chicago

If you still haven't seen two of the biggest Broadway hits of the 2017 season, or if you just want to see them again, you're in luck: "Dear Evan Hansen" and "Hello, Dolly!" are coming to Chicago as part of their national tours.

The Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical "Dear Evan Hansen," which features a book by Steven Levenson and a score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, will play the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St., Feb. 12-March 10, 2019.

The Broadway revival of "Hello, Dolly!" will play the Oriental, with Betty Buckley as the matchmaking Ms. Levi (Oct. 23-Nov. 17).

Also included in the season will be "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (Oct. 2-21 at the Oriental), "Miss Saigon" (Nov. 13-Dec. 8 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.) and "The Play That Goes Wrong" (Dec. 4-16 at the Oriental).

As previously announced, the pre-Broadway production of "Tootsie" will kick off the season at the Cadillac Palace, with Santino Fontana starring as Michael Dorsey (Sept. 11-Oct. 14). Broadway in Chicago also announced two "off-season" shows: "The Book of Mormon" (Nov. 20-Dec. 2 at the Oriental) and the tour based on Bartlett Sher's 2015 Broadway production of "Fiddler on the Roof" (Dec. 18-Jan. 6 at the Cadillac Palace).

The season is now on sale to subscribers and goes on sale to the public March 28 at www.broadwayinchicago.com and 312-977-1717.
— Morgan Greene

City offers grants to curtain-raisers for 40th Jazz Fest

In an effort to nurture jazz in Chicago and to extend the reach of the Chicago Jazz Festival, the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events launched a new venture Wednesday.

The Chicago Jazz Festival Citywide Program is inviting music venues and nonprofit organizations in Chicago that have presented jazz for at least two years to apply for grants of up to \$3,000.

The funds must be used to present free-admission jazz programs Aug. 24-29; these events will serve as curtain-raisers for the 40th annual Chicago Jazz Festival, which will take place in Millennium Park from Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

Applications are being accepted at www.chicagोजazzfestival.us.

The deadline for applying is April 9.
— Howard Reich

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IN PERFORMANCE

Pianist Aimard offers enlightened readings of Ligeti and Beethoven

BY JOHN VON RHEIN
Chicago Tribune

Normally when a pianist tackles Beethoven's mighty "Hammerklavier" sonata, you expect that musical colossus to be the toughest piece on the program.

Not when that pianist happens to be Pierre-Laurent Aimard.

The masterly French musician divided his recital Tuesday night at the University of Chicago's Logan Center between Beethoven's Opus 106 and a selection of piano pieces by the great Hungarian modernist Gyorgy Ligeti that pose formidable technical and intellectual demands of their own.

It was in every respect a triumphant conclusion to this season's University of Chicago Presents Ligeti series, a series built around the participation of Aimard, who was Ligeti's preferred interpreter of his keyboard works.

In a lecture-discussion the previous day, the pianist spoke of Ligeti's enormous debt to Beethoven, particularly with regard to rhythm and its structural use. His compelling performances Tuesday pointed up further correspondences between musical revolutionaries separated by more than a century.

In the gnarly fugue that concludes Ligeti's "Musica Ricercata" (1969), for example, you could hear the influence of the powerful three-voice fugue that concludes the "Hammerklavier." Fiercely original in his own way, each composer so completely reinvented existing forms that those forms would never be the same again.



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Pierre-Laurent Aimard performs a solo recital as part of the University of Chicago's Ligeti series on Tuesday.

Aimard originally planned to devote the entire first half of his program to selected Ligeti etudes, an extraordinary collection of pieces that are the crowning achievement of his career. At the last minute, however, Aimard cut back the number of etudes and prefaced them with "Musica Ricercata," an early work from the years when Ligeti remained under the influence of Bartok and Stravinsky.

This ingenious, 11-part study in accumulating pitches (the first section is built on only two tones) was a test of concentrated energy that Aimard threw himself into with acute focus of mind and muscle. Here, and in the etudes, his playing carried enormous panache, filled with the insights of an artist who enjoyed a long and close association with the composer.

Each of the five etudes he performed redefines the genre in novel, sometimes wild, always absorbing ways.

He brought out the dynamic shadings of No. 12 ("Entrelacs") and enfolding rhythmic contours of No. 2 ("Open strings"), just as the Bartokian dance rhythms of other pieces benefited from his hard, chiseled sonority and from the control and evenness of his fingerwork. Music that hovers between elegance and raw ferocity summoned the same qualities from Aimard.

Rather like the Ligeti etudes, Beethoven's towering Sonata No. 29 in B flat is music about music. One can understand so brainy a virtuoso being attracted to this epic landscape, which falls into a category once described by another great Beethovenian, Austrian pianist Artur Schnabel, as music greater than it can be played.

Once thought unplayable, this longest of "the 32" puts everything in a pianist's arsenal on the line. Indeed, the sheer physical effort needed to make the music speak is virtually built into the score. None but the great-

est artists may apply, and Aimard is among the greats of his generation.

If his probing interpretation betrayed some wrong or dropped notes along the way, who cared? No pianist outside the clinical perfection of the recording studio manages to navigate Beethoven's murderously difficult thickets of notes impeccably. What Aimard delivered was deeply satisfying, a "Hammerklavier" those lucky enough to hear it will long remember.

Much the same rhythmic drive and volatility he underscored in Ligeti he also brought to Beethoven. At Aimard's resolute tempo, the opening allegro carried an elemental energy that swept all before it. The brusque humor of his scherzo set off the sustained eloquence of his adagio. In lesser hands, this slow movement can feel endless; Aimard's firm grip on the music's developmental logic made it feel not a note too long.

He plunged fearlessly into the gnarled contrapuntal textures of the fugal finale and, not surprisingly, emerged unscathed. Amazing what 10 powerful fingers connected to a brilliant interpretive mind can achieve in this almost superhuman music.

Smiling through what must have been exhaustion as he took his bows, Aimard declined to play any encores, nor were any expected. How does one follow something so tremendous as this "Hammerklavier"?

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JOE MAZZA PHOTO
Luis Alberto Urrea was nominated for a Pulitzer in 2005.

BOOK REVIEW

Urrea returns with big, colorful family drama

BY MICHAEL UPCHURCH
Chicago Tribune

Family reunions — whether spurred by weddings, funerals, milestone birthdays or just some diligent family organizer — are a staple of fiction. When aging patriarchs, accommodating mothers, quarrelsome siblings and prodigal sons gather under one roof, they bring both personal baggage and love to the chaos. Resentments and resilience always figure in the action.

In his new novel, "The House of Broken Angels," Luis Alberto Urrea complicates matters by scheduling both a funeral and a birthday party around the same sprawling family get-together. Urrea — who lives in Naperville — is the author of "The Hummingbird's Daughter" and "The Devil's Highway," for which he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 2005.

The 70th birthday of cancer-stricken Miguel Angel de la Cruz ("Big Angel" to his family) has long been in the planning. Friends and relatives already have their travel plans in place and can't afford to change them. So when Big Angel's mother dies just short of her 100th birthday a week before the big event, the funeral is held the same weekend.

The time is the present day, the setting is a south side neighborhood of San Diego, and the de la Cruz family's history straddles both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border. Big Angel and his wife, Perla, grew up in southern Baja California. By winding paths, they wound up in Tijuana — Perla with two children in tow, and Big Angel with a history of abuse and revenge behind him.

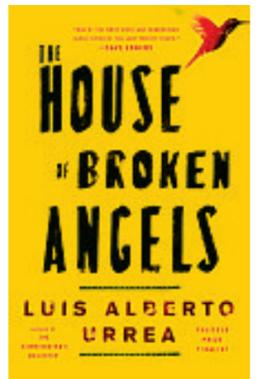
Together they have a son, then head to San Diego, where they have a daughter. After hard study, Big Angel becomes a cyber-systems manager for Pacific Gas and Electric.

That sums up the family picture neatly. The way Urrea delivers it on the page, however, is colorful, confusing and in urgent need of a family tree to help you keep the characters straight.

Urrea's most helpful guide through this tangled familial web is Little Angel, the youngest de la Cruz son. His mother was an American woman who, as his older half-siblings see it, stole their dad. Now an English professor in Seattle, Little Angel is half outside the family circle and so overwhelmed by their numbers ("It was as if a dump truck had spilled a ton of humanity into the yard") that he has to take notes to remember who's who.

But Little Angel isn't the only odd man out in the family. All his life, Big Angel has followed a fierce inner drive. At work he was so diligent and punctual that his colleagues called him "the German." Now, confined to his wheelchair, he's wondering what it was all for.

Regrets besiege him. He never saw the Grand Canyon. He never took a Caribbean cruise. He's never even been to La Jolla, "where all the rich gringos went to get suntans and diamonds." Second thoughts about his life and misdeeds prompt him to



'The House of Broken Angels'

By Luis Alberto Urrea, Little, Brown, 336 pages, \$27

ask himself, "How could a man out of time repair all that was broken?"

Urrea acknowledges the gang violence that's inflicted casualties on this Mexican-American community, and he's clear-eyed on the cruelty of a masculine ethos that prompts one father to ask a son he abandoned, "Which one are you?" But he also highlights hypocrisies on the American side, most painfully when Big Angel's son Lalo, an Iraq War veteran who had been brought illegally to San Diego as a baby, gets deported to Mexico when it's discovered he's not a citizen.

It's no surprise that Little Angel's gut feeling — "We're pretty much Americans now, right?" — isn't necessarily shared among them.

As Urrea delves into the "various feuds and interne-cine scandals" that plague the family, his narrative flirts with soap opera. And he doesn't always have as firm a hand on his narrative as one might like — for instance when his droll rundown of the eclectic array of de la Cruz religious leanings ("Half the family had briefly become Mormons, and some of them were in a UFO-worshipping group") gets no follow-up.

With so many characters in play, it also feels as if some get shortchanged — especially estranged family rebel Yndio, a drag performer who identifies as a "non-heteronormative cultural liberation warrior."

Still, Urrea spins some wonderful phrases as he leads us through his throng of characters, for instance when describing Big Angel's sexy 60-year-old sister-in-law, dubbed La Gloriosa: "She was as magnificent as a velvet painting of an Aztec goddess in a taco shop."

You couldn't ask for a more vivid sense of place either, whether you're talking physical surroundings ("The funeral home had a fake Germanic facade and stood across the street from a taco shop, a gas station and a Starbucks") or the way people think and speak. There's a telling moment when Little Angel ponders freeway traffic "rushing past the invisible barrier, unaware of the lives up here, the little houses, all these unknowable stories."

"The House of Broken Angels" makes them known.

Novelist Michael Upchurch, the author of "Passive Intruder," is a former Seattle Times staff book critic.

IN PERFORMANCE

Pussy Riot show in Chicago came with less punk, more political pop

BY JESSI ROTI
Chicago Tribune

The show that Russian group Pussy Riot played at Chicago's Subterranean club Tuesday night on its very first North American tour was equal parts pop concert, performance art exhibition and — to the dismay of one, fairly-quickly ejected heckler — political rally.

The act still has two more sold-out shows before leaving Chicago (another at Subterranean Wednesday night, followed by Beat Kitchen on Thursday), but those not at Night 1's festivities may want to brush up on the group's musical path since it began making headlines in 2012.

That year, Pussy Riot was arrested inside Moscow's Cathedral of Christ the Savior during a guerrilla performance of a "punk prayer" at the altar. Members said their protest was directed at the Orthodox Church leaders' support for Russian leader Vladimir Putin during his election campaign. In March, three of them were convicted and later charged with "hooliganism motivated by religious hatred."

The trial gained attention and criticism, particularly in the West — where the arrested Pussy Riot members — Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, Maria Alyokhina and Yekaterina Samutsevich — quickly became young, international feminist warriors within the largely anonymous outfit. After 21 months in prison, Tolokonnikova and Alyokhina were released (Samutsevich's sentence was suspended) and Pussy Riot's wave of revolution was traded in for some shiny new distraction in the U.S.

Fast forward to 2018, where maybe the idea of American youth celebrat-



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
The Russian band Pussy Riot performs at Subterranean in Chicago on Tuesday night.

ing Russian political voices feels a bit ... tense. But Pussy Riot's politics and values have remained opposite those of Putin, and it was the group's spirit of inclusivity that took center stage. Apart from musical guests Nikki Lynette and Dorian Electra, folks representing political organizations Reclaim Chicago and Democratic Socialists of America called on the crowd to effect lasting policy change. Even a progressive candidate for Illinois governor, Daniel Biss, made an appearance.

But no one was really there for any of that, though they should've expected it. Folks packed in because they wanted to see what Pussy Riot — a hyped punk act known for having four to 11 members at a time and high-energy, disruptive public displays — would do on stage.

Scratch that infamous "punk prayer" aka "St. Maria, Virgin, Drive Away Putin" — with its screeching vocal and barely-tuned-but-just-right guitar gnashing — from your set-list wish list. Same goes for the pummeling "Putin Lights Up the Fires."

This year's Pussy Riot is

all beats and bass, led by Tolokonnikova and new, balaclava-clad collaborators.

"Honestly, it feels like a nightmare in Russia," Tolokonnikova said, taking the stage. "Get out and vote. You have freedoms and you've got to protect them."

Opening with the hip-hop influenced "Chaika," Tolokonnikova rapped and bobbed back and forth across the stage, keeping mostly in the dark as "Star Wars"-like opening credits ran up a small projection screen. Another member stood to the right to serve as DJ and provide the backing track. That song, along with a few early others sang in Russian, were lost on the crowd — the excitement quickly wearing off for some folks choosing to leave just three or four songs into the nearly hourlong set.

Not that the avant-garde pop wasn't good. "Police State," released on the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump's election, sounds like a Charli XCX B-side. On "Make America Great Again," a 2016 release condemning Trumpism and American nationalism, Tolokonnikova whis-

pers along a simple acoustic riff, punctuated by snapping, electronic drums and distortions.

"Let other people in/ Listen to your women/ Stop killing black children/ Make America Great Again," the crowd sang along.

It almost felt like subliminal messaging, pop music propaganda in the name of justice and equality — only marred by Subterranean's sight lines as accompanying videos and other statement-making visual aids weren't very legible unless you were directly in front of them, and sometimes uncomfortable amounts of reverberation drowned out Tolokonnikova's vocals.

Whether Pussy Riot's move from noisy punks to its current electro-pop experiment is simply based on its new members and/or tastes, or a it's way to acknowledge that the most potent protest music in 2018 is much more influenced by rap than rock, the act's first Chicago appearance drew the attention it needed to keep its rallying cry alive for another day.

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Black actresses seeking equal pay

Money, from Page 1

ous movies starring black actors have the potential to make big money.

Here's Davis in a recent interview with Porter magazine explaining why pay disparities are an issue: "If Caucasian women are getting 50 percent of what men are getting paid, we're not even getting a quarter of what white women are getting paid." Actresses like Meryl Streep and Nicole Kidman deserve everything they get, she said. "But what guess what — I deserve it too. So does Octavia Spencer, Taraji P. Henson, Halle Berry. We've put the work in too."

Davis is at the top echelon of actors who are both famous and respected — and even she's experiencing this. So is Spencer, who revealed at a Sundance panel in January that when she and Jessica Chastain teamed up to star in a comedy together, she had to spell out the realities: "I told her my story and we talked numbers and she was quiet, and she had no idea that that's what it was like for women of color."

When Chastain negotiated her contract, she stipulated that Spencer get the same deal. And it worked; Spencer got five times her previous rate. "She had been underpaid for so long," Chastain said on Twitter. "When I discovered that, I realized that I could tie her deal to mine to bring up her quote. Men should start doing this with their female co-stars." (I said the same in my column here.)

Why are black actresses — in-demand actresses who win awards — not getting the same deals as their peers?

"One thing we've learned from social-psychological research in the last 10 or 15 years is that when we make decisions about people — when we evaluate others — we have biases that carry a lot of history that we don't consciously process or recognize," according to Ohio State University's Timothy A. Judge, who studies how and why people are successful in their careers.

"So what you often see is this neurotic tendency to profess one set of values — fairness — but when you look at their decisions, there's this discrepancy."

Four years ago, Judge published a study called "Age, Gender and Compensation: A Study of Hollywood Movie Stars" and the disparities abound.

He looked at 265 Hollywood film actors who had at least one leading role in a movie between 1968 and 2008, and accounted for mitigating factors such as experience, where they appeared in the credits and their earnings history. Here's what he found: For women, earnings increased until the age of 34 and then they dropped off, whereas men saw their earnings increase until age 51 and then remain stable thereafter.

"One thing we did not do in that study was look at pay for African-American actors or other people of color, and that was because there were not nearly enough actors" in starring roles. In other words, the sample size wasn't big enough to be statistically significant. Let that sink in. There weren't enough actors of color in starring roles to qualify for the study. And in fact, I couldn't find anyone who has done a comprehensive research about black actresses and what they're paid.

"I would be pretty surprised," Judge said, "if we did an analysis looking at race or ethnicity and didn't find a similar result to our age and gender study. We have a lot of evidence that Hollywood isn't any different than other industries. It's a hard truth to confront. The problem is when we" — in this case, studios and producers — "don't believe that these biases are affecting decisions."

Let's talk about Mo'Nique, who was recently offered \$500,000 to do a comedy special for Netflix. She thought she deserved more; Netflix felt otherwise and declined to negotiate. It is a Mo'Nique went public, asked fans to boycott the streaming platform and posted the details of Netflix's offer on Instagram.

The proposed terms would bar her from doing another special for one year, and



Viola Davis, left, with Meryl Streep at the Academy Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday. Davis won a best supporting actress Oscar for "Fences" in 2017.

after that Netflix would have first right of refusal. She also wouldn't be allowed to perform any of the material from the special for two years (on camera or radio); after that, she would still have to get permission from Netflix to do those jokes at all.

There's a reason Netflix puts these restrictions in place: They want the special to be exclusive. But you affect a comedian's ability to make money when you tell them they can't go on TV and tell their own jokes. Mo'Nique has said this played into her decision to reject Netflix's first (and only) offer. She also knows Netflix has paid other comedians more. Millions more.

Amy Schumer, for one. "According to a source, Schumer was initially paid about \$11 million for her special," Variety reported last year. And that was just her initial deal. "She received significantly more compensation after she raised the question of fairness relative to the (Chris) Rock and (Dave) Chappelle deals," which were even higher.

Mo'Nique's call for a boycott (which was mostly ignored or derided) was probably a strategic mistake.

"It's hard to get people on board when you're saying, 'I don't like the deal I got so you should boycott,'" said Imani M. Cheers, the author of "The Evolution of Black Women in Television: Mammies, Matriarchs and Mistresses." "If she would have said, 'I think this is a larger issue and I am one example; I think it might have been received differently.'"

When Mo'Nique appeared on the syndicated radio show "The Breakfast Club," the hosts rejected the idea that racial and gender bias were a factor in this situation. Here's how they framed their argument: You're not selling out arena tours like those other comics; Netflix is a business, the executives are just crunching the numbers.

But something interesting happens (and by interesting I mean not surprising) when we look at how Hollywood determines a performer's worth. While you'd think the mindset is all business, the reality is much fuzzier.

Mark Wahlberg is a good example because we know specific numbers. Forbes

makes a list every year of overpaid actors. Two years ago he was on it. Last year, he topped the list at No. 1. I want to stress this: He was the most overpaid actor based on box office — which for this discussion is a similar metric to selling out arenas because it tells you: Is this person drawing audiences?

Last year, Wahlberg was paid \$5 million to appear in "All the Money in the World." His co-star Michelle Williams was paid \$625,000. Producers decided Wahlberg was worth \$5 million even though the movie was unlikely to appeal to fans of his "Transformers" and "Ted" films. Even though his co-star had twice the Oscar nominations on her resume. Even though he is demonstrably not a good return on investment. (Domestically the movie has made only half of its budget back so far at \$25 million.)

On the face of it, paying Wahlberg \$5 million makes no business sense. In the "what have you done lately" test, he scores badly — but regardless, he made eight times more than his female co-star. He (and/or his reps) are hard-line dealmakers, as we saw with fees paid for the movie's reshoots; Wahlberg's \$1.5 million to Williams' \$1,000.

When negotiating with white male actors, producers and executives are sometimes basing their math on (generous) wishful thinking. Despite all evidence to the contrary. Black women are not getting that same benefit of the doubt — and in fact it's the opposite.

Producer Nina Jacobson, who used to head up Disney's Buena Vista studio, has called this phenomenon "bias disguised as knowledge."

So while it might seem logical to think that in Mo'Nique's case, Netflix is just looking at the numbers, we've seen how Hollywood picks and chooses who they hold to that standard.

"I applaud Mo'Nique for speaking out about what she felt was pay inequality," said Cheers, who is also a professor of media at George Washington University. "When Mo'Nique makes the statement that she's the most decorated comedian and she's mocked, it's appalling because no

one even questions when a man states his worth and what he thinks he should be paid."

Women are pegged as difficult when they bring up the pay gap, and that goes double for women of color. Judge told me about another study where he looked at the correlation between agreeableness and earnings. "And what we found is that being disagreeable greatly benefits men, but it doesn't benefit women. So this double standard, we have proof of it."

"And knowing that, if you're an agent representing an African-American actress, would you argue that they should engage in Mark Wahlberg tactics? Our data suggest, you can try — but it's not going to do you any good."

In January someone tipped off The Hollywood Reporter that "Black-ish" star Tracee Ellis Ross had revealed her own wage gap in a private Time's Up meeting. She is currently in negotiations for the show's fifth season and reportedly getting paid "significantly less" than co-star Anthony Anderson.

It's clear Ross was uncomfortable when this news went public. "I wanted to be compensated in a way that matches my contribution to a show that I love for many reasons, including the opportunity it allows me to reshape what it is to be a fully realized black woman on TV," she later posted in a statement on Twitter. "Having had my renegotiation become a public conversation was awkward, but I'm grateful for the outpouring of support. I'm truly thankful that important conversations are taking place about fighting for women's worth and equality, and tightening the pay gap in the industry."

Anderson helped develop the show with creator Kenya Barris and he is an executive producer as well. That isn't a fixed job description, so we don't know if Anderson is actually putting in considerably more work than Ross (maybe he is) or if being an EP is little more than a vanity title — which is not unusual in TV; often a couple of years in on successful shows, stars will get an executive producer credit, along with the profit participation that comes with it.

Even so, Ross won the Golden Globe, not Anderson. The show wouldn't work without her. For many viewers, she is the draw. And her social media numbers bear that out. On Twitter she has nearly 1 million followers; Anderson has half that. And on Instagram she has more than four times as many followers (4.3 million) than him (951,000).

As an executive producer, Anderson presumably has some say in the matter. We don't know if he's quietly advocating on her behalf; he's said nothing publicly. Why not make her an executive producer, as well? And bump her salary to Anderson's level? It wouldn't mean taking anything away from him to recognize her worth.

"The fact that these women have reached the highest accolade in their field and still don't have pay equality, there's a problem there," Cheers said. "That's a reality, unfortunately, because studio executives and others don't hold them in the same regard despite their achievements."

Yes, we're talking about wealthy people. "But their earning power is sometimes very short-lived," Judge said. "And even if it weren't, fairness is something we all have a right to. You have a right to paid fairly no matter where you stand on the income scale."

It will likely take solidarity among actors — think Spencer and Chastain — to force change. Earlier this week at a gender equality rally in London, "Masters of Sex" star Michael Sheen said he would "absolutely" take a pay cut if it meant leveling the playing field.

The thing is, he doesn't have to. Instead, he — and other actors and actresses — can simply negotiate a deal that ensures parity for their co-stars. And that means focusing on more than their own payday.

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BOOK REVIEW

Lloyd Webber's 'Unmasked' not so revealing

By CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

It is Andrew Lloyd Webber's Auntie Vi — his Auntie Mame, to all intents and purposes — who inspires the most colorful language in Lloyd Webber's new autobiography: "clotted bollocks on stilts."

Somewhere deep in "Unmasked" Lloyd Webber purloins the phrase to apply it to anyone who dares to suggest London was lacking in gourmet dining prior to the invasion of the current crop of chefs and their sycophantic foodies. It is a cause that does not live up to the expression, but then Lloyd Webber's life has been one of privilege. You find your outrage where you can. And your language. When Lloyd Webber is writing in his own voice, you're more likely to get a phrase like "Back in Blighty we megabumped back to reality," which sums up its man quite nicely.

Or, "Back in Britain I proposed to Sarah which was a stupid formality." Seriously?

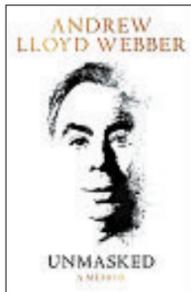
The man was born, we read, of a sterling musical pedigree and, unlike his constrained and cautious composer-father, figured out that his formidable ability to compose both gorgeous romantic ballads and hooky melodies easily could be transferred to popular culture. His early work, originally titled "Joseph and the Amazing (Technicolour) Dreamcoat," trickled out from posh schools into the realm of Donny Osmond and popular consciousness, which was no small achievement, actually. And from there, Lloyd Webber's early life was

charmed with more success: "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Evita," "Starlight Express" and "Phantom of the Opera," with which this tome concludes.

"My verbosity got in the way," Lloyd Webber writes in the final chapter, by way of explanation for his cutoff. His final chapter, "Playout Music," allows that the second half of his life was more challenging and that a just and fair account thereof would require him to reveal "toe-curling truths" about "so-called" friends and colleagues. "I really don't relish the thought of raking over them," he writes, in what feels like a genteel form of threat, when it comes to Volume 2 — forthcoming, he implies, only if there is sufficient interest.

Will there be? Hard to say.

"Unmasked" has the feeling of a reluctant autobiography, more a dutiful accounting under pressure to do so than an inspired one that comes from the heart. It runs up against Lloyd Webber's genuine valuing of discretion, despite his naughty little recounting of goings-on between the creative team of "Cats" (himself included) and the ensemble, behavior that hardly would pass muster today. And its form often feels random: Some people get their own chapter, but then the story behind "Phantom," Lloyd



'Unmasked'

By Andrew Lloyd Webber, Harper, 528 pages, \$28.99

Webber's most successful product, does not unmask all that much at all. Which is true, really, of the whole book.

What might you learn? Some stuff, for sure. We learn that a very young ALW appeared on the cover of Nursery World magazine. We learn of his love for — and expertise in — architecture. We discover that he was bullied at his boys' school — some of us know how that feels — until music proffered peer acceptance. We learn that during the Paris riots, he was reading the reviews for "Joseph." We hear tell of his real-estate prowess. And we find out that Bette Midler almost made her Broadway debut singing "I Don't Know How to Love Him" in "Jesus Christ Superstar."

That's interesting — as is Lloyd Webber's accounting of how the musicals "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Evita" were first conceived as LPs, meaning that Lloyd Webber and lyricist Tim Rice had to navigate not just the theater, but the music business. History shows they did so with extraordinary aplomb. Similarly intriguing for fans of his work will be the numerous places in the autobiography where Lloyd Webber discusses his repurposing of melodies, tunes originally written for one thing but that only became famous when they appeared elsewhere. Lloyd Webber has always been an efficient recycler, and there

is no shame there whatsoever.

There are some mild grudges: Enraged by the treatment of Caiaphas, et al., the Jewish Defense League, he writes, effectively killed the movie version of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in the United States, not that Lloyd Webber much liked the film (he claims not to have seen the film in 45 years). There are a few digs at left-leaning artists and government-subsidized institutions. But the book hardly is political, and there is much sincere admiration. Theater director Trevor Nunn, we learn, wrote one of the more prescient notes in the early stages of Lloyd Webber's feline project based on the poetry of T.S. Eliot: "I believe all the characters *must* be Cats."

Yup. That worked out. Actually, Lloyd Webber is generous with attribution — it was British theatrical mogul Cameron Mackintosh's idea to package "Song and Dance" and, Lloyd Webber writes, Broadway director Hal Prince's contribution to "Phantom" cannot be overstated. Lloyd Webber's love for his brother, Julian, genuinely shines through the book.

"To so many of my theatre colleagues my marriage had been a rock of stability in a flaky thespian sea," Sir Andrew writes, describing the difficulties following his divorce, almost, but not quite, allowing that treacherous waters can swallow even the very best of us. In Part Two, perhaps. If he decides to really trash the mask.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Anders Holm

“Champions” (8:30 p.m., NBC): Mindy Kaling co-created (with Charlie Grandy) this new comedy, whose “Pilot” introduces Anders Holm — who also worked with Kaling on “The Mindy Project” — as a man who’s considering selling his family’s Brooklyn gym and relocating to Florida. Of course, that’s the exact time when a former flame suddenly shows up with their teen son, who intends to live with his dad in New York while attending a performing-arts school.

“The Big Bang Theory” (7 p.m., CBS): The unexpected reappearance of Barry Kripke (guest star John Ross Bowie, “Speechless”) puts a big monkey wrench in Sheldon and Amy’s (Jim Parsons, Mayim Bialik) wedding plans in the new episode “The Athenaeum Allocation.” Bernadette and Wolowitz (Melissa Rauch, Simon Helberg) dispute which of them should be a stay-at-home parent while the other goes back to work. Johnny Galecki and Kaley Cuoco also star.

“Grey’s Anatomy” (7 p.m., ABC): Series co-star Chandra Wilson again doubles as director on the new episode “Games People Play,” as Maggie (Kelly McCreary) introduces her new beau to Meredith and Amelia (Ellen Pompeo, Caterina Scorsone) — though doing that during a game night may not be the best move. Meredith and Jo (Camilla Luddington) find an interesting connection to the person whose polymer is essential to their project. Rachel Ticotin guest stars.

“A.P. Bio” (7:30 p.m., NBC): Jack (Glenn Howerton) proves himself not to be the best person to go out on the town with — at least to Mary, Stef and Michelle (Mary Sohn, Lyric Lewis, Jean Villepique) — in the new episode “Dating Toledoans.” He’s not happy about the occasion to begin with, and his attitude during the night out doesn’t make things any better.

“Mom” (8:01 p.m., CBS): Singing-and-acting dynamo Kristin Chenoweth guest stars in the new episode “Charlotte Bronte and a Backhoe,” playing Jill’s (Jaime Pressly) coach in harnessing emotions — though the woman can’t harness Bonnie’s (Allison Janney) dislike of her. Christy (Anna Faris) tries to pick herself up and dust herself off after being turned down for law school. William Fichtner also stars.

“60 Days In” (9 p.m., AE): Angele is forced to leave the program after the directors discover she intentionally broke her cover with Gabrielle, another inmate, in the new episode “Cover Blown.” Stephanie worries that Gabrielle will share Angele’s secret with others in the cellblock, which probably would expose Stephanie in turn and put a target on her back. Elsewhere, Alan tries to buy meth.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Walton Goggins; Morgan Saint performs.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Sterling K. Brown; singer-songwriter Jack Antonoff; Bleachers performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Mindy Kaling; journalist Chris Hayes; comic Amberia Allen.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Comic Kathy Griffin; comic Mike Epps; Noel Gallagher’s High Flying Birds performs.*

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THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 8

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Bang Theory (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	(8:01) Mom (N) ©	Life in Pieces (N)	S.W.A.T.: “Ghosts.” (N) © HD	News (N) ♦	
	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	A.P. Bio (N) ©	Will & Grace (N) ©	Champions: “Pilot.” (Series Premiere) (N)	Chicago Fire: “Hiding Not Seeking.” (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC 7	Grey’s Anatomy: “Games People Play.” (N) ©		Scandal: “Air Force Two.” (N) © HD		How to Get Away With Murder (N) © HD	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) © HD	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	3’s Comp.	Soap ©	Benson ©	Wings ©	Murphy ©	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV 9.3	Easy Money (R,’83) ♦♦	Rodney Dangerfield. ©			Good Boy! (PG,’03) ♦♦	Molly Shannon. ♦	
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	An Evening With the HistoryMakers: Chicago Stories (N) ©			An Evening With the HistoryMakers: Chicago Stories ©		
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama’s	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett ©
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: “The Apple.”		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦	
	Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	The Golden Child (PG-13,’86) ♦♦	Eddie Murphy.		Wendy ♦	
	FOX 32	Gotham: “A Dark Knight: A Beautiful Darkness.” (N)		Showtime at the Apollo: “Week 2.” (N) © HD		Fox 32 News at Nine	Modern Family ©	
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Bloods © HD	Blue Blood ♦	
	TeleM 44	José José, el príncipe (N)		Al otro lado del muro (N)		Enemigo íntimo (N) ©	Chicago (N)	
	CW 50	Supernatural (N) ©		Arrow: “Doppelganger.” (N)		Law Order: CI	Law CI ♦	
UniMas 60	La niña (N) HD		La tierra prometida (N)		Renta	Renta	Secretos	
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Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Por amar sin ley	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©	The First 48 ©			60 Days In (N) ©	First 48 ♦	
	AMC	Young Guns (R,’88) ♦♦	Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland. ©			Young Guns II (*90) ♦♦♦		
	ANIM	Lone Star Law ©	Lone Star Law (N)			Lone Star Law ©	Lone Star ♦	
	BBCA	(6) Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (*11) ♦♦				Thursday Night Darts (N)		
	BET	(6) Barbershop (PG-13,’02) ♦♦	Ice Cube.			Black (N)	Mancave (N)	Rundown (N)
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	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Daily (N) ♦
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	ESPN2	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball (N)					
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	FOOD	Chopped: “Feel The Burn.”		Chopped: “Epic Eats.” ©		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
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	IFC	Date Night (PG-13,’10) ♦♦	Steve Carell, Tina Fey. ©			Portlandia	Baronesse	Underworld ♦
	LIFE	Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		(9:04) Glam Masters ©		All Stars ♦
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STZNC	(6:10) Dear John (*10) ♦♦	Footloose (PG,’84) ♦♦	Kevin Bacon. ©			Flashdance ♦		

India’s Doshi wins Pritzker Prize

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shaping dialogue about his field. He founded and directed the School of Architecture and Planning in Ahmedabad, which was renamed CEPT University in 2002. His numerous overseas teaching posts include a visiting professorship at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In an interview, Harvard urban planning professor Rahul Mehrotra, who studied at the Ahmedabad school, called Doshi and the late Charles Correa India’s leading architects after it won independence from Britain in 1947.

“Besides the importance of Doshi’s work and his contribution as a first-generation post-independence India architect,” Mehrotra said, “the recognition of Doshi also signals a recognition of the importance of the questions and issues that architecture in India raises for the rest of the world — namely, how to address the aspirations of a deeply traditional society in the rapidly transforming globalized world.”

Born in 1927 into a family involved in the furniture industry, Doshi began studying architecture in 1947 and later moved to London. He returned to India to oversee projects by Le Corbusier, the Swiss-born French architect, in Ahmedabad and Chandigarh, the planned city that includes a cluster of monumental government buildings made of rough-edged concrete.

In the 1960s, Doshi worked with the Philadelphia-based Kahn on the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad, where circles and other geometric shapes are cut into thick brick walls.

While his subsequent work reflects the influence of Le Corbusier and Kahn, Doshi has developed his own language, the jury said in its citation. It added: “With an understanding and appreciation of the deep traditions of India’s architecture, he united prefabrication and local craft and developed a vocabulary in harmony with the history, culture, local traditions and the changing times of his home country.”

Because of the prestige and high profile associated with the



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Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi has won the 2018 Pritzker Architecture Prize. Sangath Architect’s Studio near Ahmedabad, India, is one of more than 100 buildings to his credit.



Doshi’s Aranya low-cost housing complex in Indore, India, accommodates 80,000 people via a system of homes, courtyards and internal paths. “He united prefabrication and local craft,” the Pritzker jury said.

Pritzker Prize, it often generates controversy and could again this year. Doshi served on the 2007 Pritzker jury that awarded the prize to London architect Richard Rogers. Rogers was on this year’s jury that gave the prize to Doshi.

Asked in an email whether Rogers had recused himself to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, Martha Thorne,

the prize’s executive director and a former Art Institute of Chicago architecture curator, replied:

“I can tell you that all jurors are open, honest, and forthright, especially in the case of relationships — of any kind — with a potential candidate. I think you can feel assured that there was no impropriety in the deliberations, because the 2018 laure-

ate served on the jury 11 years ago.”

The last American architect to win the Pritzker was Thom Mayne, of Los Angeles, who won in 2005. A Chicago architect has never won the prize.

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2 chefs competing for \$125K

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must cook their best meal for host Padma Lakshmi and judges Tom Colicchio, Gail Simmons and Chicago’s Graham Elliot in Aspen.

“We wanted to really just straight up toe-to-toe go at it,” Flamm said. “Let’s not have any (expletive). You cook your best four courses, I’ll cook mine and whoever wins, wins.”

If Cheatham won the top prize, she joked that “you just wouldn’t see me ever again.” Flamm reminded her that \$125,000 isn’t that much money, so she probably could only disappear for two months. Cheatham agreed and said she would invest the money in the pop-up series she is starting in Harlem. She is also set to get married this month in New Orleans.

Flamm, who lives in the Humboldt Park area, said the prize money would go to buying a house and starting a family with his wife. He eventually wants to start his own restaurant but said he’s not sure when that will happen.

He and Cheatham joked that they plan to open a restaurant in Hyde Park that would cater to drunk people by serving late-night carbonara. “That’s the plan!” Cheatham said with a laugh.

Whoever wins will unseat Girl and the Goat’s Stephanie Izard as the reigning champion from Chicago. Izard won Season 4 in 2008. (Chicago chef Rick Bayless won the first season of “Top Chef Masters” in 2009.)

Cheatham would be the first black female contestant to win “Top Chef.” She or Flamm would be the first “Top Chef” winner from the South Side.

“South Side doesn’t get a lot of positive (publicity) all the time, but there’s some beautiful parts of the South Side and amazing things there, and I think that I’m so glad that Joe Flamm and I are able to show what is possible to come out of the South Side,” Cheatham said.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 8): Your educational journey flourishes this year. Visit friends and strengthen bonds. The funding arises unexpectedly. Fall in love again this summer and rest before the tempo picks up and energy rises. Winter brings team victories and family gatherings. Savor the sweetness.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Avoid traffic or roadblocks. Slow down for emotional curves. Take time to process recent events and changes. Dip into a sidewalk cafe or roadside attraction.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Teamwork with your partner makes a difference to your shared finances. Your collaboration directly affects your bottom line. Support each other and share resources.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Listen to your partner generously. Invest time and effort in your shared goals. Postpone travel or nebulous pursuits. Stick to solid, attainable objectives.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Your work and physical actions seem energized with high-profit potential. Arrange connections ahead of time. Study a secret system. Small changes reap a large reward.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Consider all possibilities that include fun. Avoid impractical or expensive options. The next two days favor love, romance and passion.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Home comforts draw you in. Beautify your surroundings. You can find what you need. Evaluate quality and value. Use creativity and imagination.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Follow through on what you said. Resolution and solutions arise in conversation. Communications reveal unconsidered opportunities. Friends help you make a connection.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Watch the budget. An idea that seems profitable may cost more than it makes. Do the numbers before committing. Avoid controversy or risky business.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. When you're hot, you're hot. Relax and enjoy it. Invest in work you love. Make changes as necessary. Stick to a practical path.

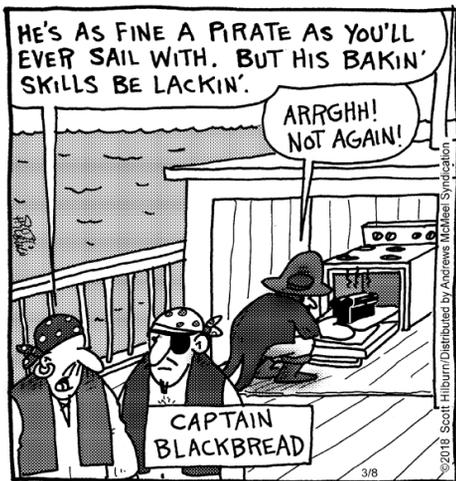
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 6. Envision and plan for an inspiring future. Schedule actions for later. Find a quiet space for private meditation. A lovely moment enchants you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Community connections make a difference. Share news, resources and tricks. Inspire others by your example. Let your imagination be your guide.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Crazy dreams seem possible. A career prize lies within sight. Prepare for inspection, and polish your presentation. Dress for success and smile for the camera.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, East deals

North		East	
♠ A J 8 4	♥ A 7 5	♠ Q 2	♥ 10 2
♦ J	♣ A K 7 6 4	♦ A K 10 8 7 4 3 2	♣ 8
West		South	
♠ K 10 9 7 6 5	♥ J	♠ 3	♥ K Q 9 8 6 4 3
♦ 9 5	♣ Q 10 9 2	♦ Q 6	♥ J 5 3

This is another deal from the ladies match between teams from England and Austria some years ago. South was the late Michelle Brunner, playing for England. Brunner's four-heart bid did not include robust values, but we don't think we could find an expert who would disagree with the bid. North's blast to slam is completely reasonable.

The bidding:
 East 4♦ South 4♥ West Pass North 6♥

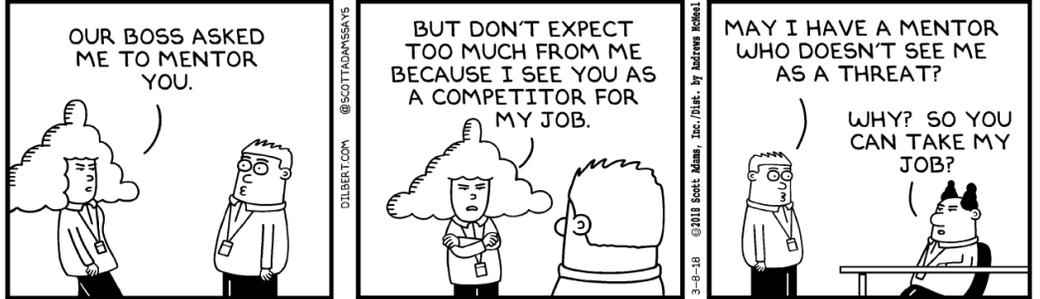
All pass
 Opening lead: Nine of ♦

table. She cashed the ace of hearts, drawing the last trump, and then cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. She crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs and ruffed another spade. The hand was now an open book. East had started with two spades, two hearts, and seven or eight diamonds. She could have no more than two clubs. Brunner started running her trumps knowing West would not be able to defend the position.

When she cashed her last trump, she still had the jack-five of clubs remaining in her hand, dummy had the jack of spades and the king-seven of clubs, and West the king of spades and the queen-10 of clubs. West was helpless. She chose to discard the 10 of clubs, so Brunner shed dummy's jack of spades and claimed the last two tricks with dummy's clubs. Well bid, well played!

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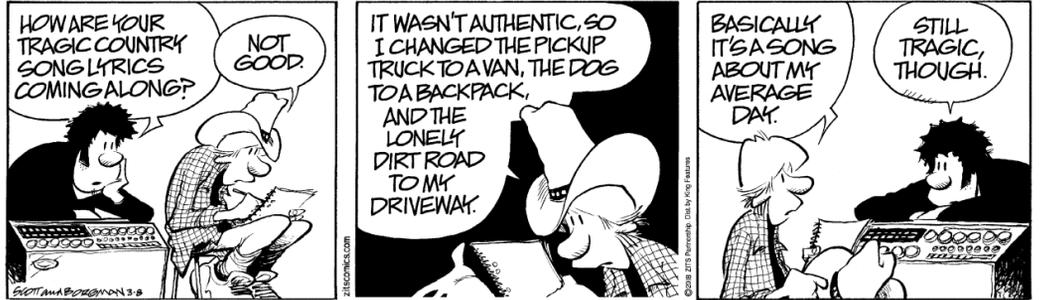
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TIP
of the
DAY

Paint wall tile: For an inexpensive makeover of ugly plastic and ceramic tile, pick up some paint. The paint won't last forever, especially in a tub or shower enclosure, but it will provide a fresh look.

Preparing the tile for paint is the key to a successful makeover. You'll need to clean and then prime tiles with an adhesion-promoting primer. Use a 50/50 solution of household ammonia and water to clean tiles, and then let them dry. Apply primer, and let dry for a few days, then apply two coats of alkyd-based (oil) paint, which creates a durable and washable surface.

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These gadgets can help get your dirty dog clean

By **KIM COOK**
Associated Press

Those of us with outdoor-loving pets know the downside to all that freewheeling frolic: muddy paws, tangled fur and often much worse.

Animal behavior experts have theories on why some dogs roll in noxious odors. Some researchers posit that getting one's neck into a smell is an instinctive way to bring info about potential food back to the pack. Others think that rolling in rankness may simply be a dog's version of teenagers dousing themselves with body spray.

"Perfume or aftershave is used not just to make us more attractive to others, but because we like the smell too," says Patricia McConnell, animal behaviorist and author of "The Other End of the Leash" (Ballantine, 2002).

Alexandra Horowitz, in her book "Being a Dog: Following the Dog Into a World of Smell" (Scribner, 2016), points to a scent-oriented olfactory lobe in dogs' brains that lights up when potent smells are nearby. Dogs, she suggests, don't really differentiate between "good" or "bad" odors. To them, every smell — even rotten squirrel — is just more information.

Luckily, whether you're dealing with sand, mud or something more, there's a lot of good gear on the market to help you get Fido clean and fresh-smelling.

If wrangling your pet into the bathtub is nigh on impossible, consider Bissell's BarkBath portable system (www.bissell.com).



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Bissell's BarkBath portable system uses less water than a bath and might be good for pets who are bath-averse.

Sort of a wet vac for dogs, the kit comes with a low-suds shampoo. Fill the reservoir with whatever temperature water your pet prefers, and then use the handheld wand to alternately squirt on the water/shampoo mixture and to vacuum up water and residue. One touted feature: Whereas in a traditional tub you'd use about 19 gallons of water to bathe a Labrador-size dog, with the BarkBath you'll use only 40 ounces.

It can also be used just as a vacuum to remove moisture if you're dealing with a soggy but not sludgy pet.

McConnell advises easing balky bathers in slowly. Start by lining the tub with treats and adding some to the inside of the tub. Turn the water on gently and reward your pet with a treat. Work your way up to the washing hose using the treats, and be patient. You may need several sessions before a fearful dog is comfortable with the bathing experience.

Don't use human shampoo on dogs; the pH level is much higher and too acidic for dogs' skin.

Just need to wash paws? Consider the Paw Boss (www.pawboss.com): a low-profile water

tray equipped with nubby pads in a wash cup, into which you dip paws. City dwellers might appreciate being able to quickly rinse the street grit off their canines' feet. Bonus feature: vinyl skins for the unit, so you can customize to suit your decor. Options include faux wood, pop-art geometrics, bubbles and metallics.

Simpler still is Pet Product Innovations' PawPlunger, a rugged mug with a handle and a soft membrane over the mouth, where you dip the paws (www.pawplunger.com). It comes with a lid so you can tote the mug on a walk and rinse off salt or dirt.

If you're nowhere near water and need a quick cleanup, consider a gentle wet wipe like CleanWell's wipes (www.cleanwelltoday.com), which are steeped in thyme oil. Babyganics is another brand made with plant-based ingredients, and no artificial fragrances or dyes (www.babyganics.com).

To deal with tangles and simple hair mats, consider using any inexpensive yet sturdy wide-toothed comb; gently work your way from the back to the head, combing in the direction of the fur.

The FURminator tool, which gets under the top coat to remove loose hair, comes in both a long- and short-hair version (www.furminator.com).

For short curly coats, consider Conair's Top Paw pin bristle brush, with boar bristles on one side and synthetic ones on the other (www.petsmart.com).

FINDS

Be smart with valuables

By **GREGG ELLMAN**
Tribune News Service

Smart home features, while neat, are nothing new. A smart safe is an inventive turn of the screw. The new iKey Bolt smart safe keeps valuables locked up and controlled from anywhere.

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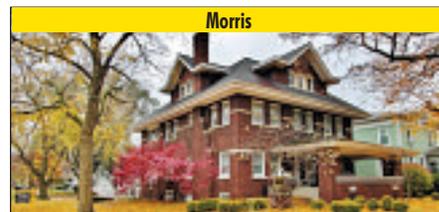
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It's new, but it's not

Decades-old Puget Sound home gets a big, modern remodel

BY SANDY DENEAU
DUNHAM

The Seattle Times

These crazy days, potential buyers hurtle through all sorts of unheard-of hoops to land a home of their own. But even 30 years ago, after professing their interest in a tiny little cabin on a remote Pierce County peninsula in Washington, Jim and Carolyn Milgard faced a rather unusual presale inquisition. Of their children.

The peninsula, a spectacular point of tremendously promising property, had been owned by one homesteading family — the Allens — since Washington's time as a territory, Carolyn Milgard says. They were not going to turn it over to just anyone.

"We met Mrs. Allen at a little Gig Harbor real estate company," Carolyn Milgard says. "She wanted to interview Jimmer (Jim Jr.) and Allison. She said, 'When you're walking on the beach, what do you like to find?' They said, 'Oysters and clams. We pick the oysters up and put them back the way we found them.'"

Turns out, that was not only the right answer, but also exactly the right metaphor for the Milgards' perfectly situated home (designed by illustrious architect George Suyama in the 1980s), and its recent remodel.

"It's respectful of the landscape," says architect Chris Haddad, of Suyama Peterson Deguchi, who led the three-phase modernization project. "George has always had this goal: The places don't need to call attention to themselves.

They're just comfortable with what they are. Here, the southwest exposure is the most critical part of the house siting. Our general office philosophy is to use architecture to experience the site. It's set up with two axes, and allowed to engage with the property."

The Milgards' 7,000-plus-square-foot, Northwest contemporary home always has embraced its dramatic Puget Sound waterfront (and the resulting weather) to the point of seamless assimilation, through sweeping overhangs and rich, natural materials, but the "contemporary" part, all agreed, needed a little attention.

"Over the years, there were things that needed to be cleaner," Haddad says. "We remodeled the two kids' rooms. Since they're not here anymore, we reconfigured them more like a suite. We remodeled the kitchen and the master suite, bathroom and dressing room.

"Everything was neutralized and simplified. The fir trim had naturally gone orange; all the wood was stripped and restained. We refinished the floors. New paint. We also quieted the house down, to calm, quiet space. The interior is cleaned up and crisper."

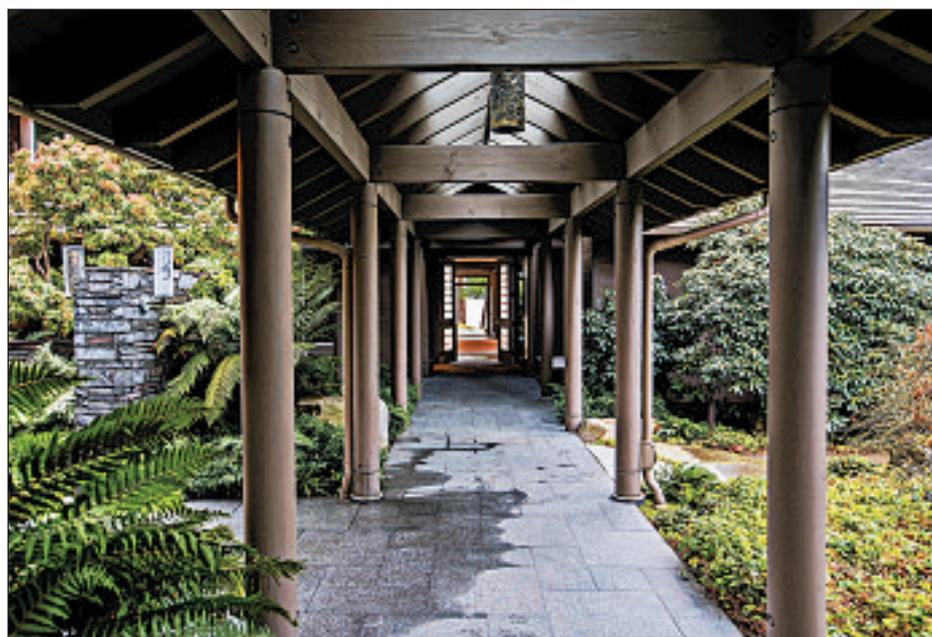
With custom-designed pieces by Doug Rasar Interior Design, Carolyn Milgard says, "All the furnishings are new in the whole house. Every room has its own personality." And, Haddad adds, "its own connection to the landscape and point of view."

In the "completely reconfigured and opened-up" kitchen, Haddad says, the new black-granite island



MIKE SIEGEL/THE SEATTLE TIMES PHOTOS

Modifications convey the essence of the original house design, according to architect Chris Haddad.



A breezeway separates the house from the garage. The front entry is aligned with the end of the living room, and a water view beyond.

with an organic brush finish serves as "almost a piece of art, a link between architecture and furnishings" — and as an important anchor. "The grid of structure is what we always start with. When we remodeled, the island centers

on the beams and gives an order."

Down a couple of gentle stairs, 30-year-old fir columns rise to shoulder exposed beams in the subdued yet magnificent living room, itself a peninsula of sparkling glass overlooking

a horizon of saltwater, and a brilliantly integrated pool.

"I think this is one of the most incredible rooms," Carolyn Milgard says. "I love it when you're down here and look up."

In the family room, new steel shelves, a steel box for

"Our general office philosophy is to use architecture to experience the site."

— Chris Haddad

the big-screen TV and redesigned fireplace doors "add a layer of detailing," Haddad says, while new casework surrounds a giant, glowing aquarium along a wall of refinished and refined storage space.

It's new, but it's not. It's a legacy house, and property, modified and modernized for a new family (big-picture, historically speaking) and its future.

"People can't believe it's 30 years old," Carolyn says. "When you have something like this, people are just kind of overwhelmed. It's a special place. There is not a day I'm not grateful here."

Moth orchids prefer a warm environment of 70 to 80 degrees during the day and 62 to 65 degrees at night, which is similar to the range in many homes during the winter. They require moderate light to grow well; the best light is indirect light.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Moth orchid one of easier varieties to grow indoors

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I was inspired to try growing orchids after visiting the Chicago Botanic Garden's Orchid Show. Could you please provide some advice on an easy orchid that I could try growing?

— Calli Jensen, Woodstock

Moth orchids (*Phalaenopsis*) are some of the easiest to care for in a home, so these are good to start with. They can bloom two to three times per year, with flowers that can last for two to six months, once they have reached a mature size.

Many *Phalaenopsis* orchids are sold potted in sphagnum moss that tends to be tightly packed around the roots to help hold moisture during shipping. The tightly packed moss tends to retain too much moisture; a newly purchased orchid can benefit from repotting. For a healthy orchid that will rebloom, you need a strong root system.

Purchase a fresh, high-quality orchid bark mix that allows the roots to breathe, since orchids are epiphytes, or air plants. The best time to repot moth orchids is right after they have finished flowering, but it is OK to repot

most any time. Under normal growing conditions, the moth orchid will enter a dormancy period of six to nine months after flowering. The potting medium will break down over the course of about a year, so repot the orchid with fresh medium as needed.

Moth orchids prefer a warm environment of 70 to 80 degrees during the day and 62 to 65 degrees at night, which is similar to the range in many homes during the winter. *Phalaenopsis* require moderate light to grow well; the best light is indirect light. Light can be bright, but avoid direct sunlight to prevent burning the leaves. East- and north-facing windows should work well.

Water your moth orchid early in the morning, once every four to seven days, with rain or distilled water as the mix approaches dryness. It is best not to use water softened by a water softener. The orchid should never stand in water, nor should it dry out completely. Feed the moth orchid with a diluted, water-soluble fertilizer each time you water during the growing season. In the winter months, use a diluted fertilizer every third watering.

Since you are just starting out, consider the following general course of

action for maximum flower production. The flowering spike on most moth orchids will turn brown after the spike has finished flowering; the spike should then be pruned out. Pruning at this point allows young plants to mature more quickly and for the next set of flowers to be more spectacular. A moth orchid grown in a consistently warm home environment may need a short period of cold nights in fall to set a bloom spike.

The spike may not die all the way down; you can cut back the spike above a node on the stem and allow it to rebloom as a branch off the flowering spike. This will result in more blooms sooner but take energy from the plant, which generally results in smaller blooms.

Some *Phalaenopsis* are best managed this way, as they will bear a few blooms at the end of a spike and continue to bloom sequentially on the same spike for a long time. Observe the plant and experiment with different techniques. Primarily, gardeners cut spikes when they have become too big and unruly.

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HOME REMEDIES

In market for windows? Get to know performance ratings

BY MEGAN LINHOFF
Angie's List

If you're in the market for new home windows, you're probably hearing a lot about window performance. And if you're not well-versed in window technologies, you may be wondering just what that means.

In a nutshell, performance ratings measure a window's energy efficiency. They tell you how well a certain window will regulate the flow of heat, light and air entering and escaping your home.

To understand window performance, you should look for two important labels: the Energy Star label and the NFRC certification label. The Energy Star label proves that a window has been independently certified and verified to perform at levels that meet or exceed energy-efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Energy Star climate zone map will help you choose windows specifically suited to perform in the type of climate in which you live.

The NFRC certification label verifies conformance with standards set by the National Fenestration Rating Council, a nonprofit organization that independently assesses and issues ratings for window products. NFRC ratings provide detailed information regarding a window's critical performance factors, expressed in four values:

U-factor: A U-factor, which ranges from 0.20 and 1.20, tells you how well a window will keep heat from escaping the inside of a room. The lower the number, the better the heat retention. A window with a U-factor of 0.15, for exam-



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High-performing windows will increase your home's energy efficiency, resulting in improved comfort and reduced heating and cooling costs.

ple, offers better insulating properties than a window with a U-factor of 0.30.

Solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC): The solar heat gain coefficient, which ranges from 0 to 1, measures how well a window can resist unwanted solar heat gain (i.e., heat generated from sunlight coming into the window). The lower the number, the less you'll spend on cooling in warmer temperatures. A window with an SHGC of 0.35, for example, will allow more heat to pass through the window than a product with an SHGC of 0.27.

Visible transmittance (VT): Visible transmittance, which ranges from 0 to 1, measures how well a window will light your home with daylight. The higher the number, the more light is transmitted. So a window with VT rating of 0.50 will allow less light into your home than a window with a VT rating of 0.75.

Air leakage: The air leakage rating, which ranges from 0.1 to 0.3, indicates how much air may be allowed through cracks in the window assembly. The lower the air leakage rat-

ing, the less air will pass through the cracks.

Condensation: You may also see a condensation rating on the NFRC label. This rating, which ranges from 0 to 100, is optional for manufacturers to include. The higher this number, the better the window resists condensation.

Additional considerations: Alone or combined, certain window technologies can lower U-factor or SHGC values to increase energy efficiency. Low-emissivity (Low-E) glass coatings reduce both the amount of heat and the amount of UV radiation that are allowed to pass through the window glass, for example. And double- or triple-pane configurations contain a layer (or layers) of air or inert gas that is sealed between the inner and outer panes to insulate the window and slow the passage of heat.

Ultimately, high-performing windows offer a number of benefits, including reduced energy costs and fabric fading, increased natural light, and improved insulation and comfort throughout your home.

Building a home? Do your due diligence

Don't just assume contractor aims for highest standards

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

I discovered years ago that readers like stories and hate to be lectured. Stories can be fun and intriguing. Lectures tend to make your brain hurt. I've got a story for you that I think you'll really enjoy. It's been unfolding over the past eight weeks with a visitor who stumbled onto Askthe-Builder.com.

This story is about hope. Hope is an emotion you experience when you wish for things you can't control. For example, you hope you'll get rescued from a deserted island. You hope the weather will be nice for your vacation.

But you should never ever hope that everything in your new home is going to be done the best possible way or to the highest level you can afford. Some upgrades cost very little extra money but pay huge dividends down the road. One of these is cast-iron drain pipe.

The visitor who showed up at my website is building a new home in New Jersey. Like thousands and thousands of others who build new homes each year, he undoubtedly thought he had done his homework and hired a knowledgeable builder who'd do every aspect of the job the right way.

That's where the trouble begins. What's the right way? Often you'll hear builders or others say something's built to "code" or that everything in the house passes all the building inspections.

The building code is a set of minimum standards. If your



TIM CARTER PHOTO

The owner of this house under construction wanted noise-free pipes, but got PVC instead. PVC is less expensive, but cast-iron drain pipe is quieter.

home passes all the inspections, it's like getting a 70 percent on a test. You just passed by the skin of your teeth. You can always build something to a much higher standard than the building code mandates.

The man building the home in New Jersey asked me a fairly complex question. I developed a phone consulting product a long time ago for these situations where back-and-forth questions and answers are required to offer the best advice.

His first questions were about the strength of the concrete being used in the footings, foundation walls and basement slab. I gave him all the answers and told him

that they were in past columns on my website he could read for free.

A week later the homeowner wanted to discuss gaps in the plywood wall sheathing that covered the exterior walls. Then a week later he wanted to talk about how the walls were joined together.

Every week a new set of questions came up about whatever work had just been installed. Most recently, he sent me photos of the PVC plumbing drain pipes that had been installed. After reading a past column on my website, he became very concerned that he was going to hear lots of rushing water in the pipes.

I've been a master plumber

since age 29, and I can tell you that PVC is a great piping material because it doesn't rust or develop cracks.

But its shortcoming is that it's very noisy. When water rushes out of a toilet and cascades down a vertical drain stack in a wall, you'd think you're living under Niagara Falls. This rushing-water noise is horrible, and it's preventable.

This homeowner didn't want to hear any noise and asked me how to stop it. I told him the pipes can be covered with a foam sleeve, sound-deadening fiberglass batts could be placed in the wall, and ceiling cavities and sound-deadening board could be nailed to the wall studs and ceiling joists before

the drywall was installed.

Or he could remove as many of the larger-diameter 3-inch drains as possible and replace them with no-hub cast-iron pipe. This is what should have been installed in the first place. It's very expensive to try to correct the problem, but not so expensive to install noise-proof cast iron.

One wonders why many builders don't mimic car manufacturers. Builders are keenly aware of the different model levels of pickup trucks today. You can buy a basic pickup truck or one that's got every option and the plush interior you could ever imagine. Of course, you pay more for the better things, but if the buyer wants it, then sell it.

This homeowner hoped that the builder would automatically build the home to the highest standards. Unfortunately, that's not how it works. It's up to you to determine what the best is. You need to do your due diligence. You need to do the research and find out how to avoid all the pesky problems that await you a month after you move into your new home.

Fortunately, I was able to give this homeowner a few tips about his electric system, as the wiring had not been installed. I told him that he should consider installing nothing less than 12-gauge wire in all normal house circuits. This wire only costs about \$25 more per 250 feet. The cost of the circuit breaker for this wire is the same as for thinner 14-gauge wire.

The advantage to using 12-gauge wire is that it's rated for 20 amps instead of 15. There are lots of reasons you'll appreciate this extra capacity on a circuit. I also told him to make sure there's plenty of exterior outlets in strategic locations for holiday lighting. All of these should be controlled with indoor switches.

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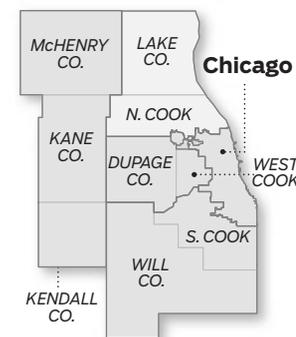
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Lake and North Cook housing prices

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COMMUNITY AREA	Aug 2016 - Oct 2016		Aug 2017 - Oct 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Antioch	113	\$188,000	131	\$210,000
Bannockburn	4	\$862,500	2	\$711,750
Barrington*	41	\$470,000	48	\$430,500
Barrington Hills*	1	\$525,000	0	\$0
Beach Park	52	\$143,000	78	\$164,500
Buffalo Grove*	157	\$355,000	151	\$358,000
Deer Park	8	\$400,000	18	\$490,000
Deerfield	109	\$422,500	83	\$400,000
Fox Lake	62	\$142,000	50	\$145,750
Gages Lake	2	\$180,324	2	\$335,000
Grayslake	146	\$186,250	175	\$210,000
Green Oaks	0	\$0	1	\$525,000
Gurnee	171	\$215,000	167	\$258,000
Hainesville	27	\$125,000	33	\$156,000
Hawthorn Wds	57	\$512,000	49	\$505,000
Highland Park	127	\$495,000	120	\$480,000
Highwood	11	\$299,000	11	\$476,000
Indian Creek	4	\$392,500	2	\$375,000
Ingleside	48	\$151,000	47	\$190,000
Island Lake*	26	\$164,000	16	\$153,000
Ivanhoe	0	\$0	0	\$0
Kildeer	19	\$625,000	19	\$680,000
Lake Barrington	49	\$262,500	48	\$286,250
Lake Bluff	45	\$383,000	52	\$486,500
Lake Forest	80	\$755,000	105	\$752,500
Lake Villa	84	\$230,000	101	\$225,000
Lake Zurich	112	\$307,250	98	\$292,000
Lakemoor*	9	\$207,000	15	\$181,500
Libertyville	138	\$405,000	126	\$440,000
Lincolnshire	34	\$443,500	40	\$442,500
Lindenhurst	71	\$200,000	77	\$192,500
Long Grove	33	\$595,000	30	\$629,000
Mettawa	0	\$0	1	\$550,000
Mundelein	164	\$206,250	145	\$222,500
North Barrington	18	\$453,500	12	\$625,000
North Chicago	14	\$86,500	13	\$105,000
Old Mill Creek	1	\$116,500	1	\$510,000
Palatine*	2	\$424,500	0	\$0
Park City	3	\$165,000	4	\$137,500
Prairie View	2	\$490,625	2	\$221,250
Riverwoods	24	\$606,500	17	\$655,000
Round Lake	109	\$161,600	117	\$163,000
Rd Lake Beach	104	\$131,000	116	\$142,000
Rd Lake Hts.	6	\$142,500	11	\$136,000
Rd Lake Park	16	\$132,950	9	\$145,000
Russell	0	\$0	0	\$0
Third Lake	5	\$225,000	7	\$263,000
Tower Lakes	7	\$480,000	6	\$430,000
Vernon Hills	155	\$320,000	144	\$330,000
Volo	73	\$209,500	40	\$203,500
Wadsworth	39	\$259,900	35	\$260,000
Wauconda	68	\$179,500	80	\$225,000
Waukegan	167	\$128,500	163	\$131,000
Winthrop Harbor	32	\$177,450	22	\$171,000
Zion	58	\$128,000	82	\$140,000

COMMUNITY AREA	Aug 2016 - Oct 2016		Aug 2017 - Oct 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Arlington Hts.	452	\$316,750	443	\$320,000
Barrington*	64	\$440,250	54	\$502,500
Barrington Hills*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Buffalo Grove*	115	\$185,000	96	\$217,000
Des Plaines	426	\$200,000	378	\$230,500
Elgin*	146	\$165,000	111	\$175,000
Elk Grove Village	206	\$225,000	165	\$235,000
Evanston	389	\$315,000	321	\$340,000
Glencoe	58	\$916,000	36	\$880,000
Glenview	319	\$470,000	286	\$439,250
Golf	4	\$761,000	1	\$812,500
Hanover Park*	84	\$183,500	68	\$195,500
Harwood Hts.	36	\$245,000	30	\$249,000
Hoffman Estates	267	\$245,000	225	\$250,000
Inverness	41	\$540,000	33	\$560,000
Kenilworth	12	\$1,360,000	10	\$1,437,000
Lincolnwood	64	\$384,500	55	\$365,000
Morton Grove	129	\$275,000	153	\$313,000
Mt. Prospect	246	\$287,500	219	\$277,000
Niles	157	\$255,000	127	\$273,000
Norridge	75	\$272,500	75	\$297,000
Northbrook	256	\$421,750	269	\$460,000
Northfield	35	\$445,000	44	\$572,500
Palatine*	436	\$244,000	410	\$258,250
Park Ridge	230	\$385,750	200	\$421,000
Prospect Hts.	82	\$242,500	69	\$225,000
Rolling Meadows	131	\$222,000	111	\$208,500
Roselle*	34	\$191,500	16	\$203,750
Rosemont	9	\$375,000	5	\$160,000
Schaumburg	385	\$185,000	426	\$190,000
Schiller Park	45	\$190,000	36	\$187,500
Skokie	298	\$278,250	237	\$285,000
S. Barrington	29	\$713,000	31	\$785,000
Streamwood	245	\$172,000	210	\$190,000
Wheeling	173	\$182,500	169	\$185,000
Wilmette	155	\$625,000	135	\$579,000
Winnetka	93	\$1,233,000	72	\$1,080,500



NEXT WEEK: South Cook and Will

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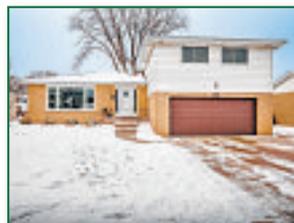
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 - Near Prairie Path
 - Great Schools



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- Perfected MacDougall Split
 - Custom Kit/Ref. HWD Floors
 - 3BD/2BA FR & Rec Room
 - Finished Sub - Move Right In



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- Adorable Farmhouse 3BD/2BA
 - 6 Blocks to Town & Train
 - New Garage, Drive, Fence & HWW
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- Build Your Dream Home
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 - Walk to Vis, Bryan, Shopping
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- LaGrange Park \$349,900**
- 4BD/3BA w/Open Floor Plan
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			5/1 ARM	3.000	0.000	\$999	20%	3.831		
			7/1 ARM	3.500	0.000	\$999	20%	3.937		
			30 yr jumbo	4.375	0.000	\$999	20%	4.417		
			5/1 jumbo ARM	3.000	0.000	\$999	20%	4.086		

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

So many choices

New home designers help make selection process effortless

One of the many benefits of buying new construction is the ability to personalize your new home.

From cabinets, to flooring, to light fixtures, to siding, roofing and more the opportunity to create your custom living experience is seemingly endless and at-first-glance overwhelming.

That's why many new home builders, such as Geneva-based Shodeen Homes and national builder, Toll Brothers, create lavish Design Centers showcasing materials and vignettes that illustrate what's available and employ professional designers to help put it all together.

"The selection process can be an overwhelming experience but we take the process in small steps and make it fun and exciting," says Diane Durpetti, Design Center manager for Shodeen Homes. "Buyers often bring pictures of what they would like their dream kitchen or bath to

mimic and we work to make that happen. It's our job to help them coordinate finishes to complement each room of the home and be mindful of each individual's budget when doing so."

Shodeen Homes, celebrating 57 years in home building, offers row homes, single-family homes and custom residences in Elburn, Geneva, Campton Hills, Sycamore and Maple Park as well as in Wisconsin. The company is nearing completion on an impressive new Design Center at its Elburn Station community, which will showcase several kitchen and bath vignettes as well as feature hundreds of items available to buyers.

"With today's open floor plans, it's essential to focus on continuity in color, patterns and materials," Durpetti says. "That is where a professional designer comes in handy. While we break our selection meetings into small, easily manageable and not overly time consuming sessions, we, as



The Toll Brothers Design Center is South Barrington. Toll Brothers' buyers are invited to a "Wine and Design" event at the center to examine building choices.

designers, make sure that everything flows together and make recommendations on what may be a more synergistic option."

Toll Brothers' buyers are invited to a "Wine and Design" event multiple times throughout the year at the company's 2,000-square-foot Design Center, 2 Acadia Drive, in South Barrington.

"Every buyer comes to the selection process a bit nervous and apprehensive," says Danielle Slutzky, Design Studio consultant for Toll Brothers. "The Wine and Design event is a chance to touch and feel the products, get ideas and ask questions while enjoying a glass of wine and some hors d'oeuvres. It eases buyers into the process and gets them excited. Instead of looking at it as a daunting task they leave excited with the possibilities of creating their dream home."

Toll Brothers, an award-winning national homebuilder in 49 markets and 20 states, is currently building homes in Barrington, Batavia and Elgin in Illinois. Ranch and two-story single-family homes, townhomes, luxury custom residences and active adult homes are all offered.

"We also offer a several design tools on our website," Slutzky says. "There is a floor plan tool, which, depending on the plan you've chosen, can show more than 500 structural modifications that may be added such as a sunrooms or in-law suite. There is also a kitchen and bath gallery tool

"The selection process can be an overwhelming experience but we take the process in small steps and make it fun and exciting."

— Diane Durpetti, Design Center manager for Shodeen Homes

where buyers can select cabinets, counters, flooring and more in a variety of styles and colors to see what those combinations would look like."

Both Durpetti and Slutzky agree that certain items are "hot" with today's buyers. White kitchen cabinets, quartz countertops, subway tile backsplashes, distressed wide-plank flooring, marble flooring in baths, retro and vintage light fixtures and gray tones throughout seem to be at the top of everyone's wish list.

For more information about Shodeen Homes, visit shodeenhomes.com or call 630-232-8181. For more information about Toll Brothers, visit tollbrothers.com.

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC

Time-tested new home elements.



West Point Builders Invites You to a **HARD HAT/MUDDY BOOTS TOUR**

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Affordability and new plans bring buyers to Elburn Station

Buyers looking to get the most
for their home buying dollar are
choosing Elburn Station, a Shodeen
Homes' master-planned community
offering three distinct series of ranch
and two-story homes priced from the
\$220s.

According to Anna Harmon, direc-
tor of marketing and public relations for
Shodeen Homes, Elburn Station is appeal-
ing to a cross-section of buyers.

"Our low maintenance Village Homes
have been popular with professional
couples and singles who can own a home
for the same as they've been paying in rent
and utilize the Metra train to be in the city
within an hour," she says. "Our Settlements
and Crossings Series offer traditional
single-family homes from the \$260s.
The ranch plans have been popular with
buyers who want to downsize and enjoy
the convenience of one-level living while
staying close to friends and family while
our two-story homes are attracting young
couples and families who appreciate the
great schools and ability to get more home
for their money."

Located just west of the Randall Road
corridor and east of Route 47, Elburn
Station is a 505-acre community that
will include a variety of homes including
single-family residences, townhomes,
rowhomes, apartments and condominiums
when complete. A decorated model home
is open for touring and special precon-
struction savings that include \$10,000 off
the price of the home, only a \$10,000 down
payment and an additional \$10,000 off
structural changes are being offered.

Elburn Station, a mixed-use develop-
ment planned for development over a
20-year period, is named for its setting sur-
rounding the Elburn Metra train station.

"We have homes under construction in
each series for buyers who have immedi-
ate move-in needs," Harmon says. "Ranch
and two-story open-concept homes are
available and include some of today's most
popular features such as wide-plank wood
flooring, 42-inch white kitchen cabinets
with granite countertops, stainless-steel
appliances, flex rooms, offices with French
doors, master bedroom suites with private
baths and more."

The low maintenance Village Homes
include five floor plans, with a ranch plan



The newly opened Charlotte model is featured.

and four two-story homes, ranging in size
from 1,097 to 2,300 square feet of space,
with two or three bedrooms, one or two
baths, full basements and two or 2.5-car
garages. Optional finished basements are
available.

One of the most popular Village Homes
has been the 2,076-square-foot Charlotte,
which is shown as a decorated model.
Priced from \$282,963, the Charlotte fea-
tures a living room and adjoining din-
ing room, family room open to the island
kitchen and breakfast area, concrete patio
and two-car garage.

The Settlements Series offers ranch and
two-story homes ranging from 1,547 to
2,230 square feet in size with two to four
bedrooms, 1.5 to 2.5 baths, spacious kitch-
ens open to family rooms, private master
bedrooms with private baths and two-car
garages as standard.

Priced at \$324,900, the 2,440-square-
foot, two-story Chesterfield is available
for quick move in and features four
bedrooms, 3.5 baths, wide-plank wood
flooring throughout the first floor, kitchen
with 42-inch upgraded cabinets, granite
countertops and stainless-steel appliances,
spacious family room, formal dining room,
flex room, master bedroom with walk-in
closet and private luxury bath, convenient
second-floor laundry, finished basement
and attached two-car garage.

The largest of the home designs can be
found in the Crossing Series with ranch
and two-story plans ranging from 1,868
to 2,688 square feet in size. These homes
include three to four bedrooms, two or
2.5 baths and attached two-car garages as
standard.

The Elburn Station sales center is lo-
cated west of Randall Road at the corner
of Anderson Road and Elburn Station
Boulevard. The sales center is open 1 to
5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday
through Sunday, and Tuesday and
Wednesday by appointment. Call 630-232-
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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



M/I Homes is celebrating the grand opening of a new decorated townhome model at Brentwood, its community of 61 townhomes.

M/I Homes holds grand opening at Brentwood in Barrington

M/I Homes, one of the most active builders in the Chicago area, announces the unveiling of a new decorated townhome model at Brentwood, its new community of 61 townhomes at South Grove Avenue and Dundee Road, just east of Barrington Road in Barrington.

Prospective buyers are invited to tour the new model at a special celebration from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 8. The event is open to the public and will include complimentary refreshments, live music and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Barrington is one of Chicago's top suburbs and is known for its beautiful homes, so we're incredibly proud to be showcasing our M/I Homes designs here as we bring a terrific new residential offering to the area," says Curt VanHyfte, area president of M/I Homes. "With the opening of this new model, we will be shifting sales into full swing now that buyers can see for themselves the benefits they'll enjoy with a new-construction home at Brentwood — including the latest features and finishes plus the ease of low-maintenance townhome living. And they'll also have access to everything that makes Barrington such a sought-after suburb, from its quaint downtown area and plentiful shopping and dining, to easy access to the Metra line, major transportation arteries and recreational areas."

VanHyfte notes Brentwood also marks the Chicago debut of new Craftsman-inspired exterior elevations for M/I's popular Grant Park series of floor plans. With distinctive elements such as architectural gable details, charming shake siding, prairie-style front and garage doors and color schemes that pair fresh neutrals with oversized white exterior trim, the homes create a classic yet modern streetscape. "Prospective buyers have been raving about these new exteriors, which reflect current design trends, yet are timeless

enough to be a welcome addition to any neighborhood," says VanHyfte.

Base-priced from \$399,990 to \$459,990 and ranging from 1,870 to 2,231 square feet, the four available floor plans at Brentwood are two-story designs with two to three bedrooms, 2 to 2.5 baths, an attached two-car garage and basement with 9-foot ceilings.

"The appealing elevations of these townhomes are just the start," says Cheryl Bonk, vice president of sales and marketing for M/I Homes. "Inside, they highlight just why M/I Homes has earned such an excellent reputation for townhome design. Each floor plan makes smart use of space to pack these homes with features that matter most to today's buyers, from casual, open living areas that flow into well-appointed kitchens, to master suites that offer comfort and privacy, to flex spaces like lofts, dens and basements that open up options for tailoring the home to each buyer's lifestyle."

Featuring the Drake, a 2,098-square-foot plan base-priced from \$459,990, the new model has a master-down design that comes standard with two bedrooms and 2.5 baths; the model showcases the plan's option for a third bedroom in lieu of a second-floor office.

For more information or to RSVP to the March 8 model grand opening event, visit mihomes.com/brentwood or call Nicole Skrocki at 630-326-2060. The event will take place in the new Drake model and sales center at 510 Pershing Court in Barrington.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Hard Hat/Muddy Boots Tour set

West Point Builders will be hosting a "Hard Hat/Muddy Boots Tour" of its new models and townhome models at Ashcroft Place in Oswego from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

The West Point Builders team on hand for the tour will include the builder, construction team and sales team conducting tours explaining the features, models and floor plans offered.

Appointments are required. Call 331-999-3330 to make an appointment.

Part of a master-planned community located at Plainfield and Wooley roads, the new neighborhood and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk, its sister neighborhood, are being developed by widely respected West Point Builders. Presently, grand opening incentives are being offered to add to the numerous attractions of the community. Prices start at \$294,990, and grand opening incentives include \$10,000 in free options, free full basements and no site premiums for homes with pond views.

"Ashcroft Place has been carefully planned to offer the attractive architecture and quality features that buyers



The new Ashwood ranch plan at Ashcroft Place.

are seeking these days," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "Our two-story designs appeal to families, while one-level living in ranch plans is gaining ever wider appeal for active adults and families. Ashcroft Place truly has something for everyone, and offers greater than usual flexibility to add special features for a home that captures the personality and preferences of its owners."

Ashcroft Place is located at Plainfield and Wooley roads in Oswego, and the sales center is located at 193 Dorset Drive. Sales center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 331-999-3330 or visit westpointbuilders.com.



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the rundown



CARLA MINSKY/AP

Hikers in the northern unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest in Wisconsin.

CAMP IT UP» PAGE 6

With the first hints of spring in the air, Chicagoans especially can feel anxious to get outside. What better way to shake off the winter blues than by hitting the road and pitching a tent? We've rounded up some of the best camping locations within a couple hours driving distance of the city. Unplug, unwind and be one with nature.



MICHAEL HICKEY/GETTY

Vincent Edwards of Purdue.

GET MAD» PAGE 8

Selection Sunday is in a couple days, meaning everyone's favorite sports tournament begins next week. We have a list of college sports bars to take in the action, and bracketology tips from Tribune's college hoops writers.

CATCH THE RHYE» PAGE 12

After a few quiet years following their debut album, Rhye is back with their second effort and playing at Thalia Hall tonight. Milosh talks the album.



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Letitia Wright.

SHURI FOREVER» PAGE 16

What do we love most about "Black Panther"? It's hard to choose, but high on the list was Shuri, princess of Wakanda. Letitia Wright, the actress who brought her to life, talks the movie, her career and what's next.

LET'S TALK SIZE» PAGE 22

A reader has a question for Ask Anna about, uh, what size women prefer. There are a lot of ways to answer this one, and the sex columnist tackles them all.



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Gin selections at Scofflaw.

Celebration at Scofflaw

Logan Square's Scofflaw (3201 W. Armitage Ave.) will **celebrate its sixth birthday** this weekend from 11 a.m. 'til close Sunday, so the cocktail bar will break out food and drink specials — what else? You'll find \$6 martinis, negronis and gimlets, plus six of the bar's favorite custom drinks during the last six years. On the food side, bite into a special six-year edition of the bar's guachiposa sandwich. You'll also find Ernie Hines spinning Motown, a charity raffle and a silent auction rounding out the entertainment.

Raise a drink for the ladies

There are a bevy of conference-style empowerment events for International Women's Day on March 8, but online network Ladies Get Paid will offer a middle ground, combining connecting with casual at its **Ladies Get Drinks** meetup from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Ace Hotel (311 N. Morgan St.). It's a free meetup with a cash bar that requires RSVP, meant to be an easy way to connect with this female-centric network and perhaps tap into the resources. RSVP at eventbrite.com.



MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE FILE

Even the socks are Irish during the South Side Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Early holiday parade

Now in its 40th year, the **South Side Irish Parade** is one of the city's most well-known St. Paddy's Day celebrations. The procession actually celebrates the occasion a week before the holiday proper, as it will step off at noon Sunday from 103rd Street and Western Avenue, heading south on Western to 115th Street. Special Olympics Chicago will serve as the Grand Marshal for this year's parade. Alcohol is prohibited. Check the website for parking information and street closures. southsideirishparade.org

Zen among the trees

Garfield Park Conservatory (300 N. Central Park Ave.) and yoga seem like a perfect pair, and thankfully, someone else has already recognized this. The Conservatory hosts **free yoga sessions** every two-week-ish Saturday mornings, and at 9 a.m. Saturday, you can join one. Classes are open to beginning and advanced "yogis," per the listing, and are usually held in Horticulture Hall or outdoors on the Bluestone Terrace. Bring your own mat. \$5 donation suggested. garfieldconservatory.org

All I see is Dolla \$igns

Summer isn't here yet, but **Ty Dolla Sign** can definitely make you think it is. The California crooner has a voice and a sound that's as warm as the weather in his hometown state, because of course he does! While we might be a little jealous of that weather right now, we're also happy to live vicariously through a Dolla Sign show, both because we want to groove, and also because it's all we have right now. \$29.50-\$35. Tickets: houseofblues.com/chicago



Ty Dolla Sign. FRANCINE ORR/LOS ANGELES TIMES

happy hour

Here's where to drink on a budget this week.

THURSDAY

Imperial Lamian (6 W. Hubbard St. 312-595-9440) offers \$5 spring rolls, \$6 lamian noodles, \$3 steamed buns and \$15 Sapporo pitchers from 3 to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Bar Roma (5101 N. Clark St. 773-942-7572) celebrates National Meatball Day by offering half-price chicken, lamb, veal, ground beef and spicy pork belly meatballs in the bar area from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Try 20 wines paired with appetizers for \$25 from 3 to 4 p.m. at **Osteria Via Stato** (620 N. State St. 312-642-8450). Tickets: osteriaviastato.com

SUNDAY

Bites Asian Kitchen (3313 N. Clark St. 773-270-5972) offers \$5 glasses of wine, \$4 glasses of sangria, \$20 sangria pitchers, \$3 sake bombs, \$2 Miller Lite and Miller High Life drafts, \$1 crab chips, and buy one, get one half-off select appetizers from 4 to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

Sheffield's Beer & Wine Garden (3258 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-4989) offers 20 percent off vintage craft beer bottles, \$4 Jameson shots, and a Two Brothers Brewing Company draft and a flatbread for \$12 from 3 to 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

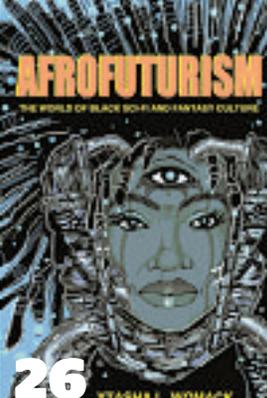
Cocktails, wine and drafts are all \$5 from 3 to 6 p.m. at **The StopAlong** (1812 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-394-4694).

WEDNESDAY

Saint Lou's Assembly (664 W. Lake St. 312-600-0600) offers \$1 oysters from 5 to 7 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	
march 4				 LAURAPARTAIN	MARY GAUTHIER AT OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC 4545 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000 Gauthier performs music from her album "Rifles & Rosary Beads," which features songs written as part of a retreat with wounded veterans and members of the military. 8 p.m. \$26. Tickets: oldtownschool.org	'ANNA KARENINA' AT LIFELINE THEATRE 6912 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-761-4477 Catch the world premiere of Jessica Wright Buha's adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's 1877 novel about a woman living in imperial Russia considering sacrificing everything to be with her lover. 7:30 p.m. \$40. Tickets: lifeline-theatre.com	EVERYONE SHOULD BE A #STEMFEMINIST AT COREPOWER YOGA 1704 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-309-1731 American Woman marks Women's History Month with a yoga class raising money to help female high school students pursue a degree in STEM. 1:30-2:30 p.m. \$20. Tickets: eventbrite.com	
	5	 MOVIED PHRASES THROUGH THE ELEVATED LINE	A SCIENTIST WALKS INTO A BAR AT THE HIDEOUT 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433 A Field Museum scientist shows off 3D images made by taking CT scans of mummies at this monthly talk show, which ends with a Q&A. 6:30 p.m. \$5. Tickets: hideoutchicago.com	7	 JOHN WEINSTEIN	MARCH UPRISING: REVOLUTION AT ETA RESTAURANT + BAR 455 N. Park Drive 312-840-6605 Sip Zephyr golden ale as a starter to a five-course beer dinner, which also includes smoked lamb loin with Galaxy-Hero IPA and more. 6-9 p.m. \$66. Tickets: eventbrite.com	9	 EMILY RAILSBACK
	11	'THROUGH THE ELEVATED LINE' AT SILK ROAD RISING 77 W. Washington St. 312-857-1234 ext. 201 See a preview of Novid Parsi's world premiere drama about a gay man who flees Iran to be with his sister in Chicago, disrupting the life she's built with her American husband. 4 p.m. \$12.50-\$25. Tickets: silkroadrising.org	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	'JUST DANCE LIVE' AT AON GRAND BALLROOM AT NAVY PIER 600 E. Grand Ave. 866-468-3399 The rhythm game goes on tour with an interactive show celebrating the series' characters, costumes, dance moves and music. 3:30 p.m.; doors open at 2 p.m. \$45. Tickets: justdancelive.com	19	MARGOT MCMAHON 		COMIC BOOK CHICAGO: A PANEL DISCUSSION AT CHICAGO LITERARY ALLIANCE 641 W. Lake St. 312-690-4227 A discussion about the evolution of the city's comic book scene with comic book artists and a cultural anthropologist from Institute for Comics Studies. 7-8 p.m. Free.	WALK UP CLASSIC OPENING RECEPTION AT GREAT LAKES TATTOO 1148 W. Grand Ave. 312-870-0458 Get a first look at the designs artists from around the country will be inking over the weekend along with enjoying complementary drinks from Dark Matter Coffee and Virtue Cider. 7-10 p.m. Free.	GOOD FOOD FESTIVAL & MARKETPLACE AT UIC FORUM 725 W. Roosevelt Road 312-874-7360 More than 150 farmers, artisanal food producers and other vendors sell their wares at the 14th annual event, which features tastings and demos. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. RSVP: eventbrite.com
25	'AFROFUTURISM' WITH YTASHA WOMACK AT BUCKET O'BLOOD BOOKS AND RECORDS 3182 N. Elston Ave. 312-890-3860 If watching "Black Panther" left you seeking more black fantasy and sci-fi, head to this BYOB discussion and signing of Womack's book. 4-6 p.m. Free. eventbrite.com	 YTASHA L. WOMACK	27	28	 CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE	'THE GENTLEMAN CALLER' AT RAVEN THEATRE 6157 N. Clark St. 773-338-2177 Catch a preview of Philip Dawkins' drama based on the true story of a 1944 sexual tryst between playwright Tennessee Williams and newspaper critic William Inge. 8 p.m. \$29-\$32. Tickets: raven-theatre.com	CHICAGO WINE FEST AT MOE'S CANTINA 155 W. Kinzie St. 312-245-2000 Sample 35 wines from all over the world paired with a cheese plate. Noon-4 p.m. \$25+. Tickets: eventbrite.com	
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The itch to pitch (a tent)

5 RELAXING CAMPGROUND GETAWAYS OUTSIDE OF CHICAGO

By Adam Lukach | REDEYE

Vacations are about getting away, but, let's be honest: The concept of "getting away" has become increasingly difficult, whether you're tethered to some type of electronic handheld or caught up in the demands of your job, or both.

For those struggling with shutting it down, or just anyone who needs to truly unplug, camping can offer a real reprieve, one where actual physical distance — as well as spotty cell service — helps you get away for real, physically, mentally and otherwise.

To help you get out there, we picked five camping grounds within a four-hour drive of Chicago that have a little something for everyone: biking and hiking trails, swimming, beer-drinking, waterfall chasing and even a taste of life on a farm. Be aware that some places have yet to open for the season, but advance planning and reservations are always a good idea.

Indiana Dunes State Park

1600 N. 25 East, Chesterton, Ind., 219-926-1952, 50 miles

If you're someone who hates the way sand embeds itself in every nook and cranny of your being and/or belongings, then stay away from the Dunes State Park. But you might consider making the sacrifice, as the Dunes are one of the most distinctive camping areas you'll ever encounter, with miles of rolling sand dunes formed over hundreds of years of movement. These sandy hills offer nine miles of beautiful — if also a little grueling — hiking trails that are ripe for cross-country skiing in the winter, while guests can swim on the beach and fish during summers. The views are spectacular in any season — on a clear night, you can see the Chicago skyline across Lake Michigan. Even better, you don't have to drive if you don't want to: The South Shore train will drop you off at the Dune Park stop in Porter, Ind., just a short walk from the park's entrance.

Number/type of campsites: 140 sites, all electric; six designated accessible areas
Alcohol allowed: No



Mount Baldy at the Indiana Dunes State Park. This natural shifting beach formation is 124 feet tall.

CHRISTINE LIVINGSTON

Pets allowed: Yes; leash required at all times

Reservations: Highly recommended, available last weekend in May through first weekend in November.

Kettle Moraine State Forest

North: Forest Headquarters, N1765 County Road G, Campbellsport, Wis., 53010

South: S91W39091, State Road 59, Eagle, Wis., 53119, 120 miles

You'll have a bit of a drive to get to Kettle Moraine State Forest, but the Wisconsin state park makes the trek worth it, with several areas of the park available for camping and other activities. The northern section of the park offers more of a wooded retreats, with denser trees that help create some seclusion for guests. The 30,000-acre section of the park offers three beaches for swimming and a remote backpacking camping area for the very adventurous. Meanwhile, the southern section of the park is more open and wet, including the 500-acre Scuppernong River Habitat Area, which is the largest native wet prairie east of the Mississippi River. The habitat is an amazing chance to observe a diversity of wildlife that you don't exactly see in the Loop.

Both sections of the park feature some of the best trails for mountain biking in all of



The Ice Age Trail traverses Kettle Moraine. Here a segment passes over Holy Hill.

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the Midwest, although they work for horseback riding and skiing as well. Kettle Moraine also allows camping in smaller sections of the park that are landmark specific, with designated areas around Lapham Peak, Loew Lake and Pike Lake.

Number/type of campsites: Three sections at Southern: Pinewoods, 101

sites, none with electricity, open May-October, partial "quiet zone"; Ottawa Lake: 100 sites, 65 with electricity, open year-round, accessible sites available; White-water Lake: 63 sites, none with electricity, open May-October.

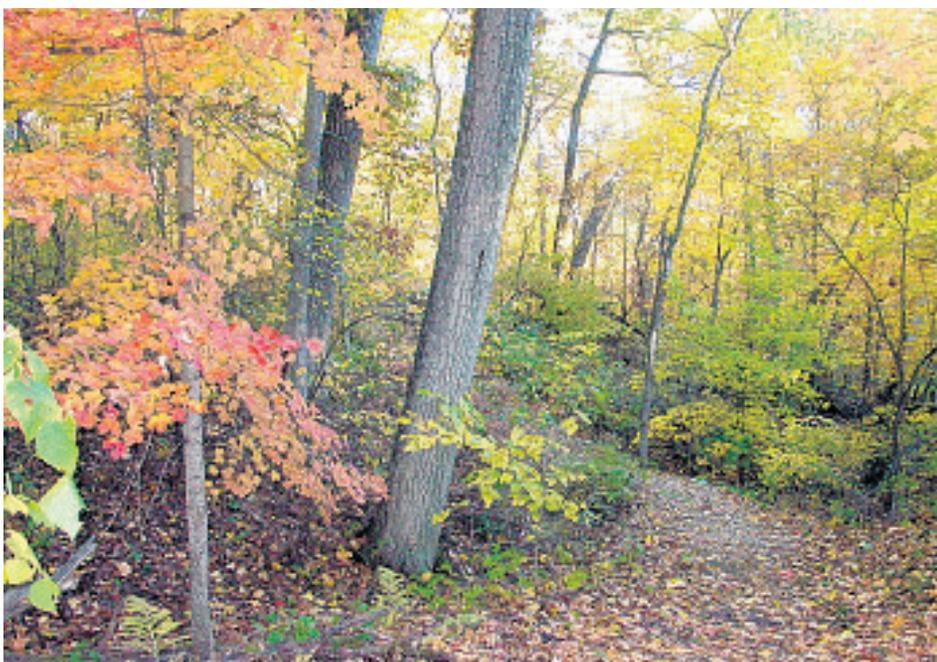
Alcohol allowed: Yes

Pets allowed: Varies by section; check availability



Visitors tour the trails at the French Canyon waterfall at Starved Rock State Park in Utica, Ill.

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New Glarus Woods State Park Dunnell.

NEW GLARUS WOODS STATE PARK

Reservations: Recommended; available May through October

New Glarus Woods State Park W5446 County Highway Nn, New Glarus, Wis., 608-527-2335, 140 miles

When it comes to consumption in state parks, Wisconsin has the right idea. Unlike our home state, this northern neighbor

allows guests to bring alcohol into the park campgrounds and trails — the only restrictions are on glass bottles, which are not allowed on beaches. That permission is perfect for New Glarus Woods State Park, located essentially across the street from New Glarus Brewing Company, one of the most popular breweries in Wisconsin. New Glarus does not distribute out-

side the state, however, so here's your chance to kick back and enjoy some Spotted Cow in the sun. You might be roughing it a little, as the primitive camping sites at New Glarus don't offer a ton of amenities, but, hey, sometimes that can be necessary to really get away. Hunting and hiking are options, including access to the Sugar River State Trail. If you're just looking for a little peace, beer and cheese, you're in the right place.

Number/type of campsites: 32 sites (14 fit RVs), all non-electric

Alcohol allowed: Yes

Pets allowed: Yes

Reservations: Recommended, available early May through autumn seasonal close

Starved Rock State Park

2668 East 873 Road, Oglesby, Ill., 815-667-4906, 100 miles

When TLC imparted their timeless “don't go chasing waterfalls” advisory, they weren't warning against Starved Rock State Park, where the majestic waterfalls make the park one of the state's most popular camping destinations. Starved Rock is open year-round for both campers and hikers, with 13 miles of marked hiking trails through peaks, valleys, waterfalls and canyons to explore. The waterfalls are beautiful in virtually any season, especially when frozen in winter, but other activities include canoeing, kayaking, eagle watching and winter sports, depending on the season. Starved Rock can help you pull off an

in-state retreat that still feels like a getaway,

Number/type of campsites: 133 total campsites; call to reserve the seven handicapped accessible sites

Alcohol allowed: No

Pets allowed: Yes; requires two-night stay in special cabin; leash required at all times

Reservations: Recommended, available year-round except for weekends before and after Thanksgiving

Sleepy Hollow State Park

7835 E. Price Road, Laingsburg, Mich., 800-447-2757, 250 miles

If you don't want to make the trip all the way up to Michigan's upper peninsula to find a scenic outdoor experience, you can instead head eastward, just past Lansing to Sleepy Hollow State Park, for similar sites. The massive park sprawls over 2,600 acres, with Lake Ovid situated in the center, and the Little Maple River winding through it. The park is best for hiking, biking, horseback riding and dog sledding, with nearly 25 total miles of trails for those activities. If not, that's OK too — the two cabin sites at Sleepy Hollow are open and reservable year-round if you're just looking to chill.

Number/type of campsites: 181 total campsites, 2 cabin sites, 1 group site, 3 picnic sites

Alcohol allowed: Yes

Pets allowed: Yes; leash less than six feet required at all times; not allowed in buildings

Reservations: Recommended, available year-round at cabin sites, available March 30 through Oct. 31

HONORABLE MENTION FOR 2019

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A method to the madness

WHERE TO CHEER ON YOUR TEAM IN CHICAGO DURING THE TOURNEY

By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

March Madness is here, Chicago. If you're looking for a place to cheer on your alma mater or catch a game with like-minded fans if your team didn't make the cut, we have you covered. Here's where to eat, drink and be surrounded by fellow fans.

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Bracketology 101

By Teddy Greenstein and Shannon Ryan

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

March Madness is a magical time. It feels like anything can happen, and it's one of those few sporting events that everyone gets into — hell, even your grandma probably fills out a bracket. From filling it out based on mascot preferences to studying stats and game footage, there's a massive range in how seriously people take bracketology. But if you're looking for advice in how to do well in your pool, we asked Tribune's two college hoops reporters to give us their takes.

Tailor your approach: The first question to ask yourself: Is the goal to have fun or actually win?

If it's the first, pick your alma mater to reach the Sweet 16, even if it's a 15 seed. Why? Because if your beloved Wildcats/Tigers/Salukis are like the "Miracle on Ice" U.S. hockey team and pull off two stunners and you didn't pick them, you will feel like a chump.

Also if you're in it just for kicks, let your kids or nieces/nephews get involved. Sure, your entry fee will turn into a donation, but this is how you can get a kid to follow the NCAA tournament and eventually want to blow off school on the first Thursday of March Madness. Quite the public service.

If you're in it to win it, pick a lot of favorites. No. 1 seeds reach the Final Four roughly 40 percent of the time, so figure on selecting at least two to advance to the final weekend. Don't bother picking any teams lower than a 5 seed to reach the Final Four — unless you really want to roll the dice.

And that leads to my final thought: Are you in a pool with 15 people ... or closer to 1,500? If it's 15, don't do anything crazy with your bracket. If you have the winner and two or three of the Final Four teams, you might cash. If you're competing with half of America, you better get creative. Picking the chalk (1 and 2 seeds) won't make you rich unless you also get just about every game right.

Good luck!

—T.G.

Take teams that are hot: After years of researching every team for the Tribune's Selection Sunday package, my advice is don't over think it. The more reasons I have to back up a Cinderella pick, the more they disappoint me and prove me wrong.

But seriously, I think one of the best indicators is how hot a team is heading into the tournament. Body of work matters to the selection committee, but I think a team headed into March Madness on the upswing makes a significant difference. Look at Michigan last year (or Michigan State almost every year) as they peaked at just the right time. Conversely, teams that have some good wins on their resume but have hit a rough patch toward the end of the season have a good chance of disappointing.

I'm not sure what statistical information would say about this, but the selection committee factors it in and so should you when you're filling out your bracket: Road wins. I trust a team that has played well on the road to be able to handle the pressure of the NCAA tournament and some wild environments.

—S.R.

West Loop gets more game

PUNCH BOWL SOCIAL TO FEATURE VR GAMING AND LOCAL BEERS AT NEW FULTON MARKET LOCATION

By Adam Lukach | REDEYE

As if the West Loop wasn't already stacked with things to do, Punch Bowl Social (310 N. Green St.) will open its doors in the Fulton Market District on March 10.

The other PBS is a dining-drinking-gaming concept restaurant with locations nationwide — including one in Schaumburg — and this 30,000 square-foot, two-story location in the West Loop will be its first in the city proper. It will feature a drink menu of mostly local beers and spirits, a menu created by “Top Chef” judge Hugh Acheson, as well as a bevy of gaming options: shuffleboard, Ping-Pong, marbles, '80s arcade games, bowling, virtual reality gaming and skee-ball.

The social gaming element is what essentially sets PBS apart, so let's start there. The option for virtual reality gaming naturally stuck out among the list of options, and, during a phone interview, founder and CEO Robert Thompson shared some details on the logistics for this attraction.

First things first: The VR does not happen in an isolated pod-type situation. Rather, Thompson said the restaurant uses a typical VR headset in a “social parlor concept,” where guests rent out a lounge-style area and share one headset in a group setting, typically four to eight people. “We've found that it's fun to watch your friends go through it and share and go back and forth,” Thompson said.

At any given time, guests will find about 14 games available to play on the headset, ranging from a bow-and-arrow first-person shooter to more kid-friendly options like a snowball fight.

“The characters that you play are kids, but there's still some grown-man anger that comes out during those snowball fights,” Thompson said.

Rather than being developed in-house, Punch Bowl Social's VR tech comes from a third-party company based out of Colorado. Thompson said that decision was fueled by a priority to prevent motion sickness.



Guests playing games at Punch Bowl Social.

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Virtual reality at Punch Bowl Social.

“Not enough people using this technology are taking that into account,” he said. “The last thing you want is to have fun playing the games and then throw up your cookies on floor in front of your friends.”

Meanwhile, back in reality — the menu Acheson designed for PBS will be largely Southern-inspired, with items such as

Southern fried chicken and monkey bread French toast. Rest assured, healthy-eating folks: There will be lighter fare as well, like a grain bowl.

As for the drink menu, Thompson said the tap handles at PBS will feature at least 75-percent local options, both as a way to take a local approach and minimize its carbon footprint by eliminating shipping.

he spirit roster is extensive, with city staples like CH Distillery, FEW Spirits, North Shore Distillery, Jeppson's Malort, Blaum Bros. Distilling Co. and more, as well as brewers including Revolution, Goose Island, Off Color, Finch, Two Brothers and more on the beer side, too.

The dining and drinking will happen on the first floor, a 3,000 square-foot space that Thompson said is “(best described) as a ‘Clockwork Orange,’ kind of nonsensical design theme.” Laid out to resemble a 1970s-style lounge, the design aesthetic has a combination “Victorian meets industrial meets mid-century modern meets mountain lodge” vibe.

The second floor — and remaining 27,000 square feet — will house all the gaming elements, but Thompson said he's excited about the first-floor decor. All PBS locations have a customized main level, and the Chicago design has been particularly ambitious in its scope of influences. Thompson said that's perfect for taking up residence in Chicago's hot-spot West Loop.

“We're excited to come to Fulton Market,” he said. “That's some of the coolest real estate in the country right now.”

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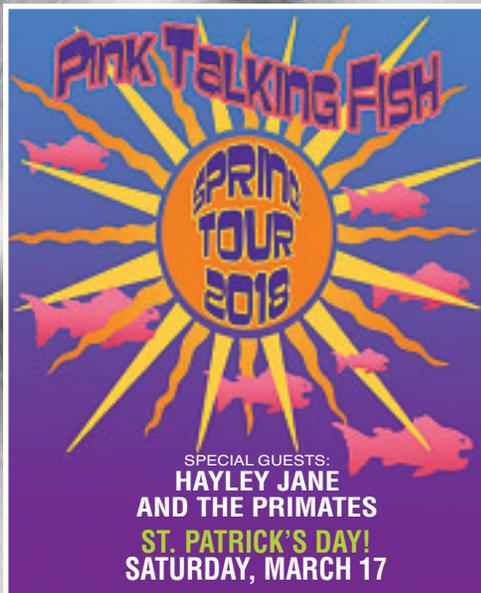


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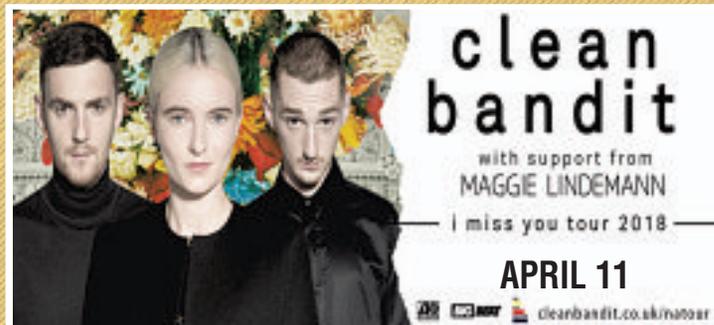
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Rhye's Mike Milosh, a Canadian electronic musician.

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'Fragility central'

WITH RHYE'S NEW 'BLOOD,' MIKE MILOSH IS STEPPING OUT OF THE SHADOWS

By Mikael Wood | LOS ANGELES TIMES

"I'm gonna do this one kind of quiet," Mike Milosh said, standing in a Westside rehearsal studio surrounded by the members of his sophisticated soul-funk band Rhye.

As the musicians eased into the relaxed groove of "Song for You," Milosh murmured breathily about finding the courage to make oneself vulnerable to a lover. Eventually the tune picked up a bit of weight with Claire Courchene's trombone and a beat that drummer Zach Morillo tapped out against his thighs; in response, Milosh sank slowly to his knees, as though he could restrain the music by making himself smaller.

A singer of uncommon delicacy and nuance, Rhye's frontman and mastermind was doing what he could on a recent afternoon to protect his voice ahead of a lengthy tour behind "Blood," the Los Angeles group's stirring new album, which came out in February.

"I don't want to risk straining it," he explained.

In truth, quiet isn't a mere practicality for Milosh — it's an aesthetic position.

Five years ago, the soft, refined sound of Rhye's debut, "Woman," made the act an instant sensation among fans and critics who compared the group to sensual R&B thinkers like Sade and Maxwell. Some of the attention came initially as a result of the mystery that Milosh and his former creative partner, producer Robin Hannibal, cultivated by keeping their faces hidden in photographs; many assumed the high-voiced Milosh was a woman.

Even after the picture cleared, though, Rhye continued to thrive, earning a nomination for the Polaris Music Prize and playing high-profile gigs at Coachella and Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Now the group, minus Hannibal, is back with its long-awaited follow-up.

"Blood" is slightly rougher around the edges than "Woman"; it's less polished and precise, with more air in the arrangements. But the music is still strikingly tender. And in songs like "Please" and

"Song for You," Milosh is still tweaking slow-jam convention by presenting himself as a romantic supplicant — a man eager to be vanquished by love — rather than a sexual conqueror.

"My heart's on the pavement where we're building you and me," he sings with something like ecstasy in "Please."

What's remarkable about the singer's commitment to this style is that the time between albums might easily have coarsened his attitude. Milosh and his wife (to whom he dedicated "Woman") divorced, and he went through a protracted dispute with his old record label. There was also his split from Hannibal, who went on to collaborate with artists such as Wet, Kimbra and L.A.'s Niiia.

"A lot of hard things happened over the last few years," Milosh, 42, said after the rehearsal, curled on a sofa in the studio's dimly lighted control room. "But life is short. Why would you waste time sitting in trauma over something?"

Indeed, though "Blood" opens with a track in which the singer reflects on his divorce — it's called "Waste" — the album soon moves on to explore the promise of new love. And not in a single-and-ready-to-mingle way.

Milosh's depiction of courtship, with its slow development of a shared universe, can feel refreshingly respectful in this age of countless news stories about callous and domineering men.

"Mike really cares about fragility, which there's far too little of in basic ideas of masculinity," said Thomas Bartlett, a songwriter and producer (also known as Doveman) who worked with Milosh on the new record. "It was a little bit of a mission to make that fragility central — to not be embarrassed by it."

Which isn't to say the music is prudish or effete. Milosh writes vividly about the physical sensations of sex, and "Blood's" album cover shows his girlfriend's naked body. Recently, the singer said, an online ad for the record was flagged by Facebook for nudity, which got him thinking about

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Singer Mike Milosh of Rhye.

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how the impulse to objectify is a learned behavior.

“Maybe I have a really naive perspective,” he admitted, “but I just thought it was a beautiful shot that embodied the intimacy of the record.”

Much of that intimacy comes from Milosh’s lyrics and from his vocals, which he records in whispery close-up. But “Blood” also has a sense of musicians playing together in a small room that distinguishes the album from the slicker, more digitally processed “Woman.”

In “Please,” for instance, Milosh proudly noted that you can hear the creak of Bartlett’s piano bench — something he and Hannibal would’ve been careful to remove from one of Rhye’s older songs.

The singer attributed that shift to the nearly 500 concerts Rhye played around the world after its debut came out. The live work, Milosh said, was in part a means of making money in order to buy back an option on Rhye’s second album. (Hannibal never performed onstage with the group, which is one reason he and Milosh drifted apart.)

In the studio this time Milosh was inspired to capture the peculiarities of a given moment: what happened when a certain group of players gathered in a certain place at a certain time. Beyond Bartlett, his collaborators included Nate Mercereau, known for his work with Ke\$ha and Jay-Z, and King Henry, an L.A.-based producer with credits on songs by Beyoncé and Major Lazer; the album also features input from members of Rhye’s live band.

Asked how he might define Rhye — as a group or a project or perhaps a concept — Milosh said he wouldn’t, really.

“I’m not married to any one identity of what it is,” he said, though his singing and lyrical sensibility definitely serve as a through-line.

So, too, does his face at this point. Thinking back to Rhye’s early days, Milosh insisted he wasn’t trying to be enigmatic. He’d had his feelings hurt when someone made fun of his nose in an online comment, so he decided not to put himself in the act’s photos.

But those five years of shows got him comfortable enough with being looked at that he appears in the music video for “Please.”

And at a moment when the influence of Rhye’s crafty yet tranquil sound can be detected in mainstream pop — listen to Calvin Harris’ “Slide” or “Ruin the Friendship” by Demi Lovato — Milosh says he’d be open to teaming with an established star if the right person were interested in trying out his style.

Especially if it helped fund his big dream, which is to buy a farm in Canada, where he grew up, and build his own secluded recording studio, far from the distractions and the noise of L.A. and New York.

“People could fly in for a month,” he said, “and just cook and hang out and go on wilderness hikes.”

And enjoy the limitless quiet.

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Stir-fried and briefly deep-fried, typhoon lobster is redolent of garlic, aromatic chiles and fish flakes.



Sautéed shrimp and eggs is a classic Hong Kong dish of slightly crispy shrimp in eggs the texture of custard..

At Jade Court, let staff guide you to gems

By Phil Vettel | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

I'm not prepared to say that Jade Court is the best Chinese restaurant in Chicago, not after the monthlong dive into Chinese dishes the Food & Dining team just concluded. But I am saying that the 17-month-old restaurant is home to the best Chinese food I've had in a long, long time.

You will not find Jade Court in Chinatown, or any other place you might think to look. The restaurant sits on Racine Avenue in University Park, more or less kitty-corner from the UIC Pavilion (the Pavilion's parking lot is a handy and inexpensive option, and Jade Court validation knocks the price even lower), in a space that over the years was home to Salatino's, Aldino's and Rico's.

The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant (for my money the most accomplished and forward-thinking restaurant in Chinatown) for 20 years. When the building on Archer Avenue was sold, the Cheungs decided it was time to move.

"Chinatown is so saturated with restaurants, it was harder and harder to keep up," Carol Cheung said. "Everybody was undercutting us by \$1 here, \$2 there."

Relocating into a generations-long destination for Italian food was certainly a bold move, but Cheung said she fell in love with the space. "I liked that it always had been Italian," she said. "Everything in Chinatown is like banquet-hall decor — lots of red, lots of gold."

The Cheungs didn't do much to the dining room. They refinished the oak floors and oak crown molding, and left the pressed-tin ceilings in place. A few booths departed, along with the red-and-white checked tablecloths. A few pieces of abstract art and a treasured piece of Chinese calligraphy hang on the repainted walls.

The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order, as it was for in-the-know Phoenix regulars, is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. This is an especially fail-safe option when Carol Cheung is on the floor (which is most of the time), because she'll



Owners Carol Cheung and her father, Eddy.

come up with suggestions you might never have selected otherwise.

Absent Cheung's direction, for example, I might never have sampled the roasted cauliflower, tossed with dried chiles, dried shrimp, shallot and garlic. It's billed as spicy, but it's only barely so; what you get are intriguing, complexly seasoned florets of still-firm cauliflower.

And I certainly wouldn't have discovered the shrimp and scrambled eggs, a classic Hong Kong dish of slightly crispy shrimp embedded in eggs the texture of custard. There's really nothing quite like perfectly scrambled eggs, unless it's perfectly scrambled eggs with stir-fried shrimp.

Sichuan eggplant was another "we do that one really well" tout, and the half-fingers of flash-fried eggplant do well in an oyster sauce accented with vinegar and chile. (The dish includes a little minced pork, which can be omitted for vegetarians.) BBQ pork jowl was deeply satisfying, offering rich, fatty meat in a molasses-thick honey glaze.

I definitely would have found the shrimp dumplings, pork dumplings and deep-fried shrimp rolls on my own. All are excellent,



The dining room at Jade Court.

BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

though the shrimp dumplings feature top-quality shrimp in sizable pieces. (“Some places mince the shrimp,” said Carol Cheung, “but we don’t like that texture.”) And I likely would have spotted the excellent Shanghai noodles (with pork and shrimp) because I tend to seek that dish out anyway.

Virtually every Chinese restaurant in the area serves family-style, so the idea of a shared entree is redundant. But let’s call some of Jade Court’s specialties Big Shares because you need at least two companions to tackle them (absent some death-by-stir-fry wish). Peking duck is a two-course, \$35 feast starring beautifully pink slices of crispy skinned duck, served with mu shu pancakes or steamed bao and the usual cucumber, scallion and plum sauce tag-alongs, followed by stir-fried shredded duck, duck fried rice or minced duck with lettuce cups.

There’s also typhoon lobster, one of many Hong Kong specials available here (Eddy Cheung hails from there) and at few, if any, other area restaurants. Stir-fried and briefly deep-fried, the lobster is redolent of garlic, aromatic chiles and fish flakes. It’s about the same price as the Peking duck, but varies with lobster size. (My lobster



Berkshire pork jowl with spicy jellyfish.

was a 2-pounder and set me back \$48.)

The king crab is on my bucket list, after I watched Eddy Cheung bring one out to another table. This market-price monstrosity needs to be ordered three days in advance and is broken into three courses: steamed legs with roasted garlic and cellophane noodles, stir-fried knuckle meat and savory egg custard made from the crab roe. You won’t find this dish on the menu.

On a smaller scale, there’s chopstick-tender beef tenderloin in a house sauce of Worcestershire, tomato and vinegar; and braised fish (boneless grouper, flash-fried and finished with ginger and scallion, over tofu).



Spicy cauliflower.

There are the usual almond cookies and fortune cookies at dessert, but if you’re craving something sweet, consider the fresh-fruit smoothies, which are thankfully light on added sugar.

Lunch is a very good time to visit the restaurant. In addition to the budget-friendly specials (soup, egg roll, fried-rice entree, \$10.95) and Hong Kong-style cafe rice dishes (\$9.95), Jade Court offers dim sum 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day (closed Tuesday). “Originally, we decided we wouldn’t do (dim sum),” Cheung said. “But there was such a clamor, we added it.”

When Jade Court first opened (September 2016), a number of chefs and restaurant

Jade Court

626 S. Racine Ave., 312-929-4828,
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Tribune rating: ★★★

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Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★★ good; ★ no stars, unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

owners stopped by, Cheung said. “Everybody said the same thing — ‘well, we hope you make it.’”

I hope so too. Jade Court has an odd little location that has almost zero foot traffic, but every fan of high-level cooking should find his or her way there.

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Actress Letitia Wright, who plays Black Panther's sister Shuri, is photographed at the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills.

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'Black Panther' princess

BREAKOUT STAR **LETITIA WRIGHT** IS JUST GETTING STARTED

By **Sonaiya Kelley** | LOS ANGELES TIMES

"My voice is all gone," said Letitia Wright. "I sound like a hoarse-y man."

While the sentiment was a bit of an exaggeration, Wright was beginning to go hoarse after a week of nonstop press for Marvel's highly anticipated "Black Panther."

In the film (now playing in theaters),

Wright shines as Shuri, King T'Challa's 16-year-old sister and the princess of the fictional African country of Wakanda. (With a short, asymmetrical haircut and delicate features, the 24-year-old convincingly passes for a teenager.)

"People her age are not usually put in charge of things," Wright said of Shuri. "You have to look to the adults all the time."

As described on the film's promotional posters, Shuri is T'Challa's right-hand

woman (well, one of them) and very much her brother's keeper.

"It's a lot of love and loyalty between them and they have each other's backs," she said. "He's got her and she's got him. They're royalty, but there's still something about them which the world can relate to. They make a good team."

"People keep saying this thing about Shuri being the Q to T'Challa like in 'James Bond,'" she continued. "She looks out for

him and she protects him. She also tells him the truth."

Besides being next in line to the throne, Shuri also happens to be a tech genius, fashioning all of Black Panther's vibranium tech out of her own lab.

"I stayed very closely with the script," Wright said of how she prepared for the role. "I trusted what Ryan (Coogler) and Joe (Robert Cole) were going to be doing with it. And I didn't look at the comic books because I didn't want to be overwhelmed by the fact that she has such an important part in the Wakandan world."



Letitia Wright plays the king's brainy little sister in the Afrofuturist blockbuster 'Black Panther.'

MARVEL STUDIOS-WALT DISNEY

Born in Guyana and raised in London, Wright also prepped by watching documentaries about young African women in the STEM fields.

"(I'd) just listen to their challenges, which were similar to what Shuri goes through," she said. "I found that was a reality for many girls in Africa, they were looked down upon. I used that to influence my performance and fuel the drive that Shuri has to really push the boundaries of the technology."

Wright has been acting since 2011 on UK shows like "Top Boy," "Doctor Who" and "Humans" and in films such as "The Commuter" and "Urban Hymn," which led to a BAFTA nomination in the most promising newcomer category. Late last year, Wright enjoyed a buzzy starring role as Nish in the "Black Museum" episode of Charlie Brooker's Emmy-winning "Black Mirror." But with the blockbuster "Black Panther," Wright will experience her first taste of global fame.

"Oh man, I never really thought about it like that," she said. "In my mind, I don't really see myself as being famous. I just think my work is being exposed to a bigger audience."

"I'm just a local girl," she added. "I'm just a young girl trying to fulfill the purpose that's been placed in my heart to do."

In both "Black Panther" and "Black Mirror," Wright plays characters that are deeply affected by technology: the mastermind behind it and a victim of it, respectively.

In "Black Museum," Wright's Nish is a visitor at the eponymous roadside attraction who has a mysterious tie to one of the exhibits. The episode, which serves as its own anthology within an anthology series, touches on the American prison system, mass incarceration and exploitation.

"Shuri is very different from Nish in 'Black Mirror,'" Wright said. But it's important to her that every character she plays is multidimensional.

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— Letitia Wright

that they have in Wakanda? Aw, man, I wish I had that for real."

A particular favorite gadget of hers are the gauntlets.

"The gauntlets are pretty cool," she says. "But, aw man. If I reveal the other thing (I like) it'll be a spoiler."

And from the Black Museum?

"Technology from the Black Museum, ah!" she said with a laugh.

"Not the head thing," she said, referring to Dawson's sympathetic diagnoser. "Not that. I would take the portable car charger that allows your car to charge back up from the sun. Definitely taking that."

Though Wright will appear next in Steven Spielberg's "Ready Player One," Shuri will be back later this year for "Avengers: Infinity War" where she'll likely cross paths with fellow geniuses Tony Stark and Bruce Banner. Wright is confident that Shuri will hold her own among them.

"I think she'll be OK," she said with a laugh. "I think she would humble herself to learn from them, and challenge them as well with new designs and new ideas from Wakanda. And she's willing to learn from the West because her brother is so open now. I think she's embracing that as well. She would hold her own."

With "Black Panther" opening to rave reviews and record-setting box office, the movie feels even bigger than the already blockbuster-level Marvel releases. How does it feel to be a part of such a cultural phenomenon?

"It feels good because it's a moment," Wright said. "It feels like a moment in time and it's not going to be forgotten. And it's going to open up a lot of doors for many more films like this to be made. I feel very empowered."

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Students and volunteers at a Saturday session of Minds Matter.

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HELP LOW-INCOME STUDENTS LIVE UP TO THEIR COLLEGE POTENTIAL

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

When it comes to getting into college, kids from higher-income families tend to have a big advantage. Their parents might have connections at universities. Their well-funded schools potentially better prepare them for important tests and likely have more counselors per student to help guide them through the process. In 2016, the National Center for Education Statistics reported the enrollment rate for high-income students was 83 percent. Their low-income peers' rate was only 67 percent. The staff and volunteers at Minds Matter Chicago are working to close that gap.

Minds Matter pairs volunteer mentors with a limited number of high-achieving Chicago high school students, starting in the students' sophomore year, and works with them in weekly Saturday sessions to develop the academic, personal and financial skills needed to get into college. Last year, the Chicago chapter worked with more than 70 kids from 16 area schools.

"It is, to me, a duty and a responsibility to provide that time and passion and energy in helping (students) reach their potential," Minds Matter Chicago president Maria Ptouckina said. "Because they have a lot of it, and it would be a shame if just the fact that they don't have the right exposure or the right mentor (prevented that)."

In order to participate in Minds Matter's programs, students from select Chicago schools must hit certain academic and GPA criteria, complete an in-depth application process and meet state requirements for free or reduced lunch. Mentoring sessions take place at Roosevelt University in the South Loop and last for four hours each

Saturday throughout the academic year, so it's a significant time commitment for students and volunteers. But Ptouckina said that added dedication pays off. Since the national nonprofit was founded in New York City in 1991, 100 percent of their student mentees have been accepted to a four-year college or university.

Minds Matter students get a feel for college life in the summers between their sophomore and junior and junior and senior years by attending summer programs of their choice at universities across the country, and occasionally abroad, free-of-charge. For kids who are often the first in their family to go to college, these experiences can open up a new world, Ptouckina said.

Those interested in supporting Minds Matter's programs can apply to be a mentor online, or check out a Saturday session or monthly volunteer happy hour to get a sense of what they're signing up for. Ptouckina said mentors are asked to make at least a one-year commitment to the organization. Volunteers can also sign up to teach test prep courses or join the group's associate board, where they'll focus on fundraising and donor events like the annual Spring for the Students gala (this year's will be April 21). Volunteers who can make the weekly sessions can expect to see their time make a meaningful impact, Ptouckina said.

"It's just inspiring to be there with them and being able to learn from them," she said. "I mentored two students, and I remember when one mentee got a letter of acceptance to Loyola, I screamed my head off as if it was my own."

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Chicago Flower & Garden Show.

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CHICAGO FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW THEN BURGERS AT DMK

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Rather than putting a ton of effort into an outing and then only hitting one spot, why not extend the adventure? This week, we're pairing blooms at the Chicago Flower & Garden Show and burgers at Navy Pier's DMK Burger Bar.

MAIN ATTRACTION

Chicago Flower & Garden Show

600 E. Grand Ave. 312-241-1250

How much: \$10-\$19

The bonus to bringing a date to the annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier is that if things go well, you'll probably have a better sense of your significant other's taste in bouquets for future reference. The event is a literal garden of riches for green thumb types, but even the flora-deficient can dig up a good time among the many displays, workshops and demonstrations. Running from Wednesday, March 14 through Sunday, March 18, this year's show, spread throughout Navy Pier's exhibition space, includes thousands of plants on display, lectures on everything from starting your own vegetable garden to "how to be a caterpillar mom" (if that's your thing), cooking demos from The Chopping Block and Artango, a cake decorating competition and a market for picking out your own bulbs and supplies. Plus, who wouldn't trade a cool Chicago March evening for one surrounded by spring already in full bloom?

DON'T STOP

DMK Burger Bar Navy Pier

600 E. Grand Ave. 312-624-8017

How much: \$3-\$14

When you've had your fill of greenery, a healthy dose of meat is probably in order, and you don't even have to leave Navy Pier to make it happen. DMK Burger Bar's Pier outpost offers the same quality patties and unexpected fixings as its other locations, though you may have to squeeze past a tourist or 10 to nab a table. The wait will pay off in the form of a more traditional burger topped with lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, mayo and your choice of cheese (\$10) or something a little more outside the bun, like a bison patty slathered in blueberry BBQ sauce, goat cheese, and pickled red onion (\$12) or a salmon fillet with Thai curry aioli, and Asian slaw (\$11.50). Add a draft beer and a side of hand-cut russet potato fries — available in a variety of flavor styles for one or to share (\$3.50-\$7) — for good measure, and you're basically bringing the evening's whole plant theme full circle.

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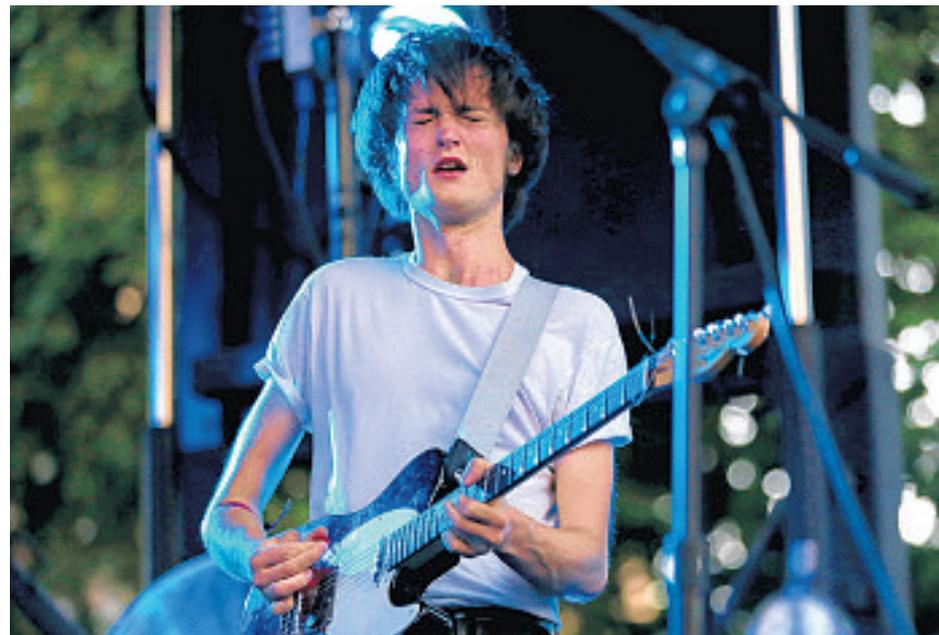
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Ought performs at Pitchfork Music Festival at Union Park in Chicago in 2015.

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4 MUST-SEE CONCERTS IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK

By **Efrain Dorado** | FOR REDEYE

It's all happening! From the resurgence of Rhye to Ty Dolla Sign taking over House of Blues, it's a good week in Chicago's music scene.

THURSDAY

Rhye Thalia Hall

1807 S. Allport St. 312-526-3851

Once a duo, Rhye is now driven entirely by Canadian singer Michael Milosh, who returns with "Blood," his long awaited follow-up to 2013's "Woman." Milosh has utilized the Rhye moniker to compose passionate odes to love that linger with sentimentality and romance on his stellar second album. \$36-\$58. 7 p.m., 17+. Tickets: thaliahallchicago.com

Ty Dolla Sign House of Blues

329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000

Born Tyrone William Griffin, Ty Dolla Sign found himself surrounded by classic soul music as a kid, which inspires the artist he is today. Best known for his features for artists such as Kanye West, Travis Scott and YG, Griffin was able to flex his singing muscles on his latest effort, "Beach House 3," which came out in October of last year. \$30-\$35. 6:30 p.m. Tickets: houseofblues.com/chicago

FRIDAY

Ought, Snail Mail Lincoln Hall

2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2501

Ought is the avant-garde brainchild of four friends from Montreal that takes the best ideas from art rock and post-punk's heydays and repurposes them for a new age. Fronted by Tim Darcy, Ought returns to Chicago in support of their third album, "Room Inside the World." Joining them is Snail Mail, the musical project of Baltimore teenager Lindsey Jordan, who has garnered acclaim for her biting lyrics and punchy guitar. \$15. 9 p.m., 18+. Tickets: lh-st.com

SATURDAY

Bahamas Metro

3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140

Bahamas is the moniker of Canadian-musician Alfie Jurvanen, who returns to Chicago for his fourth studio album, "Earth-tones." Bahamas is the multiple Juno award-nominated passion project for the self-taught Jurvanen, and it's led to collaborations with The Lumineers, Feist, Beck, Jack Johnson and The Weather Station, who open for Bahamas. \$22-\$25. 7:30 p.m., 18+. Tickets: metrochicago.com

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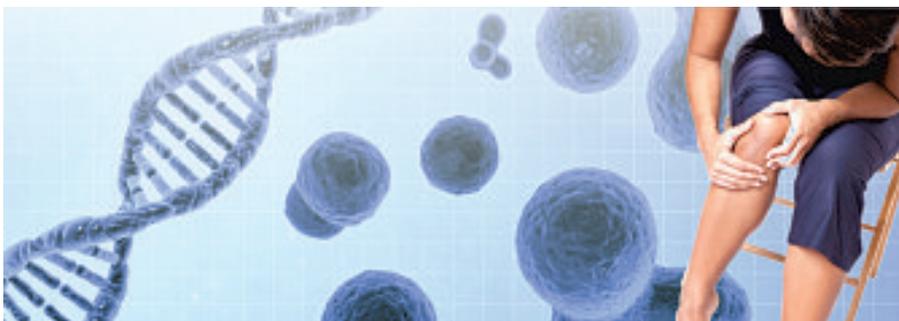
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Dear Anna,

WHAT SIZE OF A PENISE DO MOST WOMEN PREFER? —Anon.

Dear Anon.,

The size where you're not screaming at them about it!

Because your question is so short (that's not a reference to your penis!), and answering it could

go a number of ways, I broke them down for you by category. Peruse at your leisure.

Random non-answer: I looked up "penise" to ensure we were, in fact, talking about your penis, and that there's not, like, some new fetish out there involving circumcision and chaise lounges, but nothing came up. Except I did find that in Slovene, "penise" is the "accusatory plural of penis." Aren't you glad you know that now? I am.

Practical answer: Even if there was an "ideal" penis size, which (spoiler!) there isn't, what would you do with this information? Lob off an inch or two? Grow your girth with elective surgery? Find a dark hole and cry from the injustice of not having the most normative nob? Would this information serve you in any kind of positive or affirming way? Or would it only serve to shame you for not measuring up? My guess is it's the latter.

Inspirational quote answer: "Knowl-

edge is having the right answer. Intelligence is asking the right question."

Cliche answer: It's not the size that counts, it's the motion in the ocean. (I learned that from my junior high boyfriend's dad, which, ew, Scott's dad! Have some boundaries.)

Pragmatic answer: Size does matter — to some people. Others couldn't care less. If a woman tells you they are very particular about their dickspectations, and you know you don't meet them, then don't bang those women.

Lesbian answer: *Opens a drawer full of dildos, plugs and vibrators* "What kind of dick to you prefer?"

Philosophical answer: What is size? What is preference? Perception can only ever be partial, hence, questions about one's size in relation to another are epistemological and beyond the scope of objective inquiry.

Dadaist answer: "I don't do size. I am size."

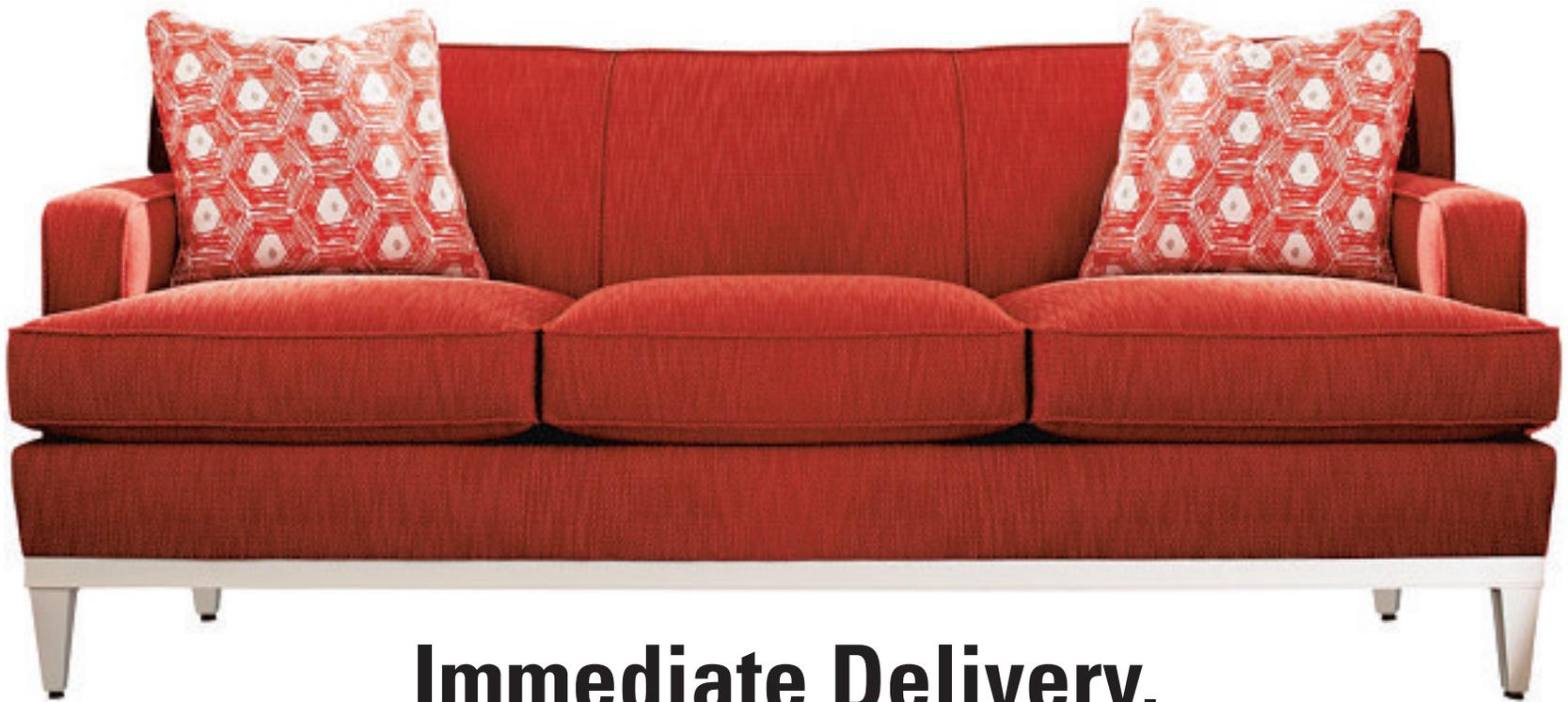
Punny answer: You talkin' 'bout Shaft again? SHUT YOUR MOUTH.

Scientific answer: A study, published in the "British Journal of Urology International," found that the majority of women, 85 percent, were satisfied with the size and proportion of their partner's penis. Still, 45 percent of the men considered their penises too small.

Tldr: Most women are happy with what you've got, dudes. Stop making your thing a thing!

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Restaurant reviews

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. No stars indicates a restaurant has been profiled but not reviewed, and does not reflect on quality of dining.

Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★ good; no stars, unsatisfactory.

GOLD COAST

Maple & Ash ★★★ This steakhouse knows how to cook *and* how to have fun. Standards such as French onion soup are nicely rendered, and pastry chef Aya Fukai offers some of the most beautiful (and delicious) desserts you've ever seen. *Open: Dinner daily; downstairs bar open lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$54. 8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888. — Phil Vettel*

Margeaux Brasserie ★★ Chef/restaurateur Michael Mina has landed in Chicago at last with this glamorous, 1920s-inspired brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria. It's as pricey as the Gold Coast address would have you expect, but superb quality and generous portions ease the sting, as do the more casual bar menu and its bargain happy-hour specials. Look to cooked seafood appetizers (roasted oysters, moules frites) to start, and make room in the budget for the splendid lobster bouillabaisse. *Open: Breakfast and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$28-\$59. 11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300. — P.V.*

Nico Osteria ★★★ New chef Bill Montagne has done luxury-level (C Chicago) and neighborhood-level (Snaggletooth) restaurant work in Chicago, and at this well-established Gold Coast seafooder, he's trying to do a bit of both, positing Nico as a place to drop in for a glass of wine and small pasta, as well as a legitimate dining destination. Pastas are indeed drop-in worthy, particularly the tagliolini tossed with uni butter, and higher-end main dishes such as "white Negroni" halibut and whole-baked branzino display Montagne's deft touch with subtle flavors. Factor in Leigh Omilinky's desserts and breads, and Nico Osteria has few, if any, weaknesses. *Open breakfast, lunch, dinner daily; weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$17 to \$42. 1015 N. Rush St., 312-994-7100. — P.V.*

Somerset ★★★ Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal,



Whole roasted chicken with polenta, garlic sausage and delicate squash at Somerset.

BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

more rustic touch in this Gold Coast newcomer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen's work at Boka know to look for signature ingredients such as octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with two side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare, tossed in a mayo mixed with its rendered fat. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts, such as caramel-apple tart with burnt-cinnamon ice cream. *Open: Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$23-\$55. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — P.V.*

HUMBOLDT PARK

Café Marie-Jeanne ★★ Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Café Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal

operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Don't miss the duck frites dish, which mixes sliced duck breast and roasted leg pieces with duck pate and plenty of duck-fat fries. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave. 773-904-7660. — P.V.*

HYDE PARK

A10 ★★★ Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers traditional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$30. 1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — P.V.*

LAKEVIEW

Ceres' Table ★★ This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound. The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the under-\$9 cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124 N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — P.V.*

Ella Elli ★★ This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef Nolan Narut is putting out some destination-worthy plates, including ricotta gnocchi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes \$14-\$27. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-935-3552. — Michael Nagrant*

Entente ★★★ Ty Fujimura (Arami) has another hit restaurant with this cozy Lakeview restaurant, which opened in late 2016 and features the talents of chef Brian Fisher (previously at Schwa and, believe it or not, Saved by the Max). The delicious, robust food (don't pass up the gorgeous octopus and pork loin entrees, nor the prettiest wedge salad in town) is abetted by a robust beverage program and whip-smart, engaging service. The small, two-room space has an appealing, comfortable rusticity, but it can get pretty noisy. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 3056 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8553. — P.V.*

mfk ★★★ With just 28 seats, mfk is tough to get into but worth the effort. Boquerones with shaved fennel should be part of any meal you assemble, and the platters — a notable fish stew starring cobia collar and a surprisingly painstaking chicken ballotine — are superb. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$24. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — P.V.*

Sal's Trattoria ★ Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer, so popular with young families in the neighborhood it will need a stroller valet long before it needs one for cars. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus efforts such as calamari under a profusion of tomatoes, lemon and capers; offbeat daily crostini (blueberry-sage jam with goat cheese, for instance); and a gorgeous spinach-arugula salad with pear, pancetta and gorgonzola. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$15-\$25. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — P.V.*

LINCOLN PARK

Boka ★★★ Chef Lee Wolen (ex-Eleven Madison Park) brings an exciting menu to a restaurant that's been a Chicago mainstay for more than a decade. While the ingredients are familiar, the execution is beautifully complex. Cocktails are first-rate, too. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$33. 1729 N. Halsted St., 312-337-6070. — P.V.*

Chopo Chicken Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The shtick: a short, Peruvian menu of four or five proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger*

De Quay ★ Chef and owner David de Quay dips into his heritage for this 42-seater; the menu is principally Dutch-inspired, with the occasional nod to Indonesia. The hearty foods are particularly good; Indonesian representations are mild, occasionally to a fault. Very affordable wines and interesting, genever-heavy cocktails highlight



Pasta and egg yolk served up at Sal's Trattoria.

ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE FILE

the beverage program. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$28. 2470 N. Lincoln Ave., 872-206-8820. — P.V.*

Naoki Sushi ★ Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot. The menu provides the sushi basics, all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — P.V.*

LOGAN SQUARE

Daisies ★★½ Chef Joe Frillman has succeeded in creating simple, satisfying fare from local produce. You will want to order all the pastas, including stracci, tiny napkin-like noodle shreds strewn with perfectly toothsome peas and tender lamb. There is also a cornflake chicken, which is sort of like a Japanese chicken katsu or a German schnitzel, where the cornflake crust acts like a panko breading and makes for a superior and epic chicken nugget. Daisies is the ultimate in dad food—simple dishes made great. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$19. 2523 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-661-1671. — M.N.*

Dos Urban Cantina ★★★ In a 100-seat brick-and-oak space, Topolobampo alums

Brian Enyart and Jennifer Jones crank out irresistible Mexican-inspired dishes that aren't afraid of a little influence from Italy, the American South or Eastern Europe. Desserts are terrific, there's a budget-conscious wine list and cocktails include a first-rate margarita. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$21. 2829 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-6452. — P.V.*

Giant ★★★ Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces liquefied sea urchin in fried pasta, sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-0997. — P.V.*

Mi Tocaya Antojeria ★★ Diana Davila, the opening chef at Cantina 1910, is back with her own place, serving her own style of Mexican food that's creative, but still rooted in tradition. Try the "peanut butter y lengua," crisped cubes of braised beef tongue in a complex and delicious sauce of peanuts, cured tomato and chile de arbol. There are also four tacos on the menu, generously portioned and well-made. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices:*

Small plates \$8-\$13, large plates \$24. 2800 N. Logan Blvd., 872-315-3947. — P.V.

Quiote ★★ This bilevel Logan Square Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination—your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal bar is a great place to drink. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Tacos \$4; tortas and entrees \$11-\$24. 2456 N. California Ave., 312-878-8571. — N.K.*

Ugo's Kitchen and Bar ★ On a stretch of Armitage Avenue in Logan Square increasingly populated with some of the hottest restaurants in town (Osteria Langhe, Dos Urban Cantina and Table, Donkey and Stick), Ugo's is wonderfully untrendy. Highlights of the vaguely Italian menu include the chicken liver mousse, the spreadable pork rillettes and anything fried. Build a meal out of these appetizers, and you'll leave happy. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: \$8-\$15. 2833 W. Armitage Ave., 773-698-8984. — N.K.*

THE LOOP

Acanto ★★ A redesign gives Acanto a more casual look than its former life as

Henri, and the pasta-heavy menu is more budget-friendly, though pricier dishes, such as veal breast, are worth the money. A heavily Italian wine list and good cocktails make this a fine place to bend an elbow. *Open: Dinner and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$38. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763. — P.V.*

Cherry Circle Room ★★ A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. Executive chef Peter Coenen's menu recalls steakhouse classics in his refined takes on Caesar salad and tuna tartare, even though there's just one steak on the menu. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$38. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — P.V.*

Gayle's Best Ever Grilled Cheese Farmers market favorite Gayle Voss panini presses grilled cheese sandwiches at her new permanent home in the Block 37 pedway. Follow your nose to find butter-browned slabs of sourdough stuffed with fatty farm cheese and seasonal ingredients, plus lobster grilled cheese on Fridays only. Dunk them all in a fragrant tomato pesto soup. *Open: Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Prices: Sandwiches \$6 and up. 108 N. State St., pedway level, 312-285-2202. — Louisa Chu*

Pearl Brasserie ★★ With veteran chef and partner Jason Paskewitz joined by cocktail whiz (and general manager) Steve Carrow, it's easy to see how this 5-month-old operation could be a hit. Sitting on Wacker near the Civic Opera House, Ogilvie and Union Stations, Pearl Brasserie is a great pre-dinner or pre-commute option, but it's strength is being the best Saturday-night hidden secret in town. Paskewitz's cooking remains strong as ever, but his menu is simpler and more affordable — dinner is presented in a three-course, \$35 format, and lighter eaters may order a la carte, but the three-course option is an excellent value, with choices like Berkshire pork chop, beautiful in taste and texture, aided by rosemary-scented jus, apples, savoy cabbage and lardons. *Open: Dinner Monday to Saturday, lunch Monday to Friday. Prices: Three-course dinner, \$35. 180 N. Wacker Drive, 312-629-1030, pearlbrasserie.com. — P.V.*

Revival Food Hall Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. *Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — N.K.*

Steadfast ★★ The most ambitious restaura-



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Caesar salad at the Cherry Circle Room inside the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel.

rant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There's a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Entrees \$24-\$39. 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — P.V.*

MAGNIFICENT MILE

The Albert ★ Just off the lobby of the Hotel EMC2, the Albert has yet to achieve the genius of Einstein, but is a worthy addition to the dining scene. The arts-meets-science decor is highlighted by a collection of thousands of science books in high-mounted bookcases. Similarly dramatic are the plates from chef Brandon Brumbach's kitchen (look for the aguachile-style kampachi crudo, quinoa-coated octopus and dry-aged duck), and Vanarin Kuch's gorgeous desserts. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$44. 228 E. Ontario St., 312-471-3883. — P.V.*

NEAR NORTH SIDE

Blue Door Kitchen ★★ Art Smith's Table Fifty-Two has been transformed with a revamped decor and a remade menu under chef Rey Villalobos. You'll still find such T52 staples as fried chicken and hummingbird cake, but new dishes, including an excellent Brussels-kale salad, reflect a Midwestern slant (and are a little more health-focused). *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$44. 52 W. Elm St., 312-573-4000. — P.V.*

GT Prime ★★ Giuseppe Tentori (also GT Fish & Oyster) turns his back on steakhouse conventions in his second restaurant. There's no raw bar, no oversize potatoes, and steaks are served in precisely trimmed slices, rather than doorstop-sized

slabs. The star entree is the Carnivore platter (beef filet, beef strip loin, venison, wagyu), starters range from foie gras terrine to gnocchi with sweetbread "croustons," and desserts include simple doughnuts and an artistic apple cake. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Steak \$14-\$56. 707 N. Wells St., 312-600-6305. — P.V.*

Il Porcellino ★ Take Italian-American food, make it with top-notch ingredients and finish with bargain prices (for the neighborhood, at least). That's the recipe for the latest from Melman siblings RJ, Jerrod and Molly, overseen by chef Doug Psaltis. Housemade pastas, \$17 or less, are the stars, particularly the gnocchi Bolognese. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Pastas \$15-\$17, entrees \$22-\$30. 59 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-0800. — P.V.*

NOBLE SQUARE

Temporis ★★ Two young veterans of Les Nomades run this 20-seat dining room in Noble Square. From the outside, it's barely noticeable as a restaurant; inside, you'll be delighted by courses like rabbit three ways (rack, tandoori-spiced loin, confit leg) and foie gras ice cream domes sprinkled with guava salt, all part of a 10-course, \$125 menu. Hidden downstairs, a hydroponic garden supplies chefs with microgreens and other basement-to-table goodies. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 933 N. Ashland Ave., 773-697-4961. — P.V.*

NORTH CENTER

Kitsune ★★ This latest effort from Elizabeth chef/owner Iliana Regan is, like every other concept she's opened, intimate, highly personal and as adorably precious as the cartoon-y figurines she employs as decoration. The 24-seat spot offers dishes rooted in Japanese flavors, but incorporating the local, foraged ingredients Regan is

known for. For example, chawanmushi, a savory Japanese custard, comes with shredded Jonah crabmeat and overlapping coins of local radish. Don't miss the thickly sliced porridge bread served with house-cultured butter. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$26. 4229 N. Lincoln Ave., no phone. — P.V.*

PILSEN

HaiSous ★★ It may seem odd to travel to Pilsen to experience Chicago's best Vietnamese restaurant. You'll get over it. At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliché-free menu. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$25. 1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. — P.V.*

RAVENSWOOD

Band of Bohemia ★★ In a sprawling brewery loaded with offbeat furnishings, find a menu so focused on suds that appetizers are listed by beer match. Yet there is also a great wine list to browse, not to mention forward-thinking dishes (vegetables get exceptionally good care here). This place does a lot of things well. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710. — P.V.*

RIVER NORTH

Arbella Drinks reign at the latest project from the team behind Peruvian powerhouse Tanta. The menu is divided by country or region; mezcal plays heavily into drinks in the Mexico section, while you'll find pisco and rum in Cuba. The short list of food hops around the globe, too. But beware: Cobbling together enough small plates for a meal can be deceptively expensive. *Open: Dinner and late night daily. Prices: \$8-\$15. 112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-6654. — N.K.*

Beacon Tavern ★★ This project by Billy Lawless (The Gage, The Dawson) is tucked into a plaza just west of the Wrigley Building. Seafood is a focus, with shrimp toast coated in truffle butter and a prawn salad that pops thanks to peppadew peppers, but there's also a towering burger. Don't skip the cheddar bay biscuits, a tongue-in-cheek homage to Red Lobster. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$12-\$40. 405 N. Wabash Ave., 312.955.4226. — P.V.*

Boarding House ★★ There are cute touches on the menu here, such as fried polenta planks, but chef Tanya Baker's best efforts are marvels of seamlessly matching flavors, such as honey-glazed chicken with Calabrian chilies. Owner and master sommelier Alpina Singh naturally offers a stellar wine list. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$34. 720 N. Wells St., 312-280-0720. — P.V.*



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Dolce Italian ★★ A little bit of South Beach shows up in River North with the opening of Dolce Italian, a concept that originated in Miami. Thin, Roman-style pizzas are a strength, along with pastas (such as a sweet-pea tortelli). *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$19-\$39. 127 W. Huron St., 312-754-0700. — P.V.*

Katana ★★★ A concept that originated on LA's Sunset Strip, Katana combines nightclubby visuals with ambitious, high-level cooking, highlighted by the dishes emerging from the sushi and robata bars. The a la carte menu offers a dizzying array of choices, and one can opt for an omakase (chef's choice) menu for \$175. Beverage options are long and deep, including an impressive sake selection curated by manager (and "sake sommelier") Dila Lee. General manager and veteran Chicago restaurateur Jason Chan puts a local face on what might otherwise seem like an imported operation. *Open: Dinner daily. 339 N. Dearborn St., 312-877-5544. — P.V.*

Portsmith ★★★ The Dana Hotel in River North has been home to a few shrug-worthy restaurants over the years, but in Portsmith, a restaurant operated by the Fifty/50 group (Homestead on the Roof, Steadfast, more), the Dana has a restaurant worthy of attention. New England native Nate Henssler offers seafood dishes that are thoughtful and delicious, skirting the usual clichés; there's no lobster roll on the menu, for instance, but there's a crab-meat-stuffed bao with herbed mayo. Pastry chef Chris Teixeira follows the fishy theme with desserts inspired by coastal cities worldwide, and a bread program that offers nori ciabatta and bonito-flake sourdough. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$29-\$62. 660 N. State St., 312-202-6050. — P.V.*

River Roast ★★ Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$25, entrees-for-two \$39-\$42. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — P.V.*

Texican ★★ This restaurant from chef Kim Dalton, formerly of Dodo, brands itself as Tex-Mex, but it isn't what you think. Take the Texican King Ranch casserole, a soulful lasagna with crispy layers of El Milagro tortilla sandwiching perfectly braised chicken breast; or the breakfast tacos that overflow with creamy scrambled egg curds and salty bits of queso fresco. The chili, made from top round and five different chiles, is the best I've had in Chicago. *Open: Breakfast and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$7.50-\$10. 869 N. Larrabee St., 312-877-5441. — M.N.*

SOUTH LOOP

Acadia ★★★ Chef Ryan McCaskey has



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Tempura lemon with sweet potato dish at Bad Hunter.

quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters, chicken wings and a seriously good burger. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu \$115, 10-course \$175. 1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Jade Court ★★★ The 17-month-old restaurant is home to the best Chinese food in town. The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant for 20 years. The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order, as it was for in-the-know Phoenix regulars, is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. Typhoon lobster, one of many Hong Kong specials available here, is stir-fried and briefly deep-fried, the seafood redolent of garlic, aromatic chiles and fish flakes. *Open: Lunch and dinner Wednesday to Monday. Prices: Main courses \$13.95-\$26.95. 626 S. Racine Ave. 312-929-4828, jade-courtchicago.com — P.V.*

WEST LOOP

Bad Hunter ★★ Greens and grains rule at this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$20. 802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — P.V.*

Blackbird ★★★ Paul Kahan's masterpiece offers both an a la carte menu and a tasting menu (9 or 10 courses). The latter,

which is built around a single animal and changes monthly, offers the best insight into the chef's art. Pastry chef Nicole Guini's sweets follow seamlessly. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$30-\$42, tasting menu about \$115. 619 W. Randolph St., 312-715-0708. — P.V.*

Bonci ★★★ This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust that's topped with hundreds of different high quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. While serving some of the best pizza in Chicago, this is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. *Open: Lunch and dinner seven days a week. 161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — N.K.*

City Mouse ★★ From the team that created Giant, in Logan Square, comes this casual, brunch and dinner restaurant in the Ace Hotel in the Fulton Market District. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. The open-to-the-lobby is lively and loud, and there's a delightful outdoor patio equipped with fire pits. *Open: Brunch and dinner daily. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — P.V.*

Cruz Blanca ★★ Cooks heap freshly grilled meat and tortillas on a paper-covered platter for DIY assembly at Rick Bayless's long-awaited taqueria. The spot is also a brewery with food-friendly beers. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$13. 904 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1975. — N.K.*

Duck Duck Goat ★★★ Reservations stretch months in advance for a shot at

Stephanie Izard's sometimes playful, always balanced Chinese plates. Noodle dishes are a must, and the Peking duck is among the city's best. Cocktails are excellent, which is fortunate, because you'll have one or two if you walk in without a reservation (not a bad strategy). *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$58. 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825. — P.V.*

Elske ★★★ Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Fans of David Posey's work at Blackbird will find his creativity flowing freely. Choose the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$80; a la carte dishes \$15-\$22. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — P.V.*

La Josie ★★ The kitchen is led by executive Saul Chavez, a Mercadito vet. He and his crew dish up supple, house-made tortillas that waft splendid corn perfume. The fillings include a silky veal cheek barbacoa and tender cochinita pibil, featuring a sinus-clearing habanero salsa that gives you a serious chile high. The carbon-flecked al pastor is crispy, juicy and riddled with smoky pineapple. It has a serious case for best al pastor in Chicago. Guacamole, too, is inspired. Chef/owner Pepe Barajas is not yet a big star just yet, but his vision and execution of a gourmet Mexican experience on Randolph means he's about to be a household name. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday, weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$35. 740 W. Randolph St., 312-929-2900. — M.N.*

The Loyalist ★★ One flight below the acclaimed Smyth restaurant lurks John and Karen Shields' more casual spot. It's dark enough to work as a lounge and offers a menu deep enough to entertain serious diners. Start with biscuits with 'nduja butter, and know that the cheeseburger might be the best of its kind in Chicago. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$27. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3774. — P.V.*

Smyth ★★★ This is a triumphant homecoming for chefs John and Karen Shields, who worked together at Charlie Trotter's before making a name for themselves in Virginia. Choose between the 8- or 12-course menu (\$135 and \$195, respectively) and sit back for an onslaught of dishes of extraordinary complexity. It's a joyous experience. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 177 N. Ada St., 773-913-3773. — P.V.*

WEST TOWN

Arami ★★★ The reverence with which sushi chefs handle rice here is reason enough to visit, but this is one of the rare Japanese restaurants in which the hot dishes are even better than the sushi. Pay

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around town

attention to the cocktail list, and don't skip the black-sesame shortbread and salted-miso ice cream sandwich. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Maki rolls and entrees \$15-\$17. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535. — P.V.*

Beatnik Beatnik is a study in texture. From the exuberantly ornate dining room to the best dishes on the menu, the West Town restaurant delights in serving up layers upon layers of style. When it works, it jives. Kick off your meal with beet hummus that sparks of citrus zest and dusky notes of clove, offset by the crunch of fried chickpeas and the salty tang of blue cheese. Other highlights included a side of broccolini, which combined fish sauce, puffed rice and pomegranate seeds to offer a smoky, umami crunch and curry meatballs, served on a pillow of mashed peas and punctuated with a nice dose of heat. *Open: dinner and late night, Tuesday through Sunday. Prices: \$9 to \$30 for shareables. 1604 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4945. — Jennifer Day*

Boeufhaus ★★ Five of the seven entrees involve slab beef cooked in cast iron pans, but calling Boeufhaus a mere steakhouse might be an oversimplification. Chef Brian Ahern takes French and German influences to create a variety of dishes with finesse. Yet the steaks are indeed the standouts, in particular the 55-day dry-aged rib-eye. *Open: Lunch Tuesday-Saturday, dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$26-\$60. 1012 N. Western Ave., 773-661-2116. — K.P.*

Flip Burger Chicago is in the midst of a burger renaissance. Arguably, this era was kick-started by the Au Cheval burger — before closing for renovations, it inspired hours-long waits. If you don't want to wait or you only want to drop \$9.05 on a burger of similar quality, Flip is the place for you. The basic "Flip" burger has a brioche bun featuring an egg-wash lacquer so shiny that it channels the hood of a showroom Porsche. In between that bun is a double patty made from ground short rib and chuck griddled on a flat top to medium rare. Is it Chicago's best burger? Maybe. *Open 4-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday. Prices: Burgers from \$9. 1141 N. Ashland Ave.; no phone. — M.N.*

Heritage Restaurant & Caviar Bar ★★ Chef Guy Meikle is out to take the mystery, and sticker shock, away from caviar in this Humboldt Park spot. More than a half-dozen roes are available each day, costing as little as \$10 for an a la carte nibble to \$145 for a full-blown platter of osetra, whitefish and tobikko caviars with accompaniments. Elsewhere on the menu you'll find odes to Eastern Europe fare, including pierogi and pelmeni dumplings, pork goulash and roast duck with Czech bread dumplings. Partner Jan Henrichsen created the fascinating wine list (which sources from Croatia, Slovenia and the Republic of Georgia, among other regions) and the whimsical, seasonal cocktail

menu. Pastry chef Alan Krueger veers from rustic (hand pies) to creative (pop-corn semifreddo) to classic (souffles). *Open: Dinner daily, brunch weekends; entrees \$16-\$35. 2700 W. Chicago Ave., 773-661-9577; heritage-chicago.com — P.V.*

Tempesta ★★ Everything about Tempesta Market in West Town packs a punch. The shop has room for only a deli counter, a couple of refrigerated cases of food and a few tables, but the owners have stuffed it to the breaking point with a staggering amount of meat, cheese, gelato and other goods. Tempesta is taking 'nduja — a spreadable spicy sausage made by the other family business, 'Nduja Artisans in Franklin Park — along with other fine cured meats at its disposal, and crafting some of the best sandwiches in Chicago, like the Dante, which features 6 different kinds of meat. *Open: Daily, lunch and dinner. Prices: Sandwiches \$10-\$13. 1372 W. Grand Ave., 312-929-2551. — N.K.*

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Animale Conceived by Italian-trained chef Cameron Grant and owner Aldo Zaninotto (both of Logan Square's Osteria Langhe), Animale traffics in meat. You'll find so-called "off cuts"—sweetbreads, tripe and oxtail, for example—next to a smattering of lovely pastas and sandwiches. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$11-\$44. 1904 N. Western Ave., 872-315-3912. — Joseph Hernandez*

The Delta Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales, a distinct style that, if it weren't completely obvious by now, originated in the Mississippi Delta (basically, the north-west part of that state). They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. The regular red hot tamales (\$5) come three to an order and are astoundingly tender, all without a trace of grittiness, each morsel soaked in a spicy red tomato and chile broth. Also checkout the catfish (grilled not fried), which is finished with coriander, parsley, dill, tarragon, chives and marjoram, herbs that bring freshness and depth to the dish. *Open dinner and late night, daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — N.K.*

Pork & Mindy's Jeff Mauro, the star of "Sandwich King" on Food Network, picked his native Chicago for his first restaurant; more likely than not, he'll be the guy taking your order or making your meal. A lineup of sandwiches feature smoked meats, house-made sauces and Pig Candy, Mauro's name for brown-sugar-glazed bacon. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Sandwiches \$8 and up. 1623 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-799-8759. — Marissa Conrad*



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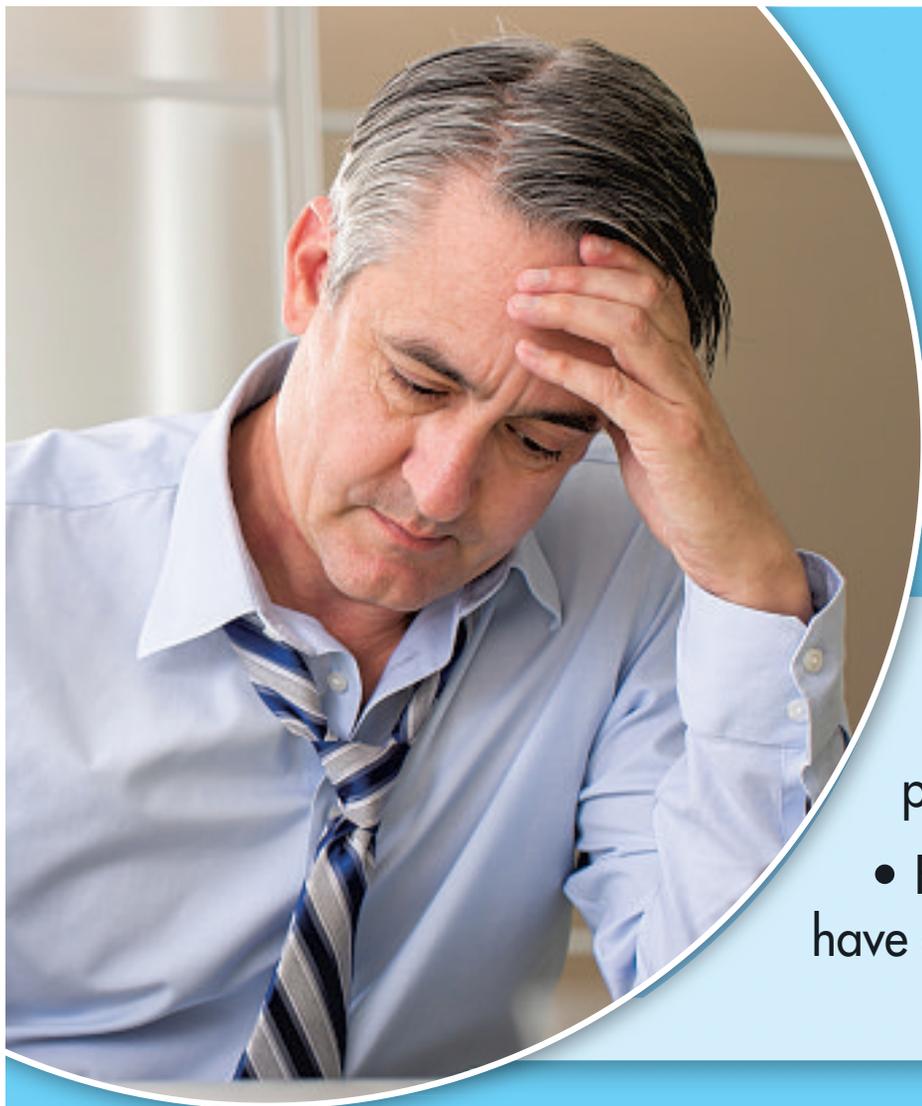
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THURSDAY

Tastes of the World: Korean Once a month, the restaurant dives into a curated menu highlighting international cuisine. 20 East, the recently-opened restaurant concept within The Talbott, a Joie de Vivre hotel, offers guests a culinary journey that reflects Chef Ariel Bagadiong's culinary influences. In March, guests can enjoy a Korean menu. There are optional beer or wine pairings for \$25. 7 p.m., *The Talbott Hotel, 20 East Delaware Place, \$45 per person, 800-825-2688*

Pussy Riot: 8 p.m., *Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., \$25, 773-281-4444*

Magic Tree House: Showtime with Shakespeare Climb into a musical time machine with Jack and Annie and travel back to Shakespearean England. This is a hit with kids and grown-ups alike, and is based on the book series by Mary Pope Osborne. Discover how history is shaped by those who learn to overcome their fears. 10:15 a.m., *Apollo Theater Chicago, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., \$19 plus, 773-935-6100*

The Madwoman of Chaillot Jean Giraudoux's satiric comedy reveals a plot by a group of corrupt business executives to dig up the streets of Paris, so they can pump oil that they believe lies beneath. Their plot is challenged by the titular "Madwoman," the eccentric Countess Aurelia, an idealist who resolves to fight back and rescue humanity from the scheming and corrupt developers with the help of her fellow outcasts and her fellow madwomen. 7:30 p.m., *Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., \$27; \$22 seniors (65+); \$17 students/children, 773-935-6875*

Conversations in Comedy: SNL and The Second City What does it take to put together an audition for "Saturday Night Live"? These are stories from behind the scenes of The Second City and "SNL." 7:30 p.m., *The Museum of Broadcast Communications, 360 N. State St., \$20 general admit, 312-245-8200.*

Rat Pack Comedy Rat Pack Comedy is a free stand-up show where five of the city's best comics, from Laugh Factory, Zanies and the Comedy Bar, come to put on an incredible one of a kind show, headlined by Calvin Evans. 8 p.m., *Holiday Club, 4000 N. Sheridan Road, free, 773-348-9600*

Jazz X-tet The Jazz X-tet presents a concert of fusion — a musical genre developed in the late 1960s combining aspects of jazz harmony and improvisation with styles such as funk, rock, rhythm and blues, and Latin jazz. 8 p.m., *University of Chicago's Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E 60th St., free*



New fatherhood served as creative inspiration for singer-songwriter Mat Kearney on his new release 'Crazy Talk.'

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FRIDAY

Patience - Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company Sparkling satire and wit adorn Gilbert and Sullivan's masterpiece operetta, "Patience." This performance features the University Chamber Orchestra, who tell the story of the village's innocent milkmaid, Patience and poets: the fleshy, doom-and-gloom Reginald Bunthorne and the rustic, idyllic Archibald Grosvenor. 7:30 p.m., *Mandel Hall, University of Chicago, 1131 E. 57th St., \$60 patron, \$25 general, \$5 students, \$15 for groups of 10+, 773-702-8484*

The Great Show-Down Hosted by a different character every week, The Great Show-Down sees a group of six comedians get whittled down by the audience until only one remains standing. 10 p.m., *Laugh Out Loud Improv Theater, 3851 N Lincoln Ave., \$12 adults; \$5 students, 773-857-6000*

Mat Kearney 6 p.m., *Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., \$35, 773-275-6800*

Shark Tank: The Musical Your friends at The Annoyance thought the TV show "Shark Tank" would make a great musical. A great cast of Annoyance regulars play your favorite sharks Mark, Daymond, Kevin, Lori, Barbara and Robert along with all kinds of characters and their crazy pitches as they try to land a deal. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$20; \$15 Students, 773-697-9693*

Baby Wine Baby Wine is an all-gay improv supernova with universally relatable scene-work from a cast filled with unique points of view. 10 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

SATURDAY

P!NK Beautiful Trauma Tour P!NK is coming to the United Center. 7:30 p.m., *United Center, 1901 W. Madison St., \$72-\$793, 866-459-9233*

Bahamas Afie Jurvanen isn't from the Bahamas, but he has been making music under the name Bahamas — writing songs about sunsets, love affairs and making out with crooked smiles. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8:30 p.m. for 18 and older. 8:30 p.m., *Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$22 advanced, \$25 doors, 773-549-0203*

The Neo-Futurists: A Story Told in Seven Fights Creator and Neo-Futurists Ensemble member Trevor Dawkins leads a group of stage combatants smashing their way through the true stories of fistfights and theater riots. 7:30 p.m., *The Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave., \$10-\$25, 773-878-4557*

Nice Girl Directed by Lauren Shouse. Josephine has a dead-end job, still lives with her mother and has settled into the uncomfortable comfort of being single at age 37. But when she's given the possibility of

change, she takes tentative steps towards a new life. A play about the difficulties and joys of figuring out who you are and letting go of who you were supposed to be. 7:30 p.m., *Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St., \$29-\$46, 773-338-2177*

Burlesque is More: The sexy and hilarious Annoyance classic is coming back to the stage to heat things up. 10:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$20, \$15 students, 773-697-9693*

SUNDAY

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater brings six performances to the Auditorium Theatre. Each performance closes with Alvin Ailey's signature work "Revelations," the most widely seen modern dance work in the world. 3 p.m., *Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway, \$41 and up, 312-341-2300*

Neil Tobin, Necromancer: Near Death Experience: Interactive theatre about life and death in a once-in-a-lifetime setting. This is grown-up, dead-serious fun with Tobin's exploration of mortality and mystery — do not bring the kids. Presented at May Chapel, a rarely open-to-the-public architectural gem on the grounds of Rosehill Cemetery. 3 p.m., *Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Ave., \$25 to \$30, 773-989-2170*

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Anna Karenina As a wave of profound upheaval sweeps through Russian society, it is a time of impossible choices. Innocents will suffer, hearts will be broken and families will be torn apart as two couples learn that living truthfully is no simple thing. 4 p.m., *Lifeline Theatre*, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., \$20-\$40, 773-761-4477

The Generals Generals is improv duo Antoine McKay ("Empire," "Patriot," "Sense8") and Christy Bonstell ("Shameless," "Chicago Med," "APB"). Each week they host one performer from the acting world (Steppenwolf, Goodman, Jeff Award Winners) to join them and perform their favorite General audition monologues. They then improvise off of that material. This Reader Recommended show combines the best of both worlds into one high-energy, big-hearted joyfest. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693

Prime Day! An Amazonian Musical The citizens of the small town of Centerville, Ohio, only want what the rest of us want: the quick delivery of their packages — a weakening desire that Alexa knows all too well. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$12, \$10 students, 773-697-9693

Improvised Jane Austen The Ladies of Improvised Jane Austen present "Unchaperoned." 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$5, 773-697-9693

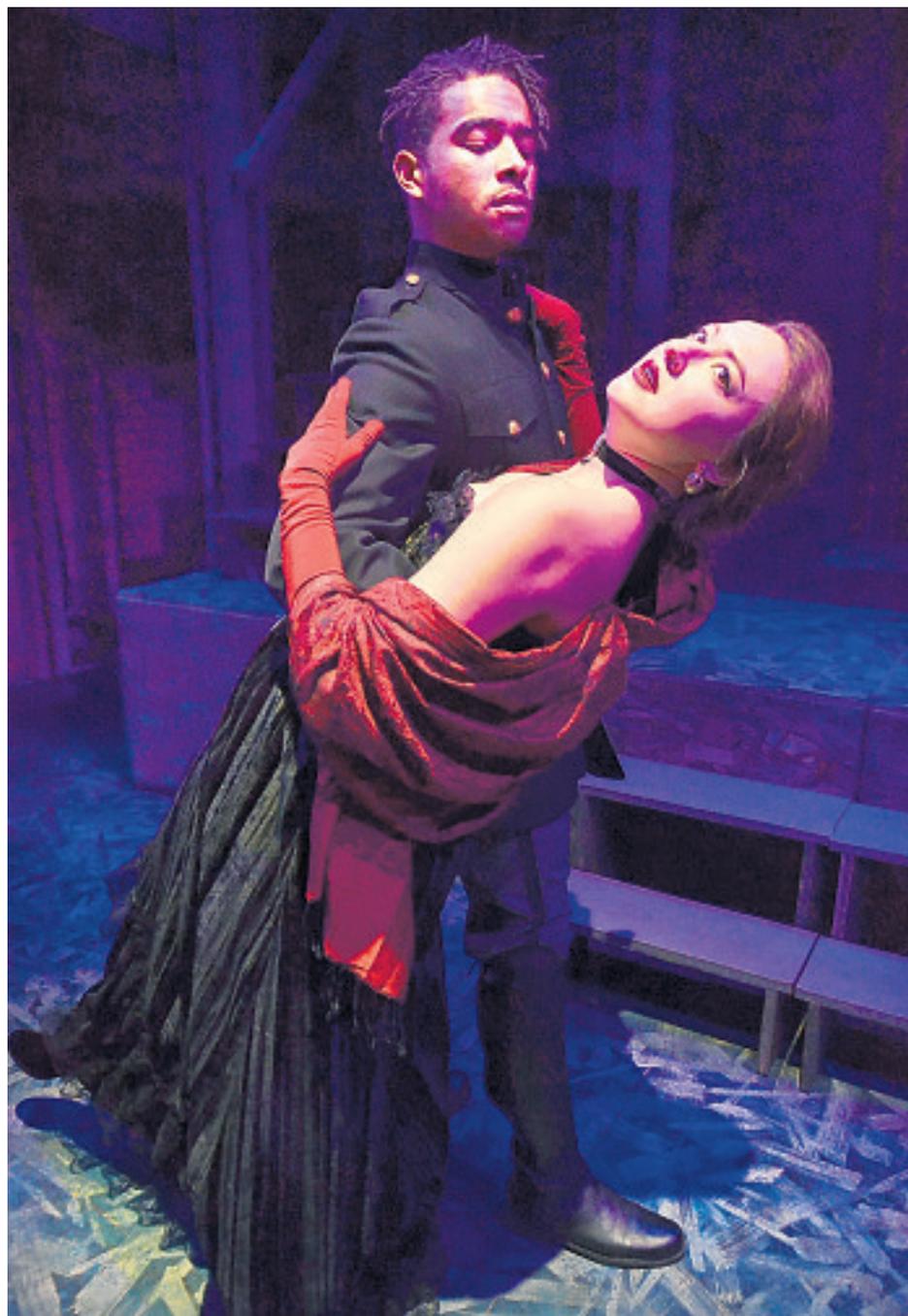
MONDAY

A Love Letter to Myself: A Chicago Comedy Variety Show: Bring your date, friends, family, co-workers or yourself out for a night of celebrating women's voices. "A Love Letter to Myself" will be held at Revolution Brewing and tickets include show admission, light appetizers and unlimited Revolution beers. "A Love Letter To Myself" honors the journey of a woman's quest for self love, acceptance and empowerment. 6 p.m., *Revolution Brewing*, 2323 N. Milwaukee Ave., \$45, 773-227-2739

Lights 5:30 p.m., *House of Blues*, 329 N. Dearborn St., \$23.50-\$28.50, 312-923-2000

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street In Stephen Sondheim's musical, Sweeney Todd, a barber unjustly convicted of a crime, escapes from prison and returns to his former home in 19th century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies. 7:30 p.m., *No Exit Cafe*, 6970 N. Glenwood Ave., \$34-\$44, 800-595-4849

Student Jam A night for Annoyance students to jam. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., free, 773-697-9693



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Eric Gerard as Vronsky and Ilse Zacharias as Anna Karenina in 'Anna Karenina' at Lifeline Theatre.

TUESDAY

Chicago Underground Comedy: Original stand up performed by a weekly group of rotating comics. 9:30 p.m., *Beat Kitchen*, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., \$5, 773-281-4444

The Second City's Fast, Loud & Funny Second City is proud to present millennial social media dilemmas, D-bags on dates, and auto-tuned relationships. 7 p.m., *Up Comedy Club*, 230 W. North Ave., *General Admission*: \$26, *Premium Rail Seat*: \$36, 312-662-4562

Through the Elevated Line 7:30 p.m., *The Chicago Temple*, 77 W. Washington St., \$25-\$38, 312-857-1234

MINT: Music Improv Night Four en-

sembles of improvisers, together for four months, doing weekly music improv sets. Opportunity for good old community-in-song. And if you want to throw your hat in, they have auditions every four months and there are no restrictions for trying out. 7:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$10, 773-697-9693

WEDNESDAY

Stand Up Stand Up: Weekly Wednesday Comedy Show Stand Up Stand Up features the best local and national comedy acts, drink specials and a casual, relaxed atmosphere. 7:30 p.m., *Whiskey Business*, 1365 N Milwaukee Ave., \$5, 773-698-7362

Southern Gothic: Written by Leslie Liau-

taud and directed by David H. Bell. "Southern Gothic" gives audiences the opportunity to be a fly on the wall at a cocktail party in Ashford, Ga. in the 1960s. Here there are four couples who gather together, but as the evening progresses, tensions rise and longtime relationships are tested. Audience size limited to 25. 7:30 p.m., *Windy City Playhouse*, 3014 W. Irving Park Road, \$65-\$85, 773-891-8985

Open Mic at Laugh Factory Think you have what it takes to be the next big star? Come try out your act on the World Famous Laugh Factory stage. Sign-ups are at 6 p.m. at the Laugh Factory to perform the following Wednesday at the 6:30 p.m. show. Be sure to get there early to sign up, because we can only take the first 15 comics. 6 p.m., *Laugh Factory*, 3175 N. Broadway, free, 773-327-3175

Bob Dylan: Trouble No More Check out the musical film featuring performances and more. 9:30 p.m., *Music Box Theatre*, 3733 N. Southport Ave., \$11, 773-871-6604

The SFN Stuff Show Stir Friday Night presents "The SFN Stuff Show!" The 23-year-old Asian American comedy troupe features a crazy eclectic myriad of scripted materials ranging from sketches, stand-up, storytelling, plays and a bunch of stuff. Each week is a brand new show. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693

Million Dollar Misery This is an original dark comedy that tells the story of a band held captive by a deranged fan in what can be considered a loose mashup of Broadway musicals like "Million Dollar Quartet" and Stephen King's "Misery." May leave you laughing one minute and stunned the next. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$10 online; \$12 at door, 773-697-9693

Movie listings

Want to catch something on the big screen this weekend? Here's what's in theaters from blockbusters to independent films.

Ratings key: ★★★★★ excellent; ★★★ good; ★★ fair; ★ poor.

OPENING

Gringo David Oyelowo stars as a by-the-book businessman who becomes involved in illegal activity. Charlize Theron, Joel Edgerton also star. Edgerton's brother Nash directs.

The Leisure Seeker In spite of their medical concerns, an elderly couple run off in their RV, called the Leisure Seeker, for one last adventure. Helen Mirren, Donald Sutherland star.

The Strangers: Prey at Night Three strangers attack a family spending a night in a remote park for mobile homes. Will they survive? Christina Hendricks ("Mad Men") stars.

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pated adaptation from Ava DuVernay follows a girl and her younger brother as they try to find their missing father (Chris Pine) with the help of three women (Oprah Winfrey, Mindy Kaling and Reese Witherspoon) with special powers. Gugu Mbatha-Raw also stars.

NOW PLAYING

15:17 to Paris ★½ Clint Eastwood's "The 15:17 to Paris" may be the first film from Eastwood that lacks a sense of direction. The docudrama follows three young Americans, friends since childhood, who thwarted a 2015 terrorist attack on a train bound for Paris. They encounter a terrorist, Ayoub El Khazzani, an apparent ISIS loyalist. It's the last thing he wanted, I'm sure, but Eastwood's latest ends up feeling like a stunt. We love stories of real-life heroics and grace under lethal pressure. But we need them to be more than the sum of their intentions. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

Annihilation ★★½ The plot sounds like a straight-ahead "Predator" scenario, but with a weirder variety of predators and a predominantly female ensemble. An extra-terrestrial life form crash-lands by a light-house somewhere along the Florida coast. The resulting, amorphous phenomenon, called "The Shimmer" ("Area X" in VanderMeer's novel) invites exploration and human intervention, since it may well destroy Earth as we know it. A dozen separate teams on a dozen separate missions, however, have gone missing once inside the translucent Shimmer. It doesn't quite fall together in that transporting way of top-flight science fiction. The occasional jolts are jolting, all right, as the mission encounters a speedy, hungry albino alligator and, later, a mutated bear-beast (the latter makes for a particularly grueling attack sequence). But the movie feels torn between styles and intentions. It's trippier than "Ex Machina," and writer-director Alex Garland makes a valiant go of its concerns, but "Annihilation" feels like a short-story amount of story pulled and twisted into feature length. — *M.P.*

Black Panther ★★½ "Black Panther" in brief: Wakanda was blessed by a magical substance called vibranium. The metal provides superhuman ability, and turns the king of the moment into Black Panther. King T'Chaka expires and his son, T'Challa, is crowned. There are two antagonists: Andy Serkis is vibranium fanatic Ulysses Klaue, and Michael B. Jordan is the American black ops ace known as Killmonger. He's got ambitions for the throne, and a belief in getting stunningly advanced weaponry in the hands of oppressed people of color throughout the world. May Marvel learn its lesson from "Black Panther": When a movie like this ends up feeling both personal and vital, you've done something right. — *M.P.*

The Commuter ★★½ There's a moment in "The Commuter" when the newly un-



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employed insurance salesman and former cop played by Liam Neeson is informed that his adversaries will be coming after his wife and son. Have these fools not seen the "Taken" movies? Don't they realize that such a threat is simply going to make Liam Neeson mad? This is the fourth teaming of Neeson and director Jaume Collet-Serra, men who have made millions racing against the clock. "The Commuter" is one of those movies with good things going in one direction, and cheesy things going in the other. The movie goes off the rails somewhat before the train does, but the star gives it the ol' Liam Neeson, which Liam Neeson can do better than anybody. — *M.P.*

Death Wish ★ A trauma surgeon at a Chicago hospital, Dr. Paul Kersey (Bruce Willis) lives a fine life in Evanston with his soon-to-be-doctor wife (Elisabeth Shue) and their NYU-bound daughter (Camila Morrone). There is, however, a lot of aggression in the air. A fellow soccer parent picks a fight with our hero. Clearly he has some manning-up to do, and "Death Wish" takes care of his needs. While Kersey's away saving lives, three thugs bust into his house and kill his wife and put his daughter in a coma. "We're gonna get these guys," Kersey is told by a police detective (Dean Norris), his partner (Kimberly Elise) in tow. But Kersey hasn't the patience or the optimism. — *M.P.*

Den of Thieves ★★½ In our current slew of 2½-star movies, "Den of Thieves" rates as the most curious tug-of-war, yanked back and forth between what works and what doesn't. It's a sidwinding but often surprisingly effective LA crime thriller. It's also saddled with the wrong leading man in Gerard Butler. — *M.P.*

Fifty Shades Freed ★★ In "Fifty Shades Freed," Seattle book editor Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson) has managed to pin down her dom daddy Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) — in holy matrimony. The plot involves Anastasia's former boss, Jack Hyde (Eric Johnson), seeking revenge on the recently married couple. He was fired after attempting to sexually assault Ana, but it turns out he's got a much longer history with the Grey family than they thought. The dom-sub thing extends too far, as Christian controls every aspect of Ana's everyday life. She exchanges her freedom for this fantasy life of preposterous wealth. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

Game Night ★★½ Most of the truly great action pictures (this isn't trying to be one of them) are spiced with wit. A lot of our best comedies (and "Game Night" is not trying to be one of those, either) move like crazy and take the pursuits and evasions seriously, or at least mock-seriously, so that the audience can, too. So where does this ensemble effort, led by two extremely adroit leading performers (Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams), fit into the equation? "Game Night" itself is not a long night; it's reasonably snappy. But co-directors John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein place a misjudged emphasis on keeping the violence and the action "real," so at its most routine and generic, the movie forgets it's supposed to be a comedy. — *M.P.*

Hostiles ★★½ The time is 1892. Christian Bale plays a U.S. Army captain who has seen much slaughter in the wars against the Native American tribes. The film follows a journey north as the bigoted Capt. Joseph Blocker and his men escort a long-imprisoned and now dying Cheyenne war

chief, played by Wes Studi, to his ancestral homeland. There, surrounded by his family, Yellow Hawk hopes to die with some measure of peace on his soul. The film starts with an attack on white settlers that leaves a homestead in flames and Rosalee Quaid, played by Rosamund Pike, crazed with grief. Discovered en route to Montana by Blocker and company, Quaid joins the men on the trail north. Fans of old-school, racist Westerns may roll their eyes at Blocker's preposterous change of heart. — *M.P.*

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ★★½ How can you argue with a bunch of movie stars acting goofy and hawking a "believe in yourself" message? There are some odd beats and choices, but "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" probably doesn't warrant that much scrutiny. Its surface pleasures are strong enough. — *Lindsey Bahr, Associated Press*

Lady Bird ★★★★★ Watching "Lady Bird" is like flipping through a high school yearbook with an old friend, with each page leading to another anecdote, another sweet-and-sour memory. It's a tonic to see any movie, especially in this late-Harvey Weinstein era, that does right by its female characters, that explores what it means to be a young woman on the cusp of adulthood, and that speaks the languages of sincerity and wit. — *M.P.*

Peter Rabbit ★★½ In the new "Peter Rabbit" adaptation, the animation technology is top-notch, but the spirit of Beatrix Potter's books is subsumed into mayhem. It's the story of rabbit Peter (James Corden), who can't help but snack from Mr. McGregor's garden. This version ups the ante in the Garden Wars, especially when Mr. McGregor (Sam Neill) dies, and his nephew Thomas (Domhnall Gleeson) comes to Windermere. Thomas, hoping to sell off his uncle's property, finds the "vermin" have moved in. Peter takes the feud too far, and "Peter Rabbit" descends into violence, as poor Gleeson is pounded at the paws of the brutal bunnies. — *K.W.*

Red Sparrow ★½ Rising ballerina Dominika (Jennifer Lawrence) suffers an onstage injury. Her incestuous-minded uncle (Matthias Schoenaerts) has a new career in mind for her: He blackmails her into attending "Sparrow" school, which trains a new generation of sexually manipulative spies. The faculty head trains her young women and men in the art of seduction. Much of "Red Sparrow" concerns Dominika's primary assignment: Cozying up to an American agent and learning the identity of the apparent double agent in his employ. Half of the "Red Sparrow" audience will spend part of the running time fighting off memories of "Salt" and "Atomic Blonde" and the Black Widow storyline from "The Avengers." The other half, meantime, will wonder when spy movies became quite so punishing. — *M.P.*



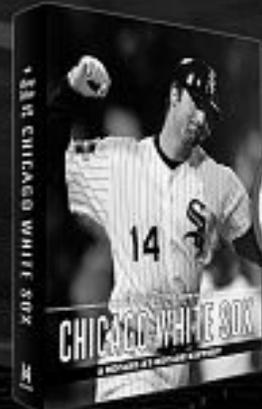
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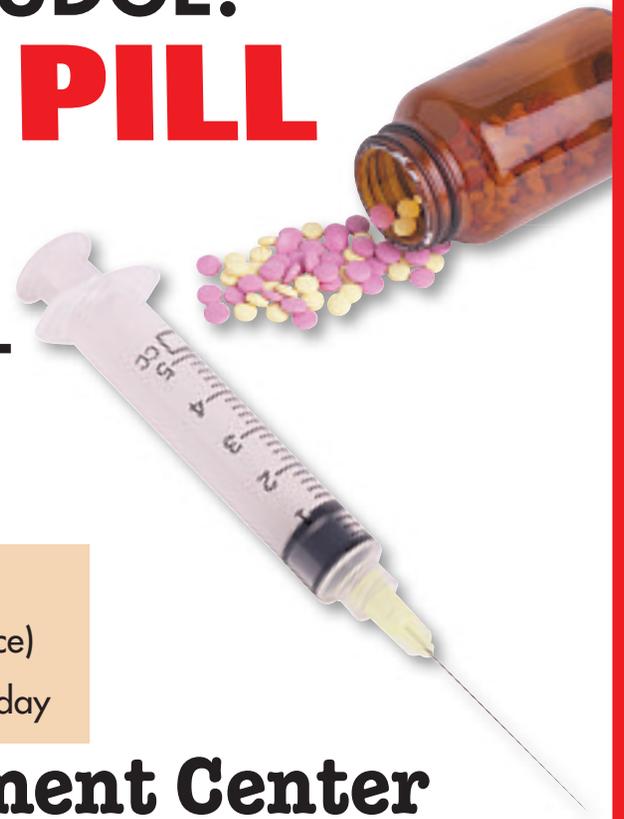
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Taurus April 20-May 20

The sexiest romantic experiences happen behind closed doors ... or in our fantasies. This week, you'll get one or the other but if you're lucky, you just might get both. During this time you might uncover more secrets about your lover than you anticipated, but it's equally likely that you'll be caught up in reverie about what you wish your love life could be.



Gemini May 21-June 20

If you're in a relationship, then you and your sweetheart are about to enjoy a week together that's anything but boring. You might be ready to add some spice to your sexual connection, and if so, this might be a time where you consider sharing one of your more "out there" sexual ideas with your partner.



Cancer June 21-July 22

You might be more focused with climbing the ladder of success this week than climbing into bed with your sweetie. Remind yourself that there is a time for everything and that you simply must focus on where your personal energy is leading you. In fact, you do have extraordinary opportunities for professional success this week and there is likely to be an unexpected offer waiting in the wings.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

You might be juggling more than one lover these days, and if so, you'll feel as if you're having the time of your life. Don't forget however, that while you taste from the buffet of romance, someone's heart might be at stake. Be clear about what your current relationships are and don't mislead anyone.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Deep, erotic and fulfilling intimacy is all available to you and your partner now. The only thing standing in your way up until this point has been your capacity to move toward all of this with courage. Now, it seems as though you're ready to cast aside any fear and doubt you have about getting what you truly crave in your love relationship.



Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Love is definitely on the docket for you this week. In fact, it might be the only thing that matters. If you and your sweetie are considering a stronger commitment to one another, this might be the time when you receive an unexpected proposal for marriage.



Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

If you're single, then you might want to pay careful attention to who's watching you at the gym. It might sound trite, but as you're working out and going about your routine, there's a very real chance that someone is checking you out. He or she might also try impressing you with their physical prowess if you happen to look their way.



Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You might have recently been experiencing wanderlust of your heart where you are not exactly sure who to choose out of more than one romantic option. It seems that everyone in your life has something special to offer you, and as a result, you've been neglecting any real commitment. This week, however, something might shift. You may realize that one of your lovers has suddenly captured your heart.



Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Domestic harmony will somehow make your love life even sweeter this week. This can go several different ways: One possibility is that you and your lover are ready to take the leap and move in together. Another possibility is that you are already in a stable relationship and sharing space, but the two of you are itching to redecorate. Go for it, but remember to split the bill because it might get costly!



Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Love is definitely on your brain this week. A brand-new relationship might present itself, or you and your sweetheart might have a chance to go in a new direction together. What you do depends a lot on how much courage you have now to take a risk. Guess what? You're in a gambling kind of mood now. Roll the dice!

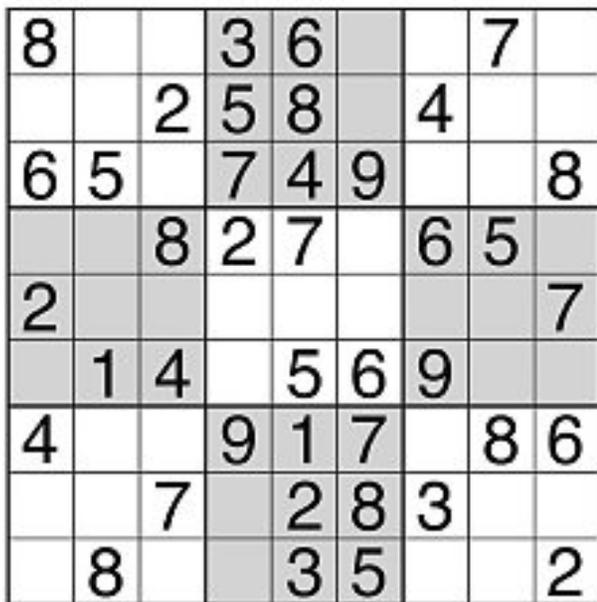


Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Conversations with your sweetheart this week about finances will prove to be quite beneficial. Your mate is likely to have an idea or two about how to take a new direction with your personal budgeting habits. You won't see this advice as controlling, but rather innovative and helpful.

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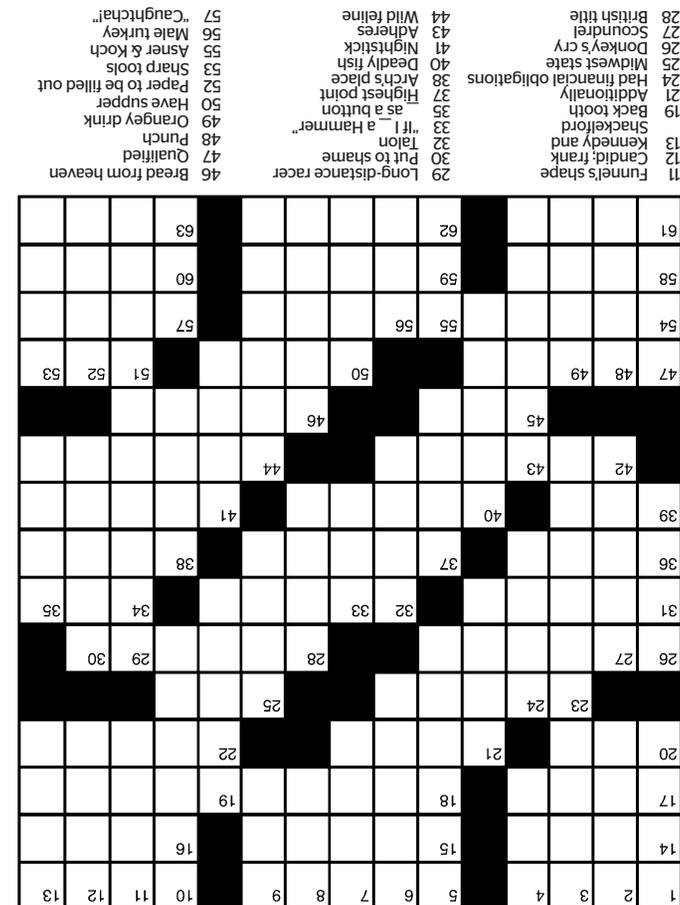
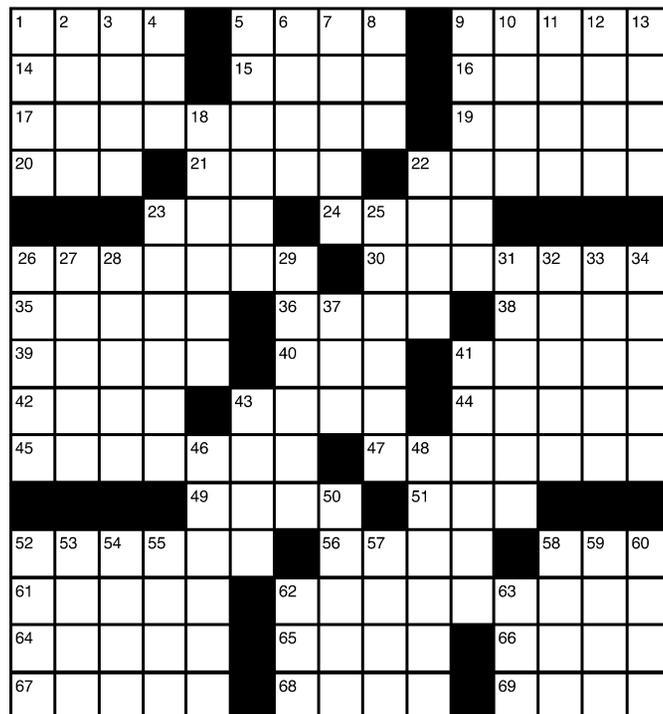
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- Here to Eternity
- Seize by force, as a throne
- Lump of dirt
- "The Hawkeye State"
- trail; series of records that can be traced
- Golfer's delight
- Stingless bee
- Female animal
- with; abounding in
- Delicate
- Sweltering
- "Phooey!"
- Sailor
- Mrs. Roosevelt
- Eat away at
- Nervous
- Shoestring
- Shy and scared
- Not up to ; substandard
- Upper crust
- As straight _ arrow
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- in; enjoy
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- Pass away
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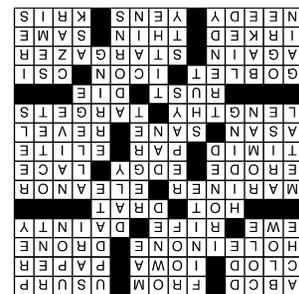
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- Hard hit
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- Limited
- House top
- Possessed
- West
- Modernize
- Calcutta dress
- Stock ; buy food to store away
- Landlord's collection
- on; victimize
- Pressed
- Tyne or Tim
- Concealing
- Feel bad about having done
- Copper or tin
- Get up
- Native of Italy's capital
- Compensates
- Assert without proof
- Unsuspecting
- Group of eight
- Becomes dizzy
- VP Quayle
- Miscalculating
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- Support one's parish
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- Meanie
- Verb in a cake recipe
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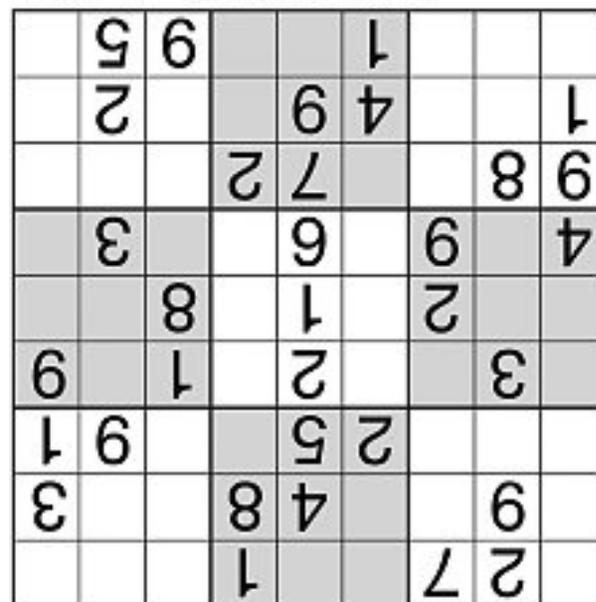
- Put on ; be haughtily
- Closes noisily
- Sean Conery or David
- Mccallum
- Entrance
- Traditional Sioux abode
- Easy stride
- Pointed tools
- Probed again
- Actress West
- Band ; strips for minor cuts
- Kills
- Gives shape to
- Grand Opry
- Walk leisurely in a bookstore
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- Shun
- onesself; get dressed
- Not at all strict
- Facial feature
- Up and about
- Apply finger paint
- Son
- Covering completely
- Strong as
- Organ in the chest
- Reed or Fargo
- In this place
- Breakfast order
- Smudge
- Weapons
- Actor Sandler
- Dunquan
- Good examples
- Grads-to-be
- Long step
- City in England
- Jungle beasts
- Neighbor south of us: abbr.
- Body of water
- Dieter's piece of pie
- Funnel's shape
- Candid; frank
- Kennedy and Shakerford
- Additionally
- Back tooth
- Put to shame
- Tail
- As a button
- Orangey drink
- Have supper
- Paper to be filled out
- Sharp tools
- Asner & Koch
- Male turkey
- Caughtchai



MONDAY'S SOLUTIONS



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

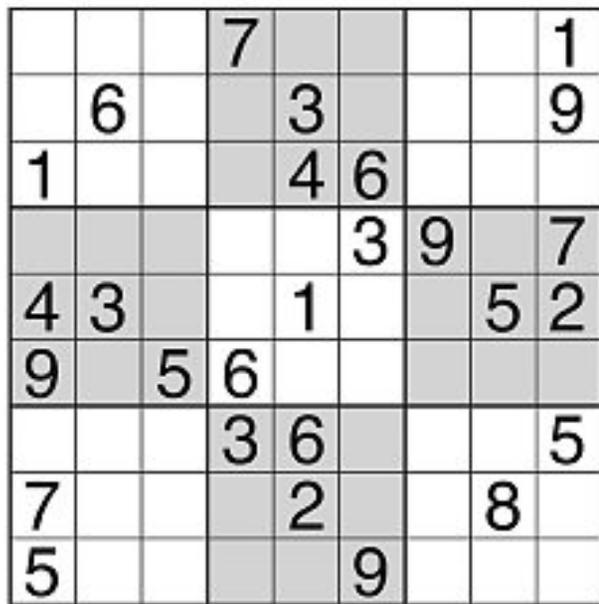


PUZZLES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6

- 1944:** American bombers staged their first World War II raid on Berlin.
- 1981:** Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as anchor of "The CBS Evening News."
- 2006:** South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds signed legislation banning most abortions in his state.
- (Abortion-rights groups were able to get enough signatures to put the measure to a vote, and the ban was rejected in the November election.)
- 2013:** The European Union slapped a \$731 million fine against Microsoft for failing to offer users a choice of Web browser.

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

PUZZLES FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 9



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



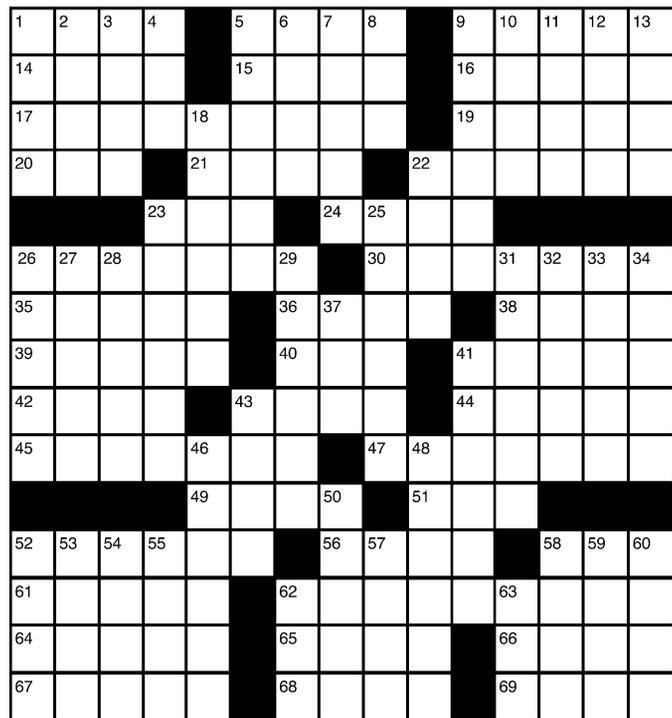
THURSDAY'S SOLUTIONS



TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

- 1959:** The original Barbie doll debuted in U.S. stores.
- 1979:** The Justice Department announced it was suing to prevent The Progressive magazine from publishing an article entitled "How a Hydrogen Bomb Works."
- 1990:** Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job.
- 1997:** Gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

- ACROSS**
- "The Farmer in the ..."
 - Kennel noises
 - Winner
 - Nabisco cookie
 - Actress Remini
 - TV's Mandel
 - Multiply; reproduce
 - Game site
 - Curvy letter
 - Warsaw native
 - Ice skate supports
 - Next month: abbr.
 - Robert or Elizabeth
 - Interferes
 - "The ...": Robert Redford baseball movie
 - Still breathing
 - Shove
 - Snout
 - Actor Tommy Lee ...
 - Make fun of
 - Woodwind
 - Ajar
 - Word to a pest
 - Inflexible
 - Say again, or in a different way
 - Salt containers
 - Gifts for kids
 - Afternoon hour
 - Chess piece
 - Military vehicle
 - Have debts
 - Oared
 - Prudence in planning for the future
 - Prize
 - Shade trees
 - Gator's cousin
 - Great ...; very tall dogs
 - Gusto
 - Slangy reply



- DOWN**
- Dummy
 - Goes astray
 - Late July babies
 - Cut off
 - Clinton's VP
 - Bona fide
 - Destined
 - That woman
 - Alpine cottage
 - Circle dance
 - Astounded
 - Dig for ore
 - Pod veggies
 - Granny Smiths & McIntoshes
 - Feeling ...; in a funk
 - Season before Christmas
 - Beginnings
 - Very important
 - Run and wed
 - Eats
 - Actor Kevin ...
 - Dissimilar to
 - Cheek coloring
 - Moving about; henceforth
 - City in England
 - "Lazy River"
 - Sinatra and Gifford
 - Come to a halt
 - Disagreeing
 - Straightforward
 - Embezzled
 - Actor Pitt
 - Neighbor of Nebraska
 - Waterbird
 - From ... on out; henceforth
 - Upper limbs
 - Villain
 - Opposite of "Giddyap!"
 - Engrave
 - Brimless hat with a tassel
 - Like slick winter roads

ACROSS

- Applaud
- Pass on, as a message
- Fencing sword
- Nylons
- Ooze out
- Maize
- Sydney's nation: abbr.
- Fortress
- Sorority letter
- Captain in "Peter Pan"
- Movie parts
- One of the five senses
- Actress West
- Grow older
- Inturate
- Diminish
- Hillside
- Actor Kilmner
- Solitary
- Shapless masses
- Lucie's dad
- Tac-toe
- Barking marine mammals
- Mania; ship for
- Columbus
- Wiggle room
- One who dies for his beliefs
- the honors: acted as
- rost
- Japanese 3-line poem
- Comic ...; "Peanuts," e.g.
- Give to a borrower
- Everyone
- Sickenly color
- Primary color
- As well
- His or her
- BOE folk
- Secluded valley
- at; show contempt for
- Peepers
- Follow
- Rawls and Dobbs
- Help
- Teacher's favorite
- Install new shoe
- In this place
- Praise bottoms
- Move futrively
- Hulabaloo
- Japan's dollar
- Reverberated

DOWN

- Swimming spot
- Author Stanley Gardner
- Murder
- Disgusting
- Therefore
- Obstacle
- Like a skyscraper
- Trick
- Actor Perry
- Queue
- Unilluminated
- Not as much
- Commercial
- Brown shade
- Buzzing insect
- "Way in a ...; Christmas
- Tesla rival
- Uttered
- Steal
- TV remote button
- In this place
- A, B, C, D or F
- Finishes
- Texter's giggle
- Dishonest one
- Drop of sweat
- In the long run
- In the long run
- Swimming spot
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cheat sheet

By Ben Meyerson | FOR REDEYE

Quick! Think of something interesting to say at dinner Friday night. If nothing's coming to you, here are your conversation starters for the weekend.

“The Hamilton Polka”

“Hamilton” has inspired tributes by dozens of artists since **Lin-Manuel Miranda’s** musical became a smash hit. The latest tribute comes from “Weird Al” **Yankovic**, who released “The Hamilton Polka” March 2 as part of the Hamildrops series. The five-minute song isn’t a parody, strictly speaking — it’s simply a medley of “Hamilton” songs performed with a lively accordion backing (with a few fart noises tossed in for good measure). Yankovic’s been doing these polka medleys for more than 30 years now, with a previous hit list that includes Nirvana, the Rolling Stones, Limp Bizkit, Kanye West and Miley Cyrus.



‘Weird Al’ Yankovic

JAY L. CLENDENIN/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Barbra Streisand’s clone dogs

Your aunt’s favorite singer, **Barbra Streisand**, let it all out there recently in a wide-ranging interview with *Variety*. Amid many more serious nuggets, Streisand revealed that two of her dogs were cloned — two of her three Coton de Tulears were created from the cells of a 14-year-old pup who died last year. The service is apparently available to everyone — the *New York Times* reports a company in Texas will do it for the low price of \$50,000.



JOHNNIE WALKER

Johnnie Walker, meet Jane

Classic Scotch whisky brand Johnnie Walker is getting in touch with its feminine side. Parent company Diageo has made 250,000 limited-edition bottles emblazoned with new mascot, **Jane Walker**, which it says will go on sale this month. For every bottle made, *Time* reports the company will donate a dollar to organizations that promote women, including Monumental Women and She Should Run.

Mountain climbers, pick up your poop

North America’s tallest mountain has a poop problem. Experts say that the waste left behind by climbers on **Denali** in Alaska isn’t fully breaking down, the *Associated Press* reports, which could lead to bacteria in the melted snow that climbers need to drink to survive. So the National Park Service is working on a new solution: Only one crevasse is OK to toss your turds in; all other crap must be carried down the mountain with you.



HELEEN SITTER/GETTY

The digit: \$4.13

That was the going rate for a lost tooth that the Tooth Fairy paid out in 2017, according to a poll sponsored by insurance company Delta Dental. It’s a drop of 11 percent from 2016, according to a survey the company calls the **Original Tooth Fairy Poll**. The average payout for a first lost tooth was much more resilient, at \$5.70, down only 2 cents from \$5.72 the previous year. Guess which region of the U.S. doles out the least? The rock-ribbed Midwest, at \$3.44 per tooth. Ya gotta earn it, kids.