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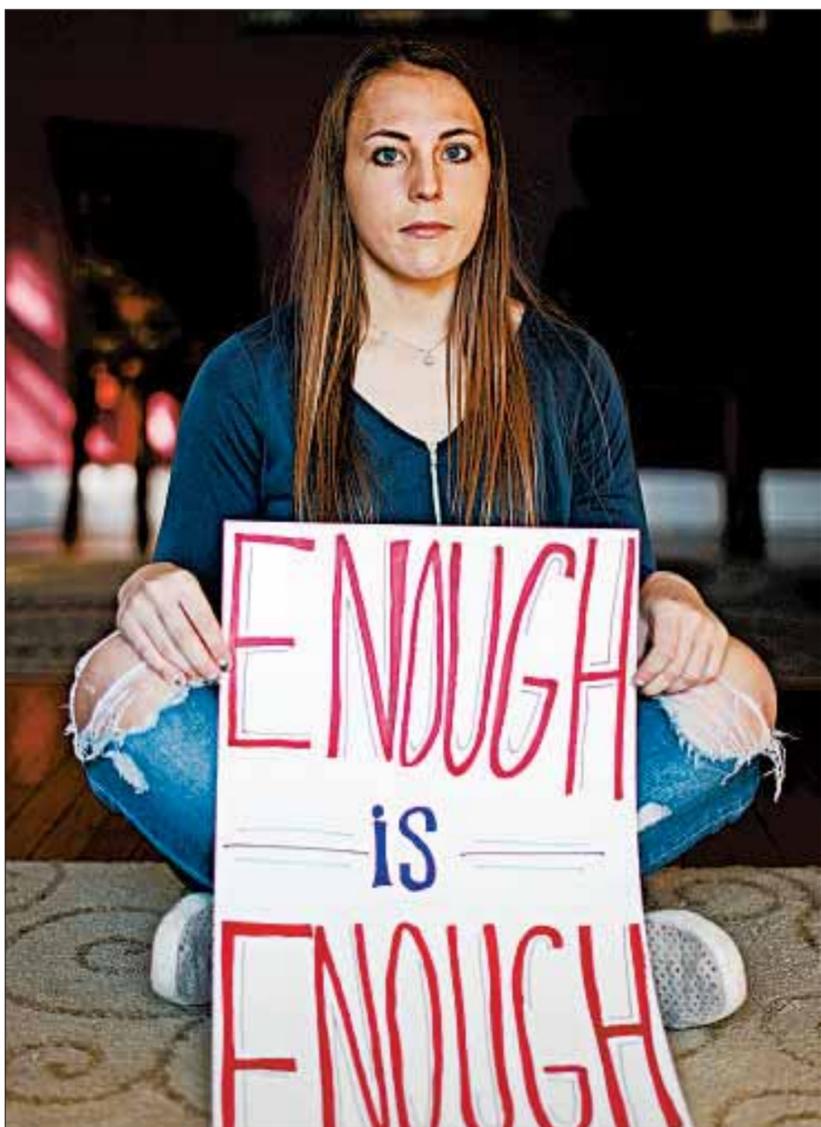
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Samantha Schmitz, 18, is helping organize a walkout at Barrington High School on Wednesday.

'We're not going to stop'

Meet some of the Illinois students behind Wednesday's school walkouts for gun reform

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY | Chicago Tribune

High school students across Illinois will join a national walkout at 10 a.m. Wednesday to mark the one-month anniversary of the fatal school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

In the weeks since the massacre that left 17 dead, the teen survivors at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School have become vocal advocates for gun reform, spurring a nationwide #NeverAgain movement to fight for policies that would prevent future mass shootings. In Illinois, students from across the city, suburbs and state have joined the far-reaching movement to end gun violence with a gusto some school administrators say they haven't seen in decades.

As students organize mass walkouts, educators have been left to strike a delicate balance between encouraging young people's civic engagement and the need to keep them safe.

While schools have the right to discipline students for not being present in class, many school officials across the city and suburbs have worked with student organizers to plan walkouts that are safe, meaningful and nonpolitical. Local student leaders, who acknowledge that the gun debate is complex, hope Wednesday's walkouts will show that they are determined to be a part of an ongoing discussion.

While most schools in the area have

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GOP: Panel finds no collusion evidence

Democrats slam House report on Russia, Trump campaign

BY CHRIS MEGERIAN
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — After a yearlong investigation marred by bitter partisan divisions, Republicans announced Monday that the House intelligence committee has found no evidence of collusion between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russians

who used social media and hacked emails in an effort to influence the 2016 election.

A draft 150-page report will be shared Tuesday with Democrats, who have pressed for a more aggressive investigation than Republicans would allow, and who complained Monday that the panel's work was incomplete.

The Republican report concludes that the Russian government's extensive meddling in the campaign was not intended to help Trump beat Hillary Clinton. That puts the House Republicans

at direct odds with the nation's intelligence agencies, who assessed last year that the Kremlin specifically sought to undermine Clinton and assist Trump.

Guided in part by the committee chairman, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., who had recused himself from the investigation, the panel's probe largely broke down in crude partisan infighting, marking a rare breach of decorum and tradition on a panel that conducts oversight of the

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Lipinski, Newman reflect Dem split

14-year incumbent's foe draws on energy of progressive push

BY JOHN BYRNE
AND KATHERINE SKIBA
Chicago Tribune



Lipinski



Newman

The dueling forces in the nationally watched primary fight between Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski and challenger Marie Newman were on full display when they took the stage for a rare joint appearance.

An audience of more than 500 people cheered and heckled at the Palos Hills forum last month as Lipinski played the role of the wonky former university professor, largely sticking to policy talking points about transportation and health care. He admonished the La Grange businesswoman and political newcomer for what he called a "fantasy" that she could go to Washington, D.C., and enact the agenda of a "tea party of the left."

Newman tried to tap into the progressive zeitgeist, drawing whoops from a throng of young people as she criticized the seven-term congressman's conservative social positions. But when Newman pledged to work for everyone in the district, a Lipinski backer near the stage called back: "Except the unborn!"

The abortion-rights supporter Newman and abortion-rights opponent Lipinski are battling in a race that's pointed to as an example of the fight the Democratic Party's progressive wing is waging against moderates and

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Democratic governor candidate Daniel Biss listens Monday at a town hall gathering at La Catrina Cafe in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood.

GOVERNOR'S RACE DANIEL BISS

'Middle-class candidate' looks for his own lane

Takes on wealthy rivals while defending record as state legislator, shifting views on Madigan

BY MONIQUE GARCIA AND KIM GEIGER | Chicago Tribune

Daniel Biss, a former assistant mathematics professor at the University of Chicago, has touted his experience with numbers as a key reason Democratic voters should nominate him for governor. So when the Evanston state senator was asked the price of a monthly CTA pass during a recent debate, he made some quick calculations.

"Let's see, my Metra pass has now come pretty close to \$50 a month. So a monthly CTA pass I would guess is probably around \$35," Biss said.

The actual cost is \$105 — a miscalculation that pulled at the very threads of the brand Biss has spent the last year carefully cultivating. He's running as the "middle-class candidate" against a billionaire heir and entrepreneur who's writing big campaign

checks and a millionaire developer born into an American political dynasty.

The Democratic establishment has coalesced around J.B. Pritzker, and Chris Kennedy — a son of Robert F. Kennedy — has leaned on his family name and made appeals to African-American voters.

Looking for his own lane, Biss has sought to seize on a Democratic Party rift following the 2016 presidential campaign, courting voters who supported Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders over party nominee Hillary Clinton. The seven-year lawmaker points to his time in the General Assembly as proof that he's the only "proven progressive" on the March 20 ballot.

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Stormy Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, says she received cash to cover up an affair with Donald Trump.

Stormy is America’s real 1st lady — it just makes biblical sense



REX HUPPKE

I have some interesting news: The real first lady of the United States of America is Stormy Daniels.

I’ve gone over this in my mind, backward and forward, and basic logic dictates that I’m right.

Hear me out:

Donald Trump is president of the United States.

Stormy Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, is an adult-film actress who claims she had a sexual relationship with Trump. Her claim is supported by a now public nondisclosure agreement, a \$130,000 hush-money payment that Trump’s attorney made to her, and the simple fact that a sexual relationship with someone named Stormy Daniels sounds like the most Donald Trump thing Donald Trump could ever do.

The allegation is that Trump had “an affair” with Daniels while married to alleged current first lady Melania Trump. That seems hard to believe.

Sex out of wedlock is a sin. It says so in the Bible: “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.”

Evangelical Christians love the Bible and hate sin.

Evangelical Christians also love Trump. They voted for him overwhelmingly in the 2016 election and, according to a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll, are giving him about a 70 percent approval rating.

So if evangelicals hate sin and love Trump, then Trump cannot be a sinner. That’s because the Bible, which, as previously mentioned, evangelicals hold in rather high regard, is clear on the overall badness of hypocrisy.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus called out religious hypocrites over and over, saying, “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces.” “Woe to you, blind guides,” Jesus railed, later continuing: “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?”

It’s pretty straightforward. Hypocrisy = bad.

Now consider how evangelicals reacted to President Bill Clinton’s extramarital relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

James Dobson of Focus on the Family wrote in September 1998: “As it turns out, character DOES matter. You can’t run a family, let alone a country, without it. How foolish to believe that a person who lacks honesty and moral integrity is qualified to lead a nation and the world!”

Gary Bauer, head of the Family Research Council at the time, wrote: “The seamy facts under public discussion are shameful enough. But fascination with this story should not be allowed to obscure the deeper lesson these incidents impart. That lesson is this: Character counts — in a people, in the institutions of our society, and in our national leadership.”

And Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, said Clinton “has lost the moral authority and the trust necessary to govern. He has fallen below the threshold of what is necessary to be able to effectively serve in office.”

We’ve established that hypocrisy is a no-no. So there’s no way Trump-loving evangelicals are going to be hypocritical. And in order for them to not be hypocritical, Trump can’t be a sinner (remember, they despise sin), and in order for Trump to not be a sinner, his alleged sexual relationship with Stormy Daniels could not have been out of wedlock.

And that can mean only one thing: Trump and Daniels are husband and wife, and Daniels is our first lady.

I, for one, welcome her. To be honest, the person we previously thought was first lady hasn’t seemed too fond of the job.

Which brings us to a big question: Who is Melania Trump and why has the president been co-habiting with her at the White House while ignoring Daniels, his actual spouse?

The answer is quite simple. It’s an act of selfless compassion.

Melania Knauss first came to America in the mid-1990s, pursuing a modeling career.

She began “dating” Trump in 1998, and in 2001 was miraculously granted a green card under the EB-1 program, reserved for immigrants with “extraordinary ability.” The couple were “married” in 2005 and she obtained U.S. citizenship in 2006.

Why would Trump go to such lengths to help this Slovenian immigrant?

For that answer, we turn back to the Bible: “You must not oppress foreigners. You know what it’s like to be a foreigner, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.”

Trump is, as his evangelical supporters say, a good Christian. So he engaged in a sham relationship with Melania Knauss to help her become a citizen. Trump’s present anti-immigrant rhetoric is merely a ruse to distract from his remarkable act of near-biblical kindness.

The two were never intimate, of course. That would be sinful, since Trump, as we’ve now established, was in a committed relationship with Daniels. (Melania and Donald Trump’s alleged son, Barron, is actually a 43-year-old crisis actor playing the role of a lifetime.)

The logic here is airtight. Stormy Daniels has to be our first lady.

If she’s not, Trump’s evangelical supporters have some explaining to do.

Because as a very wise man once said, “Woe to you, blind guides.”

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



Cubs' Russell slides into 'Donuts'

Cubs shortstop **Addison Russell** has landed a sweet spot on an episode of "Superior Donuts" that's scheduled to air the night of the Cubs' home opener.

Russell, 24, plays himself in the guest role on the Chicago-set CBS sitcom, Entertainment Weekly reports. Russell stops by the Superior Donuts shop to meet with shop owner Arthur Przybyszewski (played by **Judd Hirsch**), who is scrambling to score Cubs tickets to maintain his home opener attendance streak.

"Superior Donuts," which is in its second season, is based on a play by Steppenwolf Theatre ensemble member **Tracy Letts**. Though the old-school doughnut shop is set in the gentrifying Uptown neighborhood, the CBS series is filmed in Los Angeles.



Cubs shortstop Addison Russell, left, hands Judd Hirsch a bat in the Chicago-set show "Superior Donuts."

Katey Sagal, Jermaine Fowler and Chicago stage veteran **David Koechner** star. Russell's

episode is set to air at 8 p.m. April 9. The Cubs are to play their home opener against the Pitts-

burgh Pirates that day at 1:20 p.m. — *Tracy Swartz*

Ace your bracket, win Bull LaVine's sweet BMW

Zach LaVine is offering his BMW i8 as a prize, but there's a catch: You have to come up with a flawless NCAA tournament bracket.

"These keys right here, man? They're all yours. Perfect bracket. I want to see it," the Bulls star says in an Instagram video. LaVine posted the promotion Sunday night after the selection show.



LaVine

LaVine is promising his customized ride as part of a Finish Line promotion, but the car itself has a Bulls-themed back story. In September he told Inc., "It's in Bulls colors, and I got it custom actually before I got traded (as part of the Jimmy Butler deal). I thought it was kind of cool because my dad's car's black and red, my car's black and red, so it's almost like it was destiny."

The 369-horsepower plug-in hybrid supercar does 0 to 60 in 4.2 seconds. According to Edmunds.com, the manufacturer's suggested retail price for a 2017 basic two-door coupe is \$156,995.

Regardless of what LaVine paid for his, how could he give up his car of destiny? The odds are in his favor that it will stay parked in his garage.

NCAA.com noted that the odds of getting a perfect bracket are as tough as 1 in 9.2 quintillion or as optimistic as DePaul University professor Jeff Bergen's 1 in 128 billion. In other words, don't sell your car just yet.

— *Phil Thompson*

Jesse Eisenberg likes 'bleeding heart' Biss

Jesse Eisenberg isn't your typical Hollywood leading man.

But the 34-year-old actor brought the same awkward charm he showed in his Oscar-nominated performance as Facebook CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** at a campaign rally Saturday for **Daniel Biss**.

After being mistakenly introduced as Biss onstage at the Bottom Lounge on the Near West Side ("I actually really appreciate that mistake, because now I get to be the governor"), Eisenberg began disarmingly.

"This is my first political rally," he said. "I wore my nicest jacket. I've never supported a political candidate publicly."

Eisenberg told the crowd that while he generally disapproves of actors "talking about things that are not written by a screenwriter," his family has a personal connection to Biss, who grew up in Bloomington, Ind., with Eisenberg's wife, **Anna Strout**.

The couple moved to Bloomington in 2016 to be with Strout's mother, **Toby Strout**, who ran a shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence. When his mother-in-law died last year, Eisenberg said, "we heard a lot of really nice words about her and one of the things was that Daniel Biss was inspired by her work on issues of domestic violence to kind of give back."

Supporting Biss is one of the ways he could honor his mother-in-law's legacy, he said.

"Living in Bloomington I've always heard tales of Daniel because he's so brilliant and the fact that he has this bleeding heart," he said, describing Biss as "an ordinary person with an extraordinary mind."

Eisenberg, who also worked the phones for the Biss campaign, isn't the only celebrity getting involved in the Democratic gubernatorial primary. The **Chris Kennedy** campaign on Friday released a campaign ad starring comedian **Dan Aykroyd**.

— *Kim Janssen*



BISS CAMPAIGN PHOTO

Actor Jesse Eisenberg stumps Saturday for Democratic governor candidate Daniel Biss.

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Youth groups seek to change how CPS addresses drinking

Study details reasons behind alcohol use among eighth- through 12th-graders



DAHLEEN GLANTON

In the age of opioids, marijuana and other popular illicit drugs with cool names like “spice” and “lean,” it is easy to forget about what is still the most common drug of choice for young people — alcohol.

Underage drinking remains a particular problem among eighth-through 12th-graders in Chicago

Public Schools.

According to a new study by Voices of Youth in Chicago Education, in conjunction with Lurie Children’s Hospital, a substantial number of Chicago youths acknowledge that they regularly use alcohol to cope with stress, depression and trauma.

In a city where youths are confronted with violence at almost every turn, it is not surprising that some young people would choose a readily available substance such as alcohol as a means of self-medicating.

As mental health services have been eliminated in some of the city’s most violent neighborhoods, many teenagers turn to alcohol to help numb the pain of watching a close friend gunned down in the street or of losing a relative in a drive-by shooting.

On Monday, young people in Chicago set out to remind adults that while underage drinking has declined nationwide in recent years, it has not completely gone away. And they want CPS to stop treating it as simply a disciplinary problem and more like a public health issue.

VOYCE and a coalition of other youth-based organizations launched a citywide campaign, “I Got This,” aimed at curbing alcohol use among eighth- through 12th-graders. The multifaceted campaign is designed not only to bring public awareness to the issue but also to encourage CPS to reform its policies for disciplining students who come to school drunk or buzzed.

Typically, the group said, CPS calls on police to make an arrest, or suspends or expels students who might have an alcohol problem. What these young people need, the study said, is healing that gets at the root of the problem and rehabilitation.

Instead of punitive approaches to discipline, the study suggests school officials provide better assessments, meet with parents and provide referrals to mental and behavioral health resources and specialty programs designed to address teenage alcohol abuse.

The current CPS Student Code of Conduct and the Illinois School Code contribute to over-criminalizing students, the study said, leaving too many with a criminal record for low-level offenses that could follow them the rest of their lives.

It is a problem, the study said, that disproportionately affects low-income students of color. Ultimately, it leads to higher dropout rates, higher arrest rates and eventually higher incarceration rates.

The study’s authors want the General Assembly to invest more resources in hiring school psychologists, professional counselors and alcohol and substance abuse programs.

The VOYCE research is based on data from the 2016 Illinois Youth Survey, which found that 14,480 students out of the entire CPS 12th grade population and more than 5,200 eighth-graders reported using alcohol in the past year. Additionally, the youth survey said, 7,240 CPS 12th grade students and almost 8,000 eighth-graders had reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day in the past two weeks.

The VOYCE survey released Monday, called “Open Bottles Broken Policies,” sought to find out why so many youths in Chicago under the legal drinking age

of 21 turn to alcohol.

It was not surprising to find that they drink for many of the same reasons that adults drink.

Here’s what the young people said, in their own words.

“To forget things/depression.” “To escape problems/socialize.” “Because it feels good, gets rid of stress.” “Many reasons, stuff at home going on, personal issues, or they just want to cure pain.”

Alcohol use has become so normalized in the lives of teenagers that no one blinks an eye when someone gets so drunk at a party that they stumble out the door.

That’s what happened last September, for example, when 19-year-old Kenneka Jenkins, inebriated and confused, walked into a freezer at a hotel in Rosemont and died of hypothermia.

According to the VOYCE data, 64 percent of students said they or someone they know has drunk alcohol in the past 30 days. Additionally, 64 percent said that they or someone they know drinks because of problems at home or to deal with stress, anxiety, depression, trauma and other mental health issues. More than 40 percent of young people also said that they or someone they know use alcohol to deal with the stress of school.

Adults are likely to overlook teenage alcohol abuse as well. Some might even consider it a blessing if their child chooses to have a few beers rather than snort heroin.

About 61 percent of young people said that someone, and in some cases even a parent or guardian, is aware that they drink alcohol and treats it as normal.

Why do young people feel so at ease with alcohol? They say it’s because the media send constant messages that drinking is OK.

Almost 60 percent of the youths surveyed said that they’ve been encouraged by commercials, music, movies and ads that create a culture that glorifies drinking alcohol.

More than 40 percent of them said they regularly see alcohol-related advertisements, and they believe their communities are specifically targeted in the marketing.

These youths are begging adults to pay closer attention. We can only blame ourselves for what happens if we choose to ignore them.

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Drug stash house stings should end, judge rules

ATF tactics found distasteful, though not racially biased

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

In a decision with potentially national consequences, the chief federal judge in Chicago ruled Monday that the controversial drug stash house stings run by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have an ugly racial component and should be discontinued.

“These ... cases have served to undermine legitimate law enforcement efforts in this country,” U.S. District Chief Judge Ruben Castillo said from the bench. “It is time for these false stash house cases to end and be relegated to the dark corridors of our past.”

Despite finding that the operations were “tinged with racial overtones,” however, Castillo “reluctantly” declined to dismiss the charges against the eight defendants whose cases he is overseeing, writing in a 73-page opinion that they fell short of proving the stings unfairly targeted blacks and Hispanics.

“Fortunately for the government, the question before this court is not whether the practices used in these sting operations are honorable or fair,” Castillo wrote.

The ruling comes three months after Castillo and eight other district judges held a landmark hearing over the issue of whether the ATF stings were discriminatory. The other judges are expected to issue opinions of their own in coming weeks, and any significant differences among the rulings are expected to lead to further litigation on appeal.

How the 13 Chicago-area cases shake out is being closely watched by law enforcement and defense attorneys across the country, where hundreds of similar stings have been used over the past two decades. While judges in other districts have criticized the operations for inventing crime and targeting vulnerable people, Castillo’s ruling was the first to call them out on issues of race.

In Chicago, the mounting issues have already prompted federal prosecutors to seek plea deals for all 43 men awaiting trial.

Leslie Mayfield, whose case was highlighted by the Tribune in a front-page article last year, could be the first to enter a guilty plea Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Edmond Chang, records show. Meanwhile, a court filing Monday indi-



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U.S. District Chief Judge Ruben Castillo will not dismiss charges against eight defendants.

cated a defendant in another case could soon be freed from custody with time served.

Castillo took the unusual step Monday of ordering deputy marshals to lock his courtroom doors so spectators didn’t “rush out” in the middle of his remarks, he said. He ended by calling on U.S. Attorney John Lausch to bring the long-delayed criminal cases to a close.

A spokesman for Lausch had no comment after the hearing.

Castillo, a former civil rights attorney and the first Hispanic chief judge in the Northern District of Illinois, has long hinted at his dissatisfaction with the tactics used in the stings, a staple of the ATF playbook since the mid-1990s that uses the promise of a big score to target what are supposed to be dangerous criminals. In reality, the stash houses — as well as the drugs, cash and armed guards purportedly inside — were dreamed up by agents.

In addition to allegations of racism, the prosecutions have been criticized because agents can arbitrarily jack up the charges by increasing the amount of fake drugs the defendants are purportedly trying to rob — a move that can lead to stiff sentences of up to life behind bars.

Castillo himself got the ball rolling on the litigation over alleged racial disparities nearly five years ago when he ordered prosecutors to turn over evidence about the racial makeup of the stash house defendants.

At an unprecedented joint hearing in Chicago in December, the nine district judges with stash house cases heard testimony from dueling policing experts who came to dramatically different conclusions about what the data showed.

National policing expert

Jeffrey Fagan testified for the defendants that when he analyzed 94 defendants in 24 stings conducted between 2006 and 2013, he found that 74 of them were black and only a handful were white — a disparity so large that there was “a zero percent likelihood” it happened by chance.

The expert hired by the U.S. attorney’s office, Max Schanzenbach, testified that Fagan used an overly broad group to compare with stash house defendants, including people from rural counties with only minor criminal convictions.

After the hearing, yet another legal battle began brewing over documents that lawyers for the defendants argued should have been turned over but were withheld by the government. The latest round of litigation clearly frustrated some of the judges — including Castillo — who in recent weeks have urged the U.S. attorney’s office to rethink its approach to the prosecutions.

At a hearing in January, Castillo told prosecutors they should focus on resolving each case fairly rather than continuing to fight the issue all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“This isn’t about winning cases,” Castillo said. “It’s about doing justice. Some of these defendants have already served a lot of time. The government needs to think about that and needs to think about it very, very seriously.”

In his ruling Monday, Castillo said the stash house stings “generate great disrespect for law enforcement efforts” and undermine cooperation from private citizens that is critical to success. While the goal to get violent offenders off the streets may be a noble one, the ends do not justify the means, the judge said.

Citing the recent 89th anniversary of the St. Valentine’s Day massacre in Chicago, Castillo noted that the efforts by Eliot Ness and others in law enforcement involved “solid investigative work” that inspired public cooperation.

“Even during the low point of the great violence cause by the alcohol wars of Prohibition, the ATF did not seek to use ‘false alcohol warehouse’ tactics against any ethnic organized crime groups to promote public safety,” Castillo wrote.

Castillo also said the problems with the stash house stings must be viewed “through the lens of our country’s sad history of racism,” including the federal government’s use of severe penalties for crack cocaine in the 1980s and 1990s that led to huge disparities in sentences for black and white defendants convicted of narcotics offenses.

“This country cannot afford such self-inflicted wounds,” Castillo said.

However, the judge said, Fagan’s analysis of the Chicago-area stash house cases had its faults, particularly his use of a “comparison group” that included 292,000 people living in an eight-county area — or roughly 10 percent of the population of men ages 14 to 49.

“It seems implausible to assume that nearly 300,000 people ... would have been willing to commit a stash house robbery had they been given the opportunity,” Castillo wrote.

Fagan also erred by including defendants who were brought into the scheme by others and therefore were never “targeted” by the ATF, the judge ruled.

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Rauner won’t commit on gun retailer bill

Legislation requires licensing, training to sell firearms

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Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner on Monday laid out his priorities for gun legislation, but he didn’t say whether he’d sign a bill on his desk that would require Illinois gun retailers to get state licenses.

Rauner said he wants to work with the Democrat-controlled General Assembly on four goals relating to firearms: banning bump stocks, improving school safety, keeping guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill, and giving better support to police officers.

Asked repeatedly if he would approve the licensing bill, which is backed by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and police Super-

intendent Eddie Johnson, the governor said he was seeking a “comprehensive solution.”

“What I will do and continue to do for many days is to work with our members of the General Assembly on a bipartisan basis to come up with real solutions together on a bipartisan basis,” Rauner said.

The renewed focus on gun-related legislation comes in the wake of the school shooting that killed 17 in Parkland, Fla., and the deadly shooting of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer near the Thompson Center in the Loop.

The gun dealer licensing bill passed the General Assembly about two weeks ago, but Rauner has 60 days to act on it. That means he can wait to act until after the March 20 primary, in which he faces a challenge from conservative state Rep. Jeanne Ives, who contends that Rauner has abandoned Republican principles.

The bill would require anyone who sells, leases or transfers firearms to be licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, at a cost limited to \$1,000 every five years. Dealers and their employees would have to take training to make sure they know how to properly conduct background checks, store guns, stop thefts and prevent straw purchases, in which someone buys a gun on behalf of another person barred from doing so.

On Friday in Moline, Rauner noted that the federal government already licenses gun dealers, saying, “We’ve got to be careful about putting too much redundant regulation that won’t really change or improve anything, but it may actually hurt small businesses in the state of Illinois.” He later added that “the most effective way to deal with gun issues is really best at the federal level.”

Emanuel on Monday again hammered Rauner on the licensing bill, as the mayor has done often since the House passed it. This time, he joined Johnson, gun control advocates and the families of gun violence victims at a news conference at police headquarters to try to pressure the governor to act.

Emanuel nodded to the political pressure facing Rauner, but said the governor has a greater responsibility to look past that and protect Illinois residents.

“When is the right time? Only one person can answer that,” Emanuel said.

“So I would just say the governor may be thinking of his primary election, but we are thinking of the primary responsibility he has for helping us keep our streets safe, whether that’s Downstate, suburban or in the city of Chicago,” he said.

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Woman killed by Elgin cop in I-90 shooting

Officials say she pulled out knife as she spoke to police

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The woman fatally shot by an Elgin police officer early Monday is an Elgin native who had several minor run-ins with the law but was described by family as loving and the "life of the party."

Decynthia Clements, 34, of the first block of Aldine Avenue in Elgin, was pulled over by the officer on Interstate 90, near Route 25, about 12:35 a.m. but refused to get out of her SUV and pulled out a knife while speaking to police, Elgin police Chief Jeffrey Swoboda said.

Officers were trying to

negotiate with her when they noticed the vehicle was on fire and tried pull her from the SUV, Swoboda said. It was then that the shooting occurred; no details have been released on what occurred to prompt the shooting.

The incident is being investigated by the Elgin Police Department, but the use-of-force portion of the case has been turned over to the Illinois State Police, authorities said.

The officer who shot Clements, Lt. Christian Jensen, has been placed on paid leave, Swoboda said. Jensen, a 19-year department veteran, is a member of the SWAT team and has received 22 commendations, including 2014 manager of the year, the chief said later in a news release.

Clements' brother, Nehemiah, said his sister had a

16-year-old son but was not married.

"She was a lovable person," Nehemiah Clements said. "She always tried to be the life of the party."

He acknowledged his sister had run-ins with the law but said most of the cases, including arrests for DUI, driving with a suspended license and marijuana possession, were minor.

Nehemiah Clements said he is one year younger than his sister, and they were close as children. Both attended Elgin High School, and Decynthia lived most of her life in the Elgin area other than for short times during which she lived in Florida and Las Vegas, he said.

Decynthia Clements' father, Charles Clements, said the family is waiting to learn more details.

"I'm not sure what hap-

pened myself," he said.

A man who identified himself as Clements' uncle, Arthur Dorsey, was at the Aldine Avenue home where he said she lived on a part-time basis with her father. Dorsey said Clements had been going back and forth between her father's home and a location on Cedar Avenue. Her mother died in 2002.

"There was no reason for this, to do that to her," he said. "She was a good girl. There was no reason to kill her, what Elgin did to her. It was unjustifiable, to me, but I am not the law and I can't say" why the shooting occurred, he said.

"We all have our trials and tribulations," he said, noting that his niece was on medication for various health problems.

He said his niece had recently been involved in a

car accident and bought the SUV with money she received from the settlement.

The incident began Sunday night, when police officers spotted Decynthia Clements' SUV on Cedar Avenue in Elgin, Swoboda said. They attempted to pull her over — Swoboda said he did not know why they wanted her to stop — but she kept going and the officers ultimately ended their pursuit.

Some time later, the officers saw her traveling west on Interstate 90, Swoboda said. Her SUV had "obvious signs of damage," so they tried to pull her over again, he said.

Clements refused to get out of her vehicle for more than an hour, periodically driving a few feet forward as they spoke to her, Swoboda said.

After the shooting, she

was taken to Amita Health St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates, where she was pronounced dead.

Troopers shut down the expressway in both directions at 4:15 a.m. as they investigated, state police said. The lanes were reopened by 9 a.m.

"I want to express my condolences to the family," Swoboda said. "Anytime anyone loses their life in an incident like this, it's extremely sad."

The officers involved, and others on scene, were wearing body cameras, Swoboda said.

According to the Elgin Police Department, this is the third officer-involved shooting death in Elgin since 1989 and the first in nearly 20 years.

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Students agitate for gun reform

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been supportive of the student-led walkouts, some school districts worked with student leaders to plan alternative gatherings, including meetings with local legislators or indoor rallies. Teachers and staff at schools where walkouts are planned will continue instruction for students who disagree with or don't want to join the walkouts.

But at dozens of schools across the Chicago area, students who are leading and participating in Wednesday's walkouts — and the larger fight to end gun violence — are determined to make their voices heard.

Damayanti Wallace, 17, junior at Chicago High School for the Arts

Damayanti Wallace considers herself lucky that she's never had a friend or family member killed by gun violence. But that doesn't mean she has never felt its aftermath.

"It feels very close, mainly because there are people who are going through it who could be in your class or who could be in your school," said Wallace, who lives in the Woodlawn neighborhood. "You're talking about it in class, or you're talking about it in the hallway, or somebody's, like, crying in the hallway because something happened last night."

To cope with the grief, confusion and anger that come with growing up around violence, Wallace turns to poetry. In notebooks, at gatherings at Project Orange Tree, a nonprofit that educates youth about violence, and in front of crowds at the Young Chicago Authors, Wallace writes and recites verses to help her and her peers process what it feels like to be afraid to walk to school.

"Sometimes you're just walking down the street and you're like la-dee-da, it's nothing. Then there are other days when you're, like, hyperaware, or something doesn't feel right," Wallace said.

Wallace helped to organize a 17-minute walkout at her high school as another way to help herself and her friends speak out about what they have experienced. For weeks, she and her classmates have collected names of people they know who have died as a result of gun violence. They've also partnered with a school in Baltimore — another city plagued by gun violence — to get the names of students there who have been fatally shot. For the first 10 minutes of their walkout Wednesday, they will read the names of the Chicago and Baltimore victims, as Baltimore students do the same. For the next five minutes, they will list demands for change. In the 16th minute, they will remember Laquan McDonald, a 17-year-old killed in 2014 by a Chicago police officer. In the final minute, they will remember the victims of Parkland, Wallace said.

She hopes that by walking out, the public will see that she and her peers are trying their best to make a difference, she said. "A lot of people have this critique of Chicago that

we're just sitting in it and not doing anything about it," Wallace said. "I hope people now understand that this is a city that's going through something and wants to change something."

Maddy Small, 17, junior at York Community High School in Elmhurst

Maddy Small was on a bus riding home from school when she first read about the Parkland shooting on her phone. As she learned the details about Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, she was struck by how much the community sounded like her own suburb.

"It just really hit me that it's so similar to my own situation," Small said. "It just made me kind of take a step back and made me realize that really no one is really safe."

Two hours later, Small was on her laptop looking up her local legislators' websites. She emailed each lawmaker to say she was angry that a school shooting had happened again, and that she felt that the country needed to take action, she recalled.

Small's instinct to contact her legislators comes from growing up in a politically active household. When she was 15, her mother took her to Chicago to attend President Barack Obama's farewell address. Small and her mom, who are members of a group called Progressives for Change, also attended the Women's March in Chicago last year.

"It was super empowering," Small said. "I'd never been to a protest before that, and that really threw me into the deep end because there were so many people and it was so cool to be surrounded by so many people that were like-minded."

When Empower, an extracurricular club at her high school that promotes gender equality and other human rights issues, met a few days after the Parkland shooting, Small was among several students determined to join the national movement for gun reform. In the weeks that followed, the students hosted a letter-writing campaign to send more than 100 letters to local legislators and also notes of support to students in Parkland.

Small, whose dream is to become a U.S. senator, said she can't wait to be part of the walkout, for which students have made posters with slogans including "Enough is Enough," "How Many More?" and "It Could Have Been Us." Several students, who were selected by their peers, will speak about addressing policy change.

"I really hope that these movements among students show how that we're not going to stop," she said. "We really want to see change in the legislature come out of this."

Samantha Schmitz, 18, senior at Barrington High School

After graduation, Samantha Schmitz will be heading to Harvard University. But for now, she's proud to be on a committee of students at her high school organizing participation in the national walkout.

At first, the three seniors,

two juniors and two sophomores who were motivated to stage a walkout in support of the students at Stoneman Douglas were nervous about how administrators would react to their idea. So they asked administrators for a meeting to ensure they'd support the event.

"A lot of the students that are going to be doing the walking out are also the students that are on the honor roll and worried about college, and wouldn't want to get a detention," Schmitz said. "Having clarification of what's going to happen ... and making sure everyone's protected definitely helps people feel more confident that they can do this."

Schmitz said she and her peers also worried about what people in the heavily Republican community would think of their plans. But she and other organizers say they have only received positive response. "It is honestly shocking to me how many people want to get involved," Schmitz said. "We just hit like a turning point, saying we can't put up with this any longer and we demand change."

On Wednesday, students at Barrington High School plan to wear orange in protest of gun violence and meet outside their school near the flag pole. To abide by administrators' guidelines, the students will not invite parents or community members to participate in the 17-minute event, which will include student speeches to honor the victims of the Parkland shooting.

But after the walkout, a smaller group plans to march to Republican U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam's satellite office, where friends and family will join them. "Seeing all of the students that support the cause and are willing to take action is just going to be amazing — and hopefully really impactful," Schmitz said.

Ben Russell, 17, senior at Naperville Central High School

Since he was in first grade, Ben Russell has participated in lockdown drills at school designed to prepare students and staff for a shooter or other intruder in the halls.

"The doors get locked, the blinds get shut, and we try to get to the side of the room away from the window," Russell said. "And then you just sit down and wait."

Eventually, Russell said, the principal comes and tells the students they did well and the drill is over. But he and his peers have always been skeptical about the strategy and whether it would save their lives in a real-life attack.

"If you asked me, 'Would this help stop a shooter?', I would say, 'No,'" he said.

So when Russell saw a movement on Twitter to hold a national walkout for students to speak out in favor of gun reform, he knew he wanted to be part of it. He started a Twitter handle for his own school and began planning an event for April 20 — the anniversary of the Columbine shooting — during which students would line the streets with signs in



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Damayanti Wallace is helping organize a walkout at Chicago High School for the Arts.



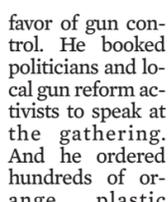
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Maddy Small, 17, of York Community High School, emailed her local legislators about taking action on gun violence.



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Ben Russell, 17, is planning a gun control event for students at Naperville Central in April as well as this week's walkout.



Kent

favor of gun control. He booked politicians and local gun reform activists to speak at the gathering. And he ordered hundreds of orange plastic bracelets to promote the event with the words "Join the Fight."

It wasn't the first time Russell became invested in a cause. He is the vocalist and guitarist in an alternative rock band called Ethel Shank, and he and his bandmates have played several concerts to raise money for

everything from animal rights to local politicians up for election.

But this movement feels different, Russell said.

"It feels bigger and more in the moment," said Russell, who has had to skip band practice and ask for fewer shifts at his part-time job to make time for planning. "I'm just kind of seizing that time right now."

When schools across the country began planning walkouts for March 14, Russell and other students at

Naperville Central planning their event worried there wouldn't be enough time or energy for students to participate in two demonstrations. But as each day passed, it seemed he and his classmates were only becoming more interested in advocating for stricter gun laws.

Russell and his fellow planners decided to add a walkout Wednesday to their already scheduled gathering in April.

"The biggest thing is sending a message to Congress that says we might not be able to vote now, but this next generation of voters will vote you out because gun reform needs to happen," he said.

Parker Kent, 17, junior at Collinsville High School

Just across the Mississippi River from St. Louis in downstate Collinsville, Parker Kent and his classmates also are joining the national walkout.

Kent didn't hear about the Parkland shooting until a day or two after it happened. But when he learned the details, he and his peers were disgusted to hear that, yet again, innocent people were killed by someone with an automatic weapon.

"We just want to come to school, further our education," Kent said. "We don't ever want to worry about these insane acts of violence."

Some of Kent's friends are licensed gun holders who hunt as a hobby. But Kent said those friends don't take issue with the idea of banning assault weapons, a change that Kent supports.

"A lot of my friends realize that you're not going to be completely stripped of all your weapons," he said. "Nobody needs an assault weapon to go out and hunt."

Kent and his fellow planners expect nearly half of the school's more than 2,000 students to participate in the walkout Wednesday, when they will request silence in honor of the students who died in the Parkland shooting.

"If nothing comes of this week's walkouts, Kent and fellow organizers will plan more events to keep showing that they are serious about wanting change."

"Just because we're students, that doesn't mean we're too young or don't have enough power to make a difference," he said.

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Biss looks for his own lane in campaign

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That experience in the legislature, however, also has proved to be one of Biss' biggest liabilities, his long voting record providing his opponents fodder for attacks.

Biss has positioned himself as a fighter for working families but co-sponsored a 2013 bill to cut pension benefits for state workers. He's called on longtime House Speaker Michael Madigan to step down but ran a 2016 political super action committee funded by Madigan and other prominent Democratic donors. Biss appeared onstage with feminist Russian punk band Pussy Riot, which hailed him as an "anti-corporate" candidate, but he voted for a bill that gave millions of dollars in tax breaks to trading giant CME Group.

The contrasts raise the question of whether Biss' decision to stake out progressive territory is a reflection of his true values or a political calculation to siphon votes away from his more moderate opponents. Biss rejects the notion, maintaining that his politics have been "consistent" throughout the years.

"I would say that my position has always been, 'There's the Pritzker-Madigan wing of the Democratic Party, there's the progressive independent wing of the Democratic Party,'" Biss said in an interview with the Tribune. "I've always been in the progressive independent wing, which means I've always been willing to work with any Democrat to advance the party's goals, including Democrats from my wing and the Democrats from the Madigan-Pritzker wing. And I've always been aggressive in intraparty fights to stand up for my vision of a grass-roots Democratic Party."

College tour

Biss has extensively toured Downstate college campuses to try to win younger voters. On the campaign trail, he is more pointed, portraying his candidacy as a fight for the Democratic Party's future.

Standing on the quad at Illinois State University in Normal, Biss clutches a microphone attached to a small speaker as a sudden snow shower whips around signs supporters hold aloft declaring "3/20 is the new 4/20." The slogan conflates primary election day with the date of the unofficial holiday for pot smokers, a nod to Biss' support for the legalization of recreational marijuana.

"People are watching this race around the country, trying to figure out if in the era of Trump, all Democrats will do is say, 'Yep, we're going to try that also. Inexperienced billionaires I guess also are the order of the day.' Or whether Democrats are going to instead say, 'No, we are going to find a different way forward. We're going to find a different way to do it, we're going to win elections with people, not dollars.'"

Though Biss did not mention Pritzker by name, his target was clear. "If they were right that money is what it takes to win elections, wouldn't he have pulled away by now? Wouldn't he have wrapped this thing up by now?" he asked, referencing polls that have shown Pritzker stuck below 40 percent despite putting more than \$63 million of his fortune into the campaign.

After his remarks, Biss was approached by history professor Ross Kennedy, who said he was undecided in the Democratic primary but was concerned Biss had focused more on attacking Pritzker than Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. The professor said Biss told him that criticizing Rauner wasn't enough, that the senator's goal was to put forth a message that the Democratic Party could do more. The professor said he was satisfied with that response but still had issues with Biss' argument that wealthy candidates cannot be good progressives simply because they have money. "That's just not a fair argument at all," said Kennedy, who supported Clinton in 2016. "That's a silly argument. Tell that to FDR. Tell that to JFK. It's preposterous."

But that line of attack rang true for others, including Zach Carlson, who works in technology support at the university. Carlson said he plans to vote for Biss, after initially backing Chicago Ald. Ameya Pawar, 47th, who dropped out in October citing a lack of campaign cash.

"I feel once you make a certain amount, you kind of lose something with a lot of people," Carlson said. "Everybody's experiences are different, but someone who is abnormally wealthy can't resonate with the everyday person who works 9 to 5, who gets paid between minimum wage and \$25 an hour. It's not the same."



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Democratic state Sen. Daniel Biss, a candidate for governor, talks at Subterranean in Chicago before Pussy Riot takes the stage last week.

Biss bio

Biss lives in a duplex in Evanston with his wife and two children, a home that's been featured in campaign ads. In introducing himself to voters, Biss frequently notes that his kids attend public school and says he understands the struggle to make ends meet each month.

Born in Akron, Ohio, he moved to Bloomington, Ind., where his father, Paul Biss, taught violin and chamber music at Indiana University. His mother, Miriam Fried, is considered one of the world's preeminent violinists. His parents now live in Boston and are faculty members at New England Conservatory.

Biss, who graduated from Yale University and received his doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, described his upbringing as "upper middle class." He said he had the "privilege" to travel with his mom when he was younger and benefited from taking math classes at IU while in high school.

"My childhood was unusual. I had the incredible fortune to have parents, at least one of whom was traveling the world for work," Biss said. "So I got to travel with my parents to places that I'll never be able to show my children."

After Biss launched his bid for governor, his mother contributed \$100,000 to his campaign fund. His brother, a pianist, kicked in \$20,000. Biss told the Tribune he was "surprised" by his mother's contributions, saying his parents are "better off economically than I am."

"Which, by the way, is also not uncommon for people of my generation," Biss said. "But they certainly don't have the means to support my lifestyle, nor do I imagine they would be inclined to."

Where Pritzker is worth an estimated \$3.5 billion according to Forbes, Biss' tax returns show he reported \$32,568 in adjusted gross income in 2016. That was less than usual, as the governor held up lawmaker paychecks in a dispute over the budget. In 2015, Biss reported an adjusted gross income of \$69,330.

"We live off the income that we're able to make, we live in the house that we live in that you see in that commercial because that's what we can afford. And we feel lucky to be able to afford it," Biss said. "We don't have, frankly, enough money saved for college or retirement. And we certainly don't have a big cushion to draw down from."

The issues

Biss contends the state's economy — and average workers — are held back by an outdated tax system that unfairly puts the burden on homeowners who pay property taxes. He's called for an amendment to the Illinois Constitution to allow for a graduated income tax instead of the current flat tax rate, saying wealthy politicians like Rauner and Pritzker should "pay their fair share." Biss, however, has not specified a tax rate.

In visiting college campuses, Biss touts his plan to eventually provide students free tuition, which he says will be funded in part by imposing a tax on financial transactions at the Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Board Options Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, called the "LaSalle Street Tax."

It's a populist idea that's long been floated by various labor groups, including the Chicago Teachers Union. Critics argue the exchanges are highly mobile and could choose to leave the state — an argument Biss himself made in 2012 after voting to provide \$216 million in tax breaks for corporations, including CME Group, that had threatened to leave Illinois.

Biss said the financial help for CME was part of a package "that had really good things in it as well," including the expansion of the earned income tax credit for low-income workers and breaks to keep Sears Holdings Inc. in Hoffman Estates. At any rate, a financial transactions tax also would require federal approval, which is unlikely.

Biss' position to tax the financial exchanges he once helped lead to accusations by oppo-

nents that he flip-flops on the issues. Of the votes he's been left to explain, none has loomed larger than his support for a 2013 measure to reduce pension benefits for state employees, as his Democratic opponents accuse him of undermining retirement security for the middle-class workers he says he is fighting for.

Biss repeatedly has said he made a mistake in voting for the legislation, saying he fell for a "false choice" after entering office and facing pressure to find ways to cut government expenses. He also voted to cut \$1.6 billion in Medicaid health care spending for the poor.

In voting for the pension legislation, which later was struck down, Biss characterized it as "an absolutely essential part of the process to restoring the state's fiscal integrity and the public discourse and level of trust that our people, the taxpayers and workers alike, need and demand."

During debates, Biss has said he struggled with supporting the bill but spoke of his time working on a conference committee of lawmakers to try to find a compromise. "My time on the conference committee was very, very transformative for me as a legislator. The work that we did on a bipartisan, bicameral, intellectually honest, constructive basis was really something special," he said in 2013.

The senator says now that lawmakers should "look back on that and agree that was not the right way forward." Asked whether there's any room to cut benefits moving forward, given that the state has an estimated \$250 billion in pension debt, Biss said that idea is "a recipe for getting into further trouble."

Former state Rep. Elaine Nekritz, a Northbrook Democrat who is friends with Biss and also worked on the pension bill, said she "can appreciate his position given the fact that the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional." But she says lawmakers "had to do something to get to that point." Nekritz said while Biss is being attacked on his voting record, "having a record is a good thing, it means you have some experience in tackling the difficult issues and having to make choices."

"What I say to folks is that a lot of politicians think they are the smartest person in the room, but Daniel is, in fact, the smartest person in the room," Nekritz said. "But he also listens well, cares to learn the details of policy, and those are qualities that are not always so obvious in other elected officials around the state."

Biss has called on Madigan to resign as state party chairman following questions about how the speaker handled harassment allegations against two of his top political operatives. Biss has criticized Pritzker for failing to demand that Madigan step down.

Pritzker has noted that Biss voted for Madigan as speaker when Biss was in the House, and ran the Leading Illinois For Tomorrow super PAC, which was funded by Madigan and other top Democrats. The group ran ads seeking to tie Rauner and Illinois Republicans to Donald Trump. Other contributors included Pritzker, who gave \$350,000, and Kennedy, who gave \$50,000.

Biss said he did not talk with Madigan about the super PAC effort, noting that doing so would be a violation of federal election laws. He bristles at the suggestion that working on the same side as Madigan in the past suggests "there's a contradiction there."

"Not only is there not a contradiction, there's no sense in being a progressive independent Democrat if you're not also a Democrat, if you're not also willing to work with Democrats in support of the party's goals. There's not even a smidgen of tension. On the contrary, you've got to do the one if you're going to do the other," Biss said.

"My job is to win elections for Democrats in November, to win elections for progressive and independent Democrats in primaries, and advance those visions simultaneously and to work with everybody to advance an agenda that I think is good for the state of Illinois."

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Lipinski race reflects divide among Dems

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conservatives. The key question heading into the March 20 primary: Can Newman turn progressive enthusiasm into votes in an area Lipinski and his father, Bill, have represented for more than 35 years?

The solidly blue 3rd Congressional District is largely middle and working class, taking in parts of the bungalow belt Southwest Side and stretching out into the south and southwest suburbs. The primary winner is all but assured a seat in Congress because the only Republican candidate in the race is a Holocaust denier with neo-Nazi ties.

Party divide

Newman has been endorsed by high-profile national progressive groups like EMILY's List, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, MoveOn.org and NARAL Pro-Choice America. U.S. Sens. Bernie Sanders and Kirsten Gillibrand have backed her, as has feminist icon Gloria Steinem. And sitting Democratic U.S. Reps. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston and Luis Gutierrez of Chicago took the unusual step of endorsing Newman against their colleague in the Illinois delegation.

"It's not personal toward Dan, but I felt when we have a strong mainstream Democratic woman willing to stand up and say, 'I will represent correctly what this district stands for,' that I wanted to support her," Schakowsky said.

Newman is trying to both capitalize on that energy and avoid being defined by it. It's good to get support and money from high-profile national figures, but she needs to appeal to Democratic voters in places like La Grange, Hickory Hills and the Garfield Ridge neighborhood west of Midway Airport who might not take kindly to what they see as dictates from far-flung liberals.

She points to the major organized labor endorsement of the SEIU Illinois Council as proof she's better prepared to fight for working-class people.

"I chuckle when the media wants to say, 'Oh, well, she's pushing this wing or that wing (of the Democratic Party),' when the reality is, I am doing what's right for my district," Newman said. "The district has been completely unaligned with their congressman for 13 years at least, and possibly before that."

Lipinski, though, also has union backing, including from the state's pre-eminent labor organization, the AFL-CIO, as well as the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 and other union groups. He also has support from 30 suburban mayors and village presidents in the district.

Those local officials have known the Lipinski family for decades. William Lipinski was a Southwest Side political powerhouse. He was a Chicago Park District official under Mayor Richard J. Daley, who appointed him 23rd Ward Democratic committeeman in 1975. The elder Lipinski won election to the City Council representing the ward around Midway.

In 1982, William Lipinski won a seat in Congress representing the Southwest Side. Renowned for bringing transportation money back to the Chicago area from Washington, he famously twisted President Ronald Reagan's arm to provide federal funding for the CTA Orange Line to Midway Airport after supporting Reagan with a vote in favor of aid to the Nicaraguan contras.

The elder Lipinski served in the House until he won the 2004 primary and dropped out. Democratic committeemen followed his suggestion to name his son Dan, a University of Tennessee professor, to replace him on the general election ballot. Dan Lipinski has held the seat ever since.

While Newman said the younger Lipinski has "been propped up by the Chicago machine," the congressman said he doesn't think the way he got the seat is an issue with voters. "That was 14 years ago, that was a long time ago," he said. "I've been elected six times since then, so people have all made their decision on that."

The issues

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. In 2013, he co-sponsored the Marriage and Religious Freedom Act that would have provided tax protection to churches and other nonprofits that oppose gay marriage and believe sexual relations

should take place only in marriage between a man and a woman.

He has tacked toward the left since Newman began her challenge, co-sponsoring a bill to raise the hourly minimum wage to \$15 over seven years as well as legislation to give so-called Dreamers work permits and temporary relief from deportation.

Still, Newman is hitting him hard on the issues, declaring that Lipinski is out of touch with an increasingly liberal district and attempting in ads to tie him to President Donald Trump at a time when Democrats are looking to tap into their voters' anger at the president.

"It really is a perfect storm," said Democratic Will County Board member Jacqueline Traynere of Bolingbrook. "She did not know, per se, where this was all going to go. She just wanted to stand up for the people of this district, and the national politics caught up with that. So Marie's genuine about it, and people respond to that."

Voters can't respond to a candidate, though, if they don't know who she is. Newman raised more than \$1 million to help pay for advertising, signs and campaign apparatus. She out-raised Lipinski in the first two months of 2018, \$533,875 to \$226,950, according to campaign finance records.

But Lipinski started off with a big cash advantage to go with his well-known name. He started with \$1.28 million left from the 2016 campaign for this go-around, and he's raised \$928,000 more since, records show.

Also animating the contest is nearly \$1.5 million worth of attack ads and mailings from outside groups as of early March. About 57 percent of that money has gone toward helping Newman, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics in Washington.

Last week, Lipinski went on the attack after the Tribune reported that Newman and husband James went into the restaurant business with a felon who spent time in federal prison for his role in a large-scale mortgage fraud scheme. Newman said she and her husband didn't know about their partner's criminal conviction and started taking steps to end their involvement after they found out.

The Bernie factor

Results from the last election show a progressive streak among the Democratic primary voters in the 3rd District. In 2016, the top five vote-getting delegates for the Democratic National Convention were Sanders supporters. In the Southwest Side 11th Ward, Sanders got 54 percent of the vote to 44 percent for Clinton.

"I don't think a lot of that Sanders vote transfers (to Newman)," said John Daley, the 11th Ward committeeman. "Bernie Sanders was a strong candidate, and a lot of people voted for him because of his work on behalf of unions and industrial jobs. Those are areas where Dan Lipinski has a strong record and a lot of support."

Daley, who doubles as a Cook County commissioner, also said some Democratic presidential primary voters simply didn't like Clinton and went with Sanders as the alternative or as a protest vote.

While it has been several elections since Lipinski has had such a tough challenge, it's hardly the first time he has faced an attack by a primary opponent claiming his father handed him the seat or railing against his conservative social views.

Lipinski was perhaps most vulnerable in 2006, his first Democratic primary. With William Lipinski's act of political nepotism fresh in voters' minds, Cook County prosecutor John Sullivan challenged Dan Lipinski on that issue. But there was another Irish-named challenger on the ballot, John Kelly, and he and Sullivan split about 46 percent of the vote while Lipinski got 54 percent to win.

Lipinski has had it progressively easier in recent years, and those contests show that Newman faces challenges in overcoming the longtime incumbent, even in an election year when her candidacy has taken on a higher national profile.

"She certainly seems like a viable candidate against him," said Lyons Township Assessor Barbara Weyrick, a Lipinski backer. "But there are just so many people who don't deal with their congressman on a day-to-day basis that if there's nothing negative about him and they recognize the name, they'll just go with that."

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Watchdog questions 'walls work' stance

GAO says Homeland Security has no way to determine effects

By NICK MIROFF
The Washington Post

More than a year after the government's top oversight body urged the Department of Homeland Security to develop a way to measure the effectiveness of fencing and barriers along the border with Mexico, DHS has no such tool ready, even as President Donald Trump prepares to pick the winning designs for his \$18 billion wall.

Trump officials in recent weeks have dismissed criticism of their border security plan with a well-established defensive principle and simple retort: "Walls work."

But a February 2017 report by the Government Accountability Office found DHS has no way to measure how well they work, where they work best, or whether less-expensive alternatives could be just as effective.

Despite the assumption that illegal traffic enters through areas where fencing is absent, the report identified several sectors where more arrests occur in locations that have existing barriers.

U.S. border agents collect "geotag" data, electronic markers that assign geographic locations, to map illegal crossings and arrests. But DHS has no means to gauge the extent to which those incursions are impeded by "tactical infrastructure," the report noted, undermining the agency's ability to avoid wasteful spending.



Journalists get a glimpse from the Mexican side of the U.S.-Mexico border in Tijuana, across from border-wall prototypes.

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"An assessment of border fencing's contributions to border security operations could help position (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) to identify the cost effectiveness of border fencing compared to other assets the agency deploys," the report said.

DHS officials said this week they are working with the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory to develop such an evaluation system, and it may be ready later this year.

Trump is moving forward anyway. His public statements have demonstrated a keen interest in the aesthetic properties of the wall, along with its height. His administration has budgeted \$1.6 billion for

wall construction this year.

Trump is scheduled to travel to San Diego on Tuesday to view eight prototypes and likely announce one or more winning designs. The trip will be Trump's first as president to California, a state his administration is suing for refusing to assist with federal immigration enforcement.

Trump's wall-building plan, currently stalled in Congress, would spend \$18 billion over 10 years to add 316 miles of new barriers and replace aging fencing along 407 more miles.

The 30-foot steel and concrete prototypes showcased in San Diego are far taller and more formidable than anything currently in

place along the border. They extend 6 feet underground to deter burrowing and feature an array of anti-climbing configurations. One is crenelated with metal spikes.

DHS officials say their testing teams found the structures exceedingly difficult to scale or break through. The prototypes cost as much as \$486,000 each to build, and DHS has not said if the \$18 billion overall cost projection is based on one or several of those designs.

Instead, DHS officials have defended the expenditure by pointing to major decreases in arrests for illegal crossings in areas where tougher fencing was installed. In a new promo-

tional video titled "Walls Work," CBP said illegal traffic dropped 87 percent in San Diego after its two-layered barrier system was installed.

But when the independent, nonpartisan GAO launched its study in 2015, it determined that the efficacy of walls and fencing varies widely across the 2,000-mile border, depending on a range of factors including topography, proximity to urban areas and the ancillary presence of tools such as cameras, sensors and enforcement agents.

GAO researchers analyzed the location of illegal entries from 2013 to 2015 and found sectors of the border in California, New

Mexico and other areas where more arrests occurred in places that already have fencing.

Critics of the president's border security plans say their concerns have less to do with the physics of huge walls than with the fiscal prudence of building them at a time of ballooning deficits.

"We're spending money like a drunken sailor," said Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., a former naval officer and one of the members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee that commissioned the GAO report. "We cannot continue to waste money, so we need to find out what works and what doesn't."



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Federal and local authorities investigate an explosion at a home in Austin on Monday.

Police: Package bombs over 10 days in Texas capital linked

By EVA RUTH MORAVEC, AMY B WANG AND MARK BERMAN
The Washington Post

AUSTIN, Texas — Police said Monday that the three exploding packages that detonated at homes in this city across a 10-day period — including two blasts on Monday — are all connected, although precisely what motivated the attacks remained an unnerving mystery.

The explosions across residential parts of the Texas capital killed two people, seriously injured two others and set residents on edge, even as the city continued hosting South by Southwest, a music, film and technology conference that draws tens of thousands of visitors each year.

Police urged residents to call 911 rather than open unexpected packages, while local and federal authorities scrambled to respond to the blasts, at one point Monday hurrying from one explosion to another across town.

Authorities say they are exploring whether the explosions could be related to racial hatred, noting that both of the people killed — an adult man and a teen-

ager — were black, while an elderly Latino woman was seriously injured.

"These incidents are related," Austin Police Chief Brian Manley said at a briefing. But as for what might have prompted the string of explosions, he said: "We are not ruling anything out at this point."

The first explosion occurred March 2, when a package on the front porch of a northeast Austin home exploded, killing 39-year-old Anthony Stephan House.

At the time, police said House's death was "suspicious" but believed it was an isolated incident with no continuing threat to the community.

Ten days later, that changed when a pair of packages detonated at homes several miles apart Monday over a matter of hours.

Investigators were still responding to the first explosion Monday morning — which killed a 17-year-old male and seriously injured an adult woman — when a second blast detonated at a house farther south, sending a 75-year-old Hispanic woman to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Reached by phone Monday, LaVonne Mason, co-

founder of the Austin Area Urban League, said her grandson was the 17-year-old victim killed Monday morning, but she declined to say anything further. Her husband, Norman Mason, is a well-known dentist in the East Austin area and a longtime mentor to black student athletes at the University of Texas.

Relatives on the scene identified the woman injured in the third blast as Esperanza Herrera. They also said her mother, Maria Moreno, suffered minor injuries.

Manley said that just as in the other bombings, the injured woman came outside her home, found a package and picked it up.

"The box detonated at that point," he said.

Manley said police did not know if the victims who were killed or injured were the specific targets of the packages. The police chief warned residents to avoid opening unexpected packages or other deliveries they were not expecting.

"It's not time to panic, but it's time to be vigilant," he said.

The FBI was assisting with the investigation, and spokeswoman Michelle Lee said agents were "definitely not ruling out" a hate crime.

Trump resistance to NRA runs into political reality

By CATHERINE LUCEY AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Not two weeks ago, President Donald Trump wagged his finger at a Republican senator and scolded him for being "afraid of the NRA," declaring that he would stand up to the powerful gun lobby and finally get results on quelling gun violence following last month's Florida school shooting.

On Monday, Trump struck a very different tone as he backpedaled from his earlier demands for sweeping reforms and bowed to Washington reality.

The president, who recently advocated increasing the minimum age to purchase an assault weapon to 21, tweeted that he's "watching court cases and rulings" on the issue, adding that there is "not much political support (to put it mildly)."

Over the weekend, the White House released a limited plan to combat school shootings that leaves the question of arming teachers to states and local communities and sends the age issue to a commission for review. Just two days earlier, Trump had mocked commissions as something of a dead end while talking about the opioid epidemic. "We can't just keep setting up blue-ribbon committees," he said, adding that all they do is "talk, talk, talk."

Seventeen people were killed in last month's shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., prompting a national conversation about gun laws, fierce advocacy for stronger gun control from surviving students and, initially, a move from Trump to buck his allies at the National Rifle Association.

In a televised meeting



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President Donald Trump now says it's up to states to determine the age limit for purchases of long guns.

with lawmakers on Feb. 28, Trump praised members of the gun lobby as "great patriots" but declared "that doesn't mean we have to agree on everything. It doesn't make sense that I have to wait until I'm 21 to get a handgun, but I can get this weapon at 18."

He then turned toward Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and questioned why previous gun control legislation did not include that provision.

"You know why?" said Trump, answering his own question. "Because you're afraid of the NRA, right? Ha ha."

His words rattled some Republicans in Congress and sparked hope among some gun control advocates that, unlike after so many previous mass shootings, meaningful regulations would be enacted. But Trump appeared to foreshadow his change of heart with a tweet the next night.

"Good (Great) meeting in the Oval Office tonight with the NRA!" the president wrote.

White House aides said Monday the president was focusing on achievable options, after facing significant opposition from lawmakers on a more comprehensive approach.

Trump will back two modest pieces of legislation, and the administration pledged to help states pay for firearms training for

teachers.

Seemingly on the defensive after his about-face, Trump tweeted Monday of the age limit that "States are making this decision. Things are moving rapidly on this, but not much political support (to put it mildly)."

Democrats and gun control advocates were quick to pounce.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., tweeted that Trump "couldn't even summon the political courage to propose raising the age limit on firearm purchases — despite repeated promises to support such a step at a meeting with lawmakers."

Television personality Geraldo Rivera — who had urged the president to consider tougher age limits during a dinner at Trump's Florida club — tweeted that Trump had "blinked in face of ferocious opposition from #NRA."

Still, Trump argued that this was progress.

"Very strong improvement and strengthening of background checks will be fully backed by White House," he tweeted. He added that an effort to bar bump stock devices was coming and that "Highly trained expert teachers will be allowed to conceal carry, subject to State Law. Armed guards OK, deterrent!"

May: Russia 'highly likely' behind ex-spy's poisoning

BY JILL LAWLESS AND DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — Russia is “highly likely” to blame for poisoning a former spy and his daughter with a military-grade nerve agent, British Prime Minister Theresa May said Monday, demanding that Moscow give a compelling explanation or face “extensive” retaliation.

May told lawmakers in a strongly worded statement that without a credible response from Russia by the end of Tuesday, Britain would consider the attack on Sergei Skripal and his daughter “an unlawful use of force by the Russian state against the United Kingdom.”

“There can be no question of business as usual with Russia,” she said, without saying what measures Britain might take.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova dismissed May's allegations as a “circus show in the British Parliament.”

Skripal, 66, and his 33-year-old daughter, Yulia, remain in critical condition after being found unconscious March 4 in Salisbury. A police detective who came in contact with them is in serious but stable condition.

May said British scientists have determined that Skripal and his daughter were poisoned with Novichok, a class of nerve agent developed by the Soviet Union near the end of the Cold War.

She said it was “highly likely” the substance came from Russia, and there were two possible explanations.

“Either this was a direct act by the Russian state against our country, or the Russian government lost control of this potentially catastrophically damaging nerve agent and allowed it



Prime Minister Theresa May speaks Monday to lawmakers about Sergei Skripal's and his daughter's poisoning.

to get into the hands of others,” she said.

May said Britain had given the Russian ambassador in London a deadline of Tuesday to explain which version is true. She said Russia must also “provide full and complete disclosure” of its Novichok program.

May spoke in the House of Commons after she chaired a National Security Council meeting to hear the latest evidence in the case. She has been under mounting pressure to hit Russia with sanctions, diplomatic expulsions and other measures in response to the poisoning, the latest in a string of mysterious mishaps to befall Russians in Britain in recent years.

May said Britain would consider tough action if Russia's explanation is inadequate, though she didn't give details.

The White House said the use of the nerve agent “is an outrage” but wasn't ready to say that Russia was responsible.

Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders called the poisoning “reckless, indiscriminate and irresponsible,” adding that the U.S. stands by its ally.

Secretary of State Rex

Tillerson cast the poisoning of an ex-spy in Britain as part of a “certain unleashing of activity” by Russia that the United States is struggling to understand. He warned that the poisoning would “certainly trigger a response.”

Tillerson, echoing the British government's finger-pointing toward Moscow, said he didn't yet know whether Russia's government knew of the attack with a military-grade nerve agent, but that one way or another, “it came from Russia.”

British opposition lawmakers are urging the adoption of a version of the United States' Magnitsky Act, a law allowing authorities to ban or seize the assets of individuals guilty of human rights abuses. It is named for Sergei Magnitsky, a lawyer who died in a Russian prison after exposing a \$230 million fraud involving organized crime and a Russian government official in 2008.

Critics of the British government say the U.K.'s response to Russian wrongdoing has been muted because London's property market and financial sector are magnets for billions in Russian money.



President Donald Trump, seen with Russian leader Vladimir Putin, has denied collusion.

Panel: No collusion evidence

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nation's intelligence community to prevent government abuses.

“This is the first time you really see one party using the gavel going after the intelligence community itself for partisan purposes,” Mieke Eoyang, a former committee staff member now at Third Way, a Washington think tank. “That is going to set back intelligence oversight for decades.”

Late Monday, Trump touted the Republicans' conclusion in an all-caps posting on Twitter, to which Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., replied: “This was not the finding of the House Intelligence Committee, Mr. President, but only a statement by its GOP members, who lack the courage to stand up to a President of their own party when the national interest necessitates it.”

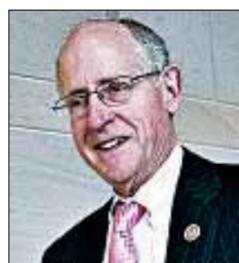
The Republican conclusion gives Trump valuable political cover since it is the first congressional committee to support his repeated denials of any collusion with Russia. Like the president, the GOP-led panel also blamed former President Barack Obama for what it calls a “lackluster” response to the Russian hacking and interference during the campaign.

The White House still faces the special counsel investigation led by Robert Mueller, and that shows no sign of ending anytime soon. Mueller's team already has filed criminal charges against 19 people, including four former Trump campaign aides, and several are cooperating with federal prosecutors.

Two other congressional inquiries into Russian meddling also are underway.

The Senate intelligence committee, which has generally acted with bipartisanship, was scheduled to hear closed-door testimony this week from Felix Sater, a convicted felon and former FBI informant who was a Trump business associate. Sater worked with Trump's company on several real estate projects, including a Manhattan hotel and condominium project known as Trump Soho and a proposed Trump Tower in Moscow.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has faced its own partisan hurdles with



Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, led the probe after Rep. Devin Nunes' recusal.



Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., says history will judge GOP actions “harshly.”

squabbles between Sen. Diane Feinstein of California, the ranking Democrat, and Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the Republican chairman. Feinstein has issued her own requests for information from Trump associates and even released an interview transcript without committee approval.

Republicans on the House intelligence committee argued that their report will allow authorities to boost defenses against future outside meddling in U.S. elections, including the midterms this November.

“We will now be moving into the next phase of this investigation,” said Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas, who has led the inquiry. “It's important that we give the American people the information they need to arm themselves against Russian attempts to influence our elections.”

Democrats described the Republican conclusions as a smokescreen intended to protect the president.

“The majority has placed the interests of protecting the president over protecting the country, and history will judge its actions harshly,” said Schiff, the ranking Democrat on the committee.

Schiff said the committee should investigate allegations of Russian money laundering.

Although completion of a draft report was announced abruptly Monday evening, Republicans had signaled for weeks that they were ready to wind down the investigation.

Democrats will likely release their own report on the investigation, a reflection of the rancor that has defined the House investigation for months.

At one point, Republicans even discussed putting up a physical wall in one of the committee's secured rooms to divide Democratic and Republican staff members. The plan was abandoned, according to sources with knowledge of the idea, a decision that had more to do with logistical concerns than any cooling of partisan animosity.

Lawmakers repeatedly accused each other of breaching confidentiality rules by leaking bits of closed-door testimony to skew public views of the evidence.

And the committee spent more than a month consumed by controversial allegations, advanced by Republicans and rebutted by Democrats, that federal law enforcement had improperly eavesdropped on a former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser, Carter Page, shortly before the election.

The resulting four-page GOP memo argued that law enforcement inappropriately included opposition research funded by Democrats in an application for a surveillance warrant.

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which conducts its business in secret, approved the warrant and renewed it three times.

Trump's allies used the memo to argue that the Russia probes, including the Mueller investigation, have been tainted by partisanship from the start. The president claimed the GOP memo “totally vindicates” him and hailed Nunes as “a man of tremendous courage and grit” who “may someday be recognized as a Great American Hero.”

Democrats later released their own 10-page memo rebutting the Republican allegations, saying the FBI and Justice Department handled the warrant appropriately.

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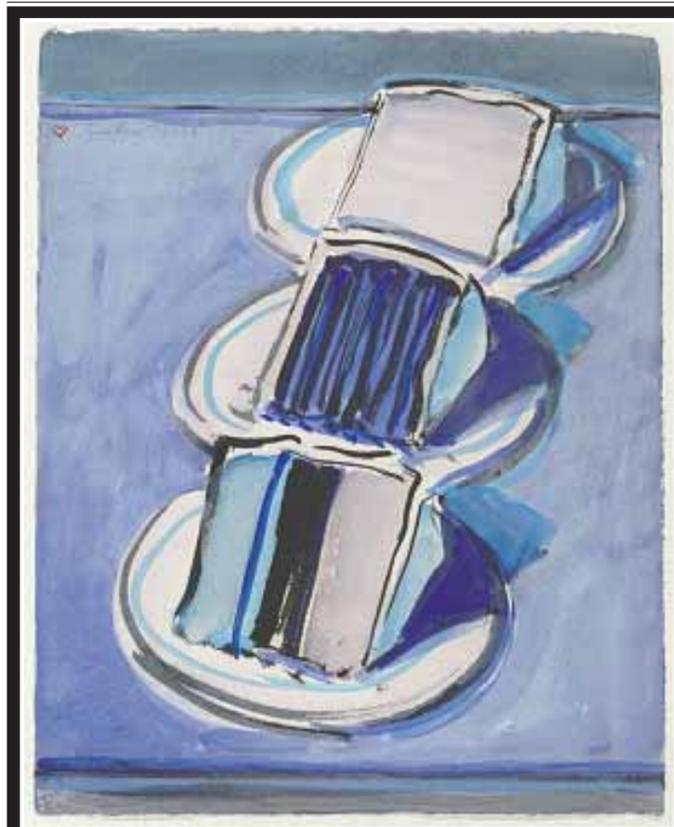
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Judge: N.H. winner of \$560M lottery can stay anonymous

CONCORD, N.H. — A judge ruled Monday that a New Hampshire woman who won a Powerball jackpot worth nearly \$560 million can keep her identity private, but not her hometown.

Judge Charles Temple noted that the case's resolution rested on application of the state's Right to Know Law, which governs access to public records for the woman. She was identified as "Jane Doe" in a lawsuit against the New

Hampshire Lottery Commission.

The woman signed her ticket after the Jan. 6 drawing, but later learned from lawyers that she could have shielded her identity by writing the name of a trust. They said she was upset after learning she was giving up her anonymity by signing the ticket — something the lottery commission acknowledged isn't spelled out on the ticket, but is detailed on its website.

Tillerson visits Chad and gets an earful about U.S. travel ban

N'DJAMENA, Chad — On a visit to Chad, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Monday told the African nation's citizens they're welcome in the U.S. It wasn't enough to overcome a Trump administration travel ban that Chad's top diplomat, Foreign Minister Mahamat Zene Cherif, declared an "injustice."

Tillerson's message of growing U.S. cooperation with Chad, a key counter-

terrorism partner, was overshadowed by palpable hurt and resentment over Chad's position on an inglorious list that includes North Korea, Iran and Venezuela. Tillerson expressed hope the restrictions will be lifted.

Chad landed on the visa ban list primarily because of an office supply glitch that prevented the country from supplying U.S. officials with samples of its passports.

Bag may have hit fuel switch before copter crash in N.Y. river

NEW YORK — The pilot who survived a helicopter crash that killed his five passengers told investigators he believed a passenger's bag might have hit an emergency fuel shutoff switch in the moments before the chopper went down, a federal official told The Associated Press on Monday.

The official said the National Transportation Safety Board also is scrutinizing why a flotation de-

vice apparently didn't deploy properly when the tour helicopter went down in the East River. The floats are supposed keep a helicopter upright; the Eurocopter AS350 that crashed Sunday overturned and sank.

The crash killed a Texas firefighter, an Argentine woman, a video journalist and two others on what authorities said was a charter flight to take pho-



NIRANJAN SHRESHTA/AP

Rescue workers search at the airport in Kathmandu on Monday after a plane carrying 71 people from Bangladesh swerved erratically and flew dangerously low before crashing and erupting in flames as it landed in Nepal's capital, killing 49 people, police said.

DeVos gets cold shoulder from White House after interviews

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Betsy DeVos got a less-than-ringing endorsement from the White House on Monday after a pair of uncomfortable television interviews raised questions about her commitment to help underperforming schools and support for President Donald Trump's proposal to curb school violence.

Less than a day after DeVos was appointed to chair a federal commission on school safety, White

House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders downplayed DeVos' role in the process. Asked whether DeVos would be the face of the commission, Sanders said, "I think that the president is going to be the lead on school safety when it comes to this administration." Sanders also said that the focus is "not one or two interviews, but on actual policy."

In a "60 Minutes" interview that aired Sunday night, DeVos said federal

investment in public education had produced "zero results" and that American schools were failing many students. But asked by CBS' Lesley Stahl whether she had visited low-performing schools to understand their needs, DeVos admitted to having visited none. "I have not intentionally visited schools that are underperforming," DeVos said. "Maybe you should," Stahl said. "Maybe I should," DeVos said.

Met fires Levine after harassment investigation

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan Opera fired music director emeritus James Levine on Monday after an investigation found evidence of sexual abuse and harassment toward what it said were "vulnerable artists in the early stages of their careers."

He was suspended by

the Met in December pending the investigation.

Levine, 74, had been a towering figure at the Met, ruling over its repertoire, orchestra and singers as music or artistic director from 1976 until he stepped down two years ago because of poor health.

In December, the Rav-

inia Festival, where Levine served as music director for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's summer residencies from 1973-93, severed ties with him. Levine was to begin a five-year term as Ravinia's conductor laureate in summer 2018. Chicago Symphony Orchestra also ended its ties to Levine.

Trump blocks Broadcom takeover of Qualcomm

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is blocking Singapore-based Broadcom's takeover of U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm on national security grounds.

The White House said Trump took the action on the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, which reviews foreign purchases of U.S. entities. Broadcom made an unsolicited bid last year to buy Qualcomm, which has been met by shareholder skepticism and regulatory scrutiny on security and antitrust grounds.

Broadcom is moving its legal headquarters to the U.S., with the company planning on finishing the move by April 3. Trump hosted Broadcom CEO Hock Tan in the White House last year as he announced the move, and the company had hoped that would help it skirt the national security review.

A grandson of cult leader Charles Manson won the bizarre California court battle Monday over the killer's body.

A Kern County Superior Court Commissioner ruled that Jason Freeman can retrieve the remains of Manson that have been on ice in the Bakersfield morgue since he died in November.

Stormy Daniels offered on Monday to pay President Donald Trump \$130,000 to buy her way out of a contract that prohibits her from discussing their decade-old alleged affair, the latest job in a legal and public relations battle. The porn star's lawyer, Michael Avenatti, made the offer in a letter to Trump's lawyer.

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EDITORIALS

The case for Sharon Fairley over Quinn & Co.

Political newcomer can reposition AG office as corruption watchdog

Here is part of what stifles political progress in Illinois: The same names and faces stay in power for years, regardless of ability to perform.

Is the status quo in Illinois really that wonderful? No, but Democratic Party leaders in particular are that entrenched.

With Lisa Madigan choosing not to run again, the next attorney general can reinvent a job that has extraordinary potential to fight corruption and violent crime in a state with too much of both. Yet look who's among the front-runners in the Democratic primary race for AG, according to a recent poll. Why, it's Pat Quinn, who spent 12 of the past 15 years in Springfield as governor or lieutenant governor. And who years earlier was state treasurer. And years before that served in Cook County government.

Here's a better idea:

Last month we endorsed former prosecutor **Sharon Fairley** on the Democratic side for AG. She is — gasp — a newcomer to running for office. She cleaned up Chicago's toothless Independent Police Review Authority and oversaw its replacement, the more effective Civilian Office of Police Accountability. She also has served as general counsel for the city of Chicago's inspector general, which gave her experience in investigations of government wrongdoing.

Fairley's got the vision and toughness to wield the office's powers in ways Lisa Madigan could not because, as the daughter of the state's most powerful Democrat, Madigan was boxed in by conflict-of-interest concerns. While Fairley could aggressively use the attorney general's toolbox and bully pulpit to target public corruption and political injustices, Madigan has run the office primarily as a consumer protec-



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Electing Sharon Fairley as Illinois attorney general would break the cycle of the same names and faces staying in power for years.

tion bureau.

There are eight candidates on the Democratic ballot for AG. All are accomplished. Quinn is running on his record — and that's why we view him as a potential spoiler rather than an innovator.

Quinn is a decent man who earned his time to lead Illinois. That time has passed. When Quinn was asked at the Tribune Editorial Board's debate why voters should elect him, again, to statewide office, his answer amounted to a recitation of his

prior experiences. Yet when we look back on Quinn's tenure as governor, we see a mixed record marred by instances of poor judgment, including his creation of a sloppily managed \$55 million anti-violence program that helped him politically at the time. It's hard to imagine Quinn returning to Springfield as an agent of change.

Fairley, on the other hand, appears fired up. She has a stellar background and a steely spine. As we noted in our endorsement: *She fought City Hall. She fought police*

officials. She fought public corruption. She fought for transparency. And no politician owns her.

She also has a plan that should serve Illinois residents well. If elected she will reposition the AG office to become a watchdog against corruption, among other priorities.

Imagine the impact a watchdog attorney general could have on Illinois' shady political culture. We hope Democratic voters will give Fairley their support.

Commissioners: Shelve this Cook County job killer

From time to time a Cook County municipality will announce the arrival of a new warehouse or other project tied to the granting of a county property tax incentive. The idea is simple: Provide these deals to woo or retain employers.

Some tax incentives make sense, while others are lazy government giveaways — we're not debating the broader issue here. Instead, we're warning that the Cook County Board is considering a big change to an important property tax incentive program that would wreck it by glomming on costly, union-friendly conditions.

Do you like the idea of employers moving into Cook County? Hiring people? Sticking around? Heard enough bad news about jobs and residents fleeing Illinois to better economic climes? Then you want commissioners to make the right decision and shelve this job-killing proposal. The less business activity there is in Cook County, the less property tax revenue is

generated, which means homeowners will get socked even more.

The tax incentive deal in the crosshairs is used primarily to help Cook County suburbs competing with adjacent, lower-tax areas outside the county. The program offers long-term property tax cuts to certain industrial or commercial real estate investments. Why is it a valuable program? Because Cook County taxes are so high. "It's an equalizer," Homewood Mayor Richard Hofeld told the Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle. "It puts the south suburbs on a level playing field with Indiana five minutes away. It makes us competitive. Without it, we're through."

The proposal now before the board would gut this incentive program by requiring recipients to pay the "prevailing wage" to contractors and subcontractors. It also would require participation in a federally approved apprenticeship program. Both mandates would add

significantly to the cost of a project. Locking in an inflexible "prevailing wage" can increase the labor cost of a project by 30 percent, according to research cited by the Associated Builders and Contractors. Apprenticeship programs also are pricey and paperwork-intensive.

Each of those requirements may have their place in certain labor contracts, but they shouldn't be dumped onto a county tax incentive program intended to jumpstart economic development. They'd likely wipe out the value of the incentives. The Cook County suburbs would become an economic "desert" without this incentive program, Commissioner Tim Schneider told us. Of course labor unions love the idea of mandating higher wages, and that's who supports this proposal. They hope to find enough friendly faces on the board to get this measure passed at Wednesday's County Board meeting.

Thankfully, there are voices — a lot of voices — speaking out against the plan.

Especially hopping mad are at least 38 members of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, who warn that this proposal would destroy their efforts at economic recovery. "Come to the south suburbs," Park Forest Mayor John Ostenburg told commissioners at a recent hearing. "We'll get the bus and we'll take you around from empty building to empty building, and then you tell us that we don't need viable incentives that help us get more business."

We're told several commissioners took up the offer of a bus tour. We hope they came away agreeing that this property tax incentive program should stay as it is. The commissioners just took a lot of heat from the public over their failed soda tax. Did they not learn a lesson? Voters want them to alleviate tax burdens and promote economic growth, not make Cook County more expensive and less competitive.

Commissioners: Shelve this job-killing proposal.

REASONS TO FIRE ASSESSOR BERRIOS

The Speaker Madigan connection

Next in a series of compelling reasons why Cook County voters should defeat Assessor Joseph Berrios in the March 20 primary election.

Reason 3: Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and Assessor Berrios have a mutual admiration society, and why not? Madigan's law partnership is a go-to firm for commercial building owners who want reductions on their property tax assessments. Berrios' office rules on those matters. Madigan's clients always know they're in friendly company when they seek lower assessments.

Berrios, too, has profited from this cozy relationship. When Berrios was a lobbyist, he relied on Madigan to shepherd legislation his clients were pushing in Springfield.

If their side businesses didn't constitute enough of a conflict, Berrios also serves as Cook County Democratic Party chairman. Madigan oversees the state party.

Berrios and Madigan help each other stay in power.

Voters, you can take out one of them on March 20.

Time to go, Joe. The better ballot choice is Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi, right, a financial analyst from Oak Park.



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Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

I was too nice. Now I realize the downside of being polite.

By JAMIL ZAKI

Special to The Washington Post

Ryan — a brilliant, enthusiastic young scientist — spent a two-year layover in my neuroscience laboratory between his undergrad studies in Vancouver, British Columbia, and graduate school on the East Coast. On his last day in California, we sat over drinks, reflecting on his plans for the future. I offered some parting advice and then asked the question I pose to everyone who graduates from my lab: “What could I have done better?”

He hesitated, then replied, “You’re too nice.”

This was startling, especially coming from a Canadian. (I’ve omitted Ryan’s last name to protect his privacy.)

“Nice” might count as faint praise, but is it really an insult? I asked him to elaborate.

“Well,” he said, noticeably uncomfortable, “you’re so nice to everyone here that we don’t really know what you think about anyone. Some people end up assuming the worst.”

Later that night, I realized he was right, though I would use a different term. I was addicted to politeness.

Not everyone shares my addiction. In fact, our culture is in the middle of a politeness shortage. Imagine a reader from five years ago leafing through today’s *Washington Post*. She’d probably be shocked at the vulgarity of our national conversation. Social media is overrun with bullying. CNN warns parents they might want to clear the room of small children before the president’s remarks are broadcast. Norms are steadily shredded. The psychologist Steven Pinker claims that modern society is built on a foundation of “civilizing”: people’s adherence to common decency. If he’s right, our house is teetering.

Politeness can sting

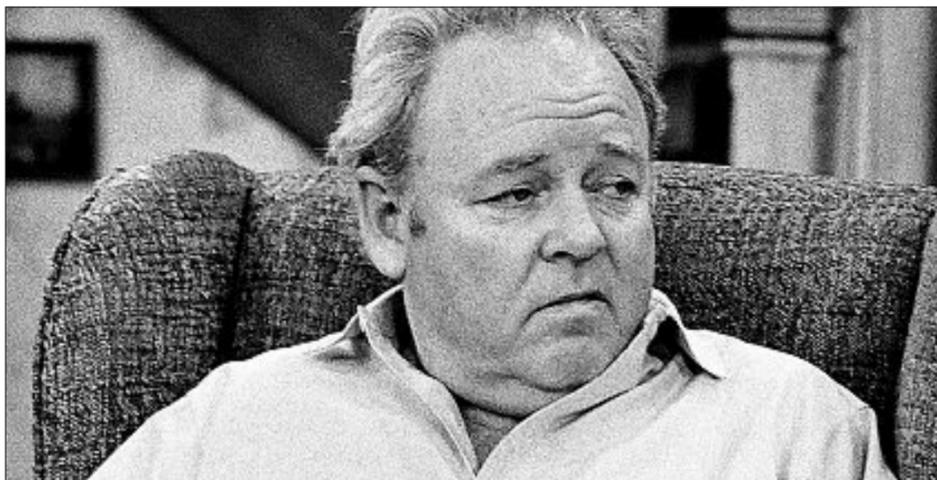
It’s easy to long for politeness, but just because Archie Bunker is over for dinner doesn’t mean we’d be better off with Miss Manners. Politeness often hurts more than it helps.

For the past dozen years, I’ve studied empathy: people’s ability to share and understand each other’s feelings. Empathy is a powerful, ancient engine for kindness. If you flinch when someone else is shocked, you’re more likely to step in and help them. If you think deeply about the suffering of homeless people, you’re more likely to support policies that protect them.

Empathy also comes in different flavors, including distress — an aversion to seeing others in pain — and concern — a desire to improve their well-being. These pieces of empathy often split apart. Imagine you have a friend about to launch an ill-advised business venture or to marry someone you know to be unfaithful. Tell him the bad news and he’ll feel hurt, but he’ll also have information to make wiser choices. Empathetic distress motivates people to avoid causing suffering at all costs. Like the Hippocratic oath, it inspires us to do no harm. But it can also encourage comforting lies over difficult truths.

In one study, college students privately rated a peer’s application to graduate school and were told that the writer had suffered a personal tragedy. They then had the chance to re-rate her essay, this time knowing she would see their evaluation. Readers inflated their assessments for the writer’s benefit, especially when they empathized with her. Oncologists often avoid using the word “cancer” during diagnoses, replacing it with vague, sanitized language. This might make conversation easier but can also leave patients in the dark. A physician at a neonatal intensive care unit once told me about a family whose child would probably die in the coming weeks. The medical team had never told them this bluntly. “They’re such nice people,” he said, “and you don’t want to tell them such bad news.”

This is polite, but not kind. To truly care for people, we often must steer them into hard feelings. Parents teach their kids to be wary around strangers. Therapists encourage phobia patients to confront things that terrify them. This reflects a deeper con-



CBS PHOTO ARCHIVE 1974

Carroll O’Connor portrayed Archie Bunker as an impolite, bigoted patriarch on the TV show “All in the Family.”



JENNIFER LIVINGSTON/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2003

Etiquette expert Miss Manners (Judith Martin) may be Archie’s antithesis, but at times politeness can hurt.

cern for someone’s long-term well-being. Many of us are willing to make family and close friends uncomfortable in the service of helping them but don’t extend the same courtesy to colleagues or acquaintances. They could often use it just as much. By protecting my students’ feelings too forcefully, I might have been stunting their growth.

Us versus Them

If there’s one place that politeness seems useful, it’s the gulf between Us and Them into which our country has fallen. Political discourse increasingly resembles a live-action YouTube comment section; to claw our way back toward stability, niceness seems like a crucial starting point. In the fall, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch preached the importance of politeness, joining a chorus of similar voices from across the political spectrum. Politicians frequently praise their opponents for mere civility, sometimes obscuring real ideological differences between them.

But especially when one group of people holds power over another, righteous anger is often in order, and politeness can turn into a Band-Aid that stops wounds from healing. In surveys, psychologists asked people from historically low-power communities — black South Africans, Arab Israelis, African-Americans and Latino-Americans — how many friendly interactions they recently had had with their higher-power counterparts. Individuals who experienced interracial harmony were more tolerant of their peers from other groups. But they also ignored systemic inequality and expressed less support for social change. Niceness papered over

oppression, making people less likely to fight it.

Public nastiness

In recent years, American prejudice has taken off its mask. Bigots have grown louder and more comfortable, for instance staging white-supremacist rallies around the country last year. Would we really prefer them to bite their tongues in public while quietly working against equality and indoctrinating their children with prejudice? If sunlight is the best disinfectant, politeness casts an unhelpful shadow. Racists, homophobes and xenophobes who air their hatred make for an ugly display, but they also give us a chance to show them how outnumbered they are.

Politeness is too low a bar for discourse. And when we want to help people, we might consider sparing them less. A real friend is the one who tells you when you have spinach in your teeth and doesn’t mind your being embarrassed now if it will help you later. Deepening our empathy is hard emotional labor, but with practice we can get better at it, to the benefit of those around us.

I now realize my politeness stemmed from a shallow empathy. I strove to guard others — and probably myself — from pain rather than to enrich us. Ryan was kind enough not to be nice to me, and I’m trying to follow his lead.

My question for this year: Instead of doing no harm, how can I do the most good?

The Washington Post

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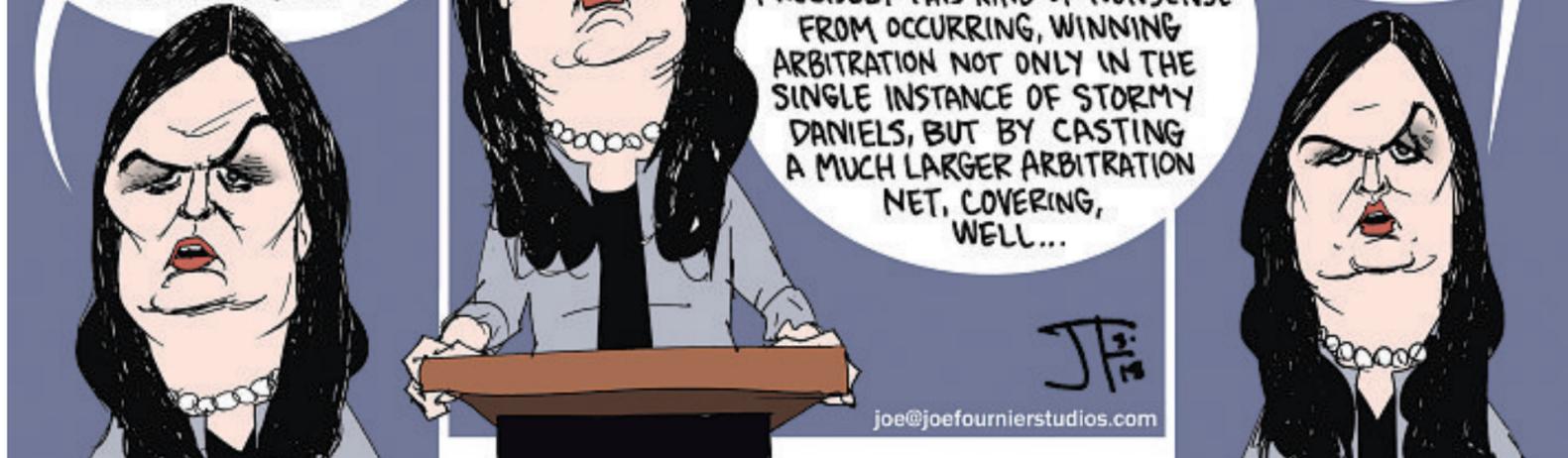
STORMY WEATHER BY JOE "WITH AN 80% CHANCE OF GUILT" FOURNIER

SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS EXPLAINS

LOOK, JUST BECAUSE THIS PRESIDENT HAS WON ARBITRATION IN THE CASE OF STORMY DANIELS, THAT BY NO MEANS ACKNOWLEDGES AN AFFAIR BETWEEN THE TWO.

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...PRETTY MUCH ANY WOMAN WHO HAS SPOKEN TO OR SHARED AN ELEVATOR WITH DONALD TRUMP FROM 1978 TO THE PRESENT.



PERSPECTIVE



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Delta Air Lines was among the companies that revoked a discount for members of the National Rifle Association after the school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

Honey, pick up some milk from the Republican store

BY TYLER COWEN

As some companies have pulled away their discounts for National Rifle Association members, in response to pressure from anti-gun groups, the question arises where such decisions might end. As a kind of thought experiment, I'd like to consider how an economy might work if buying decisions were made on a consistently ideological basis.

Imagine a "right-wing" supermarket chain and a "left-wing" alternative. The right-wing chain could offer discounts for NRA members and send money to the Republican Party. The left-wing version might have a commercial relationship with Planned Parenthood, sell more vegan products and take special care to promote women up through the ranks.

Maybe that sounds implausible, but many retailers have already segmented their markets through frequent-buyer programs. You get better deals from the companies you patronize regularly, most of all from airlines and hotels. It requires only some stretch of the imagination to think that more of those programs could be organized around ideology. After all, if you are going to be "a Hilton customer" or "a Westin customer," maybe politics could play a role. You personally don't have to be very ideological; you simply might accept an

ideological division over one that is purely arbitrary. Once in place, the continuing existence of the better deal from your preferred supplier will make this arrangement self-enforcing, just as I keep on flying United because of all my accumulated miles.

Many suppliers may welcome this arrangement, even if companies and their CEOs are not very ideological. By "carving up" their customers, an ideologically based market will mean higher prices and something closer to a guaranteed market. It will be hard for the business with the right-wing ideology to bid for the left-wing customers, and vice versa. So businesses might in subtle ways foment this ideological segregation, or at least not work too hard to break it down.

Companies that have a clear chance of being dominant market winners will prefer less ideologically tinged decisions, because they want to sell to virtually everybody. Whether or not basketball star Michael Jordan ever said, "Republicans buy sneakers too," the sentiment is an understandable one. In Silicon Valley, some of the biggest companies are torn between the imperative to maximize revenue and the left-leaning political demands of their employees, who are another constituency for ideologically segregated business.

Historically, boycotts have been diffi-

cult to enforce, as consumer attention ebbs and a lot of people just want to go back to buying their normal products, without too much concern for politics. Yet today's equation has changed, in part because people are buying less physical stuff and more services with some kind of symbolic character.

So maybe it's hard to sustain a boycott against one maker of flat-screen TVs, if only because the products seem so homogenized and nondescript. But when it comes to health services, you might in the future be choosing between hospitals that offer abortion or not, or that offer euthanasia or not. For entertainment, right-wingers favored John Wayne way back when, and left-wingers preferred Robert Redford; it's easy to see comparable trends re-emerging. As for travel, a left-winger might prefer Canada or Denmark for the family vacation, whereas a right-winger might opt for Singapore or Israel (or Russia for some?).

American media outlets have operated on an ideological basis since the beginning, and parts of the nonprofit sector also segregate on an ideological basis. It's unlikely that the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute and the left-leaning Center for American Progress share a great many donors, or compete for the same employee base.

Social media accounts tie companies

to ideologies more tightly than in the past. Who would have thought Delta Air Lines was a "left-wing" company? Maybe it isn't really deep down, but it's all over Facebook and Twitter that the airline revoked a discount for NRA members and just lost a tax break from the state of Georgia. At some point, the company might start acting out a left-wing persona to cultivate available allies, whether or not it reflects the company's true views.

The history of Northern Ireland shows a great many retailers, from funeral parlors to bars, that served either a largely Protestant or a largely Catholic clientele. Maybe people felt better about these exclusive commercial affiliations, but it didn't do the economy any favors to stifle competition, and it may have helped drive political polarization too.

I don't think the American economy is verging anywhere near this point. Still, ideological segregation as a business principle is more possible than you might think. Now is indeed the time to go buy something from a company you don't like.

Bloomberg

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Dart's misguided approach to jail reform

BY ALAN MILLS AND ALEXA VAN BRUNT

The Cook County Board will soon hear a proposed resolution to investigate the impact of bail reform in the county. The proposal is in response to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's recent misguided letter to Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, advising her that he would not comply with court orders freeing people in jail on bond.

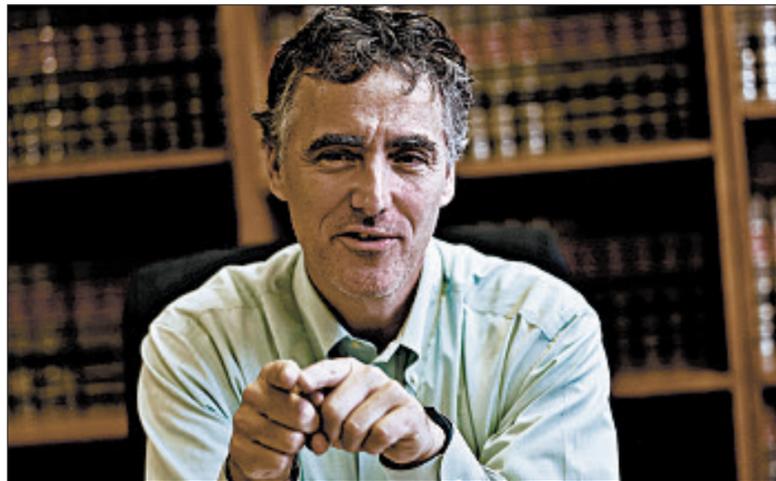
Dart has granted himself unilateral power to continue incarcerating people who are entitled to be released. Dart should remember he is a jailer, not a jurist.

His actions — willfully failing to obey judicial orders — have no place in a democratic society. Last September, the Cook County Circuit Court created a new policy mandating that bail be set in an amount that defendants can afford to pay. It was an essential step toward fixing a pretrial system that has historically discriminated against the poor and minorities in this county.

Now Dart claims this reform has led to an unprecedented increase in the number of people accused of gun crimes being released from jail on electronic monitoring. He says this trend justifies his willful disregard of judicial decisions about who should be released pretrial.

Dart's claim is demonstrably false. It also distorts who should be making jail-release decisions for people who are presumed innocent of committing any crime.

It is false because there has been no real increase in the number of alleged gun



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Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart has taken issue with judge's orders on bonds.

offenders released since bond reform passed last fall. In a letter responding to Dart's claims, Preckwinkle noted that the percentage of all cash bonds for gun charges only went up 1 percent since September.

There's also no evidence that bond reform has harmed community safety: Preckwinkle cited Dart's own data to assert that, of the 195 alleged gun offenders released pretrial since the new bond policy went into effect, only five picked up new gun charges as of Feb. 1.

Dart's recent claims also undermine bedrock principles concerning the separa-

tion of judicial and executive function. It is not his job to determine who gets to be released on bond.

Issues of community safety are precisely those that bond court judges are tasked with deciding. In bond court, judges look at the alleged crime, the evidence supporting the charges and the accused person's criminal history. Judges also hear from the state and the defendant as to whether bond should be set, and to consider other terms of release.

This is a weighty decision about a most basic right — the right to liberty — and it

results in a binding court order.

Dart is now overriding these release decisions based on his personal feelings, and as he feels politics dictate. His unlawful actions are, unsurprisingly, publicly opposed by other Cook County stakeholders such as public defender Amy Campanelli, Preckwinkle and Timothy Evans, chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Dart's letter to Preckwinkle also implicates the worst kind of discrimination. (He wrote: "In addition, many of these individuals are immediately returning to communities plagued by gun violence.") It is based on an assumption that people from certain neighborhoods in the city are less entitled to be released from jail than those from wealthier, whiter communities.

This is not justice.

We cannot stand by and allow this misappropriation of power to go unchecked. Sheriff Dart must respect the rule of law and accept decisions by judges, even if he thinks those decisions are wrong. If he refuses to do so, he should be replaced by someone who will.

Alan Mills, executive director of Uptown People's Law Center, has been litigating prisoners' rights cases for more than 35 years.

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PERSPECTIVE

How to slim down your chaos-heavy news diet

BY MARGARET SULLIVAN

Remember what happened a week ago on Monday and Tuesday? Of course you don't.

These days, it's hard enough to remember yesterday, much less nearly a week ago. So here's a reminder of just a few of the news events that swirled wildly around us on those two recent days.

A former campaign aide to President Donald Trump, Sam Nunberg, went on a madcap tour of cable networks, after telling The Washington Post's Josh Dawsey that he would not cooperate with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

Stormy Daniels, the porn-film actress and director, sued the president and declared invalid his effort to hush up their alleged affair, saying he never signed the legal agreement between them.

The administration's chief economic adviser quit his post, apparently to express his disagreement with the president's trade policies — policies that, according to news reports, Trump had announced without much counsel.

Amid all this, the president, as is his wont, tweeted.

"The new Fake News narrative is that there is CHAOS in the White House. Wrong!" he wrote. "There is no Chaos, only great Energy!"

Well, yes. There is also great energy in unsupervised kindergarten classrooms, but

that doesn't mean there isn't mayhem too.

For news consumers — also known as responsible citizens who want to stay informed — it's all too much.

Making it worse is an ugly truth: The news media itself is often chaotic.

Twitter is a Mobius strip of scoops and all-caps alerts and snark-filled commentary. Facebook is your very own echo chamber. Cable news channels veer from self-important pundit panels to — as with Nunberg — shiny-object developments. Even the most serious news websites are constantly changing and rearranging, not just to react to news but to enhance clicks.

That's part of why Farhad Manjoo's news diet caused so much discussion. The New York Times tech reporter said he took a two-month break from getting his news in his usual digital ways, relying more heavily on three print newspapers and the Economist magazine.

"Turning off the buzzing breaking-news machine I carry in my pocket was like unshackling myself from a monster who had me on speed-dial, always ready to break into my day with half-baked bulletins," he wrote. (As Columbia Journalism Review noted Friday, he continued to tweet on most days, so he clearly wasn't disengaged from social media or digital news.)

In 2018, few of us are likely to unplug and get our news from day-old print newspapers. Nor should we.

Our world is digital, and there is no turning back the clock.

But for those whose heads are spinning from news overload, there are remedies — ones that aren't terribly extreme.

First, just reading the headlines on a printed newspaper's front page each day helps. Even if you don't devour the paper cover to cover, you can get a sense of the priority and scope of the past day's events.

Case in point: CNN may have barely looked up from the Sam Nunberg adventures on that Monday afternoon, but in the next day's print-edition Washington Post, the story occupied a modest one-column perch on the left side of the front page.

It was as if the editors were saying: Notable, yes. World-changing? Certainly not. And by Tuesday morning, Nunberg's bravado had faded, as, of course, it was destined to.

The Stormy Daniels lawsuit didn't make the front page at all; it was on A3.

Even if you don't agree with these gatekeepers' subjective judgments, you may find they provide some perspective.

Second, take some breaks — hours at a time, certainly — from social media. It's addictive, by design, so this isn't easy. But whatever self-discipline you can muster will certainly be worthwhile. (Personal rule: The phone does not come along to yoga class. Because that is the very definition of counterproductivity.)

And third, find two or three sources of serious news — a well-curated newsletter, an evening news broadcast, a top-of-the-hour briefing on public radio, or the news app of a respected newspaper — and make it a daily habit, preferably consumed at a regular time and then set aside.

Oh, and consider turning off your breaking-news alerts, at least sometimes.

The alternative is downright dangerous to your mental and emotional well-being.

In a McSweeney's sendup of the sweat-drenched workout sensation SoulCycle, Dan Carroll recently conjured an even more exhausting version — NewsCycle — which promises a room pulsating with screens flashing with various cable news networks and live feeds on Twitter and Facebook.

"NewsCycle is the very first cycling class focused on completely exhausting you mentally and physically," he riffed.

"This means not only will you see six-pack abs in no-time, but you'll also find yourself completely despondent and unable to speak after just one session."

Constant immersion in the news may seem like a necessity in this time of endless developments and churning chaos.

But for sanity's sake, less is more.

The Washington Post

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Trump must overcome his worst instincts to succeed with Kim

BY JOSEPH HOLT

President Donald Trump has agreed to talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and that represents a historic opportunity to negotiate lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula and make the world a safer place. But to capitalize on that opportunity, Trump will need to overcome some of his worst instincts.

The president prides himself on being a great deal-maker. To succeed in talks with Kim, though, he will need to think more like a deal implementer than a deal-maker.

Negotiation expert Danny Ertel explains that deal-makers will do a victory dance on the day a deal is signed, while deal implementers will declare victory only after the deal has been successfully carried out long after the signing.

The president as deal-maker was on display Saturday when a crowd at a rally in Pennsylvania booed at his mention of the North Korean leader's name. He stopped them and said, "After the meeting you can do that, but now we have to be very nice."

A deal implementer would realize it's important to be nice to the other party before the deal is reached to get to yes, but that it's also important to be nice after the deal to get to successful implementation.

David Brooks once observed that with Trump "it's all winners and losers, beating and being beat." But to succeed in his talks with Kim, he will need to think uncharacteristically in win-win rather than win-lose terms.

The objective is to get a great deal rather than to beat the other party. And you are unlikely to get a deal at all if the terms proposed are wonderful for you but an ignominious defeat for them. The president needs to be prepared to give Kim some wins if he wants him to not only agree to a deal but stick to it.

The president also will need to restrain his impulse to hurl insults like "little rocket man."

The more frequently parties trade insults, the less likely it is they will reach an agreement.

To succeed in talks with Kim, the president also needs to realize that he does not



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A headline in a newspaper in Seoul, South Korea, details planned talks between North Korea's Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump.

have all the leverage, the tremendous power of the United States notwithstanding.

Leverage is a function of who needs the deal more; that party has less leverage. So Trump has leverage because Kim needs something from him, though it is not clear whether that something is a lasting deal, or just the legitimacy that comes from the face-to-face meeting with the leader of the free world that North Korea's leaders have sought for decades.

Yes, North Korea needs relief from the harsh sanctions Trump imposed, but their weight has been borne by the people of North Korea rather than by Kim himself.

In any case, President Trump is also hungry for a legacy-defining deal because he has accomplished little that candidate Trump promised would occur swiftly. He could also use another distraction from the encircling Russia probe. That gives Kim some leverage, as does the fact that Kim is

far along in the development of his nuclear arsenal.

Henry Ford pointed out, "If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from that person's angle as well as from your own." The president is not renowned for seeing things from the perspective of others, but he will need to do that to succeed in talks with Kim.

In a statement March 6, South Korean President Moon Jae-in said North Korea was willing to denuclearize because "it would have no reason to keep nuclear weapons if the military threat to the North was eliminated and its security guaranteed."

Trump needs to understand from Kim's perspective what it might take to eliminate the military threat and guarantee the security of North Korea. That might include a demand for the removal of both U.S. forces and nuclear weapons from South Korea.

The president also needs to overcome his aversion to doing homework. Preparation is key to success in negotiations, and a cross-cultural negotiation with a cagey foe will require much more homework than any real estate deal he ever made.

Finally, to succeed in his talks with North Korea, the president will need to forget about the cameras and keep his eyes on the prize, which is averting war with a dangerous and desperate foe.

According to news reports, Trump told top aides to think of each day of his presidency "as an episode in a television show in which he vanquishes rivals." But North Korea's nuclear capability is a reality rather than a reality show. And lives rather than ratings are at stake.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Imposing views

In his March 9 column, John Kass defends conservative Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, stating that Lipinski "is Roman Catholic and he takes his faith seriously." Kass goes on to state that those Democrats trying to oust Lipinski, such as supporters of his progressive opponent Marie Newman, are opposing him "for keeping true to his Catholic faith."

Lipinski has every right to follow whatever religious tradition he chooses, and I have not heard anyone attacking him for his choice of religious faith. The problem with Lipinski, like many others, is that as a congressman, he casts votes that affect and limit the rights and lives of the many millions of people in this very diverse country who do not subscribe or wish to follow his strict conservative Catholic

views.

If Lipinski disagrees with abortion or same-sex marriage, fine. That is his right. He doesn't need to participate in either. But his personal, individual religious beliefs should not be allowed to control the rights of those women who seek for their own personal reasons to choose abortion or the rights of gay individuals to seek the affirmation and benefits of marriage.

— Robert E. Stanley, Highland Park

A textbook case

Scott Stantis' cartoon in Sunday's paper depicting Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios as the definition of arrogance is spot on. But it does not go far enough. I propose a new word to describe the arrogance exemplified by Berrios: Berrigance. While not easy to define, I know it when

I see it:

When you turn a county office into the family business through the hiring of several family members, regardless of qualification, and allow them to suckle from the public teat, that's Berrigance.

When you claim the county's ethics rules do not apply to you, that's Berrigance.

When you take credit for implementing a new-and-improved system in your office, and later are found not to have done so and then claim the new system was flawed, that's Berrigance.

When an investigative report finds your office's practices corrupt, opaque and regressive, and you claim there is simple process available to remedy that, but that process only makes matters worse, that's Berrigance.

When a bulk of your campaign contributions are from the industry that works with and benefits directly from your office, and yet you see no conflict of interest, that's Berrigance.

When you view your relationship with the citizenry not as one of public servant to taxpayer, but rather one of aristocrat to peas-

ant, that's Berrigance.

— Ruby Martino, Oak Park

Aiming for fame

Your March 11 article about South Carolina teen Jesse Osborne and his desire to commit the largest school shooting ever mentions that his motivation was fame. Guess what the Tribune put at the top of the article? His photo! It confirmed my belief that one of the reasons people shoot innocent kids is that they have so little in their lives, they want to be notorious rather than anonymous.

There is a relatively easy action that can be taken to combat these shootings that I think even gun rights advocates could get behind. The news media should stop publicizing these murderers. Mention their names when they are first identified and thereafter refer to them by the date of the shooting or another non-personal identifier. Never print their photos.

If this action saves even one life, it will well be worth doing. If not, the media will continue to be

complicit in this horrible tragedy.

— Joyce Porter, Oak Park

Compassion, not control

What did I get out of Aaron Stark's op-ed "I could have been a school shooter"? I found out that the current gun laws prevented him from going into a store and buying a gun. So instead he did what anyone who needs a gun, but can't legally buy one, would do: try to buy one illegally. Had he not been helped by fellow humans with big souls, he would have gotten the gun.

More gun laws would have not stopped the coming shooting. Human compassion stopped the shooting. This is a truth that is relevant to every young shooter. It's a mental health problem, not a gun law problem. Can't you see that new gun laws would not have changed anything?

For the record, even I believe raising the gun purchase age to 21 is probably a good idea. It wouldn't have stopped this shooting, but it could prevent another.

— George Hovany, Lincolnshire

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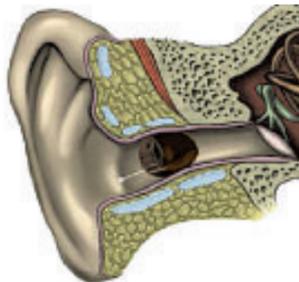
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Concierge comforts coming to more offices

In 'amenity wars,' buildings compete to ease the workday

BY RYAN ORI
Chicago Tribune

For many Chicago workers, a day at the office may soon feel more like a night at the Ritz.

Two of the largest office landlords in Chicago, Tishman Speyer and Sterling Bay, are set to unveil concierge-type amenities packages at their properties, accessible by smartphone apps.

Their plans are part of the latest wave in an escalating competition to provide cushier comforts to office workers.

It follows years in which many downtown Chicago buildings rolled out new roof decks, bike rooms, expanded fitness centers and conference centers, and other perks previously associated more with luxury hotels and residential towers than office buildings.

"Bringing services to the fingertips of employees is the next phase of the landlord amenity wars," said CBRE broker Kyle Kamin, who represents office tenants in downtown Chicago.

For thousands of Chicago office workers, the changes could mean errands and appointments such as dropping off and picking up dry cleaning, seeing a doctor or taking a yoga class now will take place during the workday — often without leaving their office buildings. Conveniences including emergency child care, pet care and meal delivery also increasingly will be offered on demand and on-site.

"The office market is becoming more of a services business," said Patrick Kearney, Tishman Speyer's managing director for the Midwest region. "Providing the ability to get their hair cut or

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Goldman Sachs names Solomon as next leader

BY DAKIN CAMPBELL
Bloomberg

NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs said David Solomon will become sole president of the company, elevating him over Harvey Schwartz as the successor to Chief Executive Officer Lloyd Blankfein.

Schwartz, 54, will leave the firm April 20, and Solomon will serve as the sole president and chief operating officer, the New York-based company said in a statement Monday. The statement didn't give a timeline for Blankfein's eventual retirement.



Solomon

The question of Blankfein's successor has been a topic of debate across the financial industry since Friday, when The Wall Street Journal reported that the CEO would step down as early as this year. Blankfein later tweeted that the announcement wasn't his. The chief hasn't given a timetable for his retirement, a person with knowledge of the matter said last week.

"I look forward to continuing to work closely with David in building our franchise around the world," Blankfein said in the statement.

Solomon, 56, rose through the financing business after joining as a partner from Bear Stearns and ran the firm's top-ranked investment-banking business for a decade.

He has also taken on a leading role in the bank's diversity push and initiatives to improve working conditions for young bankers. The part-time disc jockey, who attended Hamilton College, is also a wine collector and an avid skier.

Lettuce Entertain You planning 4-level restaurant space on river



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises is expanding its food empire into a huge, four-level space along the Chicago River that will be one of the largest projects in its 47 years.

The space will include two restaurants and a private events space.

The 35,000-square-foot space is part of a \$50 million upgrade of the office tower at 321 N. Clark St., along the northern edge of the Chicago River, a project expected to contribute to the city's ongoing efforts to bring more people and businesses to the riverfront.

Across the river from the uninterrupted riverwalk, the restaurants will be accessible from the street, lobby and boat slips.

The restaurants are expected to open by summer 2019, said



GOETTSCH PARTNERS ILLUSTRATION

The restaurants, part of an upgrade at 321 N. Clark St. in Chicago's Near North neighborhood, are expected to open in 2019.

R.J. Melman, Lettuce Entertain You partner and president, the son of founder Rich Melman.

Seafood restaurant RPM on the Water will occupy two levels, in a redeveloped building lobby and a newly constructed mezzanine, R.J. Melman said. During warm-weather months, there will be 100 outdoor patio seats.

A 300-seat banquet space for wedding receptions and other catered private events will be on the level below the lobby. At river level, Lettuce Entertain You will have a yet-to-be-named casual restaurant in the former Bridge House Tavern space, Melman said.

The other RPM partners are chef Doug Psaltis, Jerrod and

Molly Melman of Lettuce Entertain You, and celebrity businessman Bill Rancic and his wife, Giuliana Rancic. The seafood concept follows RPM Italian in Chicago and Washington, D.C., and RPM Steak in Chicago.

The project will occur in an office tower whose owners include another big name in the Chicago restaurant world: Larry Levy.

"When Larry Levy and the Hines group came to us, we knew it was a spectacular location," R.J. Melman said. "It's a big undertaking for us, but we're very excited to do it."

A venture of Diversified Real Estate Capital, which Levy helped found in 2003, and Los Angeles-based American Realty Advisors paid \$340 million for the office tower in August 2016. Seller Hines maintained a small ownership stake in the deal and continues to oversee the building's leasing and management.

Levy built a vast restaurant and sports arena concessions business before selling a 49

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"With being public comes the sense that we control our own destiny. That's worth more than you might think."

— Pietro Satriano, CEO of US Foods, on the company now being publicly owned



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US Foods CEO Pietro Satriano, seen last week at the company's Rosemont headquarters, now leads a fully publicly owned company.

US Foods has 'really bounced back'

CEO: Rosemont firm is on trend with food, on target with growth

BY GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Just a few years ago, Rosemont-based US Foods wouldn't have sold brisket that had been braised and smoked for 13 hours to its restaurant customers. It would have sold them slabs of raw brisket.

Likewise, in the not-so-distant past, the second-largest food service distributor in the country wasn't selling cake made with fair trade chocolate and bananas certified by the Rainforest Alliance.

The point? US Foods is increasingly seizing upon food trends to grow its business with independent restaurants, according to CEO Pietro Satriano. Customers are willing to pay more for products they consider to be healthier, more natural and sustainably sourced. And US Foods, which employs about 1,400 people at its Rosemont headquarters, is growing its menu of products that align with those trends, while also appealing to restaurants feeling the pressure of rising labor costs.



Banana chocolate swirl cake is one of US Foods' offerings. The food service distributor is selling more premium products.

"Being a restaurateur is a tough business.... We say to the customer, 'Yes, you can make the brisket yourself, but how long is that going to take you? And is that how you're going to differentiate?'" said Satriano, 55, who lives in Winnetka with his wife, Mary Kelly, and three sons.

Last year, US Foods' sales were about \$24.1 billion, an increase of more than 5 percent from \$22.9 billion in 2016,

according to its annual report. But Satriano said the more important figure is the 4 percent year-over-year volume growth in sales to independent restaurants, the fastest growing segment of the business.

It's been a whirlwind few years for US Foods. The company's planned merger with Sysco, the No. 1 player in the field, fell apart in 2015 after the Federal Trade Commission sued to block the deal, alleging the combination would violate antitrust laws.

After that setback, US Foods launched a May 2016 initial public offering and became a fully publicly owned company in December 2017 after the exit of its largest private equity shareholders. The following interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: How has US Foods changed since the merger with Sysco fell apart in 2015?

A: The company really bounced back. In 2011, when we relaunched, rebranded, reorganized, and made this new strategy of "Great Food Made Easy," it was really about breaking away from the pack, from the rest of the industry and being at the cutting edge of food service.

We kind of went back to that strategy because it had been working so well for us. The strategy has continued to evolve as it needs to, as customers and competition change.

Q: What was the company's focus before 2011?

A: We did some research with customers. You know, you have focus groups and some

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4-level restaurant space in the works

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percent stake in Levy Restaurants to British firm Compass Group in 2000. Levy sold the remaining 51 percent of the company to Compass in 2006.

These days, the Chicago entrepreneur invests in commercial real estate, restaurants and other businesses. Levy has been friends with Rich Melman for several decades.

The spaces became available when the river-level Bridge House Tavern closed late last year and a big office tenant in the building, the American Bar Association, moved out of space in lower areas of the tower.

The association restructured its lease and consolidated its space on higher floors. In the long-term lease renewal of its headquarters space, the ABA will occupy 161,000 square feet on the 17th through 22nd floors, according to real estate brokerage Savills Studley.

The legal profession membership group was represented in the deal by Savills Studley brokers Eric Feinberg, John Goodman, Joe Learner, Renae Bradshaw and Rich Dale.

The building's overhaul, which will include a renovated lobby connected to a new glass curtain wall, Clark Street entrance and canopy, will be completed by the spring, said Brian Atkinson, a Hines managing director who represented the owners in the restaurant and ABA deals.

The building's owners will add a tenant lounge and upgrade the fitness center. Upgrades to lower levels of the office tower were designed by Goettsch Partners and Rockwell Group.

Lettuce Entertain You owns a large roster of restaurants including Hub 51, Summer House Santa Monica, Shaw's Crab House, Wow Bao and Cafe Ba-Ba-Reeba. The Chicago-based restaurant company also operates the Foodlife food hall in the Water Tower Place mall on Michigan Avenue.

Rich Melman founded Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises in 1971, when he opened R.J. Grunts in Lincoln Park. The company now has more than 120 restaurants in nine states.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Lettuce executives and the building owners formally unveiled the plans Monday.

"By investing in Chicago's riverfront, we have transformed it into the city's next recreational frontier," Emanuel said in a news release. "Making the riverfront a public priority is now driving private investment that will create jobs and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike."

Since his administration embarked on the expansion of the Chicago Riverwalk, Emanuel regularly has drawn attention to new projects or businesses seeking to locate near the river. The mayor also has had a regular practice of drawing attention to events and businesses tied to his campaign donors.

In promoting Lettuce Entertain You's new project along the river, Emanuel checks both boxes.

Lettuce executives have been reliable campaign contributors to the mayor. Since Emanuel first ran for office in 2010, the mayor has received nearly \$554,000 in Melman-tied contributions.

Lettuce in recent years has secured restaurant deals to run restaurants at O'Hare and Midway airports, the Chicago Tribune has reported.

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Illinois closings to lay off 1,000-plus

By SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

Store and plant closings drove Illinois employers to announce more than 1,000 planned layoffs in February, according to a monthly report released Monday by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Carson's and Bergner's will lay off a total of 330 employees in Illinois as they close area stores. Both chains are owned by Bon-

Ton Stores, which filed for bankruptcy protection last month. Carson's stores are set to close in Chicago, Morton Grove, Schaumburg, DeKalb and Danville. A Bergner's in Peoria, with 96 workers, is also set for closing, according to the report.

Siemens Industry, which makes controls and automated systems, said it expects to lay off 200 people at a West Chicago facility. Those employees were notified Feb. 8, according to the filing, and the layoffs are

planned for the last two weeks of April. Siemens said that demand for the products made in West Chicago has been slowing for several years, and the workload remaining there no longer requires a separate production site. Some product lines have been moved to other U.S. facilities, the company said.

Israel-based Teva Pharmaceutical Industries will lay off its 101 Illinois employees as part of a restructuring announced late last year. Teva said it started

laying off workers last month, but the layoffs won't be complete until the end of the year.

Other planned layoffs reported to the state include 75 workers at iCall Services in Oglesby; 89 at freight forwarding company MOL (America) in Lombard; and 79 at Imperial Marble in Somonauk, which makes countertops but lost a contract.

Amcor Rigid Plastics, which is closing a plant in Batavia that makes plastic bottles for the food indus-

try, also announced it plans 75 layoffs on top of the 110 it announced last summer.

The Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act requires employers with at least 75 workers to notify the state 60 days in advance of a plant closing or mass layoff, which is defined as one that affects at least a third of its workforce, or at least 250 workers at a company of any size.

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Workers in The Franklin office building, a Tishman Speyer property in Chicago's Loop, have access to the on-site Rustle+Roux during their workday.

Building perks cater to office workers

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their nails done, or pick up a package, eases employees' daily life and leaves them more time to partake in their work and their personal life."

Tishman Speyer owns and manages more than 8 million square feet of office space in downtown Chicago. The landlord said it plans to bring Zo — a package of amenities and services currently offered at its buildings in New York that can be accessed from the phone of any worker — to Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.

The company said its Chicago buildings house 20,000 workers.

Chicago developer Sterling Bay, which owns and manages 10 million square feet of office space in the city, will soon unveil its own app and expanded offerings, which will include providing tenants with access to amenities in any of its buildings, a spokeswoman for the Chicago developer confirmed.

"The service offerings are accelerating at a rapid



The 29th floor of The Franklin includes the R29 event space.

pace," Kamin said. "The next generation of buildings, (including) the Willis Tower and (old main) post office redevelopments, we didn't see anything close to those offerings a decade ago."

Tishman Speyer's app will be activated in Chicago within the next month, and new areas to house many of the new amenities will be constructed by the end of this year at the two-tower

CME Center, at 10 and 30 S. Wacker Drive, and in a building the firm owns at 525 W. Monroe St., according to the New York-based real estate investment firm.

Tishman Speyer will later build out new amenities areas in other Chicago buildings, including The Franklin, a two-tower office complex at 222 W. Adams St. and 227 W. Monroe St.

The Zo app was intro-

duced at Tishman Speyer's Rockefeller Center in February 2017.

Sterling Bay's developments have included McDonald's soon-to-open headquarters and Google's Midwest headquarters, both part of its extensive holdings in the Fulton Market district. Sterling Bay also recently bought Groupon's sprawling headquarters along the Chicago River, and it is close to

completing a purchase of the two-tower Prudential Plaza complex overlooking Millennium Park.

While some large real estate investors such as Tishman Speyer and Sterling Bay are rapidly expanding their own amenities programs, others — including commercial real estate brokerages Cushman & Wakefield and CBRE — have developed their own apps that landlords can use.

Convene, a provider of corporate events and co-working spaces that has leased space in Willis Tower, is also a provider of amenities to property owners.

As new and redeveloped buildings incorporate more smart technology, services will become more personalized, said Christopher Kelly, Convene co-founder and president. In the future, dry cleaning will be placed in the trunk of an employee's car, which would be delivered by valet service at the end of the workday, Kelly said.

"I feel like we're at the beginning of the life cycle of this movement," he said.

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US Foods CEO: Employees glad Sysco deal halted

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things sort of stick in your mind. One of the customers basically said, "You're all interchangeable. All distributors do the same thing. All I care about is my relationship with my rep."

For us, that was an unsettling place to be. So we said we need to be about more than being the same or just meeting the basic expectation. We want to help the customers make it.

Q: What led to the planned merger with Sysco?

A: We were owned by private equity — KKR and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, based in New York. They had owned us since 2007 and the deal was getting a little long in the tooth and they were looking to exit. Private equity buys companies not to pass them on to the next generation of private equity. It's to exit at a profit for their investors.

And given the amount of time they'd been in the deal, and obviously Sysco's inter-

est in what we were doing, clearly they saw we were doing things they weren't doing. ... That was the motivator.

Q: What was the reaction internally when the deal was called off?

A: It was a tremendous boost of energy. As you can imagine, (the merger) created angst for employees, right? Because it was announced that the head office was going to be in Houston, not here. No timelines, but you can't run a company with two head offices. And obviously there were synergies ... so employees generally welcomed the news that the merger wasn't going to go through.

Q: What's contributing to the growth in sales to independent restaurants?

A: It comes down to product innovation, technology and team-based selling. They all contribute almost equally. The new products give our sales

team the opportunity to put forth something that our competition doesn't have. You can just imagine how energizing and motivating that is for the sales team. There's an almost an unquantifiable impact; the sales team is just more motivated. But more than that, these products are typically on trend, and are all about saving labor costs.

Q: The products with premium attributes bring better profit margins too, right?

A: In two ways. First, we make more money on our exclusive brands, our private brands, than we do on (other) brands. Secondly, the price point of something that's value-added is higher.

Q: Would US Foods again consider a big merger, like the planned tie-up with Sysco or some other major distributor?

A: They haven't called me. And I haven't called them either. (Mergers and acquisitions are) an impor-

tant part of our growth strategy. Most of our growth is coming organically, but there's a portion that's coming from M&A. But that's typically with smaller, tuck-in distributors, often with a succession issue.

Q: How are some of the recent freight challenges in the industry affecting US Foods on a day-to-day basis?

A: It's an industry phenomenon. ... There's just not enough trucks. The contributing factors — there are a number of them — are the economy keeps getting stronger. That's one. And the economy is shifting as well, in terms of retail to Amazon, so more stuff's being trucked around. The hurricanes. The new electronic logging device regulations recently passed. ... None of them on its own would have got us to where we are. But the sum total of them definitely put a pressure on capacity.

We don't have issue getting product to our custom-

ers. We have a fleet of 5,000 trucks, roughly, that bring product every day from our 60 warehouses to our customers. The issue is sometimes getting product from the vendors to our facility.

Q: What's the significance of the company being completely publicly owned at this point?

A: We get that question from our employees a lot. What we've said is it doesn't change things as much as you might think. The way we create value for our customers, and ultimately for our shareholders — doesn't matter if you're private or public — is the same.

Because we were owned by private equity, there was always a sense of, "What's going to happen with us? Will they take us public? Or will they sell us? With being public comes the sense that we control our own destiny. That's worth more than you might think."

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These businesses stand by NRA

Outrage over Fla. school shooting doesn't deter them

BY IVAN LEVINGSTON
Bloomberg

You can't confuse Delphi Greek restaurant with Smith & Wesson. Delphi specializes in kebabs and baklava — not AR-15s and ammunition.

Yet the Los Angeles restaurant is one of about 3,100 U.S. businesses that still proudly stand with the National Rifle Association. At a time when major corporations like Delta Air Lines and Dick's Sporting Goods are rethinking their relationship with firearms, the NRA's legion of steadfast supporters in its Business Alliance provides a sharply different view of America's enduring gun culture.

These outfits are the business equivalent of the NRA's about 5 million claimed individual members. Most are small concerns. Many are associated with the firearms industry. And whether they're in liberal bastions or the reddest of red states, they tend to oppose any tightening of gun controls, despite the national outcry over the Feb. 14 school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

The Business Alliance, as the group is known, has members in 50 states. They range from a pawnshop in Hartselle, Ala., to a stone veneer contractor in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., to a hunting preserve in Kamuela, Hawaii. Businesses pay a yearly fee that members said can range from \$40 to \$150, and in return they get visibility, a plaque and the chance to identify with a cause.

"The Second Amendment for me is very personal," said Roozbeh Farahanipour, who owns Delphi and fled his native Iran after leading student protests in 1999. "As long as I think that they're defending the Second Amend-



John Beckman shops for a shotgun at an NRA meeting in 2016 in Louisville, Ky.

ment, and it still is challenged by a group of people, I believe I need to support them."

The NRA still wields political clout. But the quick erosion of support among America's largest businesses reflects its changing place in the national landscape. An NPR/Ipsos poll taken two weeks after the Parkland shootings found that 36 percent of Americans said the NRA represents their views, down 7 percentage points from October.

After the Parkland shooting, businesses affiliated with the NRA came under pressure as never before, with protesters using Twitter and Facebook to threaten boycotts and students at the school upbraiding politicians for taking its money. Publicly traded companies almost uniformly dumped the organization, with the high-profile exception of shipping company FedEx, ending special discounts for NRA members and removing their logos from the NRA's website.

NRA spokesman An-

drew Arulanandam didn't respond to phone and email messages asking about the group's relationships with business. But casual supporters with a broad clientele have peeled away, leaving niche concerns motivated by ideology.

Farahanipour's restaurant is less noted for devotion to firearms than for fish tanks so splendid they have their own Facebook page. But the 46-year-old believes firearms could have swayed the outcome of his student rebellion against theocracy, and he keeps two Glock handguns.

When Delphi's tie to the NRA became known, Farahanipour endured reviews and social media posts criticizing his affiliation, but he was unmoved.

"I went through many worse things in my life to think that a couple of the comments or reviews, they can change my mind," he said.

The same goes for Brady Phenicie, 52, who owns information technology company Phenicie Business Management in

Healdsburg, Calif. He's received calls from people upset over his affiliation and threatening to withhold business.

"I answer to myself," Phenicie said. "My reason for joining is saying, 'Hey, thank you for checking my rights, because I really feel like they're going away.'" The exodus at the national level marks a turning point for the NRA.

Dreamed up in 1871 by a pair of Union Army veterans, the group largely promoted shooting sports and safety until the late 1960s and the rise of law-and-order politics. Today, it has become a major player in accelerating political polarization. In the 2016 elections, the NRA gave 99 percent of its contributions to Republicans, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. In 1990, the GOP received just 65 percent.

As part of its turn rightward, the NRA has developed its own media profile led by spokeswoman Dana Loesch, who stars in videos that present an ominous view of an America en-

gulfed in a barely contained conflict that threatens to explode into violence.

"They were a moderate group," said Scott Melzer, a sociology professor at Albion College in Michigan and the author of a book on gun politics. "I would characterize them as part of the mainstream American life."

"Today's NRA appeals primarily, almost solely, to die-hard guns-rights enthusiasts."

It was company that the Music Center, a Los Angeles organization that hosts ballet and classical-music concerts, was surprised to find out it kept. Howard Sherman, its chief operating officer, said few knew the center was a Business Alliance member until an attendee called.

"We had been signed up for the Business Alliance many, many years ago," Sherman said. "We would never take a political stand in that way."

Some relish the chance.

John Emerick, who owns JElectric in Hull, Iowa, paid for a five-year membership in the Business Alliance after the Florida shooting. Chris Pastana, who runs a media business in New Hampshire, also said he joined in the past few weeks, even though he doesn't personally belong to the NRA.

Anthony Giura, whose western Pennsylvania waste management firm New Age Environmental is an alliance member, said the big companies have gone soft.

"These corporations are succumbing to political pressure, which I don't think they need to do," he said. "As far as me and my company, we're not going anywhere."

With assistance from Dimitrios Pogkas.

Michael Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg News parent Bloomberg LP, is a donor to groups that support gun control, including Everytown for Gun Safety.

Revised jobs data a bump for Illinois

Despite new high last summer, state lags behind nation

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ
Chicago Tribune

It turns out Illinois' job growth has not been so sluggish after all.

Revisions to state employment data show that Illinois payrolls hit 6.07 million jobs last June, surpassing their prior peak in September 2000 and achieving a long-awaited milestone, the state's Department of Employment Security said Monday.

Also, the state's job growth rate for 2017 was revised up to 0.7 percent, from 0.5 percent, and 2016's job growth rate doubled after the revision, to 0.6 percent from 0.3 percent.

State officials under Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner have regularly bemoaned the state's failure to surpass the prior payroll peak in September 2000, blaming insufficient business reforms and incentives for making Illinois less competitive. They were singing a different tune with the release of the revised data.

"This new peak employment milestone is a testament to the work that has been done by the Rauner administration to encourage competition, create jobs and reduce burdensome bureaucracy," Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Sean McCarthy said in a news release.

The revisions, an annual process, were released along with new state employment data for January. Illinois' unemployment rate declined to 4.8 percent in January, from 4.9 percent the previous month, hitting its lowest level since May 2007, according to the preliminary data.

The state added 200 jobs for the month, bringing total nonfarm jobs to more than 6.08 million in January. That's 26,500 more jobs than in September 2000.

Over the year that ended in January, Illinois added 47,100 jobs, and 20,200 of them were in manufacturing, an important industry because it generally offers decent-paying jobs and is an economic and innovation driver. Other sectors that added significant numbers of jobs over the year include leisure and hospitality, and education and health services. The sectors that saw the largest jobs declines for the year were information services, which includes industries like telecommunications and broadcasting; and trade, transportation and utilities.

Some of the data revisions were not good news. December payroll numbers were revised to show a loss of 700 jobs, rather than a gain of 1,500 that had initially been reported.

Illinois still lags behind the nation. Its job growth rate of 0.8 percent over the year ended January was half of the national average of 1.5 percent. The nation's unemployment rate has been steady at 4.1 percent for several months.

Illinois' labor force participation rate, which measures how many people are working or looking for work, dipped slightly in January. People leave the labor force when they retire or stop working to go back to school or raise children, though also when they get so frustrated with the job hunt that they stop looking.

The unemployment rate counts only people who are not working but are looking for a job, so it does not take into account those who are sitting out the job market. A fuller accounting of the state's unemployment situation, the U-6 rate, includes those discouraged workers as well as people working part-time jobs because they can't find full-time jobs. Illinois' U-6 rate declined to 9.2 percent in 2017, from 11 percent the year before, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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New tariffs may tap out last keg maker in U.S.

American Keg Co. CEO says levies won't level field

BY SAM WOOD
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POTTSTOWN, Pa. — The only company in the United States making beer kegs fashioned from American steel is struggling to survive. The president's newly signed levies on imported steel are unlikely to help.

The American Keg Co. of Pottstown — its prices undercut by kegs imported from China, France and Germany — slashed its workforce by a third earlier this year. Only 20 people now work where 30 were once employed.

"The cost of an imported keg just barely covers the raw materials on one of ours," said American Keg CEO Paul Czachor. "It's very difficult to compete."

So when President Donald Trump suddenly announced 25 percent tariffs on imported steel, many at American Keg thought it would help level the playing field.

Now they're not so sure. Trump signed an order Thursday imposing sweeping new levies on steel and aluminum produced outside the nation's borders. He exempted steel and aluminum from Canada and Mexico from the new tax.

"Tariffs will inadvertently drive the price of American steel higher," Czachor said. "Within a year, we might have to raise our prices so our kegs cost 30 percent more than an import. That puts the whole business in jeopardy."

This will be a pivotal year for American Keg, which Czachor said is losing between \$50,000 and \$100,000 every month. But if the price of imported steel is inflated with a de facto tax, shouldn't that make American-made products more competitive?

No. And the reason is counterintuitive, Czachor said. He believes the cost of American steel will rise while "American businesses will suffer," he said.

"If there were no tariffs, that would keep the do-

mestic steel prices lower," Czachor said. "We understand the administration is trying to solve a problem, but it is not holistically getting addressed."

The newly enacted taxes will not apply to finished steel products produced outside the U.S., Czachor said. And that's where he sees the real trouble. Imported kegs, tools and heavy equipment are not subject to the new tariffs.

"Downstream imported products, made outside of the U.S. that use a lot of steel, will still be priced cheaply," he said. "If the Chinese make lockers for a high school, people can import them with no tariff. The imported kegs will still come in using low-cost steel."

American Keg supplies a large portion of the 7,000 craft brewers, wineries and cider makers nationwide. The company counts Cape May Brewing, Sly Fox and Levante Brewing among its regional customers. A standard American half-keg sells for about \$115, he said. An import runs closer to \$95.

"Our customers love the



DREAMSTIME

American Keg Co. in Pottstown, Pa., recently slashed its workforce and is losing \$50,000 to \$100,000 a month.

fact that our kegs are American-made, produced by American workers and built from American steel," Czachor said. "But they're only willing to pay so much of a premium."

Ryan Krill, CEO of Cape May Brewing, said he valued American Keg's customer service and story.

"We try to source local," Krill said. "We're not trying to beat out the absolute last penny. They're easy to work with and very competitive in their pricing, I think."

Bob Pease, president and CEO of the national Brewers Association, said his 6,000 members prefer to Buy American.

"There's a preference within the craft brewing community to support in-

dependent American business. That ethos is there for sure," said the Boulder, Colo.-based Pease. "That said, you got to meet payroll before you support social responsibility. If someone can get a product for a cheaper price, many people will do that."

If American Keg can build more of a market, Czachor said he would love to hire back the 10 workers laid off earlier this year.

"But we're going to need the administration to impose tariffs on downstream steel products," he said. "We would put our engineers and production employees up against anyone in the world, but you have to have a level field."

"We need tariffs on imported kegs."

Fearing trade war, EU warns of protectionism 'dead end' road

BY LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union on Monday urged President Donald Trump not to head down "a dead end" road of protectionism and warned of a damaging trade war over his new steel and aluminum tariffs.

At talks in Brussels, economy ministers underlined that the EU — the world's biggest trading bloc — supports free and open trade but that its 28 countries will respond if they are targeted by the U.S. tariffs, which are set to enter force next week.



French economy chief Bruno Le Maire says he thinks a trade war would produce "only losers."

"We are worried (about) the possibility of having a trade war between the United States and the EU because we believe that there will be only losers. We believe that protectionism is a dead end," French Economy Minister Bruno

Le Maire told reporters. Spanish Economy Minister Roman Escalano Olivares said, "Protectionism is always a political, a historical, error."

Trump said last Thursday that he was slapping tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum. He temporarily exempted big steel producers Canada and Mexico — provided they agree to renegotiate a North American trade deal to his satisfaction.

He said other countries could be spared the tariffs if they can convince the U.S. government that their steel and aluminum exports

don't threaten U.S. industry.

The EU rejects Trump's argument that the tariffs are required for national security reasons. It has threatened to slap retaliatory duties on around \$3.4 billion worth of U.S. steel, agricultural and other products like peanut butter and orange juice if it is not excluded from the tariff regime.

Amid uncertainty over who might be exempted, German Finance Minister Peter Altmaier appealed to reason, saying it is the "responsibility of everybody to keep international trade as fair and open as

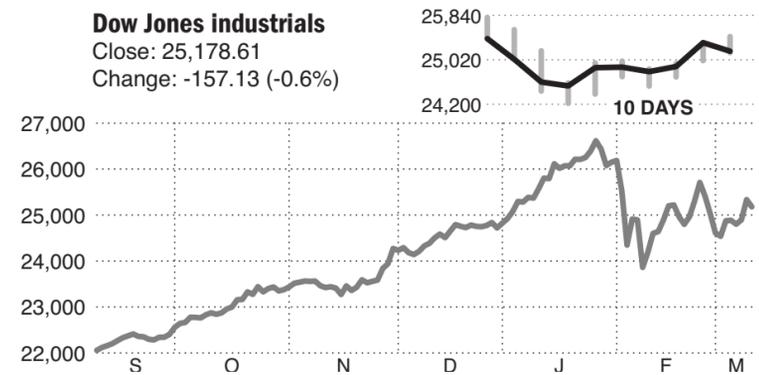
possible."

Dutch Finance Minister Wopke Hoekstra said the tariffs are "a bad idea. It is bad for European citizens, for Dutch citizens, and it will turn out bad for U.S. citizens as well."

The EU's executive body, the European Commission, handles trade talks on behalf of member countries. Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstroem held talks on Saturday with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer in an effort to understand Trump's exemptions, but she said she got "no immediate clarity on the exact U.S. procedure."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,449.15 Low: 25,152.02 Previous: 25,335.74



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+27.51 (+.36%)	-3.55 (-.13%)	+3.92 (+.25%)
Close: 7,588.32	Close: 2,783.02	Close: 1,601.06
High: 7,609.10	High: 2,796.95	High: 1,603.79
Low: 7,563.44	Low: 2,779.26	Low: 1,594.11
Previous: 7,560.81	Previous: 2,786.57	Previous: 1,597.14

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.03 to 2.87%	-3.00 to \$1,319.40	-0.42 to 106.35/\$1	-0.0015 to .8106/\$1	-0.68 to \$61.36

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.22	NASD +3.51	S&P +2.28	DOW +2.35	NASD +8.68	S&P +4.78	DOW +20.58	NASD +29.15	S&P +17.26

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	486	489.75	483.50	489.75	+0.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	382.75	384.25	380.50	384.25	+1.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 18	1023	1034.25	1023	1033.25	+4
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 18	31.42	31.56	31.42	31.56	+0.14
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 18	372.00	372.00	369.70	369.80	-1.90
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	62.10	62.33	60.67	61.36	-0.68
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.731	2.804	2.718	2.778	+0.046
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.9004	1.9027	1.8649	1.8940	-0.103

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	63.62	+0.2	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	85.95	+2.8	McDonalds Corp	N	157.74	+5.0
AbbVie Inc	N	118.30	-0.9	Equity Residential	N	59.50	-0.1	Middleby Corp	O	131.94	+6.7
Allstate Corp	N	94.85	-1.8	Exelon Corp	N	37.53	+0.3	Mondelez Intl	O	44.39	+1.2
Aptargroup Inc	N	90.78	-0.9	First Indl RT	N	29.57	+0.2	Morningstar Inc	O	87.74	+4.7
Arch Dan Mid	N	44.53	+1.2	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	62.76	-0.7	Motorola Solutions	N	108.85	-2.4
Baxter Intl	N	68.50	-3.9	Gallagher AJ	N	27.74	-0.9	Navistar Intl	N	34.99	-2.35
Boeing Co	N	344.19	-10.3	Grainier WJ	N	279.74	-6.9	NISource Inc	N	23.14	+1.8
Brunswick Corp	N	61.88	-5.8	GrubHub Inc	N	109.59	+1.0	Nthn Trust Cp	O	109.51	-1.19
CBOE Global Markets	O	123.82	-7.2	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	87.83	+6.4	Old Republic	N	21.25	-0.9
CDK Global Inc	O	70.79	-6.9	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	79.55	-5.9	Packaging Corp Am	N	120.06	+2.0
CDW Corp	O	75.32	+9.4	IDEX Corp	N	146.70	-7.5	Stericycle Inc	O	64.87	+2.0
CF Industries	N	41.88	+3.8	ITW	N	169.20	-1.10	TransUnion	N	58.50	+4.8
CME Group	O	169.18	-2.24	Ingredion Inc	N	134.78	+1.53	Tribune Media Co A	N	41.68	+0.9
CNA Financial	N	53.11	-4.7	John Bean Technol	N	119.25	+1.95	USG Corp	N	35.25	+3.1
Caterpillar Inc	N	154.50	-3.75	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	171.37	-3.1	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	207.62	+1.70
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	38.05	-0.1	KapStone Paper	N	34.71	-2.1	United Contl Hldgs	N	72.00	+4.5
Deere Co	N	164.03	-3.90	Kraft Heinz Co	O	67.70	+4.7	Ventas Inc	N	50.38	+6.9
Discover Fin Svcs	N	78.15	-2.7	LKQ Corporation	O	39.33	-3.1	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	70.15	-4.5
Dover Corp	N	101.50	-1.19	Littelfuse Inc	O	222.52	+3.12	Wintrust Financial	O	90.12	-1.29
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.01	-0.33	MB Financial	O	44.88	-0.3	Zebra Tech	O	144.75	+3.57

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	15.10	+1.6
Bank of America	32.84	+1.2
Ford Motor	10.31	+0.8
Ambev S.A.	7.30	+1.6
Sthwstn Energy	4.52	+1.7
Chesapck Enegy	3.11	+0.1
Pfizer Inc	36.61	-1.6
AT&T Inc	37.36	+3.1
Twitter Inc	35.50	+1.5
HP Inc	23.83	-0.2
Kroger Co	23.99	-0.9
Barrick Gold	12.13	+3.1
Rite Aid Corp	1.70	-0.4
Alibaba Group Hldg	192.74	+2.19
Snap Inc A	18.11	+2.3
Vale SA	13.00	+1.1
Yamana Gold Inc	2.61	-0.1
Transocean Ltd	9.90	+3.2
AK Steel Hold	5.36	+1.0
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.24	+6.8
Oracle Corp	52.90	-0.7
MGIC Investment	13.36	-1.38
Citigroup	76.02	-0.9
Square Inc	53.19	+7.0

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.36	+3.1
Alphabet Inc C	1164.50	+4.46
Alphabet Inc A	1165.93	+5.09
Amazon.com Inc	1598.39	+19.50
Apple Inc	181.72	+1.74
Bank of America	32.84	+1.2
Berkshire Hath A	317746	-1854
Berkshire Hath B	211.82	-1.12
Cisco Syst	45.55	+1.8
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.24	+6.8
Facebook Inc	184.76	-4.7
Intel Corp	51.52	-0.7
JPMorgan Chase	117.66	-3.8
Johnson & Johnson	132.63	-1.17
Microsoft Corp	96.77	+2.3
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.17	-0.8
Source Cap	41.88	-0.4
WalMart Strs	88.07	-0.65
Wells Fargo & Co	58.02	-2.1

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.24	-0.6	+25.6
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.47	-0.1	+12.8
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	553.29	+0.8	+23.0
American Funds CptWldBldrA m	62.52	-0.1	+10.4
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	58.27	+1.4	+28.2
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	64.92	...	+21.4
American Funds GrfAmrca m	53.92	-0.2	+28.1
American Funds IncAmrca m	23.36	-0.2	+14.7
American Funds IncAmrca m	42.09	-0.7	+18.7
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.25	+0.7	+28.6
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	46.82	-1.8	+18.1
DFA EMktCorEq	24.18	+0.7	+29.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.61	+0.1	+2.8
Dodge & Cox IntStk	47.59	+1.7	+18.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	212.45	-0.7	+16.7
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.46	+0.1	+2.7
Fidelity 500IdxIns	97.65	-1.2	+20.1
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrrm	97.65	-1.2	+20.2
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	97.64	-1.3	+20.1
Fidelity Contrafund	132.97	-1.8	+33.5
Fidelity ContrafundK	132.92	-1.7	+33.6
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	10.97	+0.1	+2.3
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.34	-0.1	+19.1
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.33	...	+4.8
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.41	+0.1	+1.6
Oakmark IntlInv	28.82	+1.8	+22.7
PIMCO IncInsl	12.18	...	+5.9
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.06	+0.1	+3.0
Schwab SP500Idx	43.09	...	+20.1
T. Rowe Price BcGr	108.71	+0.5	+40.1
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.44	+0.9	+34.4
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	257.93	-2.9	+19.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	27.11	-0.6	+14.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	89.80	+1.9	+11.2
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.86	-0.1	+2.8
Vanguard InsIdxIns	254.39	-3.2	+19.6
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	254.41	-3.2	+19.6
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls	62.15	-0.4	+19.6
Vanguard IntGrAdmrl	102.62	+2.7	+40.5
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	199.30	-0.9	+17.4
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	143.18	-1.0	+18.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.51	...	+1.2
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	73.35	+1.2	+17.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.78	+0.2	+12.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.80	+0.1	+13.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.30	+0.2	+15.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.17	+0.1	+16.6
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.47	+0.1	+1.7
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.47	+0.1	+1.7
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.67	+0.2	+3.0
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	31.02	+0.5	+22.3
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	124.05	+2.2	+22.3
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	124.08	+2.2	+22.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	18.54	+0.3	+22.3
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	69.72	-0.4	+19.6
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	69.73	-0.5	+19.6
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	69.68	-0.5	+19.5
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	72.92	-0.7	+11.4
Vanguard WlsyVncAdmrl	64.24	-0.4	+6.8
Vanguard WndsrIAdmrl	68.37	-1.5	+13.3

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.67	1.63
6-month disc	1.85	1.83
2-year	2.26	2.26
10-year	2.87	2.90
30-year	3.13	3.16

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1319.40	\$1322.40
Silver	\$16.470	\$16.546
Platinum	\$962.90	\$964.20

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.50
Discount Rate Primary	2.00
Fed Funds Target	1.25-1.50
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.33

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	20.1979
Australia (Dollar)	1.2696
Brazil (Real)	3.2588
Britain (Pound)	.7191
Canada (Dollar)	1.2831
China (Yuan)	6.3325
Euro	.8106
India (Rupee)	64.935
Israel (Shekel)	3.4442
Japan (Yen)	106.35
Mexico (Peso)	18.6047
Poland (Zloty)	3.41
So. Korea (Won)	1065.42
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.27
Thailand (Baht)	31.29

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3326.70	+19.5/+6
Stoxx600	379.20	+0/+3
Nikkei	21824.03	+354.8/+1.7
MSCI-EAFE	/...	/...
Bovespa	86900.43	+529.0/+6
FTSE 100	7214.76	-9.8/-1
CAC-40	5276.71	+2.3/+0

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BY MEGAN McDONOUGH
The Washington Post

Hubert de Givenchy, a French designer whose fashions influenced haute couture in the 1950s and '60s and transformed his close friend, actress Audrey Hepburn, into a style legend, died Saturday at 91.

The death was announced by the artistic director of Givenchy, Clare Waight Keller. No other information was immediately available.

For more than four decades, Givenchy bridged the American and Parisian fashion worlds, designing effortlessly chic clothes that adorned European royalty and Hollywood stars. He clothed Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Grace Kelly, Lauren Bacall, Elizabeth Taylor and some of the world's most fashionable women, including first lady Jacqueline Kennedy and the socialites Rachel "Bunny" Mellon and Catherine "Deeda" Blair.

"Givenchy has long been a classicist, one of the last of the old school of haute couture, where gorgeous clothes were made for a woman to live in, not to decorate her," fashion journalist Dana Thomas wrote in The Washington Post in 1995. "His clothes moved with a woman's body, rather than restricted it."

The precociously talented, darkly handsome, 6-foot-6 designer was only 25 when he opened his own atelier in Paris in 1952. His debut collection was one of the earliest ready-to-wear, high-end fashion lines.

"Paris had been occupied by the Nazis and French fashion had been pretty much beaten into the ground," said Valerie Steele, director and chief curator of the Fashion Institute of Technology Museum in New York. "He was one of the leading French courtiers in a period in which couture made a triumphant resurgence."

Givenchy thought mix-and-match separates, including interchangeable dresses, light skirts and chic tops, offered women more versatility with their look and choices in creating their own style. Operating on a shoestring budget, he created a handful of styles out of inexpensive men's shirt material for his first collection and asked customers to select their preferred fabric.

The crisp, embroidered, full-ruffled "Bettina" blouse (named in honor of the late model Bettina Graziani) was an instant hit. By the end of the first day of business, the store reportedly rang up 7 million francs (about \$14,000 in today's dollars). An account by The New York Times called Givenchy's collection "one of the most phenomenal debuts in the Paris couture."

Givenchy's fashioning of



French fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy poses with mannequins in his Paris shop in 1952, the year it opened.

and relationship with Hepburn was often regarded as his broader cultural breakthrough. The couturier first met Hepburn in 1953 after she had been cast in writer-director Billy Wilder's romantic comedy "Sabrina." She played a Long Island chauffeur's tomboy daughter who studies abroad in Paris and returns a chic, sophisticated woman. Hepburn thought it would be fitting for her character to wear authentic Parisian couture.

Givenchy was shocked when the doe-eyed, gamine beauty walked into his studio. Scrambling to complete his next collection, he told Hepburn he was too busy to design original pieces for her but that she could select items from his previous season's collection, including the belted ivory dress she wore to the 1954 Academy Awards.

"She gave a life to the clothes — she had a way of installing herself in them that I have seen in no one else since, except maybe the model Dalma," Givenchy told Vanity Fair in 1995.

"Sabrina" went on to receive the Oscar for costume design, although head designer Edith Head failed to acknowledge Givenchy's contributions during her acceptance speech. According to Head's biographer, David Chierichetti, she banked on the fact Givenchy was "such a gentleman he would not make a fuss." He didn't.

Hepburn was furious. She insisted Givenchy costume her in subsequent films including "Funny Face" (1957), "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961) and "Charade" (1963). She became his greatest fashion ambassador on screen and off.

"His are the only clothes in which I am myself," said the actress, who died in 1993. "He is far more than a couturier, he is a creator of personality."

Although Givenchy did not invent the little black dress, he undoubtedly crafted one of the best remembered: the quintessential black satin gown worn by Hepburn in "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Hepburn's sleeveless sheath — with its striking bateau

neckline, subtle, cinched waist and crescent-shaped cutouts in back — was an influential fashion statement. Paired with elbow-length silk gloves, oversized glasses, a wide-brim hat and a necklet of pearls, the look gained worldwide renown.

"The little black dress is the hardest thing to realize," he once told the Independent newspaper, "because you must keep it simple."

Hubert James Marcel Taffin de Givenchy was born in Beauvais, France, on Feb. 21, 1927, to a prosperous family of noble lineage.

In defiance of his family's wish that he pursue law, he attended the National School of Fine Arts in Paris. He later apprenticed under designers including Elsa Schiaparelli before opening his own workshop.

Givenchy also met and befriended Cristobal Balenciaga, a Spanish-born designer he had admired since childhood. Balenciaga mentored the younger couturier, even sharing his clients and seamstresses after he closed his fashion house in 1968.

Givenchy's collections changed with the times, from feminine frocks in the 1950s to higher hemlines in the 1960s and tailored, debonair suits for men in the 1970s and '80s. His whimsical romanticism and simple, elegant design aesthetic remained intact.

In 1988, Givenchy sold his design label to the French luxury goods conglomerate LVMH for \$46 million. He continued to pour out collections six times a year until his official — somewhat forced — retirement in 1995. His successor was the far-more radical British designer John Galiano. The fashion house, which still bears Givenchy's name, has since been headed by Alexander McQueen, Julien Macdonald and, most recently, Italian designer Riccardo Tisci.

In his later years, Givenchy led the restoration of Louis XIV's vegetable gardens at Versailles, served as president of Christie's France, and collected fine art, furniture and sculptures. He received the Council of Fashion Designers award for lifetime achievement in 1996.

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Baumgartner, Frank

Age 83, passed away March 10th, 2018. Korean War Veteran. Loving son of the late Frank and Magdalena (Blanche nee Trendl). Beloved husband of Gloria (nee Caldwell) and the late Eleanor (nee Kirnbauer). Loving father of Susan (Gary) Boswell, the late Keith (Kim) Baumgartner, and the late Linda (James) Conway. Cherished grandfather of Tiffany and Anthony Grillo, Brittney Conway, Jamie, Jenna, and Jordan Baumgartner. Devoted brother of the late Robert (Mary) and Gary. Devoted brother in law of the late Frank and Ida Crosby. Loving stepfather of Susan (Ken) Harrison, Bonnie (Alan) Guffey, and Brian (Eileen) Finlay. Dear uncle to many nieces and nephews and step grandfather and great grandfather to many. Visitation Wednesday at the Maher Funeral Home (17101 S. 71st. Ave. Tinley Park) from 3-9pm. VFW Post 2791 Military Honors Wednesday 7pm. Visitation Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church (17100 69th Ave. Tinley Park) from 10am - 11am. Funeral Service Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church at 11am. Interment at Mount Greenwood Cemetery 1pm. All memorials to Zion Lutheran Church. To view and sign the guestbook please visit maherfuneralservices.com.



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Burke, Frank

87, of Mokena, formerly of Dolton and Park Forest, passed away on Friday, March 9, 2018. Loving husband of Dr. Mary Burke (Hull); beloved father of Anita (James) Mason, Catherine Burke and Brendan Burke; dearest brother of Late Teresa (late Denis) Beeforth, Mary (Bill) Ryan, Nancy (Tom) Henry, late Veronica Matterna, Bernadette (late Desmond)



Lynch, late Joseph (late Kathleen) Burke, Noel (Ann) Burke and Colette (Quaseem) Blan; cherished grandfather of Dylan Mason; devoted uncle of many nieces and nephews and many cousins. Frank was a member of the Irish Musician's Association, and he enjoyed playing the fiddle. The family will receive friends at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 4 until 9 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the Irish Musician's Association would be appreciated. For information www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com or 815-806-2225

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Ferrer, Evelyn T.

Evelyn T. Ferrer, nee Lawler, 87, of Chicago, March 10, 2018. Wife of the late Ramon. Loving mother of Yolanda (Robert) Simonsis. Grandmother of Rebecca and Katrina. Daughter of the late Bernice and Brady Lawler. Visitation Friday, March 16, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60625. Prayers Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:15 am from funeral home to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 3834 N. Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60618. Mass 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 55 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, 60601, www.lung.org. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, Illinois. Info 773-561-6874

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Firestone, Marion B.

Marion B. Firestone, nee Baruck, age 91, wife of the late Sigmund; loving mother of the late Marlene (Henry) Davis; adored Nana of Emily and the late Joey Davis; cherished sister of Buddy (Judy) Baruck and the late Adelle (late Cramer) Shaps; dear sister-in-law of the late Florence Baruck; treasured aunt of Dale (Ted) Katz, Leslie (Billy) Schloss and Glenn (Cynthia) Baruck and great aunt to their children. Graveside service Wednesday, 2:15 p.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery, Maple Section, 9900 Gross Point Rd., Skokie. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1 N. LaSalle Street, #1200, Chicago, IL 60602, www.jdrf.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Forberg, Marlene

Marlene Forberg (nee Bianchini) age 82, beloved wife of the late Warren "Bud" Forberg; loving mother of Ron (Marge) Forberg, Cindy (Michael) Atkinson, Kirk Forberg, Julie (Greg) Banas, Keith (Ann Marie) Forberg and the late Doug (Natalie) Forberg; cherished grandmother of Jim, Jennifer, Danielle, Neal, Tony, Nikki, Kenn, Randi, Nik, Michele, Mike, Ryan, Taylor, Maddy, Nicole and Amanda; dearest great-grandmother of Seventeen; dear sister of the late Lois (the late Gerald) Dominski-Geraghty and Ronald Bianchini. Visitation Thursday 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home, 7732 W. 159th St., Orland Park, to St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral info, 708-429-3200

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Galevicius, Elizabeth Marian

Elizabeth Marian Galevicius (nee Balis): August 29, 1913-March 3, 2018

Wife of the late Joseph Young and the late Edward Galevicius. Born in Chicago Heights, Illinois, to Joe and Elizabeth Balis. Elizabeth lived in Brighton Park and Woodridge, Illinois, and Sun City, California, and a resident of Wildomar Senior Assisted Living from 2016 until time of her death. She is survived by her children, Joe (Shirley) Young, William Young, and Ellen Pocius, 12 grandchildren, Karen Young-Flecky, Julie White, Amy Young-Schallert (Joe), Laura King, David Mallek, Cheri Young-Caban (Luis), Carle Young-Vonbargen (Christian), Richard Young, Daniel Young, Eric Pocius (Michelle), Audrey Lewan (Marc), and Steven (Edith) Pocius; 21 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren and many caring nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, daughter Anastasia Ursula Mallek (the late Robert), son-in-law Dominic Pocius, grandsons Joe Young, and Jeffrey Mallek, great grandson Austin King, sisters Eva Yesul and Monica Jurgelonis, and brothers Albert and Clemens Balis.

Thank you to all who visited, called, and sent flowers and cards throughout her later years. Your love was appreciated by Elizabeth. Thank you to the staff of Wildomar Senior Assisted Living and Hospice of the Valleys who showered Elizabeth with kindness and attentive care.

Private services will take place in Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of your choice.

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Gallagher, Patricia M.

Patricia M. Gallagher — 63, devoted daughter of the late Marie (nee Viskocil) and Robert; beloved sister of Mary Ann (William) Droel, Lorraine (Marty) Pacocha, Janet Gallagher, Barbara (Stephan) Cohn and John (Michele) Gallagher; dear aunt of Andrew (Brittany) Pacocha, Elizabeth and Robert Droel, Benjamin and Jeffrey Olson, Anna Cohn and Lauren and Adam Gallagher. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. to St. Benedict Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Info 773-588-5850 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com ;

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Harper, Gloria

Gloria M. Harper, nee Filichia, 97, Moline, IL, widow of Edmond Harper passed on March 11, 2018. Obituary available at www.vanhoe.com/obituary/gloria-harper

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Jemsek, Patricia

Patricia Jemsek, age 73, of Burr Ridge, Illinois passed away on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at home surrounded by her family. Pat was born on November 20, 1944 in Lake Forest, IL while her father was a dentist at Great Lakes Naval Station. After his time in the Navy, Pat's parents, Ted and Odessa Brown, moved back to their home town of New Orleans to raise their family.

Pat spent her childhood in New Orleans, graduating from Mt. Carmel Academy in 1961. Then in 1965, she met Frank Jemsek who swept her off her feet and brought her back to Illinois. Pat picked up golf shortly before meeting Frank, and, with his encouragement, her passion for golf grew. Pat's competitive spirit led to several club championships and sub-70 tournament rounds. Pat also loved gardening and spending time with her three children and four grandchildren. Pat was a true blessing to all that knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband, Frank; three children, Marla (Kevin) Weeks, Katherine Jemsek, and Joe (Meredith) Jemsek; four grandchildren, Patricia and Brooke Weeks and Sawyer and Noa Jemsek; and sisters, Bonnie Montgomery and Cindy Booth.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 4 — 8 p.m. at Markiewicz Funeral Home P.C., 108 Illinois St., Lemont, IL 60439. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 200 E. Illinois St., Lemont, IL 60439. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Catholic Charities or a charity of your choice. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Kessler, Samuel

Samuel Kessler. Beloved husband of the late Sue Kessler. Loving father of Sari, Steven (Cindy), and Joel (Joanie) Kessler. Cherished Zadie of Mason, Duncan, Nathan, Emma, Seth, and Rebecca. Dear brother of the late Obbie (the late Gloria)

Kessler, the late Shainey (the late Leonard) Lipke, and Selma (the late Al) Carasso. Devoted brother-in-law of Alan Gottfried. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Service Thursday 10 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd (one block North of Lake Cook Rd.), Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bone Marrow Transplant Information Network, www.bmtinfonet.org or Best Buddies International - Maryland Office, www.bestbuddies.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals — Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfiinfo.com

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Kostka, Mitchell J.

Mitchell J. Kostka, Army Veteran Korean War Purple Heart Recipient. Beloved husband of Geraldine, nee Herold; loving father of Stanley (Joan), David, Eugene, Mitchell (Susan), James and the late Christopher and Dawn; special father to Susan and Michelle; dear grandfather of Carrie, Megan, Mitchell, Matthew, Sean, Timothy, Virginia, Josh, Christopher, and Jackie; great-grandfather of 6; fond brother of Adeline Kraynak. Funeral Thursday 8:30 a.m. from Thompson-Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th Street to St. Rene Goupil Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3 to 9 p.m. (708) 425-0500

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Kritik, Rose

Rose Kritik, nee Pappas, age 95, of Barrington for over 35 years. Beloved wife of the late James Kritik. Devoted mother of Alice (Lee) Malleris and the late Helen Thiriez. Loving grandmother of Andrew (Ashley) Malleris. Caring sister of the late James (the late Evangeline) Pappas, Mary (the late John) Harlamon, Bessie (the late Sparky) Del Russo and Steve

(the late Patricia) Pappas. Born September 26, 1922 in Chicago to the late Phillip and Alice Pappas, Rose passed away on March 11, 2018. Rose, while working at the Signal Corps, was instrumental in finding her brother, Steve, a WWII war hero, who was MIA. She was a lifetime member of the Daughters of Penelope. Rose was devoted to her church and family and will be forever in our hearts. Instate Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of funeral service at 11 AM at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 133 S. Roselle Rd., Palatine. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.

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Lurie, Alan Jeffrey

Alan Jeffrey Lurie, 75, beloved son of the late Max and Naomi Lurie; husband for over 50 years of Roseanne Lurie; devoted father of Michael (Karen) Lurie; proud grandfather of Franklin and Margot Lurie; cherished brother of Adrienne (Richard) Orloff and Joseph (Marianne) Lurie; caring uncle of many nieces and nephews; and loyal companion to faithful &

furry Henry. Alan was a very dedicated friend, successful businessman, world traveler, avid golfer and passionate fly fisherman who was widely appreciated and admired for his wonderful sense of humor, indefatigable work ethic, remarkable perseverance and positive attitude in the face of difficulty, and great enthusiasm for life generally. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 1:30 p.m. at Rosemont Park Cemetery, 6758 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions in Alan's memory would be greatly appreciated at The V Foundation for Cancer Research, www.jimmyv.org. For other information, please call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**: 847-256-5700.



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Marron, Gary M.

Gary M. Marron. Beloved husband of Linda E. nee Keeffer. Loving brother in law of Elaine & Larry Kancler. Dear uncle of Bridget, Amy & Tracy (Caleb) Hanson. Proud great uncle of Lilah & Emmett Hanson. Treasured friend of many. Funeral Mass Thursday 10:00 am at St. Irenaeus Church, 78 Cherry St. in Park Forest. Interment private. Visitation Wednesday from 3 pm until 8 pm at Lain Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Westwood Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466. Member of Knights of Columbus #3602 Nina Council, Park Forest Cable Commissioner, Longtime Usher at St. Irenaeus Church, volunteer at the food pantry, Past President & Treasurer of Metropolitan Association of Square Dancers, Volunteer Extraordinaire of Park Forest. 708-748-3800

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Martensen, Philip J.

Born March 15, 1992. Beloved son of Kelly and late Kevin Martensen. Devoted grandson of Barbara Martensen. Nephew of Kirk, Kyla, Laurie, and late Keith. Memorial mass on March 15, 2018 at 10:00am, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 708 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago, IL

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Martyka, Joseph G.

Age 82 of Wilmington and formerly of Chicago, passed away Friday evening, March 9, 2018 at Our Lady of Angels in Joliet.

Born January 23, 1936 in Chicago, Joseph George was a son of George and Sophie (nee Krzysiak) Martyka. He was raised and educated in the "back of the yards" of Chicago and graduated from Gage Park High School. After high school, Joseph went on to honorably serve in the United States Navy for 28 years. During his time of enlistment Joseph served during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, retiring in 1981 as an AE2. Joseph married Lauren H. Smyth in St. Basil Catholic Church in Chicago, where they made their home and raised their family until moving to Wilmington in 1973.

Aside from being dedicated to his family and country, Joseph worked for Western Electric/AT&T for 42 years as an electrician up until his retirement. He was also a loyal parishioner of St. Rose Catholic Church in Wilmington and his many interests included international travel, airplanes, genealogy work and being an expert "laminator". Survivors include his four children: Jeff (Claudia) Martyka, David (Kathleen) Martyka, Merry Jo Martyka and Scott (NancyLee) Martyka; eight grandchildren: Brandi, Jeremy, Justin (Sharra), Samuel, Maxwell, Royce, Nicholas and Marissa; sister: Cecilia (the late Raymond) Tynus; brother: Edward (Dorothy) Martyka; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Brother Gregory Timothy Smyth, CFC, Cathy Rimkus and Gloria (Bob) Pluta, and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as dear friends Donald and Janet Lund. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 47 years, Lauren on December 26, 2008 and sister: Wanda (Edward) Powrozniak.

Visitation and video tribute will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at **Baskerville Funeral Home**, 700 East Kahler Road, in Wilmington. Funeral services will follow Thursday morning March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in St. Rose Catholic Church (604 S. Kankakee Street) in Wilmington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Reverend Sebastian Gargol presiding. Burial with full military honors will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book, upload photographs, or share Joseph's memorial page by logging onto: www.BaskervilleFuneral.com Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of **Baskerville Funeral Home** in Wilmington (815) 476-2181.



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Mattio, Jerry A.

Jerry A. Mattio beloved husband of Margaret "Marge". Loving father of Mark A. (Marlene) Mattio, Jan (Charlie) Leiser, Lynn (Tom) Toth & Lenore Mattio, Grandfather of 6 great grandfather of 7. Visitation Thursday 9:00 a.m. until time of mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Celestine Church 3020 N. 76th Ct. Elmwood Park. Interment Private

Arrangements by **Giancola Funeral & Cremation** 800.975.4321



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McKenna, Kevin James

On Saturday March 10, 2018, Kevin J. McKenna, 57, of Plainfield, IL, passed away suddenly. Kevin is survived by his parents Mary and Harris Barbier, and by his brothers and sisters Mary, Michael, Tim (Colette), Chuck (Susan), Rob (Kim) and Jim (Marianne). Kevin was preceded in death by his father Jerome McKenna, sister Patti Sue and nephew Keegan.

A mass will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1891 Kaneville Rd. Geneva, IL 60134. There will be a Celebration of Life reception at St. Andrews Golf and Country Club 2241 Rte. 59, West Chicago, IL 60185 from 5-8pm. Kevin served honorably in the US Army. Military funeral honors will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL March 21. Donations in memory of Kevin may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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Miller, Marion S. 'Babs'

Marion S. "Babs" Miller, Ph.D., UIC Associate Professor Emerita of Italian History and Decolonization, died peacefully on March 10, 2018 in Newton, Massachusetts at the age of 90.

Dr. Miller earned her B.A. degree at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, and completed her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Pennsylvania. While working on her doctorate, she received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Turin and the University of Rome in Italy. Upon returning to the U.S., she embarked on a distinguished career as a professor of European and Italian history, teaching at Wilson College, Sweet Briar College, University of Minnesota, and finally University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where she remained until her retirement in 1997. As a Professor Emerita, she continued to advise doctoral candidates, and pursued her own research for another two decades as a Newberry Scholar-in-Residence. Throughout her career, she was a prolific writer and speaker on Italian political and cultural history.

Babs, as she was known to her family and friends, was born in Hillside, NJ on August 29, 1927. Her family moved to Nova Scotia when she was in grade school. She married fellow historian Frank A. Miller there on a foggy day in 1959 and the two returned for summer vacations at their beloved Lake Annis until shortly before his death in 2004.

Babs is predeceased by her husband Frank, her parents, James H. and Eva A. Swann, her brother William T. Swann, and her sister Margaret S. Armstrong. She leaves behind five nieces and their children and grandchildren, along with a legion of former colleagues, students and advisees.

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Murphy, Robert T.

Robert T. Murphy - beloved husband of Patricia (Nee Stichnoth); proud uncle of Amber, Kaydence, Kyle, Aaron and Jennifer; brother in law of Jo Anne and Rose. Private services were arranged by **Cooney Funeral Home**.

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Niemasz, Jr., Joseph

Joseph S. Niemasz Jr., 70, of Arlington Heights, beloved husband of Olga Niemasz (nee Biller); loving father of Jeffrey (Rachel Lerner) Niemasz, Deborah (Christopher) Ryan, Elizabeth (David) Calcagno; proud Papa of Catherine, Myles, Amelia, Everett, and Isabelle; fond big brother to Christine (late Joseph) Wrobel, William Niemasz, and Edward Niemasz; cherished godfather and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 14th from 3pm until 8pm at the Glueckert Funeral Home located at 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights. Funeral home prayers will be held Thursday 9:15am followed by a 10am funeral Mass at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church located at 411 N. Wheeling Road in Prospect Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be directed to St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, 411 N. Wheeling Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.



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Rumph, Jeffrey Thomas

Jeffrey Thomas Rumph, 61 of Burr Ridge IL, otherwise known as husband to Margie (Novotny) Rumph, son to Donald and Barbara Rumph, Dad to Megan and Rachel, brother to Kenneth, Douglas, Sandra and David, uncle to 15 nieces and nephews and JTR to CME associates passed away on March 1st. He cherished his time with family and friends in Burr Ridge, Lakeside MI, Naples FL, and the CME in Chicago.

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Schuler, Patricia J.

Patricia J. Schuler, 80 of Galena, IL passed away Sunday, March 11, 2018 at her home. She was born on March 4, 1938, in Chicago, daughter of George and Jane (Herbert) Evans. She graduated valedictorian from Loretta High School, Chicago. Patricia married John "Jack" Schuler on August 22, 1959, in Chicago and he preceded her in death. Surviving are her two sons, John Jr. and Phil (Deb), their daughter Sydney; two daughters, Mary Jane and Peggy (Michael), their daughters Jacqueline, Valerie and Lindsay; her two brothers George (Marilee) and William (Suzi). She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and sister, Mary. Online condolences maybe left at www.furlongfuneralchapel.com

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Skeates, William B.

William B. Skeates, Age 91, U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII. Beloved husband of the late Ethel M. (nee O'Connor). Loving father of Diane (Edward) Hanley and Deborah (James) Burns. Dear grandfather of Christopher (Melissa) Hanley, Bryan (Kasie) Hanley, Keri (Aaron) Robbins, Colin Hanley and Timothy Burns. Proud great grandfather of 9. Bill served as President

and Chairman of the Board for Naylor Pipe Company during his career of 71 years. Proud Alumnus of Northwestern University where he earned his B.S. in Engineering. Bill is fondly remembered for his spirit of generosity, his love of golf, his humor and infectious laugh. Private Committal Service and Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Friday, March 16th. Family and friends will gather at St. Thomas More Church, 8100 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60652 on Saturday, March 17th for visitation at 10:30am prior to Memorial Mass at 11:00am with Rev. Robert Carroll, O' Carm, Celebrant. Memorials to your favorite charity are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors** 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Smoczynski, Genevieve P.

Genevieve P. Smoczynski, nee Slomiany, 91, March 11, 2018, lifetime resident of the southwest side of Chicago, of Hometown, IL, formerly of Clearing and Brighton Park neighborhoods; beloved wife of the late Arthur G. Smoczynski; devoted mother of Arthur M. Smoczynski, Barbara Mate, Michael A. (Brian Pedersen) Smoczynski and the late Maryann Schergen; loving grandmother of five; dear great grandmother of eleven; fond aunt of many. Preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Bernice Rakowski Slomiany; and all of her siblings and siblings by marriage, Mabel (Joseph) Pieta, Erven (Phyllis) Slomiany, Edward (Elizabeth) Slomiany, Val (Earl) Abramovske, Harry (Virginia) Slomiany and Charlotte (Frank) Rzasa. Longtime member of St. Symphorosa Parish and St. Maurice Seniors. Services at **CENTRAL CHAPEL**, 6158 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL, where family and friends will gather on Wednesday, March 14, from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Thursday, March 15, 9 a.m., at chapel, to St. Bede Church, 4400 W. 83rd St., Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Burial Resurrection Cemetery. Please visit **GENEVIEVE SMOYCZYNSKI BOOK OF MEMORIES**. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or www.facebook.com/centralchapel. Info., 773-581-9000.

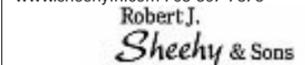
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Sobczak, Arlene M.

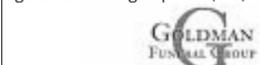
nee Kisting. Beloved wife of the late Matthew E. Sobczak. Loving Mother of Patricia Ann (Fred) Biedess, Edward Arthur (Patricia) Sobczak, James Matthew (Carol) Sobczak, and Barbara Ann (Wayne) Christofferson. Devoted Grandmother of Scott (Alisa) Biedess, Katie (Sean) Bock, and Julie (David) Hoffman, Gina (Charles) Torbett, Christina and Jay Sobczak. Devoted Step-Grandmother of Megan (Dino) Menis and Conor Christofferson. Cherished Great Grandmother of Benjamin and Elizabeth Torbett, Scott Jr., Alexandria, Georgianna and Nicholas Biedess, Aubrie Bock, and Lola Hoffman. Cherished Step-Great Grandmother of Pete and Isabella Menis. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 pm. Funeral Thursday 9:00 am from the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Alexander Church 10:00 am Mass. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878



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Stein, Beverly

Beverly Stein, nee Gershberg, age 76, beloved wife and best friend for 55 years of the late Jordan Stein; loving mother of Renee (Sam) Lallas, Brenda (Jeff) Sernick, and Sidney Stein; adored Bubbe of Rachel (Darren), Samantha, Ascher, Chelsie (fiancé Brian), Colin, Jeremy and Ori; devoted daughter of the late Adele and the late Sam Gershberg; dear sister of the late Manny Gershberg; cherished sister-in-law, aunt and friend. Service Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Westlawn Cemetery, in lieu of flowers, contributions to CJE SeniorLife, www.cje.net or JourneyCare Hospice, www.journeycare.org. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Svoboda, Michael

Michael Svoboda, aged 80 of Downers Grove, Illinois passed away peacefully surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer on March 11, 2018 He is survived by his wife Alice, Son Michael, wife Anne Mae Krueger, Daughter Allison, husband Vincent Manobianco, Son Daniel, wife Jeannie Shim and grandchildren Josef, Samuel, Levi, Isaac, Paul, Zoey, Emma, Isabella, Sophia, Jack and Nathaniel as well as his great grandchildren, Linus and Jakob. Services will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4501 Main Street in Downers Grove, IL on Wednesday, March 14 at 12 pm with visitation at 11 am. Burial service will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. We will always carry your memory in our hearts. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements by **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan** Funeral Home, Downers Grove, IL. 630-968-1000 or www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com



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Triolo, Angela

Angela Triolo, 88, of Rockford, IL died peacefully at home, on her own terms, surrounded by loving family on Sunday, March 11, 2018.



Angela was born April 8, 1929 in Rockford, IL, to Giuseppe Fiorenza and Santa (Buttacavoli) Fiorenza. She married her beloved husband Peter T. Triolo in 1947 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Rockford. Angela attended Muldoon High School and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Angela was involved in numerous groups throughout her life including the Cavour Club, the Foresters, and the JAMARA Club. Angela and Peter lived all over the United States, making friends wherever they lived. There was nothing more important to her than family. She will be dearly missed.

Survived by two sons; Peter "Tom" (Pamela) Triolo and Joseph A. (Joan Carlton) Triolo; daughter, Marguerite (James) Pizzo; daughter-in-law, Luanne Triolo-Newman; grandchildren, Peter J. Triolo, Angelina (Kai C.) Triolo-Bouchard, Phillip A. (Erin) Triolo, Maria Pizzo, Andrea Pizzo, Sophia Pizzo, and Abigail (Arron Hammette) Carlton; great-grandchildren, Aria and Charlotte Bouchard, Trevor and Adrian Triolo, and Tianna Hammette; three nephews, John, Michael, and Joseph Fiorenza; and a niece, Eve Fiorenza. Angela was predeceased by her loving husband, Peter who died in 1993; her brother Anthony Fiorenza; and a niece, Leah Fiorenza-Blakely.

The family would like to express their deep gratitude to: the exceptional nurses and staff of Heartland Hospice who made her wishes come true and to the leadership and staff at Peterson Meadows who made her life joyful and comfortable up to her last day.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be considered to Heartland Hospice, St. Jude Research Fund, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, or the charity of your choice.

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018, visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Rockford, IL, followed by the Celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Private family burial in Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements completed by **Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory**, 1860 S. Mulford, Rd. Rockford, IL 61108. Share online condolences at www.fitzgeraldfn.com

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Turnquest, Colleen Ann 'Connie, Mrs. T'

Colleen Ann, 87, of St. Charles, IL, died on March 10 -- peacefully, with comfort and dignity, among her family.



The daughter of George and Helen Tondrow, Colleen was born and raised in Chicago. She is pictured on her wedding day, to Robert Marshall Turnquest, in June 1953. Married for life, they had three children; Karen (Giacalone) born '57, William in '59, and Jonathan in '66. While living in New Jersey, Colleen was active on the Recreation Commission of South River. She made lifelong friends, and a positive impact on many girls, as a Girl Scout Leader. In 1976, the family returned to Park Ridge, IL; where she became a member of the Park Ridge Garden Club, Canasta Club and St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Connie and Bob enjoyed travelling across the U.S. and abroad; together, or with family and friends. Colleen was the undisputed matriarch. She was regularly sought for wisdom, advice, home cooking and her loving embrace. She was fearless. If she sensed injustice, she was not afraid to fight even City Hall! She will be missed by all three of her children, their spouses; her grandchildren, great grandchildren, lifelong friends and the community at River Glen in St. Charles. Colleen's wishes were to be cremated and to have her remains placed next to her "Forever Sweetheart," Robert, at Acacia Park Cemetery, Norridge, IL. Her family plans a small, private memorial service at Acacia during the summer.

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Warsey, Fr. Robert M.

FR. ROBERT M. WARSEY, O.S.M. - a solemn professed friar & priest of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites) - United States of America Province, died Friday, March 9, 2018 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL. He was 67 years of age, a friar for 36 years and a priest for 33 years.

Fr. Warsey was born on March 14, 1950 in Chicago, IL., the son of the late Stanley & Olga (Gramer) Warsey. He attended St. Domitilla Elementary School, Hillside, IL, and St. Joseph's High School, Westchester, IL, graduating in 1968. He entered the Order of Friar Servants of Mary (Servites) on September 18, 1979, at St. Philip Priory, Chicago, IL and the Servite Novitiate on August 11, 1980, at St. Philip's Priory, Begbroke/Oxford, England. He professed his first vows on August 15, 1981, and solemn vows on June 12, 1984. He was ordained a priest on January 12, 1985, at St. Domitilla Church, Hillside, IL.

His assignments included Associate Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Carteret, NJ; Associate Pastor and Pastor, Seven Holy Founders Parish, Affton, MO; Servite Formation Director, Director Marian Center, Our Lady of Sorrows Community, Chicago, IL, and Pastor Annunciata Parish, Chicago, IL.

Fr. Warsey is survived by his sister Mary Susan. The Funeral Arrangements are - Visitation, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Annunciata Parish, 11128 S. Avenue "G", Chicago, IL 60617, 773-221-1043. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, March 15th at 10:00 A.M., preceded by a viewing from 9:00 - 10:00 A.M. Interment will be in the Servite Section of Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Fr. Warsey's memory, to the Servite Provincial Center, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612-2729. Eternal rest grant unto Robert O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Arrangements entrusted to Elmwood Chapel Chicago, IL. 773-731-2749. www.elmwoodchapel.com.

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Weber, Mary Clare

Mary Clare (nee O'Connor) Weber of Montgomery, OH. Loving wife of the late Joseph Anthony Weber. Beloved mother of Joan Marie Higby, Joseph Anthony Weber, Jr., and John Patrick (Dina) Weber. Proud grandmother of Shawntay, Nicholas, Zachary, Sara, & Christopher Higby, Kaitlyn Snow, and Jackson Connor Joseph Weber. Passed away March 12, 2018 at the age of 83. Family and friends will be received from 5-8 PM on Friday, March 16, 2018 at Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home, 129 N Riverside Ave, Loveland, OH 45140. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, March 17, 2018 (St. Patrick's Day) at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8815 E. Kemper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Donations may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Cincinnati Chapter. www.tuftsschildmeyer.com

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Weir, Raymond C.

We lost our brother, teacher, and friend, Raymond C. Weir, who passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from his fifth and final battle with cancer. He is survived by his brother George and family, as well as many devoted friends. A memorial service will take place at a future date. Burial will be private. In Ray's memory, attend a theater, symphony, opera, or ballet performance. See a movie and enjoy lots of candy and buttered popcorn. Enjoy a gourmet meal at your favorite restaurant. Call a friend. Rescue a cat. Wash your car. Plant some flowers. HE WAS LOVED. www.schroederlauer.com

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Wilcox, Dr. Kenneth M.

Dr. Kenneth M. Wilcox, age 95, WWII US Army Air Corps Veteran. Beloved husband for 65 years to Evelyn, nee Williams. Loving father of Robert (Cary) Wilcox, Kathleen (Cory) Gale and Ted (Menchie) Wilcox. Cherished grandfather of Regis Lacher, Louis and Mitchell Wilcox; Christina, Kenneth (Lindsey) and Richard (Melissa) Gale; and Bill Wilcox. Dearest great-grandfather of Halen and Dovven Kenneth Wilcox. Fond brother of the late Jack Edward Wilcox. Dr. K.M. Wilcox trained in internal medicine after the war. He married Evelyn in 1952 and they had three children by 1954. He practiced in Morris, IL and Fort Dodge, IA with the Kersten Clinic. In 1963 Ken and Evelyn went to work as medical missionaries in Tanzania, East Africa. He trained in tropical medicine in London. He was in charge of a hospital in Kiomboi, Tanzania for four years and treated thousands of patients there. On returning to the states, he took up practice on Kedzie Avenue on the south side of Chicago at the Meyer Medical group. He took care of patients in four different south side hospitals. In 1992, he retired and devoted his time to Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Seed Company. Ken and Evelyn have lived in Orland Park for the past 15 years. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. at **Colonial Chapel**, 15525 S. 73rd Ave., (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Lying in State Thursday at Grace Fellowship Church, 15150 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL, from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. Committal Service with Military Honors Thursday 2:30 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials to Wycliffe Bible Translators, 11221 John Wycliffe Blvd., Orlando, FL 32832, preferred. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400



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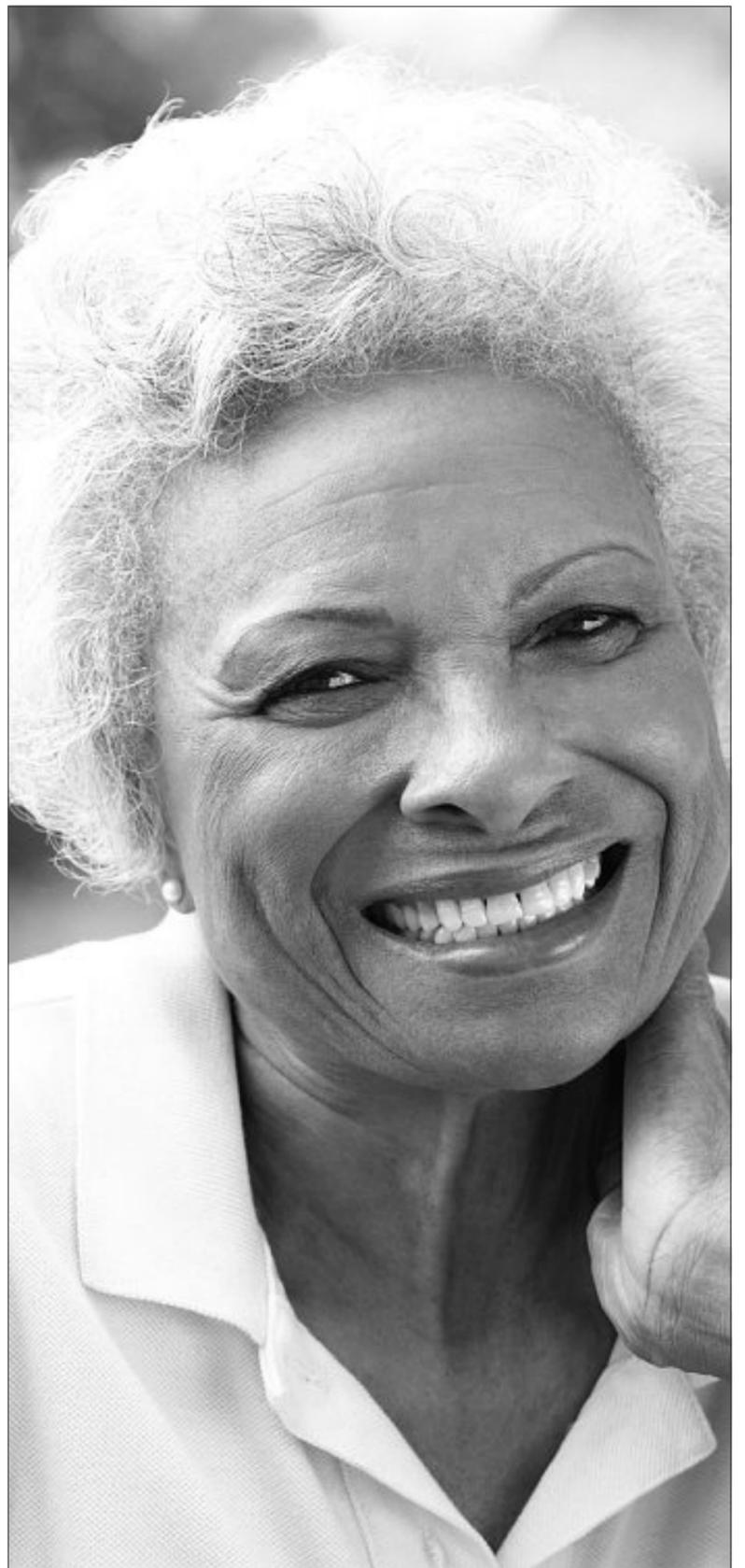
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ADVERTISMENT DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Prescription Control Supplies

CONTRACT NO: 1745-17163

MBE/WBE GOALS: 5% Wbe of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/

BID DUE DATE: Friday, March 30, 2018 at 10:00 AM

CONTACT: Daniel A. Gizzi Specification Engineer III (312) 603-6825 or (312) 603-3179 (fax)

Local MBE/WBE firms are encouraged to submit bids. The County has set contract specific goals based on the requested service.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Jamea Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tiffany Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO: 18JA00165

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Eddie Kincaid (Father), Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on February 20, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Triton College Landscape Maintenance Services Bid opening Tuesday 3/27/2018 2:00 P.M.

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All questions pertaining to construction documents should be sent Operations & Maintenance Department, johnlambrecht@triton.edu / (708) 456-0300 Ext 3210

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TO: Scotland E. Hodlmar; Noreen Hodlmar; SWR Camera Co., Inc.; Alpine Camera Company, Via Roma, Inc.; Alpine Camera Company, Via Roma, Inc.; Lisa Leslie; Hodlmar 686 Lee Blvd; Brian Properties, Inc.; Noreen E. Hodlmar; Noreen Hodlmar; SWR Camera Co., Inc.; Occupant: 486 LEE STREET; DES PLAINES, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000202. FILED: 1/8/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 8/3/2015. Certificate No. 13-0002672. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 686 LEE STREET DES PLAINES, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 09-17-418-007-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/28/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/28/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/28/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/28/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: February 19, 2018. Pub: 3/13, 14, 15/2018 5472488

TO: Horace A. Evans; Yolanda Evans, aka Yolanda Baylor; Horace Evans; BMO Harris Bank, N.A.; Envogue; Occupant, 253 Mannheim Rd., Bellwood, IL; Occupant, 251 Mannheim Rd., Bellwood, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000200. FILED: 1/8/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 8/3/2015. Certificate No. 13-0002676. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 253 MANHEIM RD, BELLWOOD, IL. Legal Description or Property Index No. 12-36-430-041-1019. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/28/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/28/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/28/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/28/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: February 19, 2018. Pub: 3/13, 14, 15/2018 5472459

TO: Malgorzata Rosalewski; Dorata Sadlo; Piotr Sadlo; Andriey Spiewak; Tetiana Kutsak; Stanislaw Stanieta; Alonada Sadlo; Malgorzata Rosalewski; Antoni Sadlo; Pawel Sadlo; Occupant: 1414 S. WEST ALTO STREET, CHICAGO, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000266. FILED: 1/8/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 8/3/2015. Certificate No. 13-0010052. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at: 4814 WEST ALTGLED STREET, CHICAGO, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-28-423-031-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/28/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/28/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/28/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/28/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. SCRIBE FUNDING LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: February 19, 2018. Pub: 3/13, 14, 15/2018 5473026

TO: Waters Tripp; Marguerita Waters; Edmond Waters; John Kanewsk; Gerald Waters; Co-Administrator of the Estate of John Waters; David L. Cwik, an Attorney for the Estate of John Waters; Thomas Tartaglia, an Attorney for the Estate of John Waters; Occupant, 2326 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL; L&M Investments, LLC; City of Chicago; M.R. Sutton As Trustee, U/7N 2328 Trust Dated, November 1, 2004; City of Chicago Dept of Water; Marysana Spocinski; Josephine Kanewsk; ERS Board Up, Inc; Daniel V. Waters, Co-Administrator of the Estate of John Waters; Occupant, 2328 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL; L&M Investments, LLC; City of Chicago; M.R. Sutton As Trustee, U/7N 2328 Trust Dated, November 1, 2004; City of Chicago Dept of Water; Marysana Spocinski; Josephine Kanewsk; ERS Board Up, Inc; Daniel V. Waters, Co-Administrator of the Estate of John Waters; Occupant, 2328 N. Tripp Ave., Chicago, IL; L&M Investments, LLC; City of Chicago; M.R. 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TO: Apex Investments, Inc.; John Janstko; City of Chicago Heights; William McNamara; Mary McNamara; Jag, Inc; Leepy Restaurant Holdings, Inc; Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; Mark Reynolds; Occupant, 1521 Campbell Ave., Chicago Heights, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000569. FILED: 1/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 12/28/2015. Certificate No. 155-000049. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2003 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 1521 Campbell Ave., Chicago Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-412-016-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5498519

TO: Francisco Perez; Gerald Marks; Thorn Creek Sanitary District; Paul Leeds; Reflections Banquets; 861 Enterprises, Inc; Occupant, 86 Illinois St., Chicago Heights, IL; Occupant, 48-54 Illinois St., Chicago Heights, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000570. FILED: 1/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 12/28/2015. Certificate No. 155-000052, 155-000053 & 155-000054. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2003 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 48-54 Illinois St., Chicago Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-20-433-009-0000, 32-20-433-010-0000 & 32-20-433-011-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5498526

TO: RAC Management, LLC; RAC GRP Allen Williams; City of Chicago Heights; RAC Management Group, LLC; Occupant, 101 13th St., Chicago Heights, IL; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD000571. FILED: 1/16/2018. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 12/28/2015. Certificate No. 155-000061. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2009 thru 2013. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 101 13th St., Chicago Heights, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-21-108-042-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 6/14/2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 6/14/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m., on 6/20/2018. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/14/2018 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. COUNTY OF COOK, D/B/A COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: March 7, 2018. Pub: 3/10, 12, 13/2018 5498533

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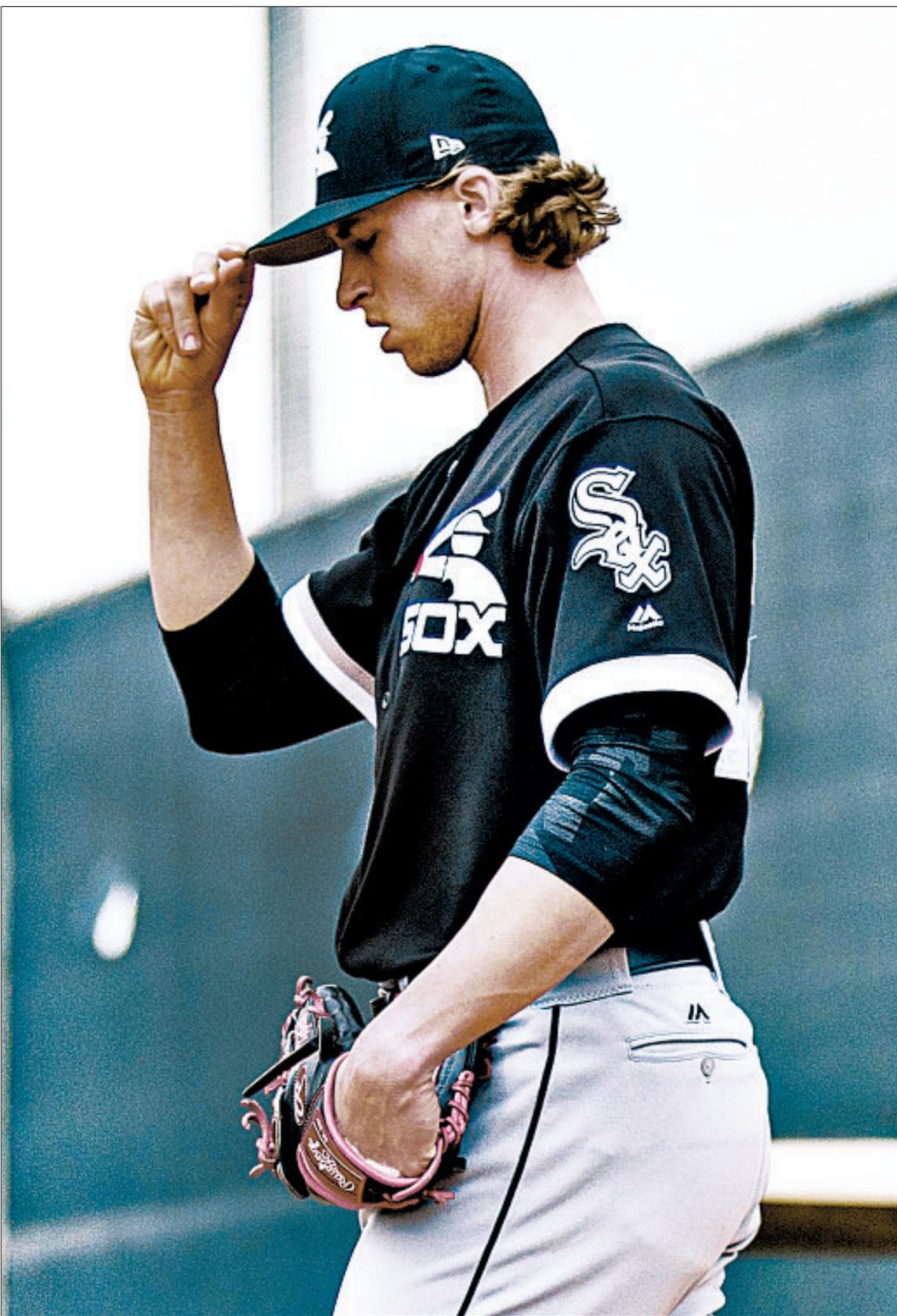
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Hard-throwing right-hander Michael Kopec has a 1-1 mark with a 6.75 ERA in three spring training starts for the White Sox.

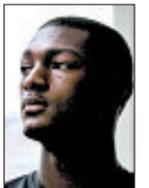
Ramblers got a big assist from former star

Ex-Marshall standout Doyle helped Loyola lay foundation

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

On Selection Sunday, former Loyola guard Milton Doyle scored nine points and delivered nine assists for the Long Island Nets in a G League loss to the Delaware 87ers. He also watched the Brooklyn Nets game, distracting him from seeing his alma mater's first NCAA tournament berth in 33 years revealed on television.

Doyle is a year removed from playing with the Ramblers and consumed with chasing his NBA dream. But he feels as connected as ever to the current Loyola team that will face Miami in a first-round game Thursday in Dallas.



Doyle

How could he not? Doyle is still on the Ramblers players' group text chain. He planned to call and congratulate coach Porter Moser on Monday. He was excited watching a replay of the Selection Sunday announcement later that night and said Loyola is capable of winning on the big stage.

"It's great," Doyle said Monday in a phone interview with the Tribune. "Knowing what Coach Moser put into the program, knowing those seniors and going through the journey with them, it's great seeing all the accomplishments."

Doyle has a reason to feel part of this run by the Ramblers (28-5). After transferring

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NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Notre Dame and DePaul set up for collision? They're in same region with Irish No. 1 seed, Demons No. 5. Plus, the bracket. **Page 5**

Wait a minute

Kopec clearly among Sox's top starters, but business comes first



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

GLENDALE, Ariz. — After an offseason of rest and several weeks of building arm strength, starting pitchers often hit the wall in the middle of spring training and have to crank it back up for the regular season.

But White Sox prospect Michael Kopec, who had his first poor Cactus

League outing last week, doesn't believe in that theory.

"As far as I know, I don't have a wall," he said.

Kopec will be back on a mound Tuesday at Camelback Ranch, pitching to Sox hitters on a back field on the team's only day off from spring training.

Pitching coach Don Cooper will be there to coordinate, and manager Rick Renteria might show as well, though Renteria said Cooper was trying to persuade him to take a break.

Kopec, 21, won't be in the Sox's plans to start the season and eventually will join the rest of the kids going to Triple-A Charlotte when more roster cuts are announced. Though he's easily one of the top five starters in camp and throws a

triple-digit fastball with the ease of a Sunday stroll through Lincoln Park, the service-time issue means he'll have to begin the season in the minors to give the Sox a seventh year of control before he hits free agency.

Everyone gets it by now, including Kopec and Sox fans who watched the Cubs do the same thing to Kris Bryant in 2015 when he clearly was their best third baseman.

Kopec has a 2.74 career ERA in the minors and has averaged 11.5 strikeouts per nine innings, head-turning numbers that suggest he is destined to be a prime-time pitcher. The Sox love his makeup, and he's already one of their more market-

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MICHAEL YARISH/FOX

O.J. Simpson offered his explanation of the tragic events that occurred in 1994.

No ifs about it: Simpson case still 'horrible'

Ex-NFL star appears to admit guilt in footage from 2006



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

O.J. Simpson found the real killer of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman as promised, but you may have missed the revelation Sunday night on Fox.

Perhaps you were busy working on your NCAA tournament picks, still wondering how Oklahoma made the field and Oklahoma State did not. ("I think it is a disgrace, I think it is an embarrassment and it's a humiliation to what this tournament's about," Dick Vitale said on ESPN, out-Barkleying TBS' Charles Barkley.)

Or you were waiting in vain for Katy Perry, Lionel Richie or Luke Bryan to not just reject a warbler on the new "American Idol" but give them a full-on candor kick down the staircase worthy of Simon Cowell (or, apparently, Dick Vitale).

Or maybe you watched the 12-year-old, previously unaired Simpson interview

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Bears would like to be found on receiving end

Watkins, Robinson could be in play as free-agent targets



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

The negotiating window leading into Wednesday's start of free agency has opened and now the Bears will see if elite free agents are more interested in taking their money with Mitch Trubisky at

quarterback.

Multiple sources say the Bears have identified the Rams' Sammy Watkins as their top target at arguably their greatest position of need — wide receiver. Watkins, the fourth overall pick in the 2014 draft by the Bills, has averaged 15.9 yards per catch in his career. For the sake of comparison, that's more than a yard better than former

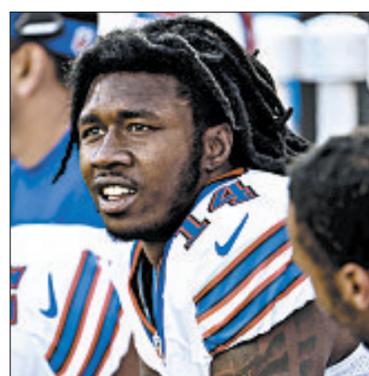
Bear Alshon Jeffery.

The Bears are also believed to have expressed interest in Jaguars wide receiver Allen Robinson, but he is coming off a torn ACL suffered in the season opener last year. Watkins would arrive healthy and as a certified speedster who would add a missing dimension to the offense.

Watkins caught only 39 passes for 593 yards for the Rams last season, but he was a valuable threat in the red zone with eight touchdowns. His presence and deep-ball ability opened things up for receivers Robert Woods and Cooper Kupp and running back Todd Gurley in what was the NFL's top scoring offense.

Where the money goes for Watkins on the open market will be interesting. There's always a premium for the top players in free agency. He could aim for

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SETH WENIG/AP

Free-agent wide receiver Sammy Watkins will draw plenty of interest from teams.



OPENING SHOT

Bears free-agency negotiating was allowed to begin Monday: Ready, set, uh-oh. **More, Page 2**

Free agency is just a big garage sale, writes Dan Wiederer. Plus, a breakdown of the Bears' in-house free agents. **Back Page**

INSIDE



Up from the G-League, Antonio Blakeney hopes his shooting touch will help him stick around. **Page 4**



Erik Gustafsson calls it a coincidence, but he has been productive since signing new contract. **Page 4**

TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLUM

Eggs all in Trubisky's basket

Mark this down on your calendar (do people still mark stuff down on their calendars?):

At 11 a.m. Monday, the Bears could officially begin negotiating with disappointing and/or injured receivers, and then at 3 p.m. Wednesday, the NFL's league year starts with the official signing of bad players and the annual waiving of Ryan Pace's previous opening-day quarterback.

The GM who chose to keep Jay Cutler for two years and then signed Mike Glennon and guaranteed him the starting job will try to assemble a championship team by convincing good NFL players he's smart, not dumb, not like people say about Fredo Pace, and Pace already has begun doing it by selling Mitch Trubisky because that's all he has.

Oh, Pace has money. By the time he officially dumps Glennon on Wednesday, Pace will have about \$64 million to go shopping. But he has had money before and couldn't persuade a lot of good players to take it, especially cornerbacks, who apparently told the Bears to keep their cash because they believed they could make more in bonuses by playing against them.

Pace can't sell the Bears' history because it stinks for the lifetime of the players to whom he's selling it. Trumaine Johnson, for instance, is expected to hit the market as the top cornerback available because the Rams can't afford him. Johnson was born on New Year's Day in 1990. In his 28 years on Earth, the Bears have seven playoff appearances. In that time, the Patriots have nine Super Bowl appearances. Nine, do you hear me? Nine Super Bowl berths while the Bears struggled to make a wild-card game.

But wait. There's more. In Johnson's 28 years on Earth, the Bears have won five playoff games. In that time, the Patriots have won five Super Bowls. Five, do you hear me? Five Super Bowl titles, all since 2001, during which time the Bears have won just three playoff games and not a Lombardi Trophy in the bunch.

The Bears' one stinkin' Super Bowl championship came before every free agent was born, except maybe Julius Peppers. So only George McCaskey eats up talk of the Bears' history because the past is better than McCaskey's present.

Pace can't sell his new coach because Matt Nagy has never been an NFL head coach. That's not necessarily a bad thing.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky may hold the key to the Bears' future in more than one way.

Assistant coaches have worked out. But that's still to be determined while free agency is now, and being an untested Andy Reid protege isn't the selling point to a receiver that being the actual Andy Reid is.

So Pace is left to sell Trubisky and only Trubisky because the GM traded up from third to second to draft him. He believes Trubisky is a potential franchise quarterback. That's what he's selling. That and the fact Trubisky isn't Cutler or Glennon, and Pace has said as much about the Bears' free-agent advertising campaign.

"I can sit back now and be happy we have a guy we feel good about — a young quarterback we want to build around," Pace said at the NFL combine recently. "This is his team going forward."

Trubisky has yet to complete one full year in the NFL. He has yet to play a full season. No matter. It's on him. It's all on him. He's the Bears' hood ornament. He's the Bears' engine. He's the Bears' air freshener dangling from the rearview mirror

who's supposed to deodorize the GM's decision to pay Markus Wheaton cash money. I mean, just look:

Trubisky is expected to save Pace's job by developing into the franchise quarterback.

Trubisky is expected to save Pace's job by serving as the magnet for quality free agents.

Trubisky is expected to save Pace's job by making Pace's rookie head coach look good.

Trubisky is expected to save Pace's job by winning games and Super Bowls.

This might be what happens with potential franchise quarterbacks. But we don't know because we watch the Bears. This is new to us. Unfortunately, it's new to the Bears too.

Then again, it has to be better than selling Pace's other decisions.

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THE LINEUP

Bears on Robinson's radar



Allen Robinson, the cream of the crop when it comes to free-agent wide receivers, told Sirius XM Radio he has heard people say the Bears are interested in him.

"For me, it's a lot of teams out there who not only have interest in me, but who I have interest in," Robinson said. "From what I've heard about Chicago, it's an amazing city and football town."

But Robinson also said he wouldn't rule out a multiyear deal to return to the Jaguars and also had good things to say about the 49ers given the team's reboot under coach Kyle Shanahan and quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo.

"That's a team that is for sure moving in the right direction," Robinson said. "They have some of the things Chicago has when it comes to a quarterback, an offensive-minded head coach, a football city and tradition. There are so many good situations out there. I just have to narrow it down and pick the best one."

Colleen Kane

Walking in Arnold's shoes



At 6-foot-4 and 300 pounds, Clemson defensive lineman Christian Wilkins is one of the most feared players in the country. But he's no match for kindergarteners.

After surprising many with the decision to return for his senior season at Clemson, Wilkins has been filling in as a substitute teacher at James M. Brown Elementary School in Walhalla, S.C. He'll eventually make millions in the NFL, but he was making \$80 per day teaching blissfully unaware students.

"It was fun, but took a lot out of me," Wilkins told ESPN.com with a sigh. "I felt like Arnold Schwarzenegger in 'Kindergarten Cop' with all those little kids. Talk about energy, but it was a real cool experience."

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CUBS



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Mike Montgomery has been trying to correct a tweak in his delivery that may have hindered his effectiveness.

Delivery now available

Montgomery believes minor tweak will result in major improvement

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Mike Montgomery is at peace with the likelihood he will open the season in the Cubs bullpen.

But in the event Montgomery is summoned to the rotation — his preference — the 6-foot-5 left-hander believes he's more equipped to succeed in either role.

Montgomery said a tweak in his delivery that run prevention coordinator Tommy Hottovy suggested could correct the occasional control lapses that have hindered his effectiveness.

"It's amazing the technology and information we get," said Montgomery, who will get the start Tuesday against the Padres at Peoria Sports Complex. "I had no idea. We'll see how hitters react to it."

Hottovy, 36, who pitched for the Red Sox and Royals in 2011-12, saw on video that Montgomery's stride was longer and his arm angle lower in 2017 than it was in 2016 — his breakthrough season that motivated the Cubs to acquire him from the Mari-

ners. Montgomery has noticed that by taking a shorter stride, he's able to stay vertical through an overhand delivery and put a sharper break on his curve and his other pitches.

"I was told my stride was longer on certain pitches, especially the curve," Montgomery said. "I need that pitch sharp to get more swings and misses. That's the age of baseball we're getting into. I've been able to apply it this spring."

"I've been thinking about it a lot when playing catch, and it has transitioned when I've been throwing my bullpens. I'll continue to get stretched out and see how it shakes out while going through the normal soreness of spring training."

As long as Montgomery is assigned to the bullpen, which seems likely with the current five starters remaining healthy and effective, he believes he'll need the curve as a strikeout weapon to complement his four-seam fastball.

"One of the things I conveyed (to the coaching staff) is that sometimes I'll need to be more of a sinker/contact (starter) than a four-seam/curve guy," Montgomery said. "Because if I need a double play, I'll have the ability to get the grounder. Or if I need a

strikeout, I'll have the (curve). I did more of that in 2016."

Montgomery posted a 2.10 ERA that season with only two home runs allowed in 42 relief appearances and had a 3.38 ERA in seven starts with the Mariners and Cubs. But his lack of sharpness was evident out of the bullpen in 2017, when he walked 34 in 61⅓ innings.

Montgomery's knack for performing well in spot starts increases his value to the Cubs. He allowed one run in 13 innings in consecutive starts against the Reds and Pirates while filling in for the injured Jon Lester in late August.

"If you don't have depth, you ain't going to the dance and playing in that last game," manager Joe Maddon said. "He supplies all that."

Any disappointment over the likelihood of not opening the season as a starter has virtually vanished because of the Cubs' efforts to make Montgomery a more effective pitcher regardless of his role.

"I'm comfortable here and I'm getting better because of how good they are with pitching," Montgomery said. "It's been fun for me."

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CUBS NOTES

Hitters give Quintana optimism

Pitcher expects better run support, more wins with formidable lineup

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

MESA, Ariz. — Cubs left-hander Jose Quintana has a strong feeling that as long as he fulfills his duties, the victories that eluded him in the past will finally show up.

"With any players, you set expectations," Quintana said Monday after throwing 63 pitches in five innings of a simulated game at Sloan Park. "I want more wins. I think this is my year, our year. ... I'll get ready every five days and have a good chance to win games. I know hitters make the best for us every single game. We can hit."

The Cubs scored 822 runs last season, second to the Rockies in the National League. Quintana, 29, didn't single out

his former team, the White Sox. But during his 5½ seasons with the Sox, Quintana was often the victim of poor run support. He received two runs or fewer in 57 percent of his 169 starts with the Sox. In 2016, Quintana managed a career-high 13 wins with a career-low 3.20 ERA in 32 starts despite a nine-start stretch in which he received one or no runs of support.

Quintana was 0-7 during that stretch from May 14 to June 28, during which he posted a 4.58 ERA.

The simulated game against minor-league batters allowed Quintana to work on specific facets, particularly his change-up to left-handed hitters late in counts.

Quintana plans to throw 85 pitches in his next start.

Working way back: Left-hander Drew Smyly is enjoying every minute with his teammates while recovering from

Tommy John surgery.

"This is an outstanding place to go to work because of the guys, and the facilities are top notch," Smyly said. "It might be hard during the season showing up here rehabbing and watching the team on TV, but right now it's fun showing up every day."

Smyly said he will continue his throwing program for the next three weeks before taking a week off and then throwing off a mound at the team's complex in Mesa. His rehab schedule calls for him to stretch his throwing program soon from 120 feet to 135 before throwing off a mound.

"I'm getting close," said Smyly, who has a 31-27 record and 3.74 ERA in five seasons but hasn't pitched in a major-league game since the end of 2016 with the Rays. "It's still a long way, but getting on that mound in a few weeks will be a big step. I'm looking forward to it."

WHITE SOX

WHITE SOX NOTES

Thome likes look of Robert's future

Hall of Fame slugger excited to see how prospect progresses

BY PAUL SULLIVAN
Chicago Tribune

PEORIA, Ariz. — White Sox prospect Luis Robert is slated to be a center fielder, though he could be used in any outfield spot.

The Sox didn't get to see Robert play much because of the decision not to start him in games until last Wednesday, when he hit a grand slam and suffered a sprained left thumb that ended his camp.

"The athletic ability, how great in shape he looks and the way he can swing it," said Jim Thome, special assistant to general manager Rick Hahn. "He's an exciting player and I think it will be really fun to see the progression of him."

"You're seeing a little of it now, the grand slam, the improvement in the outfield. It's really fun. This kid has got huge potential. I think we're all excited."

At 6-foot-2 and 210 pounds, Robert is a little lighter than Mike Trout (6-2, 235) and bulkier than Ken Griffey Jr. (6-3, 195), two of the better-hitting center fielders of the last 30 years.

"I don't know if he's as big as (Jorge) Soler, but he's almost got that Soler feel," Thome said of the Royals' 6-4, 215-pound outfielder. "Same with Eloy (Jimenez). It's so unique because he (Robert) could potentially play (any outfield spot). That's the plus. It's going to be a fun time here in the next couple of years."

Robert showed in batting practice he has the potential to be one of the game's premier home run hitters.

"He's a specimen and looks like he has all the tools, a very physical kid," third baseman Matt Davidson said. "It's going to be exciting to watch him do his thing."

Minor scare: An MRI test on the left shoulder of White Sox outfielder Nicky Delmonico turned out clean, and he may miss only a

few days of spring training.

Delmonico was involved in a nasty collision in the outfield Sunday with shortstop Tyler Saladino, who also was taken out of the game with a mild concussion.

The Sox termed Delmonico's injury a subluxation, or partial separation, of the left shoulder. On Monday, Delmonico declined to say it was a partial separation and said it felt like a "punch" in the shoulder.

"Just more of a scare," he said. "I had an injury last year with the shoulder and kind of went down hard on it. Just scared."

Saladino, who was hit in the head by Delmonico's glove, will not have to sit out seven games because of the concussion protocol, as the Sox reported Sunday. There is no disabled list in spring training and the concussion rule does not apply, so Saladino is simply day-to-day.

Manager Rick Renteria didn't call it a concussion, instead saying it was a "jolt to the head."

Semantics aside, both are OK. "We're very fortunate with both of them," Renteria said.

Delmonico accepted blame for the collision, admitting he should've called for the ball.

"I talked to Tyler last night and obviously for me it was a ball I should've call him off on," Delmonico said. "I was just running, trying not to lose it in the sun."

Eloy Watch: Top prospect Jimenez may be headed back to minor-league camp in the coming days after getting back-to-back starts on Sunday and Monday.

Jimenez hit two opposite-field home runs and a triple in his first three at-bats back after missing two weeks with left knee tendinitis.

"It's a very mature approach, a very balanced swing from a mechanical standpoint," Renteria said. "But we know that at some point we're going to have to make a decision."

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Kopec's fast track to majors paused

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able players without having appeared in a regular-season major-league game.

The future is bright, and with Lucas Giolito and Reynaldo Lopez having solid springs, it bodes well for the possibility of an accelerated rebuild.

When Kopec will come up is anyone's guess, but getting regular starts in the Cactus League should help him be prepared whenever it's safe to do so.

Dealing with fatigue is something every pitcher has to endure over the course of a season, but Kopec said he was immune last year.

"I was fortunate enough to feel pretty good all year," he said. "There were times I struggled a little bit. I just feel like if I take care of what I need to any day, I'll be prepared for game time every time I take the mound. I don't think there really is a wall, per se."

After last week's struggles against the Royals, Kopec said he needed to work on "focus practice," a term he'd never heard. I thought he meant meditation or something along those lines, but he said it was more than that.

"The bullpens we throw, the pregame preparation we do, it's all focus practice," he said. "I just need to be more locked in. There were some pitches I didn't execute probably because I was trying to do too much with it, trying to fine-tune things rather

than do what I know how to do and pitch.

"I'm not too worried about that. I know what kind of pitcher I am and know what I'm capable of."

How do you "practice" focusing?

"Pitching in general is a very methodical practice," he said. "Throwing over and over and over is just throwing. But when you sit there and focus on each pitch, and do it with intent, there's a lot more to get out of it. That's what I need to do for the next couple practices I have — throw more with intent."

General manager Rick Hahn said Kopec will probably make at least one more Cactus League start, though the Sox will have to start focusing on the starters who will be in the opening rotation: James Shields, Giolito, Lopez, Miguel Gonzalez and either Carson Fulmer or Hector Santiago.

"I'd like to be here as long as I can," Kopec said.

In a perfect world, he would not only stick around for the rest of camp, but also make the team based on his spring performance and have at least six years on the South Side before hitting free agency.

Unfortunately, the business of baseball comes first, so Kopec will patiently wait his turn, just as Bryant did in 2015.

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WHITE SOX RECAP

Averaging between 96 and 98 mph on his fastball, White Sox prospect Dylan Cease shut out the Mariners for three innings, allowing one hit with four strikeouts in Peoria, Ariz.

On the mound: In three spring appearances, Cease, the former Cubs prospect, has yet to give up a run, with nine strikeouts and three hits allowed over 6⅓ innings.

At the plate: Adam Engel homered twice, and Zack Collins also went deep. Matt Davidson added an RBI double. After a walk and a single, Eloy Jimenez finally made an out, with a strikeout in the fifth.

In the field: Collins, the team's top catching prospect, threw out a runner at third.

The quote: "I was definitely a little bit nervous coming into (camp), but I feel way more comfortable with everything now. It's just good to see how the big-league guys carry themselves." — Cease.

Key number: 6 — Eloy Jimenez's streak of consecutive at-bats reaching base ended at 6 with a fifth-inning strikeout. In his previous trips to the plate, he had two home runs, a triple, a single and two walks.

Up next: At Milwaukee, 3:05 p.m. Wednesday in Maryvale. RH Carson Fulmer vs. RH Jhoulys Chacin.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

In 14 games with the Bulls since being brought up from the Gatorade League, guard Antonio Blakeney has scored in double figures four times.

BULLS

Shooting for his spot

Blakeney will use his offense to make a case for sticking with Bulls

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Believe it or not, Antonio Blakeney has a standard for what constitutes a bad shot.

"Never try to shoot on two defenders," the uber-confident Blakeney said.

Given the volume of his shooting, it might not always appear as if Blakeney practices what he preaches. It also seems fitting Jannero Pargo has been his assistant coach with the Windy City Bulls given that Pargo never met a shot he didn't take.

But Blakeney's confidence was refreshing on a Monday when Bulls coach Fred Hoiberg said the plan is for the guard to remain with the team for the rest of the season and for Hoiberg to try to get him minutes.

"I love to play basketball, whether I'm in the G-League or up here," Blakeney said. "Of course I think I deserve to be up here all the time."

Blakeney's 14-point effort in Sunday's victory over the Hawks

CLIPPERS AT BULLS

TV/radio: 7 p.m. Tuesday; NBCSCH, WSCR-AM 670.

Storylines: The Clippers won the first meeting last month in Los Angeles, five days after they traded Blake Griffin to the Pistons. The Bulls will continue to use Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday minimally, if at all.

Trending: The Bulls have lost four straight in this series. ... DeAndre Jordan has led the Clippers in rebounding for 15 straight games.

marked his fourth double-figure outing in 14 games. The Bulls signed the 6-foot-4 guard with strong positional size to a two-way contract that allows for 45 days of NBA service after he went undrafted out of LSU, where one of his two seasons was spent alongside Ben Simmons.

"We talk every now and then," Blakeney said of the 76ers' budding star, who sat out last season because of a foot injury. "He's going crazy. He's probably going to be Rookie of the Year."

"I kind of knew he was going to do that. I played with him in high school and in college. The stuff (I) would see him do every day in

practice was crazy, stuff that 6-10 people don't do."

Blakeney said he hasn't been counting how many days of service he has logged. And while he admits he needs to improve defensively, he's looking to use the final 16 games to prove he's deserving of a regular NBA deal.

"My whole life I had to just fight for everything," Blakeney said. "Nothing has ever been given to me."

"I know this stuff isn't easy, but I'm confident because I know I work for everything that I have."

Blakeney is averaging 6.6 shots in 13.6 minutes. As a former player who admittedly struggled with confidence, Hoiberg must smile at those numbers.

"He really has the unique ability of creating his own shot," Hoiberg said, "and that's a huge skill at this level."

"We know he can score. He's a volume shooter. We don't want to take away his aggressiveness, but at the same time we want to see him make the right play, be a playmaker and also understand defensive concepts."

Both Hoiberg and Blakeney credited Windy City coach Charlie Henry, who sat on Hoiberg's bench last season, with aiding

Blakeney's development.

But the identical systems Hoiberg's and Henry's teams run are about the only similarities between the NBA and Gatorade League.

Just ask Blakeney for his worst G-League travel story.

"We had to drive to Toronto in a blizzard," he said. "It took like 13 hours. It was crazy. We were going like 1 mile per hour."

"(NBA) travel is a lot different, a lot better. The hotels are a lot nicer."

Layups: Hoiberg wouldn't disclose the plan for Robin Lopez and Justin Holiday on Tuesday against the Clippers. They've played sparingly, if at all, since the league invoked new rest rules to prevent them from being healthy scratches. "We really need to evaluate Antonio down the stretch," Hoiberg said. "How that affects everything, I'm not exactly sure yet. We'll just continue to go game by game." ... Paul Zipser, out the last eight games with left foot soreness, participated in the non-contact portions of practice for the first time since the injury.

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BLACKHAWKS

Proving to be real after his new deal

Since signing contract, Gustafsson has been productive performer

By PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

Erik Gustafsson laughed when asked if he wished he could sign a contract extension every day.

"Yeah," he said. "No, I feel grateful for the contract. ... I'm blessed."

Since signing the two-year, \$24 million deal a week ago, Gustafsson has two goals and four assists in four games. The defenseman, who turns 26 on Wednesday, had one goal and four assists in 18 games before that.

The early January call-up from Rockford had two assists in each of the last two games, including the primary assist on Patrick Kane's game-winning goal in Sunday's 3-1 victory over the Bruins.

"It's a coincidence," Gustafsson said. "Of course I'm more relaxed, but I don't think it's anything to do with the contract."

Gustafsson said he's just trying to fit in, contribute and be a part of the team's future as it puts this season in the past. More importantly, he said, he's trying to rid himself of confidence issues that have plagued him.

His miscue on a neutral-zone turnover in Game 7 of the first-round series against the Blues in 2016 led to the game-winning goal — and led Gustafsson to Rockford for the next season-and-a-half.

Once he was summoned from coach Joel Quenneville's doghouse, Gustafsson was a healthy scratch the first four games after he was called up. But knowing he's part of the team's future has helped erase some of the anxiousness that comes with the uncertainty Gustafsson faced before signing the contract.

"I don't have to worry about anything now," he said. "I just try to be myself ... (as) I was down in Rockford."

Down in Rockford, Gustafsson had three goals and 14 assists in 25 games this season. Up in Chicago, he provides the Hawks with some sorely needed offense from the back end, though he has worked to do defensively.

Upon signing his deal, Gustafsson vowed to shoot more. He immediately made good on his word that night against the Avalanche, scoring 5 minutes, 8 seconds into a 2-1 overtime victory.

Four days later, in a 7-4 loss to the Bruins, he had a goal and two assists. He could have had two goals had Jonathan Toews not deflected in one of his shots.

"Maybe (I) play my own game a little bit more," Gustafsson said of the increased production. "I've been trying to pass the puck a little bit too much."

"I can shoot it a little more and create some more offense. I usually don't score many goals."

Gustafsson had no goals and 14 assists in 41 regular-season games with the Hawks in 2015-16 and one assist in five postseason games. While scoring isn't his top priority, Gustafsson hopes to make it a bigger part of his game.

In Quenneville's eyes, Gustafsson has come a long way since that Game 7 against the Blues, even though it took a long time.

Proof of that is found in the number of minutes Gustafsson has spent on the power play lately, including 5:16 during Sunday's victory.

"Offensively he adds a nice ingredient to our team (with) his puck movement, support of the attack, options in the zone," Quenneville said. "Defensively he's fine, (but) there's room there (for improvement). As a team our defense needs to be better than we've been."

The Hawks defense has been a question mark for large chunks of the season, committing turnovers uncharacteristic of seasons past. The Hawks have allowed 206 goals, ninth-most in the league entering Monday.

Gustafsson, though, has been steady while playing primarily with Brent Seabrook. The two have been on the ice together for eight goals for and seven against.

"I think I showed them these last couple of games they can trust me," Gustafsson said.

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Simpson case still controversial as ever

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clips Fox deployed as "O.J. Simpson: The Lost Confession?" to blunt the debut of castoff "Idol" on ABC and somehow bought the Pro Football Hall of Famer and former sportscaster's occasional, almost winking and once laughing reference to the account he presented of the 1994 murders and bloody crime scene as "hypothetical."

Spoiler alert, and for many, this will not be a stunner:

O.J. did it.

Simpson at various times in the interview with publishing executive Judith Regan painted himself as a victim. He was dismissive of his history of domestic abuse and inadvertently painted himself as callous, possessive and self-centered in describing his relationship with his murdered ex-wife.

He also sounded still angry with Nicole.

In the version of events Simpson offered, he had the knife in his hand, wound up covered in blood and probably was responsible for dropping the glove at the scene that his lawyers suggested police had planted.

All the while, as O.J. described the murders and what he did the night they were committed, he frequently forgot the "if" angle, although he did add the presence of a friend he called "Charlie" that sounded more like a voice in his head.

"I think he's confessed to murder. If I'd known he said this in 2006, I would not have objected to the release of this video," former prosecutor Christopher

Darden said on the Fox program after screening the clips. "I don't think there's any question of his involvement and that he is the person who is wielding the knife."

Darden, part of the Los Angeles County prosecution team that failed to get Simpson convicted in 1995, never was in the undecided or "Free O.J." camp.

Aligned with the families of the murder victims, Darden, however, was among those who properly shamed Fox into shelving its planned 2006 special to promote a book Simpson wrote for Regan's publishing company, which Fox's parent owned, because of concerns about the money Simpson stood to make.

(The release of the book, "If I Did It," also was scuttled until the families gained ownership and published it on their terms, which included the word "If" in very small print on the cover.)

It would be nice to say now we can all move on finally, but we've been saying that for more than two decades.

Interest in the Simpson case surged again in the past year or two, fed by his release from prison on an unrelated charge and two award-winning long-form productions.

One was a documentary on ESPN, the other a drama on FX, each looking back at the trial and the issues of race, celebrity, money, power, the law, sexism and domestic abuse it raised.

Much has been made of how racial divides in Los Angeles and beyond shaped diverging views on Simpson's culpability and the trial that captivated the nation in the mid-1990s.

That schism it exposed is very much front of mind today as factions in conflict embrace their own ideas of what is real, true, honest and indisputable no matter the facts at hand.

In the shutdown from four hours of raw tape for this special, Fox offered little to support Simpson's innocence. Yet "The Lost Confession?" came with a question mark in the title, and host Soledad O'Brien acknowledged at the end some viewers might not come to the same conclusion about what they saw.

Part of O'Brien's role was to set up segments of Simpson's 2006 interview, but she also moderated a discussion of its revelations with a former FBI profiler, an expert on domestic abuse, Regan, Darden and Eve Shakti Chen, a friend of Nicole's and her family's selected representative. Shakti Chen's understandable emotions became a discomfiting go-to reaction shot for producers even as others spoke.

The panel's role was to add perspective, an attempt to make this sordid return to a sordid fascination with this ugliness palatable and perhaps even educational.

The draw, such as it was, however, remained Simpson's failed bid to make himself and his fantasy presentable.

"As things got heated," he told Regan of confronting Nicole and Goldman at her home, "I just remember that Nicole fell and hurt herself and this guy kind of got into a karate thing, and I said, 'Well, you think you can kick my ass?' And then I remember I grabbed the knife, I do remember

that portion, taking the knife from Charlie."

Then, Simpson claimed in the interview, he blacked out.

O'Brien and her panelists reminded viewers that Nicole didn't just fall. She was knocked down with the butt end of the knife handle, and the only blood on the scene belonged to Nicole, Goldman and O.J.

Plus, this stuff about what he remembered? If it's a hypothetical situation, what's not to remember?

But back to O.J.'s blackout ...

"To be honest, after that I don't remember, except I'm standing there and there's ... blood and stuff around," he said. "It's hard for me to describe it. I don't think any two people could be murdered the way they were without everyone being covered in blood."

Regan reminded O.J. that he said in the book he removed his glove, which Simpson also said he didn't remember. "But obviously I must have because they found the glove there," he said.

Simpson conceded he didn't have a history of blacking out.

"Of course, if something like this were to take place in anybody's life, if it were to happen, I would imagine it would be something you would probably have trouble wrapping your mind around," he said. "It was horrible. It was absolutely horrible."

It was horrible, not it *would be* horrible.

O.J. found the real killer, as he promised he would.

It was absolutely horrible.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Arike Ogunbowale, left, averages 20.2 points per game to lead Notre Dame, which earned a No. 1 seed.

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No. 1 seed for hobbled Irish

Despite injuries, Notre Dame looks dangerous; DePaul gets No. 5 seed

BY LAMOND POPE AND SHANNON RYAN
Chicago Tribune

Former Big East rivals Notre Dame and DePaul are two victories apiece from meeting in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

The Irish (29-3) were announced Monday as the top seed in the Spokane Region, while the Blue Demons (26-7) — making their 16th consecutive NCAA appearance under coach Doug Bruno — are seeded fifth in the same region. If both win twice this weekend, they would meet in a regional semifinal March 24 in Spokane, Wash.

Notre Dame has fought through challenges that include four players suffering ACL injuries since March, including three-time All-American Brianna Turner.

"It's quite a compliment to what we did all year long," said coach Muffet McGraw, whose team will face 16th-seeded Cal State Northridge (19-15) in the first round at 4 p.m. Friday at Purcell Pavilion in South Bend,

Ind. The Irish won the ACC regular-season championship for the fifth consecutive season, sharing the title with Louisville, before losing to the Cardinals in the championship game of the conference tournament. Louisville also was awarded a No. 1 seed along with Mississippi State and top overall seed Connecticut.

All three of Notre Dame's losses came against fellow No. 1 seeds — two to Louisville and one to UConn.

"It's been an emotional ride for us," McGraw said. "Coming off a loss, we feel it's a new season and a new opportunity."

Assuming they advance, the Irish would meet South Dakota State or Villanova on Sunday.

DePaul, which won the Big East tournament for the third time in five years, will face No. 12 seed Oklahoma on Friday in College Station, Texas. If they win, the Blue Demons would face Texas A&M or Drake on Sunday.

The first-round game is a rematch from Nov. 13 when DePaul won 111-108 in overtime.

DePaul leads the nation with 12.1 3-pointers per game and ranks in the top 50 by hitting 36.1 percent of their long-range attempts. The Blue Demons have set program records for 3-point-

ers in a season (398) and 3-point attempts (1,104).

Junior guard Ashton Miller hits 42.2 percent on 3s and averages 13.6 points. She's one of five players who average in double digits, led by junior forward Mart'e Grays' 14.4 points per game.

The Blue Demons have advanced to the Sweet 16 in two of the last four seasons but never have made it beyond that stage.

This is the eighth time Notre Dame has been a No. 1 seed despite the injuries leaving the Irish with just seven healthy scholarship players. Guard Arike Ogunbowale leads the team in scoring, averaging 20.2 points.

Center Channon Fluker leads Cal State Northridge, which won the Big West tournament, in points (18.8) and rebounds (12.1).

The Big Ten received six bids: Ohio State (third seed, Spokane), Maryland (fifth, Kansas City), Iowa (sixth, Kansas City), Michigan (seventh, Lexington), Minnesota (10th, Spokane) and Nebraska (10th, Kansas City). Marquette is the eighth seed in Lexington.

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Doyle helped lay Loyola's foundation

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from Kansas in 2012 before he ever played a game, Doyle became the first Chicago Public League player to suit up for Loyola since 2008. The former Marshall star wanted to play closer to home and make an impact on a local program.

Moser sold Doyle on a romantic idea that became reality.

"My first visit there, he said there hadn't been a Chicago guy at the program in a long time," Doyle said. "He was just saying I was the guy to get it started and bring other guys. 'Be the example.' I could create my own legacy at the school."

The 6-foot-4 Doyle joined a squad that had gone 7-23 in Moser's first season. After winning 10 games in 2013-14, the Ramblers recorded their best season in decades when Doyle was a redshirt sophomore, going 24-13 and winning the 2015 CBI championship.

As a senior, Doyle led the Ramblers with 15.2 points per game and averaged 4.4 assists.

While the Ramblers did not win a conference title or advance to an NCAA tournament during Doyle's seasons, his impact has reverberated in recruiting.

This season's roster has six in-state players, including two walk-ons, and two from the Public League. Senior Donte Ingram (Simeon) and freshman Lucas Williamson (Young) consider themselves torchbearers after Doyle.

"Milton Doyle had a high reputation. He was a high-level kid," Moser said. "We hadn't had a Chicago kid for so long. When Milton said, 'I'm going to Loyola,' everybody was like 'OK!' Then he was freshman of the year in the (Missouri) Valley. Milton (set) a huge foundation."

Doyle had hoped to have this type of effect.

"Seeing those guys play at home, actually win and go to the tournament, it's great," he said. "It's an example to Chicago Public League kids. You can play at home and do well. More guys will be attracted to Loyola now."

Doyle went undrafted after his senior season but signed with the Nets' G-League team. He leads Long Island with 21 points per game and ranks third with 5.9 rebounds per game. He has played in six games for the Brooklyn Nets, averaging three points in 10.5 minutes.



TYLER KAUFMAN/AP

Former Loyola standout Milton Doyle has played six games for the Brooklyn Nets this season.

"It's been a good experience," he said of his rookie season. "When I come up and play with the Nets, I get to learn a lot. It takes a lot of determination and believing in yourself. It's the type of business where everyone is going to doubt you. You have to push through adversity."

Doyle has had to persevere before.

After an outstanding senior season at Marshall, where he averaged 19 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals, he committed to play for coach Isaiah Thomas at Florida International. Thomas was fired and Doyle accepted a scholarship offer from Kansas, only to realize after summer school that he wanted to leave.

He found a home at Loyola, and now he's fighting for his shot in the NBA.

Doyle likened his journey to Loyola's NCAA tournament quest. "It's the same as what Loyola's been through over the years," he said. "They've been talking about being one of the better teams in the Valley and the state, and now it's starting to show. That hard work is paying off."

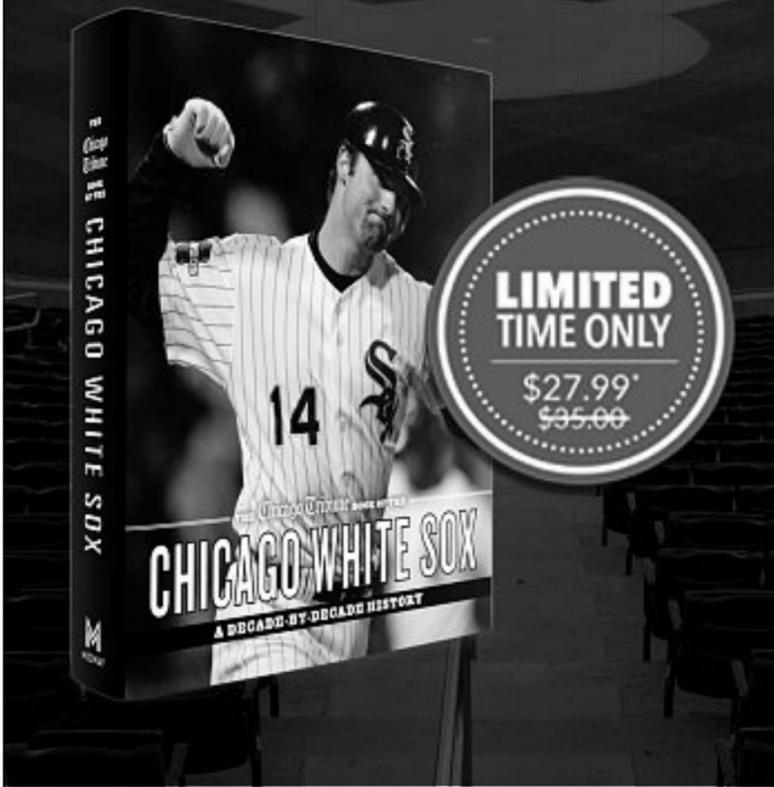
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Options are limited

Pace looks to draft, not free agency, for roster answers over long term



DAN WIEDERER
On the Bears

Ryan Pace had been on the job less than seven weeks when he arrived at the 2015 NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis. He was a 38-year-old rookie general manager beginning his attempt at reviving the Bears.

But little was known then about Pace's vision and philosophies, so it only made sense to probe him on his approach to free agency.

"What I like doing is balancing the strengths of the draft versus the strengths of free agency," Pace said. "I'll know the positions that are strong and areas we can attack. And we'll be calculated."

"In a perfect world, you address a lot of your needs in free agency to open up the draft for (the) best player available."

A year later, Pace summed up free agency as follows: "We have a lot of needs, we have a lot of cap space. ... Now it's just a matter of being smart and calculated with how we approach (the situation) because free agency is risky. We've got to be careful with this."

And in 2017? Much of the same.

"There is a delicate balance between being aggressive and being decisive but also being responsible," Pace said. "You can always recover from the player you didn't sign; you can't recover from the player you signed at the wrong price."

Go on.

"Free agency is dangerous," Pace added. "You're stepping through land mines, and you've got to be careful you don't step on one. A lot of times these guys are available for a reason. You have to sort through that."

So there was Pace again last month, inside the Indiana Convention Center, discussing his team, his roster and his plans for the months ahead. One reporter questioned Pace directly on the March tug-of-war that might be coming as he pushes to remain disciplined and practical in free agency even with an enormous amount of salary-cap room at his disposal.

He agreed that the Bears' well-documented financial flexibility might create a false impression they would charge into the open market with pure aggressiveness.

"Just because you have cap space doesn't mean you can be reckless with these decisions," Pace said. "So we have to be strategic, disciplined and calculated as we enter free agency."

OK, there it was again for the fourth straight year: a reiteration by the Bears GM that he's determined to build through the draft and supplement through free agency with a push to be smart, practical, calculated, careful.

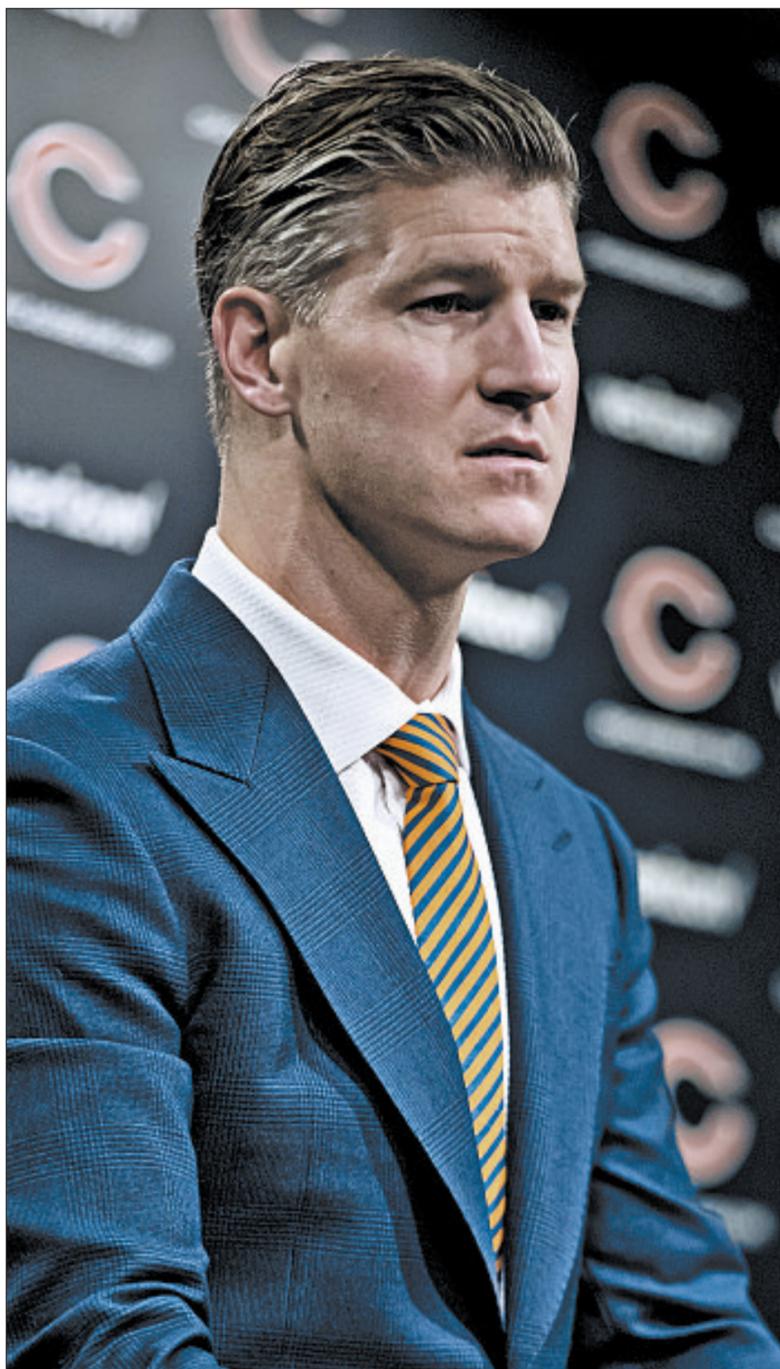
Those are his words. And that approach has to be kept in mind and fully understood as the NFL's hyperventilation week intensifies.

Officially, the free-agent market opens at 3 p.m. Wednesday. And with that we'll get the inevitable annual mania that can't be stopped.

Here in Chicago, there will be an explosion of disappointment when one of this year's biggest names lands elsewhere. Trumaine Johnson maybe? Malcolm Butler? Sheldon Richardson?

How could the Bears be so helpless? Why can't they ever get anything right?

And then there will be a festive feel when the Bears make their first few notable signings and introduce those hopeful players at a Halas Hall news conference. (Recent guests of honor have included Mike Glennon, Markus Wheaton, Quintin Demps, Dion Sims, Bobby Massie, Pernell



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

General manager Ryan Pace has let it be known on a number of occasions since his arrival in 2015 that free agency is not his preferred method by which to try to rebuild the Bears.

McPhee, Lamarr Houston and Ryan Mundy.)

It's all one big reminder to keep this week's chaos in proper perspective. This is NFL free agency — a glorified garage sale or flea market. Sometimes a great bargain can be found. Occasionally something truly special can be scooped up and taken home. Mostly, though, it's other people's junk.

Whatever the Bears do this week and in the weeks that follow needs to be run through the proper filters. These are mostly moves to add depth and competition to a roster filled with holes.

The Bears need help at receiver — badly. They need to give their pass rush some teeth. They need to assemble a stronger combination of playmakers in the secondary.

And they also need a kicker, backup quarterback and ultimately more than three dozen additional bodies to take to training camp in Bourbonnais.

Each signing must be seen through that prism, understood for its intent. And it must be remembered that Pace has laid out his free-agency philosophy over and over.

Without question, his free-agency track

record has been spotty at best over the previous three offseasons. And it's fair to fire criticism at the high-profile misses: Glennon and Wheaton, Antrel Rolle and Eddie Royal.

But Pace has never been out to "win" free agency and never promised to deliver big-ticket gifts in the middle of March. That's just not his M.O.

For the most zealous of football fans, this week can feel a lot like Christmas — so much anticipation, so much excitement, so many grand visions. And then, yes, many times there is that inevitable fizzle of disappointment.

It's just a warning in case that shiny Lexus SUV with the oversized bow isn't sitting in the driveway come Thursday or Friday morning. Sure, it was on your wish list, but such is life.

Oh, and don't forget to check your stocking. There's probably a half-ripe orange, a couple pieces of chocolate and a "101 Fun Football Facts" booklet to hold you over until the draft hysteria kicks in.

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Moves to be made — unless they stay

Some of Bears' free agents might not be leaving town

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

As Bears general manager Ryan Pace searches for upgrades in the free-agent market this week, several Bears players will look to secure their futures in Chicago or elsewhere. Here's a look at the 2017 Bears who will be free agents.

*Tendered an offer or extended a contract by Bears.

Offense

Unrestricted free agents: QB Mark Sanchez, RB Benny Cunningham, OL Bradley Sowell*, OL Tom Compton, WR Dontrelle Inman, WR Kendall Wright, TE Zach Miller.

Restricted free agents: WR Cameron Meredith*, WR Josh Bellamy*, TE Daniel Brown.

Free agents after being cut by Bears: OL Josh Sitton, QB Mike Glennon (as of 3 p.m. Wednesday).

Rundown: The Bears are expected to make several additions at wide receiver, but they are trying to bring back at least a couple of the aforementioned receivers. They are expected to issue original-round tenders worth \$1.9 million to Meredith, who is returning from a torn ACL and MCL in his left knee, and Bellamy, a key special teams contributor. A fit for Wright or Inman remains up in the air.

Sanchez didn't play a snap in the regular season as the third-string quarterback, but with Glennon gone as of Wednesday, he's an option to back up Mitch Trubisky. The Bears might also seek a quarterback who has seen more time on the field than Sanchez's six games over the last three seasons.

The Bears locked up Sowell, a 28-year-old swing tackle, with a two-year contract Monday. Miller is simply working to walk normally again after a catastrophic leg injury. The Bears could decline to tender an offer to Brown and bring him back for less money.

Defense

Unrestricted free agents: DL John Jenkins, DL Mitch Unrein, OLB Sam Acho, OLB Lamarr Houston, ILB Christian Jones, CB Prince Amukamara, CB Sherrick McManis.

Restricted free agents: ILB John Timu, CB Bryce Callahan*.

Free agents after being cut by Bears: OLB Pernell McPhee, OLB Willie Young, ILB Jerrell Freeman, S Quintin Demps.

Rundown: With holes to fill at cornerback and outside linebacker and depth needed, there's a strong possibility the Bears could bring back several of these names.

Amukamara, 28, started 12 games in his first season with the Bears, totaling 48 tackles and seven passes defended but no interceptions. The Bears could seek to re-sign him to play alongside Kyle Fuller, on whom they placed the transition tag last week. McManis has been a reliable special teams contributor and might return. The Bears are expected to tender a right-of-first-refusal offer to Callahan, a nickel cornerback who played in 12 games in 2017.

Acho, 29, recorded 45 tackles and three sacks in his third season with the Bears and is a possibility to return. Jones, who has played inside and outside linebacker, started 11 games and recorded 90 tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble. He could be another attractive option to provide depth. Timu might not be tendered an offer but could still sign with the team.

Special teams

Unrestricted free agents: K Mike Nugent, K Cairo Santos, P Pat O'Donnell, LS Andrew DePaola.

Exclusive-rights free agent: LS Patrick Scales.

Rundown: The specialists under new coordinator Chris Tabor are up in the air. Nugent, who spent four games with the Bears in 2017, just turned 36. Santos appeared in only two games before reinjuring his groin and having surgery.

O'Donnell, the punter for the last four seasons, had a career-best gross average of 47 yards and a net average of 39.7. The Bears will not tender an offer to Scales, who is returning from a torn ACL. DePaola filled in all season with Scales out.

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Bears expected to pursue WR Watkins

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top-five money at the position, which ranges from \$15 million to \$17 million in annual average.

Watkins, 24, hasn't played up to his draft slot, but he produced 1,047 yards and nine touchdowns in 2015 with Tyrod Taylor at quarterback, and his value goes beyond just his statistics when considering the focus opposing defenses commit to him.

With restricted free agent Cameron Meredith coming off a serious knee injury and former first-round draft pick Kevin White derailed by injuries for three consecutive seasons, the Bears may feel safer investing in Watkins rather than Robinson.

If the Bears were to land Watkins and slot receiver Albert Wilson of the Chiefs, they would dramatically change their offensive personnel for Trubisky's second season and Year 1 of the Matt Nagy era. Free agency opens at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Interestingly, the Packers reportedly have been linked to Watkins and Robinson, signaling a new era in Green Bay under first-year general manager Brian Gutekunst. Some believe the Packers could wind up releasing veteran Jordy Nelson, who is 32 and averaged 9.1 yards per catch last season, not nearly as productive after the catch as he was earlier in his career.

Eagles tight end Trey Burton is believed to be on the Bears' radar. Burton could benefit from the deal Cameron Brate, a restricted free agent, signed with the Buccaneers on Monday. How the money is paid out remains to be seen, but it's reported to be worth \$40.8 million with \$18

million guaranteed. Burton has drawn interest from multiple teams.

The Bears wound up securing two of their own wide receivers when they tendered qualifying offers to restricted free agents Meredith and Josh Bellamy. Both were tendered at the original-round level, \$1.907 million, giving the Bears the right of first refusal if they sign offer sheets elsewhere. Because neither was drafted, the Bears would not receive compensation if they decline to match an offer sheet.

Meredith, 25, is coming off a torn ACL and partially torn MCL in his left knee suffered last preseason. He emerged in 2016 as one of the organization's best undrafted discoveries in a long time when he had 66 receptions for 888 yards and four touchdowns in just his second season.

Bellamy, 28, who first appeared in an NFL game in 2012, has traveled a long road to free agency. He caught 24 passes for 376 yards and one touchdown last season and remains one of the better special teams players on the roster. His playing time on special teams dipped last season as he was needed on offense more as injuries depleted the depth chart.

The Bears also tendered an original-round qualifying offer to nickel cornerback Bryce Callahan, who like Meredith is a former undrafted free agent and is coming off his best season. He had two interceptions, six passes defended, a sack and forced fumble and returned a punt for a touchdown in 2017. Durability has been an issue for Callahan, who missed four games last season (knee), but he was still on the field for 48.4 percent of the defensive

snaps.

The Bears got the day started Monday when they agreed to terms on a two-year contract with versatile offensive lineman Bradley Sowell, who appeared in all 16 games last season with two starts, one at right tackle and one at left guard. He projects as a possible swing tackle. The team is believed to be in the process of working to re-sign more of its own free agents.

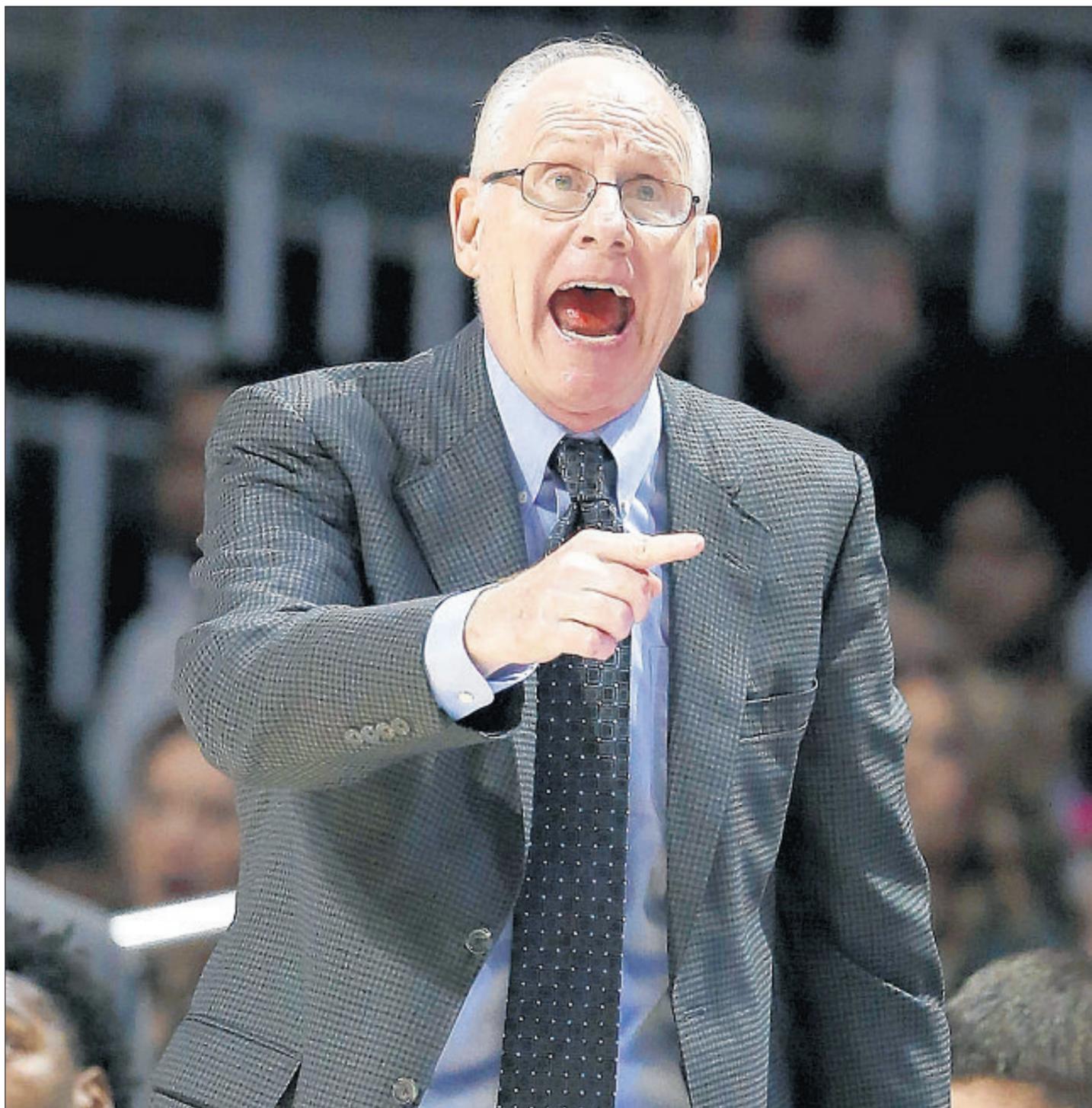
Dolphins kicker Cody Parkey has emerged as the Bears' top target at a position that has been unstable the last two years. Parkey made 21 of 23 field goals for the Dolphins last season, including 7 of 9 from 40 yards and longer.

The 26-year-old has said he'd like to re-sign with the Dolphins to help stabilize a four-year career during which he has been with four teams (Colts, Eagles, Browns and Dolphins). But a deal with Miami wasn't done before the negotiating window opened, so Parkey is in play for other teams now. He made the Pro Bowl as a rookie with the Eagles in 2014 after breaking the rookie scoring record set by Bears kicker Kevin Butler in 1985.

The Bears are expected to explore options for a starter opposite Kyle Fuller at cornerback. It's worth wondering if Prince Amukamara will be in play for them after they ranked seventh in the NFL in pass defense last season. The position is deep in free agency with veteran options and the Bears could wait for the market to dictate the price.

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A criminal complaint alleges that Miami coach Jim Larranaga arranged bribes for recruits, but no charges have been filed against him.

More smoke than fire?

Some contend college basketball scandal isn't serious enough to warrant FBI involvement

By WILL HOBSON AND JESSE DOUGHERTY | Washington Post

One morning in late August, Miami basketball coach Jim Larranaga was about to board a flight to North Carolina for a recruiting trip when he got a phone call from his wife.

Two FBI agents were at the house, Liz Larranaga told her husband. She then handed the phone to one of the agents, who asked Jim to remain at the airport until they reached him.

One month later, at a news conference in New York, a federal prosecutor and top FBI official touted the results of an ongoing investigation into the black market surrounding college basketball.

A "high-level" Adidas executive had arranged six-figure payments for the families of high school recruits, prosecutors alleged, at the behest of coaches at Miami and Louisville. Assistant coaches at Auburn, Oklahoma State, Arizona and USC had taken money from a financial adviser and an aspiring NBA agent, according to criminal complaints, and agreed to steer college stars their way.

Ten teams of FBI agents made arrests in 10 states that week, according to court records and people familiar with the investigation, while an 11th group of agents raided the New Jersey office of prominent NBA agent Andy Miller.

"All of those charged today contributed to a pay-to-play culture that has no business in college basketball," said Bill Sweeney, assistant director in charge of the FBI's New York field office. "Today's arrests should serve as a warning to others... We have your playbook."

Five months later, with the NCAA's premier event and moneymaker about to tip off, the sport remains in turmoil. The FBI probe continues, threatening to tarnish legacies, end careers and send coaches and shoe company officials to prison.

But what that menacing cloud will amount to remains unclear. So far the three-plus-year federal inquiry has resulted in the arrests of mostly low-

level figures in the college sports black market, and the criminal charges they face stem from NCAA rules many economists deem quaint and outmoded, if not exploitative.

While criminal complaints allege coaches at Louisville and Miami later identified as Rick Pitino and Larranaga arranged bribes for recruits, neither has been charged with a crime. Nor has Miller, the NBA agent whose office was raided.

The Adidas executive the investigation ensnared — Jim Gatto, director of global sports marketing — occupies a more modest station in life than prosecutors have suggested, according to Gatto's lawyers. Gatto, 47, made \$139,000 last year and lives in a home outside Portland, Ore., valued at about \$500,000, with two children and his wife, who works as a sales associate at an Ann Taylor retail outlet.

"This is like Enron, except if they only charged the secretaries," said Steve Haney, attorney for defendant Christian Dawkins, a former assistant to Miller.

The charges at the core of these cases are based on an unusual legal theory that casts universities, which stood to benefit from recruits playing for wildly profitable basketball teams, as victims of fraud. What prosecutors call bribes, legal experts note, would be considered signing bonuses and referral fees in other industries. The payments are illicit only because the NCAA prohibits amateur athletes from making money from their talents and bars coaches from facilitating, and profiting from, meetings between agents and athletes.

"If you take away the NCAA rules, there's no criminal case here," said Randall Eliason, a former federal prosecutor and law professor at George Washington University. "There are some legitimate questions about whether this was a wise use of resources."

Pitino, whom Louisville fired in October, adamantly maintains he has never arranged payments for recruits. So has Larranaga, who spoke with FBI



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Louisville fired coach Rick Pitino in October, but he denies ever paying recruits.

agents for several hours in August and has turned over reams of emails and phone records, along with those of his assistants, in an effort to clear his name, according to his attorney, Stuart Grossman.

"We're baffled," said Grossman, who provided the account of the coach's experience in August. "They won't charge him, and they won't tell us what it is they have or what it is they think they have."

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of New York declined to comment, as did a spokeswoman for the FBI's New York office. NCAA President Mark Emmert in statements has deplored allegations described in criminal complaints, and

he created a committee, chaired by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, to explore changes to rules governing college basketball.

Unless that committee recommends changes to the NCAA's core tenet of amateurism, however, economists believe the black market will remain.

"The real sin here (is) the NCAA rules that encourage people to engage in conduct the FBI has decided is criminal," said Andy Schwarz, an economist who has consulted for athletes who have sued the NCAA.

"This case is the weight and resources of the federal government coming in and bolstering NCAA rules... People should be scandalized by that."

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

'We're all working together'

Late in July, Adidas's three-striped logo blanketed Las Vegas, appearing on banners hung from local gym rafters and on jerseys, shoes and gear worn by hundreds of teens in town for the annual summer championships of the company's grass-roots basketball leagues.

Dawkins was there too, trying to make connections with high school stars.

A 24-year-old Saginaw, Mich., native, Dawkins grew up around the game. His father, Lou Dawkins, won two state titles as the high school coach of future Michigan State and Warriors star Draymond Green before moving to the collegiate ranks. His younger brother, Dorian, was considered one of the more promising 14-year-old players in the state when he collapsed during a game in 2009.

Dorian had suffered a heart attack, caused by a rare birth defect. Both Green and Michigan State coach Tom Izzo, a family friend, visited the hospital where Dorian died.

Christian Dawkins was trying to carve out a living on the game's business side. He had worked for years as a runner, an entry-level job that involves helping sports agents build relationships with professional prospects in high school and college, when NCAA rules bar basketball players from contact with agents.

Dawkins recently had decided to strike out on his own, and he was in Las Vegas trying to land future clients for a sports agency he was starting with the help of an investor from Pittsburgh. The sports-agent industry is difficult to crack, and Dawkins faced challenges establishing credibility. He had no formal education after high school, and he'd just lost his job as a runner for Miller after he'd been caught charging thousands of dollars in Uber rides to a client's credit card.

As Dawkins walked into a suite in a Las Vegas hotel for a business meeting, however, he was unaware of a more serious threat to his aspirations: He was the target of an FBI investigation. His phone had been under wiretapped surveillance for months, and the suite was wired with recording devices and video cameras. The Pittsburgh man posing as an investor — financial adviser Marty Blazer — was actually an informant, helping the FBI to avoid criminal charges of his own, including identity theft and fraud, court records show.

Also in the room, according to an FBI agent's account in a criminal complaint: an assistant coach for Louisville and the program director of a Florida travel basketball team who had a player the coach wanted.

As FBI agents listened, Dawkins explained his plan: With financial assistance from Adidas, Dawkins would pay the Florida team director, who would get money to the player's mother. The player would commit to Louisville, helping one of Adidas' premier college basketball teams win, and if the player went pro as they expected, he would hire Dawkins as an agent.

"We're all working together to get this kid to Louisville. ... And, in turn, the kid will come back to us," Dawkins said, a complaint alleges.

Later in the meeting, according to the FBI agent, Dawkins discussed a similar deal he had brokered months before involving Brian Bowen, a five-star recruit, also from Saginaw, Mich.

A bidding war had broken out between Adidas and a "rival athletic apparel company," Dawkins told those in the room, and he had implored Pitino to make a call to Gatto, the Adidas executive, to seal the deal. Gatto ultimately agreed to pay \$100,000 to get Bowen to Louisville, prosecutors allege.

Shoe money, sham invoices

In August, according to an FBI agent who listened to the conversation, an Adidas consultant named Merl Code called Gatto. The men discussed a request from a Miami coach, later identified as Larranaga, that Adidas pay \$150,000 to ensure a recruit signed with the Hurricanes.

Gatto expressed concern about the price, the FBI agent wrote, and asked Code if he could get it down to \$100,000. Code, who previously worked at Nike, said another school, sponsored by a rival apparel company, was offering \$150,000, but he'd see if the recruit's family would take \$125,000.

These figures might seem exorbitant for the services of a teenage basketball player, but according to one economist, they're likely bargains.

For his 2016 paper, "Paying NCAA Athletes," David Berri, a professor at Southern Utah University, analyzed the finances of the 2014-15 Duke team that won the national championship and speculated about how much money the players would have earned if, as in the NBA, they shared about 50 percent of



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Michigan State coach Tom Izzo is friends with the family of Christian Dawkins, one of three men headed to trial in October.

the team's revenue.

That Duke team generated \$33.7 million, according to data the school filed with the Department of Education. If Duke had been forced to pay its players half of that, the average player would have made \$1.4 million, Berri calculated.

"And that's just average," he said. "The top players in college basketball are worth well over \$2 million or \$3 million per year. If you're paying \$100,000 to get one of these players on campus, that's a good deal."

However, in this case, the players were receiving money from Adidas, not the schools, according to allegations outlined in complaints. Gatto and Code discussed disguising payments through sham invoices, prosecutors allege, so it remains unclear if others at Adidas were involved.

Shoe company money started flowing into college basketball in the late 1970s, thanks largely to Sonny Vaccaro, then a marketing executive for Nike, who came up with the idea of spreading the company's brand by sponsoring college coaches, who in exchange would ensure their teams wore the swoosh. By the time Nike fired Vaccaro in 1991, the company dominated the college marketplace.

When Vaccaro landed with Adidas, he had the idea to go younger and endorse coaches for high school teams, to build connections with teenage stars before they got to college.

Over the course of Vaccaro's career, the rising amounts of shoe company money, joined by television money, turned college basketball into a multi-billion-dollar industry. That prompted criticism from economists that NCAA rules regarding amateurism diverted money that should go to the athletes and instead sent it to coaches and school coffers.

In the late 1970s, one of the first coaches Vaccaro signed was Pitino, still in his 20s, then at Boston University. Pitino made \$30,000 in base salary, Vaccaro estimated, and Nike paid him \$5,000 to \$10,000 — combining for about \$160,000, when adjusted to present-day dollars.

In the 2016-17 season, his last, Pitino made a combined \$7.76 million, including base pay from Louisville and \$2.25 million from Adidas.

In retirement, Vaccaro has become something of an evangelist, advocating to abolish NCAA rules that prohibit paying athletes.

"I would've paid the athletes if it was allowed," Vaccaro said. "They wouldn't let me, so I paid the coaches."

The American basketball shoe market is about a \$950 million-per-year industry, according to analyst Matt Powell, and it's still dominated by Nike.

"When there's a lot of money involved, you'll have people moving around the edges," said Powell, a senior adviser for market research firm NPJ. "There are lot of crosscurrents in terms of what's driving the problems you're seeing in this case. First of all, (it's) that the athletes are not paid."

'University was deceived?'

Just after 6 a.m. on Sept. 26, about a dozen armed officers in bulletproof

vests assembled outside the Greer, S.C., home that Code, who had never before been charged with a crime, shares with his wife and their 6-year-old son.

Gatto, who encountered a similar display of force outside his home in Oregon that day, also had a clean criminal record before this case. So did Dawkins, who was arrested during another sting operation in New York by an undercover agent posing as another potential investor in his sports agency.

The three are scheduled together in October for the first trial to spin out of this investigation. Each faces one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, which carries a potential prison sentence of up to 20 years.

The prosecution's theory of the case has raised eyebrows in legal circles. Gatto, Code and Dawkins defrauded Louisville and Miami, prosecutors argue, by conspiring to pay families of top recruits to ensure they attended the schools, despite knowing this would break NCAA rules.

Their scheme "created a risk of tangible economic harm," the indictment states, because if these payments came to light the NCAA could have penalized Louisville and Miami, potentially depriving the schools of revenue disbursements from the lucrative basketball tournament.

Perhaps the most notable criticism of this theory has come from Eliason, former assistant U.S. attorney in the District of Columbia who specialized in white-collar crime and ran his district's public corruption unit for two years.

The typical fraud case, Eliason explained in a phone interview, includes a few hallmarks: an intent to harm the victim, deception and a benefit at the victim's expense.

"Those are all absent here," Eliason said. "These guys didn't want to harm the universities; they wanted to help them ... and according to the prosecutors, they were working with top representatives of these universities' basketball programs."

"How can you say the university was deceived?"

According to Haney, the lawyer for Dawkins, this theory is particularly dubious with regard to Louisville, which just became the first school in the history of the NCAA to be stripped of a men's basketball title, over an earlier scandal in which a basketball assistant hired prostitutes to entertain recruits.

"They were documented to be entertaining recruits with strippers and prostitutes, and now this same school has somehow been victimized by my client?" Haney said. "They got what they wanted: a five-star recruit. ... They've made millions of dollars off of five-star recruits, and they've cheated to get them."

The four assistant coaches arrested, accused of taking bribes to steer recruits to Dawkins, a business manager and specialty suitmaker, are scheduled for separate trials in early 2019. Those cases involve a longer list of criminal counts, including conspiracy to commit bribery and solicitation of bribes, but NCAA rules again are central to the cases.

The victims of these bribery schemes, the indictments state, are not the athletes these coaches agreed to

influence but the schools, under the same legal theory that the coaches' actions exposed Auburn, Oklahoma State, Arizona and USC to potential NCAA penalties.

"The criminality of all of these cases rests upon these NCAA rules," Eliason said. "Maybe the NCAA needs to clean house ... but should it really be the subject of this massive federal criminal investigation, when nobody was harmed?"

In the meantime, officials at schools across the country wonder if the Justice Department's investigation has reached a standstill or if it will expand beyond the six schools implicated.

Six of the 75 schools in the six wealthiest collegiate conferences were named in the criminal complaints, and South Carolina also has been contacted, via a grand jury subpoena. Of the remaining 68 schools, 62 said they had not been contacted as part of the investigation, according to responses by school officials to inquiries last week.

Six others — Kansas, Creighton, Wake Forest, Clemson, Northwestern and North Carolina State — declined to comment or did not respond to questions about the investigation.

Late last month, Yahoo reported documents it obtained from the investigation, taken during the FBI raid of Miller's office, show that Dawkins and another agent filed expense reports for payments and cash advances ranging from about \$400 to \$43,500 to 17 current and former NCAA players and their families.

"These allegations, if true, point to systematic failures that must be fixed and fixed now if we want college sports in America," Emmert said in a statement. "Simply put, people who engage in this kind of behavior have no place in college sports."

To economists such as Schwarz, the behavior Emmert is referring to is a consequence of amateurism, which they argue creates a yawning gap between the amount of money college athletes could command in an open market from schools and companies vying for their skills and endorsement rights, and what they currently can earn to play college sports.

As long as that gap remains, Schwarz believes, so will the black market.

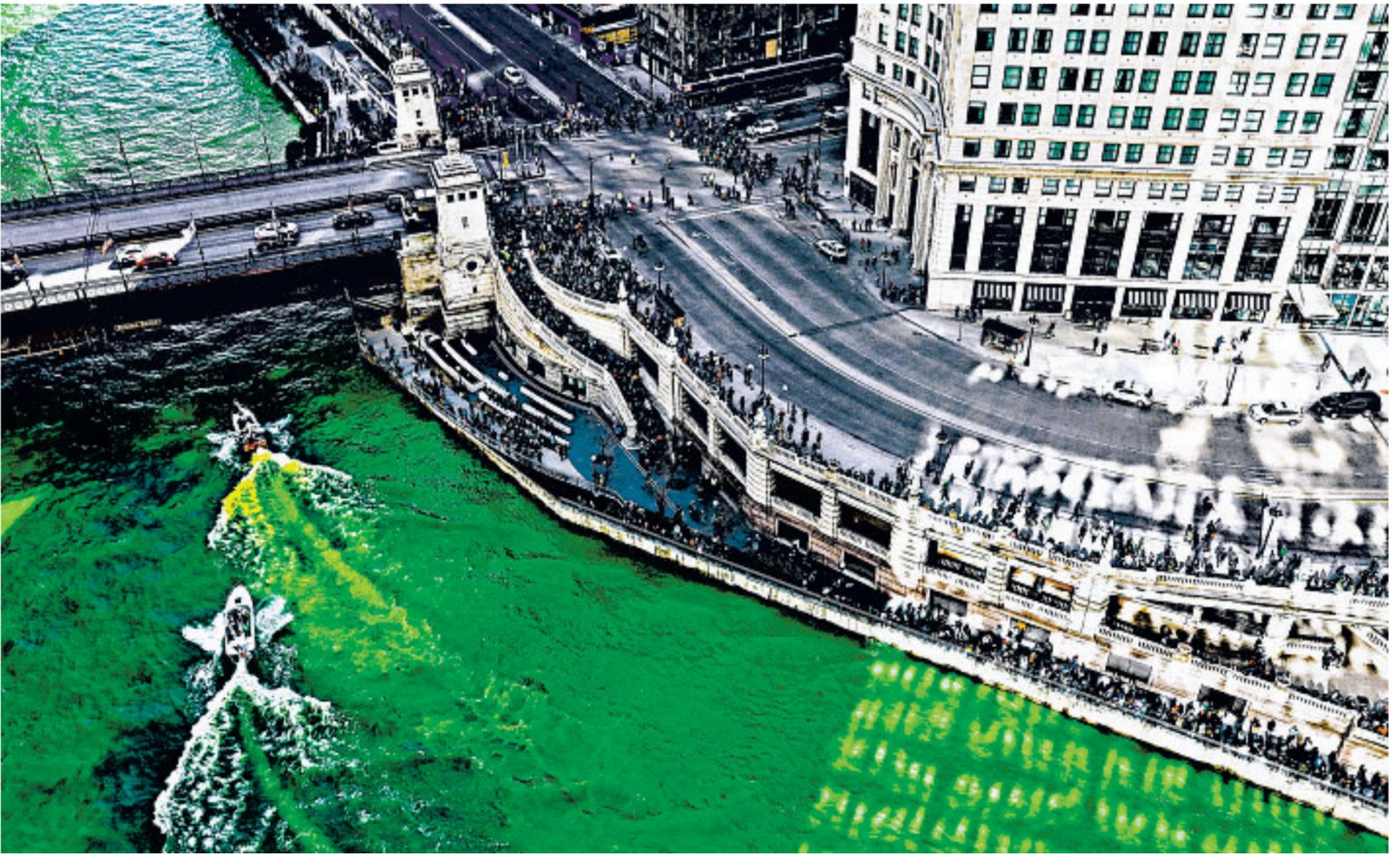
"Economic forces are a lot like water and gravity," he said. "Water wants to get to the ocean. You can build a dam, but unless you can build the perfect dam, that water's still going to get to the ocean ... it's just going to flood some small town on its way."

An Adidas spokeswoman declined an interview request about the case. Shortly after the arrests last September, Adidas placed Gatto on leave and terminated its contract with Code, according to a company statement.

Last November, Adidas chief executive Kasper Rorsted addressed the investigation, briefly, in a conference call with investors. Adidas was cooperating with federal authorities, said Rorsted, who reminded investors the American basketball market was just a tiny sliver of the company's \$20-plus billion in annual revenue.

"We do not expect the situation to have any short- or long-term impact on our business," Rorsted said.

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The Chicago River was first dyed green for St. Patrick's Day in 1962. This year, the traditional dyeing — and the downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade — will take place Saturday.

Beyond revelry, green river

Searching for deeper meaning behind St. Patrick's Day celebrations

It is impossible at this time of year not to think of my mother, who was Irish to her core, in ways both good and bad. She was a Cavanagh, and it was she who took me by the hand to my very first St. Patrick's Day Parade, which also happened to be the first to be held on State Street. This was in 1956, and I don't remember, though can logically assume,



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

I asked, "Why aren't you happy?" she said, "The Irish have not always had a happy time of it." I remember this because she would

that new Mayor Richard J. Daley led the parade. But I have always remembered something my mother told me that day.

She was not smiling as were the hundreds around us as the parade passed, and when she said, "The Irish have not always had a happy time of it," I remember this because she would

tell me the same thing, or a variation of it, many times over the years and I would later learn on my own of the hardships that the Irish had experienced through the centuries, here and everywhere.

So, St. Patrick's Day falls on Saturday and the big parade now travels down Columbus Drive. But we've already had the parades last weekend on the South and Northwest sides, the drink specials and the other green gimmicks that attend this day, increasingly conspiring to turn it into a com-

bination of Mardi Gras, New Year's Eve and Halloween.

It is hard to remember that the day's roots go back some 1,600 years and that it began as a holy day to honor the saint credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and, apocryphally, riding the island of snakes. March 17 is believed to be the day St. Patrick died in 461.

For a long time the holiday was celebrated in Ireland with suitable

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'KINGDOM' ★★

Tale of gay marriage has heart, needs edit

BY CHRIS JONES
 Chicago Tribune

Hardscrabble lives, spent in the shadow of Walt Disney World, made up "The Florida Project" — for my money the best movie of 2017, Oscar or no Oscar. "Kingdom," the new drama from Chicago's Broken Nose Theatre, mines a similar geographic proximity, although the two gay seniors at the heart of this play by Michael Allen Harris at least make it inside the Magic Kingdom on a regular basis.

Arthur and Henry like it there. The Peter Pan ride never gets old.

But the two African-American dads have a gay son, Al-



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Watson Swift and Christopher K. McMorris in "Kingdom."

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exander, who doesn't hold such a benign view of the mouse. He works there. He suffers from the occupational

hazard, he tells us, of becoming weary of peddling "happiness and fulfillment to other people." And he drinks, much to the chagrin of his supportive lesbian cousin, Phaedra. The booze is a way for Alexander to deal with his tricky longtime relationship with Malik, an NFL player who remains closeted for professional purposes, being as he plays for the Jacksonville

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Chicago architects to lead U.S. in Venice

Local institutions organizing pavilion at prestigious event



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

It's no insult to Chicago's fledgling architecture biennial to say that the event remains an upstart compared to the bigger, older and more prestigious Venice Architecture Biennale. So it's a big deal that Chicago's architecture community is poised to make a mark on the Italian city of lagoons, canals and exotic buildings washed by the Adriatic mist.

For the first time, a spokeswoman confirmed, Chicago

institutions are organizing architecture biennale's U.S. pavilion, traditionally a showcase for top American talent. In addition, Chicagoans are designing two of the pavilion's seven installations, including one by the firm of architect Jeanne Gang that will transport hundreds of cobblestones from a Memphis, Tenn., riverfront to Venice.

Chicago was well-represented Monday at a New York City news conference that trumpets the overall theme of the biennale ("Freespace") and introduces its chief curators, Irish architects Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara. In addition, the event is expected to reveal some details of projects inside the U.S. pavilion, which the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of Chicago are shaping on the theme of "Dimen-

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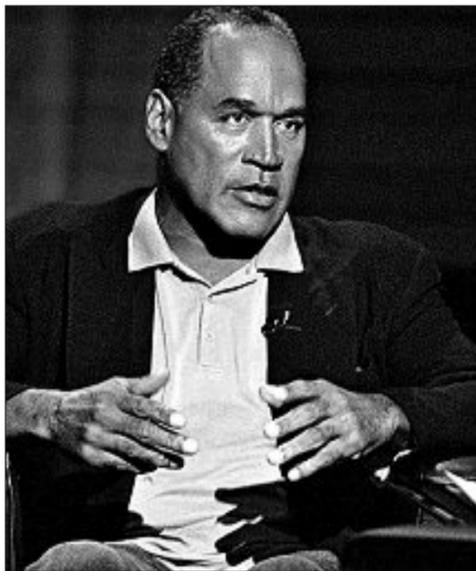
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In 2006, O.J. Simpson gave a "purely hypothetical" account of the killings of his ex-wife and her friend.

Prosecutor: Simpson confessed in 2006

In the view of prosecutor Christopher Darden, O.J. Simpson confessed to the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman in his 2006 TV interview that aired Sunday night as a two-hour special on Fox, 12 years after a public outcry forced the network to scrap an earlier plan to air the incendiary footage.



Darden

In the 2006 interview with publisher Judith Regan, Simpson goes through a "purely hypothetical" discussion of what happened on the night his ex-wife and Goldman were killed on the steps of Nicole Simpson's Brentwood condo.

The bizarre 2006 interview features Simpson speaking in detail, albeit couched as a hypothetical, about his being present at the crime scene in June 1994, how he disposed of bloody clothes and other specifics of his actions following the brutal slayings. He repeatedly laughed nervously.

Darden was featured on the special "O.J. Simpson: The Lost Confession?" as part of a panel of experts who added commentary and analysis intercut with sections of the interview.

During the interview, Simpson appears at times delusional, saying that he went to Nicole's condo on the night she died with a friend he described as "Charlie," who gave him a knife as he encountered Nicole and later Goldman.

"I think he's confessed to murder," Darden said.

— Variety



THE TIMES OF LONDON

Royal duties: Prince Harry's bride-to-be, Meghan Markle, has made her first public appearance with Queen Elizabeth II, joining the queen and other senior royals Monday at the Commonwealth Day service at London's Westminster Abbey. It marked another milestone in Markle's path to joining the British monarch's family. The American actress is set to marry Harry on the grounds of Windsor Castle on May 19.

McGowan drug charge: A judge on Monday refused to dismiss a drug-possession charge against actress Rose McGowan after prosecutors said they have additional evidence to bring forward. McGowan's lawyers have suggested the drugs may have been planted by agents hired by disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein to discredit her for making sex assault accusations against him. She was charged with felony drug possession after authorities said cocaine was found in a wallet she left behind on a flight to Dulles International Airport in January 2017.

Luft collapses: Singer Lorna Luft, the daughter of Judy Garland, was undergoing tests in a London hospital following an initial diagnosis of a brain tumor after she collapsed backstage at a concert in London. A spokesperson said the 65-year-old singer's husband, Colin Freeman, had been concerned that she was forgetting lyrics and a monologue.

March 13 birthdays: Musician Neil Sedaka is 79. Actress Dana Delany is 62. Musician Adam Clayton is 58. Rapper Common is 46.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Sister reels from lifetime of bullying

Dear Amy: My sister is three years older than me. When I was little, she would bully, undermine, belittle and keep her distance from me. She has never been married, and has punished me by being unresponsive to my happy marriage and disinterested in my children.

She goes through periods of noncommunication, until I reach out to her during "safer" times. During peaceful periods, she will ask me to emotionally support her, and I do. Finally, she ended all communication with me during the final years of my mother's life, when I could have used some support. Despite this, I feel hurt that she won't at least be friendly with me.

I have never known her to apologize or admit being wrong to anyone, and I don't expect that.

I have tried hard to include her in my family, and have done kind things for her my whole life. I can't think of why I might have caused her problems.

Why is she like this? And why am I so sad?
— No Sister

Dear Sister: I don't know why your sister is the way she is. Possibilities are: lifelong jealousy, free-floating emotional issues leading back to childhood and/or undiscovered emotional or mental imbalance.

You were the baby that barged into her life when she was 3. Perhaps your parents didn't promote bonding in childhood, or didn't deal with her challenges and behavior effectively, setting both of you up for a cycle of rejection. You didn't cause her problems.

Of course you feel hurt! But — probably more often than you realize — siblings can be trapped in a complex web of attraction and rejection.

You feel sad because this relationship represents a lifetime of rejection. Also, she was your heartbeat connection to your mother.

You feel guilty because all of your efforts to fix this only reveal your own powerlessness. Your life seems to have turned out to be positive and healthy, and yet she won't permit intimacy. You should try to cultivate an attitude of compassion. Convey, "I wish we were closer." She would likely reject or deflect this. You stating what you want should help you to continue to release the grief for the relationship that never was.

Dear Amy: How should I let my partner know that I cannot wait forever on a marriage proposal, without sounding like I'm giving an ultimatum?

My guy and I have dated for 18 months. We are both in our mid-30s. We don't live together, but we spend two or three weeknights together, and every weekend. I think two years is probably long enough to expect a proposal, and for him to know whether he'd like to marry me.

I would never want someone to marry me due to an ultimatum, but at the same time, I was clear to him from the beginning that I expect to get married at some point. Perhaps I should have discussed a timeline in that conversation, but I didn't.
— Might Cancel

Dear Might Cancel: If

you were clear with your guy from the beginning that you are geared toward marriage, then you've already activated the "M-bomb." It's out there.

You two are in your mid-30s. Continue to talk about your relationship, including where it is headed. Bring it up — because this is your life! Set your own timeline, and then pop the question.

Dear Amy: I was appalled by your answer to "What's a Girl to Do," regarding watching or reading the "50 Shades of Grey" series.

"50 Shades of Grey" boils down to a man receiving pleasure from a sexually submissive woman. This includes beating her. As a gay man, I understand the attraction to actor Jamie Dornan, but his role as a brutalizing abuser is a complete turn-off. In this era of #MeToo, the last thing men should think is that "50 Shades" is good or normal for women. It's not. As a woman, you should not be talking about this franchise so loosely.
— Abuse Isn't Sexy

Dear Sexy: Please, don't tell me what I should talk about "as a woman."

You may not understand the nature of this BDSM relationship between two consenting fictional characters. I'm not into this, myself, but a lot of women seem quite turned on by it. If I discover a link between this and domestic violence, I will definitely publish it. I assume that others agree with you.

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Oscar nominee DuVernay will attend Ebertfest

Director Ava DuVernay is scheduled to be a guest at the 20th annual Ebertfest next month in Champaign.

The University of Illinois said Monday that the Oscar-nominated director of "Selma" and "A Wrinkle in Time" will attend the film festival honoring the late movie critic Roger Ebert.

She'll bring her film "The 13th," which was nominated for an Oscar for best documentary.

The festival, to be held April 18-22, will open with a showing of "The Fugitive" starring Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. The 1993 film's

director, Andrew Davis, is a U. of I. alumnus. He's also attending the festival.

Ebert and his wife, Chaz Ebert, co-founded the event in collaboration with the university.

Festival organizers say more films and guests will be announced in the coming weeks.
— Associated Press

Bon Iver set to play Pritzker Pavilion in June

Singer-songwriter Justin Vernon's folktronica act Bon Iver is ready to bring the moe under the stars at Pritzker Pavilion on June 3 — its first Chicago show in seven years.

Tickets are required for entry to the pavilion and go on sale at noon Friday through Ticketfly. Reserved seating will cost \$60.50 to \$86, while lawn spots start at \$31.

For more details, go to <http://jamusa.com/>

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— Jessi Roti

Beyonce, Jay-Z tour to stop at Soldier Field

Beyonce and Jay-Z on Monday announced dates for their "On the Run II" stadium tour.

Kicking off June 6 in Cardiff, Wales, the international outing will stop in 15 cities across Europe, with the 21-date North American leg beginning July 25 in Cleveland.

The tour will stop in Chicago on Aug. 10 at Soldier Field.

The tour is presented by Live Nation Global Touring in association with Beyonce's Parkwood Entertainment and Jay-Z's Roc Nation.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public starting Monday at LiveNation.com and "all usual outlets," according to a news release announcing the tour.
— Variety

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Classic tale gets a witty update at BoHo

Poetry, panache and poignancy remain intact in offbeat love story

BY KERRY REID
Chicago Tribune

"The most defiant nose in France" gets a contemporary makeover in BoHo Theatre's "Cyrano." But though Edmond Rostand's script has been sculpted and contemporized in places, the old-fashioned swagger mostly remains intact.

Adapted by Michael Hollinger and Aaron Posner from Hollinger's translation of the original, the script is studded with anachronistic turns of phrase and visual jokes. For example, Cyrano's fellow Gascons settle in with large bags of popcorn to hear the story of how he felled 100 attackers in one night. When an antagonist offers to help Michael B. Woods' Cyrano "test your mettle," he retorts, "You would not like the test results."

This approach has its benefits and drawbacks. It certainly keeps things sprightly in director Steve O'Connell's staging, which features fine swordplay designed by Jon Beal (including a bravura re-enactment of the battle with the 100 that makes us think there are far more than nine actors in the cast). Woods brings the requisite dyspeptic wit to the role, leavened with just enough wistfulness to make the final scene downright wrenching.

Yet there are also points where the smarty-pants interpolations get in the way of the central questions in Rostand's unabashedly romantic (if adolescent) view of honor and love. The adapters seem aware of this themselves. Why else would they have De Guiche (Kristin Hammargren) add sardonic glosses on Shakespeare's "band of brothers" speech



LIZ LAUREN PHOTOS

Michael B. Woods delivers a stellar performance as the big-nosed protagonist in "Cyrano" by BoHo Theatre.



Kristin Hammargren, from left, Woods, Zach Livingston and Christina Gorman star in the Steve O'Connell production.

from "Henry V" right before delivering Cyrano and his fellow Gascon soldiers into the line of Spanish cannon fire? It's one of the moments where getting the reference gets in the way of the dramatic stakes in the moment.

Vahishta Vafadari's Roxane feels far too contempo-

rary and savvy a woman to be taken in by the tricky Cyrano and lovestruck Christian (Zach Livingston) play upon her, where the poetic former provides the words for the beefcake latter. She also doesn't seem like the sort of woman to be cowed by Eleanor Katz's nurse, Desiree, though Katz



Gorman, from left, Woods, Matty Robinson, Livingston, Eleanor Katz and Henry Greenberg at Theater Wit.

brings plenty of earthy wit to the role.

What does come through, thanks in large measure to Woods' stellar performance, is the abiding sense of Cyrano as a man out of time. The world changes around him, but his stubborn insistence on sticking to his principles

costs him dearly. Even De Guiche, his onetime nemesis, evolves from an arrogant aristocrat bent on conquering Roxane to a sympathetic comrade for their autumn years.

For better or worse, Cyrano remains Cyrano. And here is where the contemporized elements

When: Through April 15

Where: BoHo Theatre at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.

Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes

Tickets: \$30 at 773-975-8150 or www.bohotheatre.com

do let us think about what that means for our own time. (And of course, Rostand's original, written in 1897, was a nostalgic plea for romance in the age of realism.) If a man never changes his outlook, never tempers his opinions, never veers from doing it his own way — is that admirable, or foolish? Crucially, Woods lets us see that the fear of rejection by Roxane because of his outsized schnoz is the one foe he cannot conquer, by word or sword.

The supporting cast contains several sharp and funny performances, including Henry Greenberg's soused Ligniere (the one who is actually the target of the 100 attackers) and Matty Robinson's ebullient baker, Ragueneau. Patrick Ham's rather grimy brick-walled set provides a sturdy contrast to the lighting design by G. "Max" Maxin IV, which incorporates celestial fairy lights entwined in the grid over the playing area and bloody red washes during the fight scenes.

As Woods' Cyrano concocts the plan to bring his words to Christian's mouth, he tells him, "I'll be your book. You'll be my cover." Some of the changes Hollinger and Posner bring to Rostand's original add self-conscious contemporary gloss to the cover. But thanks to Woods, this "Cyrano" still blends poetry, panache and poignancy to satisfying effect.

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JULES AMEEL PHOTO

Valee, shown in Minneapolis last year, has resurrected some mixtape tracks on his EP.

RECORDINGS

Valee's power of suggestion helps make minimalist mark

BY GREG KOT
Chicago Tribune

Valee jump-started his career a couple of years ago with a deceptively simple but addictive single, "Shell." Now that the Chicago rapper has gone nationwide with a major-label deal, he repurposes "Shell" as the punctuation point on "Good Job, You Found Me," his debut EP for Kanye West's G.O.O.D. Music label.

The raw minimalism of "Shell" oozes through the pores of opener "Juice & Gin," with Valee, aka Valee Taylor, managing to sound laid back, menacing and precise all at once. Materialistic daydreams pour out of him with casual ease, amid a neighborhood so unforgiving he "bought my mama a sawed off."

Valee appropriates the language of trap — the rattlesnake sizzle of the hi-hats, the eerie keyboards, the distant bass implosions. But the arrangements leave plenty of space for the audaciously soft-spoken MC to deliver his stories. Even when his



'Good Job, You Found Me'

Valee
(G.O.O.D. Music)
★★★ (out of 4)

voice picks up the pace, as in "I Got Whatever," another strong track resurrected from a previous mixtape, he never seems to be in any particular hurry. Valee is expert at the art of suggestion, his lyrics describing, insinuating and hinting at what may come next. He sets a scene that quietly exits, usually in three minutes or less. The effect is a lingering sense of unease, a troubled dreaminess.

There's some swill as well, Valee indulging in the

kind of clichés that might have seemed transgressive three decades ago. His skill at building his own insular world out of the barest elements shines brightest on "Vlone." With bell-like percussion chiming softly, the MC makes the most out of nothing special, the verses suggesting idle musings from a gin-and-juice afternoon. The words trail off as he turns to grunts that become a hook in themselves. In Valee's world, even his wordless shorthand sounds musical.

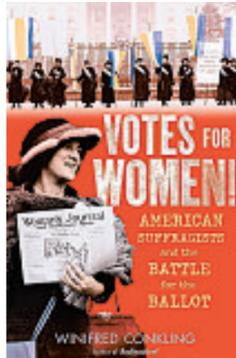
It adds up to a project that's more of a tease than the latest crest in Chicago's half-decadelong hip-hop wave. Nearly half of "Good Job, You Found Me" is recycled from earlier projects, but Valee fans aren't the target demographic. Instead, the EP serves more as an introduction to the hoped-for mainstream audience to which his next album will surely be marketed.

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Young adult lit roundup

BY CHRISTINE HEPPERMAN | Chicago Tribune



"Votes for Women! American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot" by Winifred Conkling, Algonquin, 320 pages, \$19.95, ages 12 and up

Long before Hillary Clinton became the Democratic Party's nominee for president, another woman faced an even more challenging path to the White House. Victoria Claffin Woodhull created the Equal Rights Party to back her candidacy and threw herself into the presidential race of 1872. She ran on a platform of women's suffrage, though not all suffragists supported her. Susan B. Anthony went so far as to extinguish the lights in the convention hall to stop Woodhull from speaking at the annual National Woman Suffrage Association meeting. Winifred Conkling gathers this surprising anecdote with others in "Votes for Women!" to show that the Women's Suffrage Movement was full of strong-willed individuals who shared many of the same goals, but did not always agree on the means of achieving them.

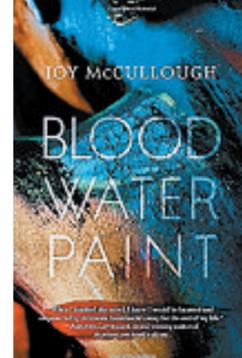
A sizable portion of Conkling's narrative focuses on the collaboration and occasional discord between Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Conkling portrays the two friends as complex individuals, admirably devoted to what must have at times felt like a futile cause.



"The Poet X" by Elizabeth Acevedo, HarperTeen, 368 pages, \$17.99, ages 13 and up

Poet Elizabeth Acevedo makes her laudable young adult fiction debut with this electric novel-in-verse that gives voice to Xiomara, a Dominican-American teen from Harlem. Her whole life Xiomara's been told "Pero, tu no eres facil./ You sure ain't an easy one." On that same theme, she explains, "My parents probably wanted a girl who would sit in the pews / wearing pretty florals and a soft smile. / They got combat boots and a mouth silent / until it's sharp as an island machete." Her mother, a devout Catholic, expects her to receive the sacrament of confirmation. But Xiomara has questions about the religion that build up and ultimately explode out to Father Sean. And religion isn't the only thing she and her mother don't agree on. Up until recently, she's had no reason to disobey "Mami's Dating Rules," but her new biology lab partner, Aman, has her thinking that waiting until she's married to kiss a boy is no longer a viable option.

The power of poetry manifests in both the form and substance of Acevedo's eloquent, accessible verse. At the urging of her English teacher, Xiomara joins her school's spoken-word poetry club and finally finds a place where she feels in control — and heard.



"Blood Water Paint" by Joy McCullough, Dutton Children's Books, 304 pages, \$17.99, ages 14 and up

Seventeenth-century Italian artist Artemisia Gentileschi's painting "Susanna and the Elders" depicts a Hebrew wife attempting to fend off the lecherous advances of two wicked noblemen. Numerous male painters also used Susanna's story, from the apocryphal Book of Daniel, as subject matter, but Gentileschi's rendition stands out for the look of anguish on Susanna's face. As Joy McCullough's timely, innovative historical novel-in-verse suggests, Gentileschi understood Susanna's pain all too well.

Drawing on the surviving transcript of the 1611 trial at which Gentileschi accused a male tutor of raping her, McCullough puts forth an impassioned, lushly described account of a young woman who refuses to dwell in secret shame. At the trial, she endures the type of brutal character assassination recognizable to anyone familiar with Twitter. Yet they can't strip away who she is at her core — an artist — and they can't stop her from painting the truth.

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Bad Bunny Is Apple Music's Latest Up Next Star

BY: CARMEN PELAEZ

Despite having an Instagram following that would make even the highest-paid digital influencer blush (9.5 million users at press time, and quickly trending upwards), there's a very high likelihood that you've never before heard of Bad Bunny, the 23-year-old Latin trap artist who kicked off his first U.S. tour in New York on March 1.

This is despite the 100 million-plus views garnered on the Puerto Rican-born performer's last three YouTube videos (not counting the 11 million views that happened in the span of 24 hours on his latest effort, *Si Te Acuerdo*, which dropped on March 1). This is also despite the outspoken artist's potential collaboration with Drake, which was teased on the Canadian superstar's Instagram account on Jan. 24.

Another reason the outspoken Donald Trump critic — who wore a self-designed T-shirt reading, "Are You Tweeter or President?" at the Somos Live concert for disaster relief on Oct. 14 — is about to hit the mainstream? Bad Bunny (nee Benito Antonio Martinez Ocasio) is also Apple Music's latest Up Next artist, joining the likes of Amy Shark and Khalid as alums of the platform's music discovery project.

We caught up with the incredibly busy Spanish-speaking artist as he landed in New York to kick off his tour, and discussed all things style (the self-styled artist has a penchant for bold Gucci suits and '90s-esque acetate shades), his writing process ("We're usually short on time") and where his muse shows its face ("My hotel room."). It must be the robes.

You seem to be able to handle any beat thrown at you. What's your writing process?

My composition process depends on the theme, the mood, the time. At this moment in our industry, we're usually short on time. You have to turn in a song or theme in a hurry and I have to write wherever I am. I may write on a plane or in a studio or my

hotel room. Whenever I'm in the mood to write, whenever the muse shows up. Usually, because there's so much work, it's harder to write. It's not like before, when I had more time and I'd sit down to work at home or in an inspiring spot. But I don't have a process, ritual or requisite to write. I sit down with my muse, and



Photo: Apple Music

things come to my mind that I write and that's it.

You're a Latin trap pioneer but you have a range that transcends genres and brings various flavors into your sound. What drives you to shift gears as much as you do?

I really enjoy singing all styles of music because I like music. On the occasion that I'm singing a genre that I'm not known for, I like it even more because of the inherent challenge of it. But where I feel best making music is in trap and rap.

Who do you look up to as influencers and music mentors?

There are a lot of artists across genres that I've been listening to since I was a kid and in one way or another they've inspired me. From Daddy Yankee, Theo Calderon. From Vico C to Wisin Y Yandel. There's Marc Anthony, Hector Lavoe and Jerry Rivera. From the world of hip hop, there's Jay Z and Kanye West. So many people have inspired my music.

You're known for amazing red carpet looks and always have elements of incredibly on-trend accessories (those white Kate Moss shades you seem to never take off, for example) mixed with pieces that really feel like "you." And you don't even have a stylist. How does style and fashion play a part in your art?

The only thing as far as style that I'm interested in projecting is that everybody needs to have their own style. I don't keep my eyes on the latest trend. Obviously yeah, I always know what's going on but I don't let that guide me. I always just try and be me and I look for what I like. I dress in or the mood I'm in.

I always say the way you dress tells people who you are and what mood you're in. You can express yourself with what you choose to wear.

You just kicked off your first tour. What are audiences going to get at a Bad Bunny show?

People can expect a lot of energy and a lot of positivity at the shows. It's always an active concert. I interact with the audience and I do everything I can for them to feel they are part of the show. People who may be coming for the first time are going to get to know who Bad Bunny is and how Latinos know how to take enjoying something to the next level.

Tell us a bit about Apple's Up Next program. How does it feel to be chosen for a spotlight such as this, and what will it mean for your future?

What I like most about Up Next is that more people can get to know me. Even people that know me already, they'll get to know me better. They'll learn about my personal life, my childhood, where I'm from. The best part of being a part of Apple Music Up Next is that people can get to know who Benito is, the person beyond Bad Bunny.

Venice biennale to explore expression of 'Freespace'

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sions of Citizenship." You are undoubtedly wondering what "Freespace" means. The biennale's publicity material defines it this way: "a generosity of spirit and a sense of humanity at the core of architecture's agenda." Bringing that noble, yet lofty, theme down to earth, the U.S. pavilion will explore the fraught topic of how the built environment defines, and is defined by, disparate notions of what it means to be a citizen. Think of the bitter debates sparked by President Donald Trump's proposed border wall and the removal of Confederate statues and monuments.

"We think citizenship is an urgent question," Ann Lui, assistant professor at the School of the Art Institute, said in an interview last week. "It's about the ways we come together, by law and by choice."

Her co-curators are Niall Atkinson, associate professor at the U. of C., and independent curator Mimi Zeiger, who is based in Los Angeles. Chicago's Iker Gil, a lecturer at the School of the Art Institute, is serving as the U.S. pavilion's associate curator.

Unlike the Chicago Architecture Biennial, which made its debut in 2015 and is largely focused on exhibits in the Chicago Cultural Center, the palatial Beaux Arts edifice across from Millennium Park, its Venice counterpart takes place in two chief venues: the *Giardini*, a swath of parkland that is home to many of the event's national pavilions, including the U.S. venue, and the *Arsenale*, a historic shipyard and armory complex.

The U.S. pavilion, a 1930 exercise in neo-classicism, has been described as a mini-Monticello, complete with a rotunda and a column-fronted brick facade that wraps around an outdoor courtyard. It suggests an old-fashioned, civics textbook understanding of citizenship: earnest, hand-over-your-heart, Pledge of Allegiance kind of stuff.

The exhibits commissioned by the Chicago curators are likely to exist in tension with this decorous container.

Inspired by the 1977 Charles and Ray Eames short film, "Powers of 10," which begins with a picnic on the Chicago lakefront and gradually zooms out to outer space, the exhibits will explore the interplay between design and citizenship at scales ranging from the human body to the cosmos. With its array of cobblestones shipped in from Memphis, Gang's exhibit promises to be a stirring example.

The stones, which were quarried in Illinois and are said to weigh 15 to 30 pounds each, will come from Memphis' Cobblestone Landing, a historic site along the Mississippi River where cotton was shipped to British mills and



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The U.S. pavilion in Venice is a 1930 exercise in neo-classicism that has been described as a mini-Monticello.

slaves were traded. As Gang and her eponymous firm worked up a riverfront revitalization plan for Memphis, the landing provoked dramatically different reactions from the locals.

"Some think it should be restored to its original state," Gang said. "Other people have a negative reaction because it was where their great-grandfather was traded as a slave." Other people described the stones themselves as harsh and uninviting.

To make the landing more welcoming and inclusive, Gang and a principal at her firm, Gia Biagi, suggested that trees be planted amid the stones to provide a shade canopy and that people throughout the city plant a "twin" version of the new trees in their neighborhood. Their plan, which has yet to be constructed, took on added resonance in December when Memphis tore down two Confederate statues in advance of April 4, which will mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in the city.

"In the context of a time when these monuments are being taken down, it brings up the idea: What is a marker? What is a memorial? What could it be in the future?" Gang said. "Could this be more of a horizontal marker that is a kind of inclusive civic marker, not a guy sitting on a horse?"

The project, which represents urban scale in the pavilion's hierarchy, will be displayed in the first gallery of the American pavilion that visitors enter. It's a good bet that the cobblestones will be on the floor, perhaps accompanied by videos that put them in context.

The architects, who were instructed not to reveal too much too soon, declined to comment on specifics. A firm spokeswoman said only that visitors will be able to interact with the cobblestones.

Before visitors experience Gang's display, they'll encounter another project by Chicagoans in the prime location of the pavilion's courtyard.

Designed by artists Amanda Williams and

Andres Hernandez, in concert with artist Shani Crowe, this exhibit will consist of a steel structure interwoven with a braided parachute chord, Williams and Hernandez said. The subject is how African-Americans experience public space: Are they affirmed or unwelcome, free to move as they wish or controlled?

The work will be "rooted in the history of certain groups having to be fugitive, on the run," Hernandez said, evoking the history of slaves escaping on the Underground Railroad.

But, like Gang's exhibit, it will suggest a positive model — not accommodating mere survival, but encouraging a combination of survival and thriving that the artists call "Thrival."

The other projects for the U.S. pavilion sound equally intriguing. The New York firm SCAPE, for example, will look at the Venetian Lagoon as an ecologically threatened tidal region. Architect Teddy Cruz and political theorist Fonna Forman, both of San Diego, will explore watersheds shared by Mexico and the U.S. in a project called "MEXUS: A Geography of Interdependence." As the title suggests, their take on the U.S.-Mexico border is very different from Trump's.

"In the current political discourse, the U.S.-Mexico border is a site of criminalization," Cruz said in an interview published last year on the CityLab website. "But we have been trying to elevate it as a site of creativity."

Officially known as the 16th International Architecture Exhibition, the biennale runs from May 26 through Nov. 25. The architecture event is held in even-numbered years while the art biennale, which began in 1895, occurs in odd-numbered years. In 2001, the Art Institute of Chicago organized the U.S. pavilion for the art biennale in partnership with the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, of Washington, D.C.

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Story of black gay marriage has heart but still needs work

Kingdom, from Page 1

Jaguars, hardly the most progressive team in the league.

"Kingdom," then, is about many things: the receptivity (or lack thereof) of older couples to the pressure to get married; homophobia in the African-American community; football and machismo; emotional abuse inside relationships; the challenges of being troubled and poor and still being expected to smile in a kingdom that's magic only for others. These are all worthy themes, and it's especially powerful to see a play about two black, gay seniors, a population that often can seem invisible in Hollywood and American theater. But there is a lot of air yet in "Kingdom," a piece that attempts so much that it never has time to breathe nor fully inhabit its world.

Arthur and Henry — played here by Christopher K. Morris and the excellent Watson Swift — are the most successful characters. Their relationship is warm and credible, and its trajectory is often most moving. But Harris seems to want Alexander (Michael Mejia-Beal) to be his main protagonist and, at least in this first production directed by Kanome Jones, he is not as empathetic as he needs to be. Yet the main issues with the piece involve truth: Harris knows how to write rich characters and you immediately intuit that this is a writer with heart.

But, if you'll excuse the pun, far too much of this script is on the nose. When you see shelves crammed with Disney tchotchkes, you don't have to be a psychic to predict that ceramic-looking Mickey is doomed to go flying. And if you really can't tell your

story without onstage news broadcasts from the TV, that does not mean that every time someone throws a switch, the voice should start speaking the relevant stuff on cue. "Kingdom" needs a hefty edit.

The same, frankly, is true of the production, which is as openhearted as the script but has yet to fully jell. Not all the lines are there, nor are the transitions yet sure or swift. Some of the scenes are quite lovely; others feel as though they are being staged for the first time right before your eyes. Overall, the show moves much too slowly. I think for some people, the warmth of the performers and the human kindness of the writing will smooth over those cracks. But the best kind of magic takes a lot of work.

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WATCH THIS: TUESDAY



Josh Radnor

“Rise” (9:01 p.m., NBC): Comparisons to “Glee” are inevitable, but it should be noted that this grittier drama is based on a true story. Josh Radnor has the central role as a teacher who becomes the supervisor of his school’s theater department in the series’ premiere, portending big changes for the facility — and also for many people in the surrounding community. Developed by producer Jason Katims, the show also features Auli’i Cravalho.

“Lethal Weapon” (7 p.m., FOX): “Funny Money” is both the title and the main subject of this episode, as Riggs and Murtaugh (Clayne Crawford, Damon Wayans Sr.) try to track down counterfeiters. Several teens become caught up in the illegal scheme. Murtaugh tries to resolve issues he’s having with son RJ (Dante Brown), while Riggs revisits a part of his past. Kristen Gutoskie and Rex Linn continue their guest roles. Ernie Hudson (“Ghostbusters”) also guest stars.

“Fresh Off the Boat” (7:30 p.m., ABC): Once again the lone owner of the restaurant, Louis (Randall Park) second-guesses whether he has what it takes to run the site on his own in the new episode “Measure Twice, Cut Once.” Madame Xing (guest star June Angela) consults with him at Jessica’s (Constance Wu) behest, but that makes matters worse — and it takes a dose of laughing gas from Marvin (Ray Wise) to correct things. Rap music’s RZA and Angela Kinsey guest star.

“This Is Us” (8 p.m., NBC): Probably confirmed by the number of tissues used by viewers while watching it, no fan of this drama can say it hasn’t delivered in its second season, which concludes here with “The Wedding.” Some of the show’s biggest questions already have been answered, but expect a good number of loose threads to be left for Season 3, which NBC already has ordered.

“The Mick” (8:30 p.m., FOX): Housekeeper Alba (Carla Jimenez) is away on vacation, so when Mickey (Kaitlin Olson) wants a night out with Jimmy (Scott MacArthur), she appoints Sabrina (Sofia Black-D’Elia) to baby-sit Ben (Jack Stanton). Sabrina, however, thinks a night out with her own friends is a much better option ... leading to a blow-up with Mickey that lands them both in jail.

“The Detour” (9:30 p.m., TBS): Reunited with his family, Nate (Jason Jones) decides to go for broke, so he pulls off an impromptu evacuation to get his little clan away from Edie (Laura Benanti) and the Feds, in the new episode “The Plane.” Unfortunately, as is so often the case with dramatic impulses like that, he has to make do with less than ideal collaborators.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Terry Crews; political commentator Robert Reich; comic Mark Normand.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Ricky Gervais; actor Chris Sullivan; Amy Shark performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Angela Bassett; actor Jimmy O. Yang; Jack Johnson performs.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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JOHN BRITTT/NBC

Mike Vogel plays Capt. Adam Dalton on NBC’s military drama “The Brave.”

‘The Brave’ hangs in limbo

BY RICH HELDENFELS
Tribune News Service

Q: Do you know if or when “The Brave” will return on NBC? This is one of the absolute best new shows in a decade.

A: The military drama is one of three that premiered on broadcast networks this year, along with “Valor” on The CW and “SEAL Team” on CBS. So let’s recap the status of each.

“Valor” and “The Brave” have completed their first seasons, which consisted of 13 episodes apiece. “Valor” hoped for an order for additional episodes, which it did not get. The Hollywood Reporter said “The Brave” was meant to have a 13-episode season, although with better ratings, more first-season “Brave” telecasts “would not have been out of the question.”

Still, neither show has been canceled or renewed for next season, so keep an eye out for network announcements in the spring.

“SEAL Team,” meanwhile, was picked up for a full, 22-episode first season less than a month after its premiere last fall, and

its chances of a second season look good.

Q: I, as well as a lot of my friends, would love to know if the program “Little Big Shots” will be coming on again soon. It is a very good show, and we really enjoy watching it.

A: New episodes of the talented-youth series arrive Sunday on NBC.

Q: Does Tom Ellis do his own singing and piano playing on “Lucifer”?

A: Yes, he is singing. In fact, in one TV interview near the end of the Fox series’ first season, he said that singing was something he especially enjoyed on the show because “music is a big part of my life.”

But that is not his piano playing. He told Screener TV.com that “I can play a little bit, but piano was never my instrument. ... Hopefully people believe I’m actually tinkling those ivories.”

Q: I recently saw the Disney version of “Cinderella” with Lily James and Richard Madden. What can you tell me about this actor who

played the prince?

A: While that 2015 live-action version of “Cinderella” was a tidy hit around the world, Scotland-born actor Madden was already known for playing Robb Stark in the HBO series “Game of Thrones.” (He is no longer on the series, for reasons I will not spoil here.)

He began acting professionally when he was 11, but he did not fully commit to an acting career until he was 17. Then, he told the Scotsman newspaper, “I got to the point when they ask you to choose what to do for the rest of your life and I knew there was nothing else I wanted to do more.”

He is now 31, with an array of film, television and stage roles behind him, including a stint with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

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FOX 32	Lethal Weapon: “Funny Money.” ©		LA to Vegas (N) ©	The Mick (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©				
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©	Private *				
TeleM 44	José José, el principe (N)	Al otro lado del muro (N)			Enemigo íntimo (N) ©	Chicago (N)				
CW 50	The Flash (N) ©		Black Lightning (N) ©		The X-Files ©	X-Files *				
UniMas 60	La niña		La tierra prometida		40 y 20	40 y 20	Noticias Uni			
WJYS 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Dr. T Felder	Paid Prog.	Monument			
Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Por amar sin ley (N)	Noticias (N)				
CABLE	AE	The First 48 ©			Undercover High (N) ©	First 48 *				
	AMC	Young Guns (R, ’88) ** Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland. ©			Young Guns II (*90) ***					
	ANIM	Mystery of the Monsoon	Wild Africa: Rivers of Life: “Shaping the Earth.” ©			Life After *				
	BBCA	The Hunt for Red October (PG, ’90) *** Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. ©				Hunt *				
	BET	(6) Tyler Perry’s Good Deeds (PG-13, ’12) ** ©				The Quad (N)	The Quad *			
	BIGTEN	(4) Big Ten Programming ©					BIG (N)			
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Bethenny (N) Bethenny & Watch (N)				
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics			
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Back in the Game (N) ©	Shark *			
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Tonight (N) *			
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Period (N)	Period (N)	Daily (N) *		
	DISC	Moonshiners: Outlaw		Moonshiners (N) ©		(9:02) Moonshiners (N)	Moonshine *			
	DISN	Bunk’d ©	Bunk’d ©	Stuck	Stuck	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Stuck		
	E!	Step Brothers (R, ’08) ** Will Ferrell. ©				Step Brothers (R, ’08) ** Will Ferrell. *				
	ESPN	College Basketball (N)		College Basketball (N)			SportCtr (N)			
	ESPN2	College Basketball (N)		College Basketball (N)			Basketball			
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News			
	FOOD	Chopped ©		Chopped: “Pie Jinks.” ©		Chopped (N) ©	Chopped *			
	FREE	The Fosters (N) ©		(8:01) The Fosters (Season Finale) (N)		grown-ish	grown-ish	700 Club *		
	FX	(6) The Avengers (PG-13, ’12) *** Robert Downey Jr.				Baskets (N)	Baskets ©	Baskets *		
	HALL	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls		
	HGTV	Fixer Upper ©		Fixer Upper (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Int! (N)	Hunters		
	HIST	Drilling Down (Season Premiere) (N)		Forged in Fire (Season Premiere) (N)		Civil War Gold (N)	Forged *			
	HLN	Death Row Stories ©		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Cheech *		
	LIFE	Married at First Sight (N)		Married at First Sight (N)		Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight *			
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)		
	MTV	Fear Factor ©		The Challenge (N) ©		(9:02) Fear Factor ©	Challenge			
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©		Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live) ©		Chicago	The Loop (N)			
	NICK	Shaun the Sheep Movie (PG, ’15) *** ©				Full House	Full House	Friends ©		
OVATION	(6) Panic Room (R, ’02) ***		Executive Decision (R, ’96) *** Kurt Russell. *							
OWN	The Haves, Nots		The Haves, Nots (N)		The Book of John Gray	The Haves *				
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago *				
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master (N) ©	Clash *				
SYFY	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama *			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Detour (N) ©	Conan (N) *			
TCM	Father of the Bride (NR, ’50) ****		(8:45) Father’s Little Dividend *** ©		Love-Ever *					
TLC	Fat Fabulous (N)		(8:02) Counting On		Seeking Sister Wife ©	Fabulous *				
TLN	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Focus on Is	Like You	Sig. Insights	Tru News	Robison			
TNT	Get Hard (R, ’15) ** Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart. ©				(9:15) The Hangover Part II (*11) ***					
TOON	King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy *			
TRAV	Bizarre Foods (N) ©		Zimmern (N)	Zimmern (N)	Delicious	Delicious	Delicious			
TVL	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King			
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Unsolved-BIG (N)	Law-SVU *				
VH1	America’s Next Model (N)		America’s Next Model (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami	Hip Hop *				
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: “Precious.”		Law & Order: “Virtue.” ©	Law *				
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Bellevue (Season Finale) (N) ©	Messenger				
PREMIUM	HBO	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG, ’09) *** ©				(9:35) Here and Now *				
	HBO2	Real Time With Bill Maher	Last Week	Live by Night (R, ’16) ** Ben Affleck. © *						
	MAX	The Best Man (R, ’99) *** Taye Diggs. ©				(9:05) Almost Christmas (*16) ** © *				
	SHO	Shameless ©		HomeLand ©		The Chi ©	Toon Pres.			
	STARZ	(5:39) Finding Forrester		(7:58) Counterpart ©		(8:55) Shaft (R, ’00) *** © *				
	STZNC	Jay and Silent Bob		Save the Last Dance (PG-13, ’01) ** Julia Stiles. ©		Shallow *				

Holiday has evolved — in Chicago and in Ireland

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restraint; until the 1970s, Irish pubs were closed throughout the day. But by now it’s gotten a bit crazy there too.

America, which can claim the invention of green beer and the Shamrock Shake, has for a long time been lively on St. Patrick’s Day, with Chicago a particularly exuberant participant.

The idea of dumping green dye into our river started in 1962, the notion of the late Stephen Bailey, business manager of the Chicago Plumbers Union. He also wanted to paint the Wrigley Building green for the day, but the owners, wisely and understandably, did not take him up on that offer.

In the Wrigley Building there is now a Walgreens, and though other shops may stock St. Patrick’s Day goods, this one, given its proximity to the river soon to turn green, has a vast array of items available for sale and self-decoration, some of them merely ridiculous: gloves in varying shades of green, T-shirts, cowboy hats, caps and hats that come with beards attached; socks, stickers and bow ties; headbands, scarves, feather boas; glitter glasses and light-up glasses; hair clips and rubber ducks.

And, punctuating the sartorial stuff are shamrock-embazoned beer can holders (\$3.99) and shot glasses. Near those are displays of bottles of Jameson (an Irish whiskey) and Jack Daniel’s (which calls Tennessee home).

I certainly have nothing against drinking. For many years a group of friends and I would start St. Patrick’s Day at the bygone Elfmans delicatessen on State Street and then, proceeding north, stop for a drink at any bar we en-

countered, and that would have us, until only one of us was standing.

There is no question that the excessive drinking on St. Patrick’s Day is one of the reasons that people rail against the excesses of the holiday, arguing that booze and its attendant misbehavior gives fuel to the unjust drunken Irish stereotype.

I was talking about this recently with Liz Carroll, born here to Irish immigrant parents, and the best fiddle player on the planet.

She won’t be here Saturday. She’s playing with guitarist Jeff Moore in

“The holiday does now have a carnival spirit, and that is fine, but this is about so much more than green beer.”

— Bill Fraher, artistic director of Siamsa na nGael

Austin, Texas.

“I do think that some people consider Irish music merely music to get drunk to, to dance like crazy, to dance like crazy, to get bold and yell out the one Irish song they know, ‘When Irish Eyes Are Smiling.’ Or maybe ‘Danny Boy,’” says Carroll. “Now, I would never want to take away anyone’s having fun or get in the way of a good time, but there is a very rich and beautiful substance and variety to Irish music.”

Carroll is a memorable delight to see and hear (lizcarroll.com). She has often played in what is arguably the most enlightening (and entertaining) local celebration of what it means to be Irish. Siamsa na nGael (Gaelic for “a Celtic celebration”) has

taken place for the last 22 years around this time.

Created by the folks of Old St. Patrick’s Church, it has offered one-day-only performances that feature stories, songs, dancing and, dare we say, offers a deeper look than does a green plastic mustache at Irish culture.

“It is,” says one of the creators of the event and its current artistic director, Bill Fraher, who also serves as the director of concert choirs at Old St. Pat’s, “an opportunity to share the history and art of Ireland and explore how that has spread throughout the world. The holiday does now have a carnival spirit, and that is fine, but this is about so much more than green beer.”

Siamsa na nGael took place early this month, its theme exploring the relationship between Irishmen, who traveled together through Ireland in the 1840s as “drum majors for justice,” speaking out against oppression.

As mentioned, St. Patrick’s Day is Saturday, but do keep in mind that while Gaelic Park (chicago.gaelicpark.org) and the Irish American Heritage Center (irish-american.org) have activities aplenty on that day, each is also open year-round and has some notable upcoming celebrations: the former’s festival on May 25 and the latter’s from July 6-8.

But on Saturday, go ahead and do what you will, drink what you want, wear whatever you feel like wearing.

It is estimated that St. Patrick’s Day spending in the U.S. has climbed to more than \$4 billion annually, a figure sure to put smiles on the faces of tavern keepers and whoever it is who makes those green feather boas and light-up glasses.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 13): What do you want to learn this year? Study and explore. Strengthen friendships to get farther. Profits arise unexpectedly. Summer romance inspires your heart, leading to a quiet coordination phase to prepare for intensifying physical performance. Community and family win next winter.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Restrictions may get imposed on a group project. Use your good looks to avoid an argument. Charm a skeptic. Avoid risky business.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Grab an unexpected professional opportunity. You're making a good impression. Can you mix business and pleasure? Creative collaboration surges naturally in a social setting.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Good things come from unconsidered directions. Take a spontaneous trip or seminar. Investigate a hot lead. Visit interesting people and places.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Revise the budget to embrace an unscheduled opportunity. Provide creative solutions to handle responsibilities and take advantage of a chance to grow your enterprise simultaneously.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Do something fun with your partner. It could get romantic, even. Accommodate the needs of the youngest family member without sacrificing a quality connection.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Dig into a big job. Physical efforts provide satisfying results. Feed your body, mind and spirit. Smooth rough edges before showing your work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Settle into a relaxing spot to savor something (or someone) that calls to your heart. Love feeds your spirit. Socialize and play with interesting people.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Family has your focus. Save money, and cook at home. Try a new recipe; or get an old one from a long-distance connection. Use quality, simple ingredients.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Get the word out about a good cause. Your past work speaks well for you. Creativity comes easily. Express new ideas. Polish and edit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Your wallet grows fatter as you keep producing results. You have more than you thought. Stash some away before it evaporates.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Take charge to make things happen. You know what you want. Check for scheduling conflicts before compromising. Allocate resources. Be cool; you're attracting attention.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 6. Meditate on what your heart wants. Imagine your own version of paradise. What might you do? Where? And with whom? Invest in an investigation.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ AKQ953	♥ Q97	♠ 1062	♥ J1054
♦ 73	♣ 75	♦ 1094	♣ A94
South		West	
♠ 84	♥ K832	♠ Void	♥ A
♦ AQ8	♣ Q863	♦ KJ	♥ KJ
		♦ KJ	♥ KJ

The first Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships were contested in Manchester, England, in 2002. Today's deal is from a match in that event between teams from Australia and South Africa. South, for Australia, was Ishmael De'Monte, who today is a well-regarded professional player in the USA. He and his partner were playing the Moscoto System, developed by Paul Marston and popular in Australia. The one no trump response was natural, not forcing, with up to 11 points.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥*	Pass	1NT	2♦
2♠	Pass	3NT	All pass

*At least 4 spades, 9-14 points
Opening lead: Two of ♣

East won the opening club lead with the ace and shifted reasonably to the 10 of diamonds. A club return, instead, might have defeated the contract. De'Monte rose with his ace and led a low heart to dummy's queen, which West had to duck. Five rounds of spades followed, leaving this position:

North		East	
♠ 3	♥ 97	♠ Void	♥ J105
♦ 7	♣ 7	♦ 9	♥ 9
South		West	
♠ Void	♥ K	♠ Void	♥ A
♦ Q8	♣ Q8	♦ KJ	♥ KJ
		♦ KJ	♥ KJ

An ending of remarkable symmetry. Declarer discarded the king of hearts on the last spade and West was helpless. West chose to shed his ace of hearts, but De'Monte could now lead either minor and force West to give him the queen of the other minor for his ninth trick. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



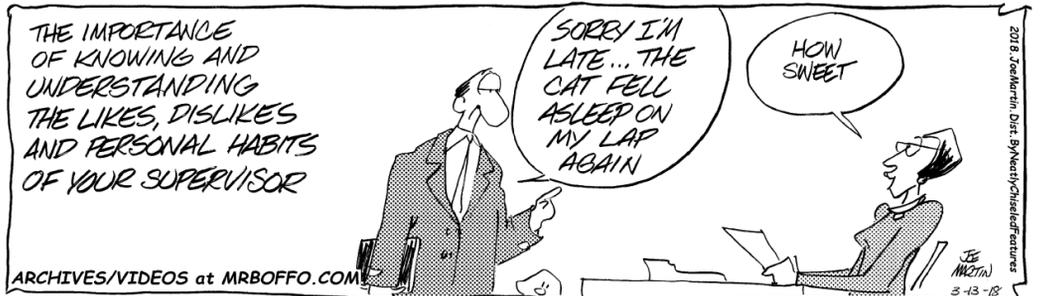
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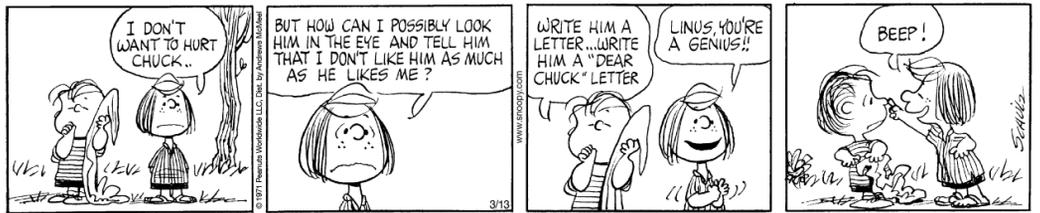
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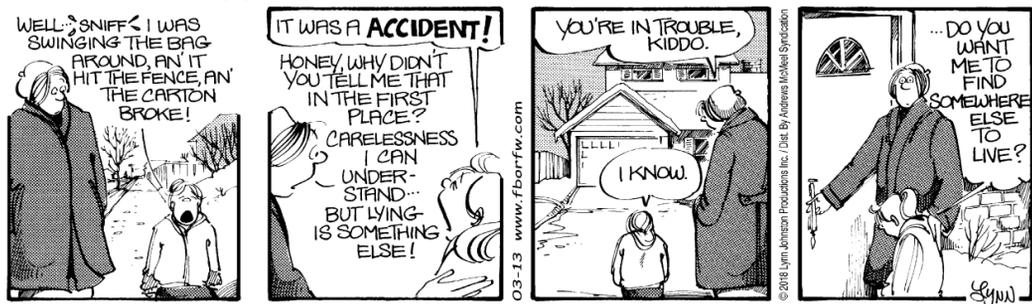
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Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



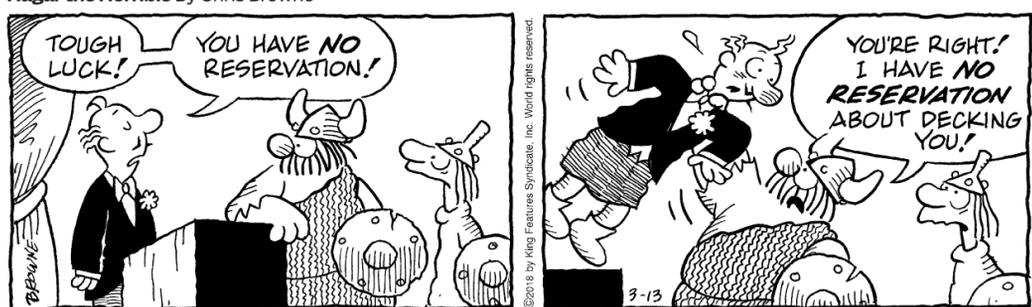
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Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



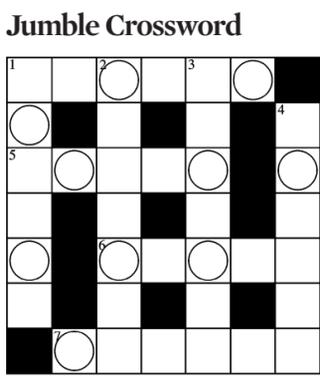
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

From 1952 to today, which company has won the most NASCAR Manufacturers' Championships?
 A) Chevrolet
 B) Chrysler
 C) Ford
 D) Pontiac
 Monday's answer: Chris Rock provided the voice of Marty the zebra in the "Madagascar" film franchise.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Paltry
 5. Recluse
 6. Clean
 7. Fortune-teller

CLUE DOWN
 1. Animosity
 2. Forgiveness
 3. Biggest
 4. ___ of Capricorn

ANSWER
 LAMSYE
 RELNO
 PESWE
 TYCIMS

ANSWER
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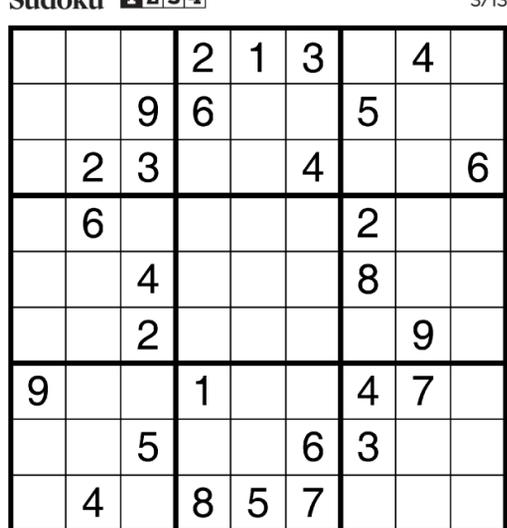
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: This brand dates back to the late 1800s.
BONUS ○○○○○ ○○○○○

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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8	4	5	2	7	3	1	9	6
9	1	3	8	6	4	7	5	2
2	7	6	5	1	9	3	4	8
3	6	4	7	8	1	9	2	5
7	5	9	4	2	6	8	1	3
1	2	8	3	9	5	4	6	7
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5	3	7	1	4	2	6	8	9
6	8	1	9	5	7	2	3	4

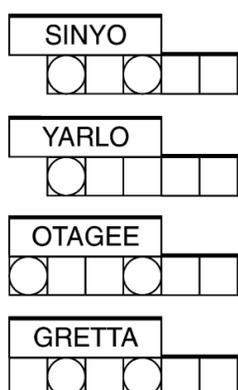
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



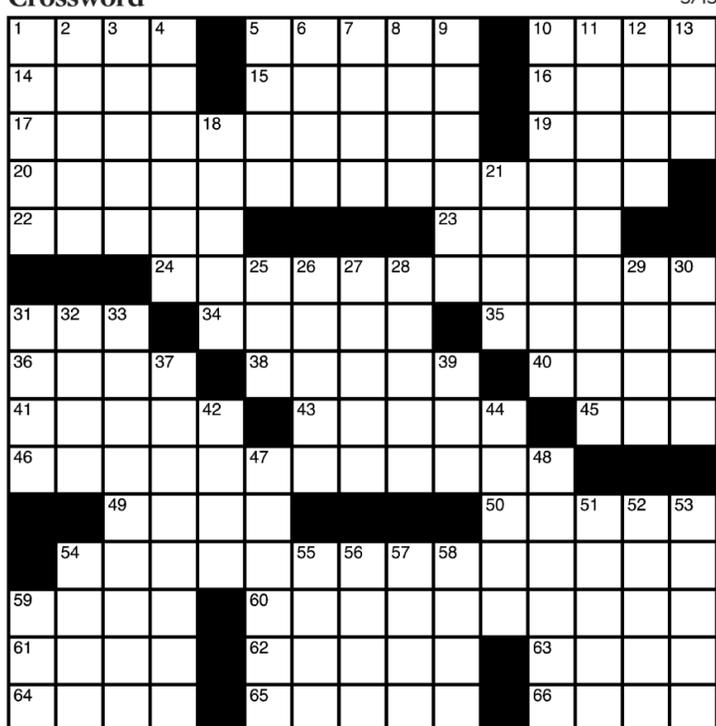
Monday's answers

Jumbles: ONION ROUND GATHER RUFFLE
 Answer: As she tried out for the cheerleading squad, her friends were — ROOTING FOR HER

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Crossword

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Across

- 1 Kind of guitar
- 5 Foul-smelling
- 10 Bouillabaisse, e.g.
- 14 Where the Jazz play
- 15 Dodge
- 16 Weighty book
- 17 Signed up, as to vote
- 19 Military group
- 20 113-gram sandwich, more or less
- 22 Sleeping woe
- 23 Like Oberlin College since it opened in 1833
- 24 About 1.8 meters deep
- 31 Watch pocket
- 34 Approaches
- 35 Mall unit
- 36 Word after New or teen
- 38 Hidden drug supply
- 40 Big gulp
- 41 Insurance case
- 43 TV ex-military group led by Hannibal Smith
- 45 Mario Bros. console

- 46 37.9-liter topper, roughly
- 49 Fatty liver spread
- 50 Hybrid pack animals
- 54 Proceed another 1.6 kilometers or so
- 59 Christmas tree topper's topper
- 60 Double-checked before cutting
- 61 Congregation's "I agree!"
- 62 Geometry calculations
- 63 Track assignment
- 64 Arnaz with two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
- 65 Toy truck brand
- 66 Old Russian leader

- 25 Ballot markings
- 26 Deadly
- 27 Muse for Shelley
- 28 German industrial city
- 29 Cleveland's lake
- 30 Govt. agency rules
- 31 Something known to be true
- 32 Eye rudely
- 33 Tall, skinny sorts
- 37 Tubular pasta
- 39 "So there!"
- 42 Course with squares and cubes
- 44 What babies create, and vice versa?
- 47 Eye rudely
- 48 Ruckus
- 51 Turkish coins
- 52 Kagan of the Supreme Court
- 53 Meal where the 10 Plagues of Egypt are recalled
- 54 Mario Bros., for one
- 55 Architect Saarinen
- 56 Magneto's enemies
- 57 Hardwood prized for outdoor furniture
- 58 Tabula ___
- 59 Owned

Down

- 1 Traditional Islamic garment
- 2 Thoroughly delighted in
- 3 Cosmologist Carl
- 4 Counties across the pond
- 5 Lavish party
- 6 At any time
- 7 Firewood protector
- 8 Logical beginning?
- 9 Subtract
- 10 They often have class
- 11 Softened, as rhetoric
- 12 Kuwaiti leader
- 13 Rainy
- 18 Wood finish
- 21 We, to one who says "oui"

Monday's solution



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