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Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt congratulates Loyola players after their 64-62 first-round upset of Miami in the NCAA tournament.

LOYOLA'S FACE TO THE WORLD

Ramblers' lovable chaplain, Sister Jean, 98, an 'international celebrity' — just ask her

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

On a sunny day between opening-round games of the NCAA men's basketball tournament in Dallas, Loyola's 98-year-old team chaplain, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, planned to go for a simple lunch down the street.

"We couldn't do it — everybody knows her," said Tom Hitchcock, the university's longtime senior associate athletic director for operations, who has been pushing Sister Jean's wheelchair during the tournament.

They were stopped so frequently by adoring fans on the sidewalk that it was nearly impossible to make it more than a few steps before another one approached. They opted to return to the

hotel for lunch.

Even at the hotel, people in town for a convention — not for basketball — knew Sister Jean. She's in so many selfies, she now prepares to pose.

"We picked up so many fans. I think they were happy for us."

— Loyola's 98-year-old team chaplain, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, on the Ramblers' success in the NCAA tournament

■ **David Haugh:** I wanted to know why anyone would tweet an obscenity at Sister Jean, so I asked. **Chicago Sports**

Ah, the life of a national celebrity.

Actually, let Sister Jean correct that. "International celebrity," she quipped to a TV news reporter Sunday. She mentioned being the subject of news segments in Mexico and Britain.

Darren Rovell, ESPN's sports business reporter, said Sister Jean has been tweeted about more than any other person connected with any team during the NCAA tournament. (Sorry, Donte Ingram and Clayton Custer, the Loyola players who hit game-winning shots in the first and second rounds.)

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Calls increase for Facebook policy hearings

Senators urge inquiry into firm's privacy protections

BY TONY ROMM
AND CRAIG TIMBERG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional calls for Facebook to testify on Capitol Hill grew louder and more bipartisan Monday, as lawmakers demanded that the tech giant explain how a data analytics firm that worked for President Donald Trump's campaign obtained names, "likes" and other personal information on 50 million people.

The increasingly sharp and personal tenor of the requests — many of which sought an appearance by CEO Mark Zuckerberg — raised the odds for a fresh round of potentially contentious hearings, following lawmakers' intense questioning of Facebook and two other technology companies last fall.

"While Facebook has pledged to enforce its policies to protect people's information, questions remain as to whether those policies are sufficient and whether Congress should take action to protect people's private information," wrote Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and John Kennedy, R-La., in a joint letter to Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Cambridge Analytica is under scrutiny after newspapers reported the firm obtained data on 50 million Facebook users without their knowledge to subject



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Two women allege that now-former Tronc Chairman Michael Ferro engaged in inappropriate sexual behavior when he was head of a Chicago investment firm.

Ferro steps down as chair of Tribune parent

Hours later, sex misconduct accusations published online

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Michael Ferro stepped down from the board of Tronc on Monday, hours before Fortune published a story online accusing him of inappropriate sexual behavior toward two women while in his previous role as head of a Chicago investment firm.

Ferro had been chairman of Tronc's board since February 2016, when he took a major stake in the Chicago-based newspaper chain that includes the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times and other publications.

The Fortune story alleges that in 2013,

Ferro engaged in inappropriate sexual behavior toward Kathryn Minshew, CEO and co-founder of The Muse, a career and job-search website. Ferro had invested in her startup a year earlier and had promised to invest more, Fortune said.

Minshew said Ferro forcefully kissed her after signing a \$750,000 capital infusion term sheet for The Muse at his corporate apartment in Chicago, according to Fortune.

In a separate incident, Hagan Kappler, an executive at manufacturing giant Ingersoll Rand, told Fortune that Ferro

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As trail's end nears, a day of last pitches

Candidates meet voters across the state on eve of hotly contested primaries

BY RICK PEARSON, KIM GEIGER AND JUAN PEREZ JR.
Chicago Tribune

Voters go to the polls Tuesday to decide Democratic and Republican nominees for the November general election, after a final day of campaigning saw candidates for governor, attorney general and Congress fan out across Illinois.

Precinct polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., and a preliminary forecast for the Chicago area predicts blustery winds for Election Day — symbolic of rhetoric-charged primary campaigns that have lasted a year or more.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner is seeking re-election amid a conservative challenge from state Rep. Jeanne Ives, a three-term lawmaker from Wheaton. Democratic voters are picking a candidate for governor among six candidates, including billionaire entrepreneur J.B. Pritzker, Kenilworth developer Chris Kennedy and Evanston state Sen. Daniel Biss.

And voters on the Southwest Side and in the southwest suburbs will choose whether Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski of Western Springs is on a path back to Washington or newcomer Marie Newman is set to take his place. Both Republicans and Democrats will pick attorney general nominees, too.

The candidates' final rushes for sup-

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Republicans rally around special counsel

But GOP leaders reject need for any bill to shield Mueller

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK,
ZEKE MILLER AND CHAD DAY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More Republicans are telling President Donald Trump in ever blunter terms to lay off his escalating criticism of special counsel Robert Mueller and the Russia probe. But party leaders are taking no action to protect Mueller, embracing a familiar strategy with the president — simply waiting out the storm.

Trump blistered Mueller and his investigation all weekend on Twitter and started in again on Monday, questioning the probe's legitimacy with language no recent president has used for a federal inquiry. "A total WITCH HUNT with massive conflicts of interest!" Trump tweeted.

Mueller is leading a criminal probe into whether Trump's 2016 presidential campaign had ties to Russia and whether there has been obstruction of justice since then.

Meanwhile, Trump appears set to act on another subject that has drawn bipartisan, even global, criticism: tariffs. The president is preparing to impose a package of \$60 billion in annual tariffs against Chinese products, following through on a longtime threat that he says will punish China for intellectual property theft and create more American jobs.

The tariff package, which Trump plans to unveil by Friday, was confirmed by four senior administration officials.

Senior aides had presented Trump with a \$30 billion tariff package that

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EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump voiced his disdain for the investigation into Russian meddling by calling it a witch hunt on Twitter.

Trump can stop the 'witch hunt' — by proving he's not a witch



REX W. HUPPKE

The week began, as so many do, with President Donald Trump using Twitter to voice his disdain for special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election and possible collusion between Russia and Trump's campaign: "A total WITCH HUNT with massive conflicts of interest!" That was, according to trump twitterarchive.com, a website that allows you to search all of Trump's tweets, the 26th time the president has tweeted the term "Witch Hunt" in relation to the Russia investigation.

Clearly, our very calm president is bothered by Mueller's investigation, which might explain why he keeps denouncing the FBI, the Department of Justice, Mueller, his own attorney general, the media, anyone who disagrees with him, and, I would guess, the dictionary for having the gall to include the word "collusion" on its pages.

It's all a witch hunt, you see. And that could be a good way for Trump to explain away the Mueller investigation, were it not for all the witches that keep getting caught.

Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos pleaded guilty to making false statements to the FBI. Former national security adviser Michael Flynn did the same. Former Trump campaign aide Rick Gates has taken a plea deal. Former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort has been indicted on charges of conspiracy, money laundering, false statements and a slew of other stuff. Thirteen Russians and three Russian companies have been indicted on

charges of conspiracy. Richard Pinedo of California pleaded guilty to identity theft in connection with the indictments of the Russians. And Alex van der Zwaan, a lawyer from London, pleaded guilty to making false statements to the FBI about contact he had with Gates.

That's a lot of witches. It's like a coven-and-a-half.

But still, Trump persists. WITCH HUNT!!

Clearly, the president doesn't care about all these other witches. He cares about himself, because he is the only person who can make America great again and usher in a new era of magnificent Trumpsperity.

So by calling the Mueller investigation a witch hunt, President Trump directly implies that he sees himself as the witch who is being hunted.

That leaves him with two options:

1. Allow the Mueller investigation to continue, free from presidential influence or pressure, and accept the results.

2. Prove that he is not a witch, and thus should not be hunted.

Clearly, option No. 1 is lame and not going to happen. We can't have a president projecting weakness by sitting around waiting for justice to be served.

to a report on the History Channel's website, "Medieval wisdom held that witches were incapable of speaking scripture aloud, so accused sorcerers were made to recite selections from the Bible — usually the Lord's Prayer — without making mistakes or omissions." So if Trump can stand before a live studio audience and recite the Lord's Prayer perfectly, he is not a witch and the Mueller investigation must end.

The Witch's Mark: For this test, Trump would have to be stripped of all clothing and publicly examined for any witch-related skin markings. If the president did, in fact, make a pact with Satan — as all witches do, of course — it likely would have left some form of sore, scar or other mark. It's quite possible this test, if televised, would not be as much of a ratings bonanza.

Dunking: This seems like the second-best option for Trump after the Prayer Test. All he would need to do is strip down to his undergarments and then allow someone to throw him into a large body of water with a rope tied around his waist. (I believe former FBI Director James Comey would be a good candidate to do the Trump tossing.) Per the History Channel: "Since witches were believed to have spurned the sacrament of baptism, it was thought that the water would reject their body and prevent them from submerging."

If the president floats, he's a witch. If he's not a witch, he would sink like a stone and Comey would pull him back up.

Hopefully.

Any one of these tests would accomplish far more than Trump's incessant tweeting about witch hunts. If there's no witch, there can be no hunt.

C'mon, Mr. President. Time to put this business to rest.

Are you a witch worth hunting? Or a mere human who can't stay afloat?

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"If the president did, in fact, make a pact with Satan — as all witches do, of course — it likely would have left some form of sore, scar or other mark."

So the only choice is No. 2. The president must prove he's not a witch.

I've researched tried-and-true methods of witch testing and am happy to present several sensible approaches Trump can take to clear his name and stop this senseless witch hunt right in its tracks.

The Prayer Test: This would be one of the easiest paths, and it could be televised, meaning a possible ratings bonanza for the president. According

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BY KIM JANSEN, TRACY SWARTZ AND PHIL THOMPSON



Tennis greats Rod Laver, from left, John McEnroe and Roger Federer hold court Monday at Millennium Park to promote the upcoming Laver Cup.

Why is Roger Federer in Chicago? And why was he playing tennis next to The Bean?

Roger Federer, the world's top-ranked tennis player, was in Chicago on Monday for the first time to help kick off the countdown to September's Laver Cup.

Organizers spent Monday morning setting up a small tennis court next to Millennium Park's Cloud Gate sculpture. Federer, who had arrived in Chicago around noon, volleyed with world No. 20 **Nick Kyrgios** of Australia on the court around 2 p.m.

"Very excited to be here in Chicago for the very first time," Federer said at The Bean. "Nice and cold. But it's all good. That's what we came for and (to) order a deep-dish pizza so we're warm on the inside."

The 36-year-old Swiss native explained how he's never had occasion to grace the city before.

"I don't want to say you always go to the same places (on tour), but when there's not a tournament in town, it's hard to go to some times unless you plan a vacation," Federer said. "And usually when I come to America ... I go to New York, I go to Indian Wells (Calif.), I go to Miami, I go to Cincinnati."

"And the next thing you know ... you haven't been in a few places you've actually wanted to go to. And Chicago's definitely one of the places I've wanted to come to, and then let alone play as well, and so now this year I'll get both, which I'm very excited."

To promote the Laver Cup, Federer was joined by Kyrgios, **Mayor Rahm Emanuel**, American great **John McEnroe** and **Rod Laver**, the tournament's namesake and Australian legend.

Event presenter and NBC Sports journalist **Mike Tirico** predicted it would be "dangerous" for Federer to hand over the microphone to McEnroe, and tennis' bad boy emeritus didn't disappoint.

"First of all, it's great to be in this tremendous city of Chicago — almost as great as New York," he said to groans. "I had to say that. I'm sorry. C'mon, you know I spent my whole life in New York."

The Laver Cup, an all-star tennis tournament similar to golf's Ryder Cup, will take place Sept. 21-23 at the United Center. For the second year, McEnroe will serve as captain of Team World, and Team Europe's captain will be **Bjorn Borg**.

— Phil Thompson

St. Patrick's Day tweet targets teens

Alderman: 'Drunk suburban kids' used downtown as toilet

Ald. **Brendan Reilly** would doubtless hate the comparison, but one thing he has in common with President **Donald Trump** is a readiness to lob bombs on Twitter.

While most of his City Council colleagues play it safe (and dull) on social media, the 42nd Ward alderman lets it all hang out, often going after the president himself.

But Reilly took a break from his criticism of Trump on Sunday to pick on a new target: "suburban kids" who can't handle their booze.

"My thanks to Streets & Sanitation for cleaning-up the disgusting mess St. Patrick's Day brought to downtown Chicago," he tweeted Sunday morning. "No thanks to the thousands of drunk suburban kids who used our neighborhoods like a giant toilet bowl. Never ending cab horns from 1A-5A were a nice touch as well."

On Monday, Reilly was busy campaigning for **Chris Kennedy**, among the Democrats hoping to win his party's nod in the Democratic primary, and did not respond to requests for comment, meaning we do not know how he identified the downtown drunks, or their excretions, as suburban.

We suspect the explanation would be amusing, if not entirely reliable.

— Kim Janssen



Hannibal Buress, shown in 2015, turned an email from Loyola officials about performance guidelines into a comedy segment Saturday.

Buress' sex-abuse bit silenced at Loyola gig

The weekend was not entirely sweet for Loyola University Chicago students. **Hannibal Buress'** Saturday night show at Loyola, a Jesuit Catholic university, was almost cut short after the 35-year-old Chicago comedian made a joke referencing sexual abuse of children in the Catholic Church, attendees confirmed to the Tribune.

Buress was to perform a stand-up set as part of Loyola's annual Colossus show, put on in the Gentile Arena by the university's student-run Department of Programming. He opened the set by projecting an email from Loyola about guidelines for the performance, including content restrictions regarding rape, sexual assault, race, sexual orientation/

gender and illegal drugs. He then made a joke connecting the rules to the Catholic Church's history of child abuse. And the microphone went out.

According to attendees, Buress tried to then perform without a mic, but background music in the arena was turned up and the lights went on. He eventually left the stage. Boos and calls for refunds from the audience followed. Campus safety officers took up places throughout the arena.

"They pretty much shut it down," said William Hansberry, a Loyola freshman.

Buress returned after a break to finish his set, continuing to joke about the content restrictions.

As reported by the Loyola Phoenix, Student Development administrators made the decisions during the show.

A statement from Loyola to the Tribune on Monday afternoon said, in part: "Loyola University Chicago cut the mic on Hannibal Buress' performance Saturday, March 17, because he violated the mutually agreed upon content restriction clause in his contract. Buress eventually returned to the stage and completed his set."

In a since-deleted tweet, sent Saturday night, Buress said, "Weird way to celebrate sweet 16." He responded to Tribune questions with an email that only included an expressionless emoji.

— Morgan Greene

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Four more years? Weak Dems could let Rauner back in



DAHLEEN GLANTON

There's a good chance that a man who managed to accomplish barely anything significant during his first four years in office could be re-elected Illinois governor.

How did we end up in such a precarious position?

It's the Democrats' fault.

At a time when Republican

Bruce Rauner is so vulnerable that he's facing a lofty challenge from within his own party, Democrats J.B. Pritzker, Chris Kennedy and Daniel Biss have failed to get voters revved up enough to go running to the polls.

On the day of the Illinois primary, many Democrats will still be mulling which of the three candidates has the least amount of baggage and can beat Rauner in the general election should the incumbent win Tuesday.

The question of defeating Rauner in November shouldn't be a factor this year. Even Republicans are hard-pressed to come up with a strong enough argument for re-electing him — other than the fact that he's a Republican.

For four years, Rauner has been a disappointment to put it nicely and a failure to say it bluntly. He burst onto the scene as a moderate Republican with no political experience, vowing to "shake up Springfield."

In other words, he was going to kick Democratic House Speaker Mike Madigan's butt. Even some Democrats fell for his spiel. Almost immediately, Rauner showed his true colors by trying to balance the state budget on the backs of low-income residents.

The result was a more than two-year budget impasse that crippled the state financially, nearly shuttered state universities and community colleges and depleted social services and other programs that provide support to the state's most vulnerable residents.

Now Rauner is asking voters to give him a chance for a do-over, even though he still insists on placing the blame for his failures on Democrats rather than his inability to govern effectively. Meanwhile, Madigan's butt is still intact.

That alone should be enough for most Republicans to say, "good riddance." But that's their concern. We're here to talk about the Democrats.

Democrats started out with more than enough ammunition to make Rauner a one-terminer. But their own flawed campaigns have managed to overshadow many of the Republicans' shortcomings.

The funny thing about primaries held during presidential midterms is that voters need a candidate who excites them enough to turn out en masse. Barring that, they at least have to have a candidate they think can eventually go all the way.

Pritzker and Kennedy, in particular, are flawed, albeit in different ways.

In the worst irony, Pritzker's problem is that he has started to remind us too much of Donald Trump. It's not that his political style is similar to Trump's, but Pritzker's ethical qualities are starting to appear questionable.

Recently, a Tribune investigation revealed that Pritzker and his relatives have taken steps in the last decade to build up their offshore financial structure, raising questions about whether shell accounts have been used to shelter him from paying his fair share of taxes.

But Pritzker's most damaging flaw, perhaps, has to do with his trustworthiness. In an FBI wiretap of a 2008 conversation with then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Pritzker was heard discussing African-Americans as if we were just pawns in the hands of Democrats.

African-Americans have heard that kind of talk a lot lately, mostly from Trump. One of the things many black people detest about Trump is that he routinely dismisses the contributions that blacks and other minorities make to America. He implies that we drain from society and have nothing of value to give back.

Trump often portrays blacks as unable to think for ourselves, as a group that blindly follows the Democratic Party wherever it leads us. And in return, we only expect a few crumbs.

Without saying it outright, Pritzker seemed to agree. His conversation with Blagojevich about who to appoint to Barack Obama's empty Senate seat reeked of tokenism, disrespect and dismissiveness toward African-Americans.

Kennedy's biggest drawback is that he's just too boring. His lack of energy in this campaign has even turned away voters who were likely to have cast their ballot for him on name recognition alone.

In that respect, he is the Al Gore of the Illinois governor's race. Remember in 2000 when Gore lost the presidency to George W. Bush? One of the biggest gripes that Democrats had about him was that he didn't excite the base.

A Pew Research Center poll conducted during the campaign asked voters to use one word that best described Gore. The word most Americans came up with was "boring." The same could easily be said of Kennedy.

Kennedy simply lacks the charismatic appeal of his uncle John F. Kennedy or the political exuberance of his father, Bobby Kennedy.

Beyond that, he has yet to convince voters that he really wants the job.

That leaves Biss. With less name recognition and even less money than the other two candidates, Biss has tried to promote a progressive platform that, for the most part, relies on young people to lift him over the top. Young people, however, are fickle voters. He'd have a tough job convincing the more seasoned voters that his platform championing the working class is anything more than just wishful thinking.

So here we are on Election Day, many of us with no idea what we're going to do once we enter the voting booth. But somehow — at least I hope — we'll figure it out.

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Michelle Jones-Vincent, center, whose son Terrell Jones was killed Saturday, is supported by family members Monday.

Weekend attacks claim lives of 2 city workers

City records 100th homicide of year with 454 total shot

BY ELVIA MALAGON AND ELYSSA CHERNEY
Chicago Tribune

Darnell Simmons, a long-time city worker, was walking out of a West Side store with his teenage son and another boy when gunfire erupted.

Simmons pushed his son out of the way and then fell to the ground, according to an account from the teen relayed through Simmons' cousin, Dedrick Wilborn.

"He said he thought his daddy tripped," Wilborn said Monday.

But Simmons, who police believe was not the intended target, had been hit by bullets in the chest and shoulder. He was later pronounced dead at Stroger Hospital.

The fatal shooting took place less than 24 hours after another city worker, Terrell Jones, was shot dead while riding in a Chevrolet Equinox with his cousin during an apparent road rage incident in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.

The weekend shootings helped push the number of 2018 homicide victims to 100, according to data kept by the Tribune.

"These are the types of incidents that keep all of us up at night," Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said at a news conference Monday. "And I promise you, we'll do everything that we can to bring these individuals responsible to justice."

The city's 100th homicide came just hours after Simmons was shot. A 36-year-old man was sitting in a car in the 5400 block of West Division Street when five people walked up and opened fire about 8:45 p.m. Sunday, police said.

The city recorded its 100th homicide of the calendar year in the final week of February in 2016 and 2017, according to data kept by the Tribune. At least 454 people have been shot in Chicago so far this year, a lower number than at this time in 2016 and 2017.

Simmons was shot at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of North Central Avenue, about a mile away from where he lived, police said. He was on his way to take one of his two teenage sons to the airport, said Debra Wilborn, an aunt who helped raise Simmons. The teen, who lives in Texas, was visiting Simmons during his spring break.

The family thinks Simmons might have stopped at

the store to buy a lottery ticket. Dedrick Wilborn got a frantic call from Simmons' son and rushed to the scene. He tried to get to his cousin, but officers held him back from the ambulance.

"He wasn't by himself, we loved him," Dedrick Wilborn said.

Simmons worked for more than 20 years as a laborer for the Streets and Sanitation Department, according to Laborers Local 1001.

"Darnell worked, took care of his kids and played lottery," Debra Wilborn said.

Jones, who was a member of the same union, was gunned down about 10:30 p.m. Saturday in the 4900 block of South Ashland Avenue.

A cousin, who also works for the city, was driving Jones home when they decided to take a shortcut down Ashland to avoid traffic on Interstate 290, said Ernest Leggs, Jones' brother.

The men noticed a dark-colored SUV was following them. Two men got out of the SUV and opened fire, striking Jones multiple times, Chicago police said.

Jones was taken to Stroger Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His cousin, 27, was grazed on the right hand.

Chicago police characterized the shooting as a possible incident of road rage.

On Monday, the family announced a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in Jones' death, according to community activist Andrew Holmes.

"I just want people to know that this was senseless," Leggs said. "And they need to turn themselves in or speak up. (The shooters) have ruined so many lives."

Jones graduated from Harper High School, Leggs said, and the union said he had worked for the city for about five years. He was married and had 3-year-old twins — a boy and a girl — and a 9-year-old son.

Michelle Jones-Vincent, Jones' mother, said her son often ran errands for relatives and was a family man whose children would run up to greet him when he got home.

Leggs said his brother was looking forward to a raise at work and wanted to save up for a vacation to Disney World.

"I'm still in shock — for him to be taken away," Jones-Vincent said as she began crying. "This is not just no nobody."

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Female officer's sex discrimination lawsuit is 2nd against CPD in a week

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After acing an aptitude test three years ago, veteran Chicago police Officer Maureen Bresnahan thought she was well-positioned for a promotion to the department's elite Bomb Squad, even though the 11-member unit hadn't included a woman for years.

But her superiors had other ideas, a federal lawsuit alleges. After a round of interviews, they rejected Bresnahan's application, writing in an evaluation form that she was "best suited for clerical" work, according to the suit, filed Monday.

Meanwhile, two male officers who had the same score on the written test were put on the promotions list, even though one had been accused of beating his fiancee and another received only tepid reviews in the in-person interviews, the suit said.

Bresnahan's federal discrimination lawsuit alleges "systematic discrimination" against women who seek positions in the Special Functions Division, a collection of specialty units including the Bomb Squad, Marine and Helicopter Unit, and ultimately demoted by the boss of the Special Functions Division, Deputy Chief Steve Geor-

gan, because he didn't want to see a woman in her post.

While those allegations focused mainly on the actions of Georagan, the lawsuit filed by Bresnahan alleged a much more widespread culture of discrimination that could have a far-reaching impact on how the department fills positions in Special Functions.

Bresnahan, the valedictorian of her Police Academy class who has a master's degree in education, was a 10-year veteran of the force at the time she applied for the job with the Bomb Squad. According to the suit, Bresnahan and two male officers scored the highest of all 130 candidates on a written aptitude test designed to evaluate mechanical and electrical skills. She later passed a physical fitness test, using only half of the allotted time, according to the suit.

"How does the city justify using this set of procedures when this is the result?" Willenson said. "Because it's hard to imagine clearer evidence of discrimination than this."

A spokeswoman for the city's Law Department said Monday that she could not comment because the city had not yet been served with the lawsuit.

The litigation comes on the heels of a separate suit filed last week by Chicago police Lt. Alison Schloss, who alleged she was removed from her command of the Marine and Helicopter Unit, and ultimately demoted by the boss of the Special Functions Division, Deputy Chief Steve Geor-

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About 75 candidates who passed the aptitude test were then interviewed by three evaluators: Sgt. James Egan, who heads the Bomb Squad; an officer under his command; and an FBI agent "invited by the city to participate in the promotions process," the suit said.

In his interview, one of the male officers who had scored the same as Bresnahan on the written exam — identified only as Candidate

53 — was asked to describe a time when he "had to make a quick decision based on information available at the moment" — a key criterion of the bomb technician position, the suit alleges.

The officer, who had spent the previous five years in a desk job with the police News Affairs office, cited his arrest for domestic violence against his then-fiancée, saying that "in hindsight, (he) would have reacted in a different direction and had learned from the incident," the lawsuit says, quoting from the interviewer's notes.

The male officer was recommended for the promotion, the lawsuit says. Notes from a worksheet filled out by his evaluators said he "lacks experience/training, but has the intelligence to learn."

Bresnahan, meanwhile, also got high marks for her intelligence in her one-on-one interviews. But instead of being recommended for a promotion, she was given notice that she'd been cut, the lawsuit alleges.

"Best suited for clerical, office," the notes on the evaluation worksheet read, according to the suit.

It was followed by a notation reading "DNR," short for "do not recommend."

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A bullet that went through the wall of a Chatham neighborhood building in May 2014 killed teacher Betty Howard.

Trial opens in 2014 slaying of teacher caught in gang shooting

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
Chicago Tribune

Clashing attorneys on the first day of a murder trial Monday both described Betty Howard, a special education teacher fatally shot four years ago in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood, as "a pillar of the community."

The agreement ended there, though.

In opening statements, Assistant State's Attorney Ashley Romito told jurors that Dominique Hodrick was in a nearby apartment building "stewing" that day in May 2014 about gang rivals on the block. He then stepped outside to fire at a car "that doesn't belong there, and that is a capital offense in his world," she said.

"Those bullets ... traveled right into Kale Realty across the street," Romito said at the trial in the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

Howard, a teacher at high-achieving Gwen- dolyne Brooks Preparatory Academy, was killed while

dropping off paperwork at her second job at the real estate office in the 700 block of East 79th Street.

Shots fired from outside ripped through the wall of the office, fatally striking Howard. The bullets also grazed one of Howard's co-workers and a woman walking her Shih Tzu outside.

Romito told jurors that surveillance footage showed Hodrick in the nearby apartment building before and after the shooting. He can be seen in the video with a gun after the shooting, she said.

Arrested more than a week later, Hodrick told police in a recorded interview that he knew rumors were circulating that he killed the "old lady," but he was fearful to come forward, prosecutors said in court documents.

He admitted firing a gun,

according to the filings, but insisted his bullets hit a car he was targeting, not Howard.

Hodrick's lawyer, Bernard Shelton, said his client told police the shooting took place after he saw "someone driving down the street that assaulted him in the past, fired (at) him in the past."

Shelton told jurors that Hodrick's interview with police exposed the biggest weakness in the prosecution case: Hodrick told them he had a .22-caliber gun, but a 9 mm killed Howard.

The fatal shot must have come from someone else, Shelton said, perhaps even from someone in the car Hodrick was targeting.

"This is a chaotic scene, it's a horrible scene," Shelton said. "But the shot that killed (Howard) did not

come from Dominique Hodrick, did not come from a .22-caliber gun," Shelton said.

The trial finally began Monday after nearly four years of legal wrangling and repeated delays. Hodrick took his place at the defense table, leaning forward with his hands clasped on the table in front of him and occasionally taking notes.

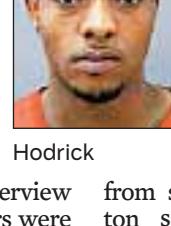
During about 2 1/2 hours of jury selection, many potential jurors were asked where they attended high school or whether their children went to public or private schools — likely an attempt at assessing their sympathies for a Chicago Public Schools teacher.

While in custody in 2014, Hodrick picked up a second murder charge in the 2012 slaying of a 17-year-old boy in the 7900 block of South Drexel Boulevard, not far from where Howard was killed. He is still awaiting trial on those charges.

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Howard



Hodrick



Pastor removed from St. John Cantius parish amid investigation

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

The Rev. C. Frank Phillips, founder of a religious order of men and pastor at the storied St. John Cantius Catholic Parish, was removed last week by the Archdiocese of Chicago amid an investigation into allegations of improper conduct with adult men, according to church officials.

In a statement to parishioners, Cardinal Blase Cupich explained that he had made the decision to "withdraw" Phillips after learning "of credible allegations of improper conduct involving adult men." Anne Maselli, a spokeswoman for the archdiocese, said in an email that the allegations do not involve any minors.

Phillips is barred from performing any priestly duties, including administering the sacraments. Phillips is a priest within the religious order of the Congregation of the Resurrection,

which will further investigate the allegations, according to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The parish is at 825 N. Carpenter St. in the Goose Island neighborhood. Phillips will also have to move to a location determined by his order.

"I am aware that this is difficult news to receive, but the Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to ensuring those serving our parishioners are fit for ministry," Cupich said in a statement.

"Know that this decision was made after careful consideration. I will continue to pray for you and am confident the Lord will sustain the St. John Cantius community as you make this transition."

Phillips had been with the parish since 1988, and it has become well-known in

the archdiocese for traditional services in Latin and English. In 1998, Phillips founded the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius as a religious community of men who devote their lives to the church and live under "the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience," according to the Cantians' website. The men follow traditions similar to those of the Franciscans, Dominicans and Jesuits. The group falls under the Archdiocese of Chicago, Maselli said.

The Canons Regular of St. John Cantius was first approved by Cardinal Francis George, according to the church's website.

"The preservation of the traditional Catholic art and the Catholic music are a means of evangelizing to people," Phillips told the Tribune in 2000. "The sacred arts should draw the hearts of individuals closer to God."

The Canons Regular will now be supervised by the Rev. Scott Thelander, who will also serve as administrator of the church, according to the statement. Services at the church are expected to continue as scheduled.

The removal of Phillips has left parishioners stunned, said David Carollo, a longtime member of St. John Cantius. He credited Phillips with helping the Canons Regular grow through the years.

Carollo said he believes Phillips is innocent and will be cleared of any wrongdoing. He thinks that is especially true because of the code Phillips and the other men involved in the order live by.

"This doesn't fit the man I know," Carollo said.

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Tyshawn Lee's slaying resulted from a gang feud stretching back years, authorities said.

Feds say gun used in boy's slaying was trafficked by suspect's brother

BY JASON MEISNER
Chicago Tribune

The gun used to kill 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee in a gang-related ambush in 2015 was shipped to Chicago as part of a weapons trafficking scheme run by a brother of one of the alleged killers, federal prosecutors revealed in court Monday.

Anthony Morgan, 31, was charged last week with trafficking eight guns to Chicago through a purchaser in New Mexico.

One of the those guns — a 40-caliber Smith & Wesson — was allegedly used by an accomplice of Morgan's brother Corey to kill Tyshawn, a shooting described by a federal prosecutor in court Monday as one of the most "heinous" crimes in Chicago in recent memory.

In asking that Anthony Morgan be detained pending trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney James Durkin also said that a second gun from the trafficking scheme was used in a killing in January 2016 on West Belle Plaine Avenue.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole denied the request to hold Morgan, instead placing him on home confinement under the custody of his mother.

Morgan works for the U.S. Postal Service, according to a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office.

Tyshawn's slaying resulted from a gang feud stretching back years, authorities have said. It reached a critical point in mid-October 2015 when the Morgans' other brother, Tracey, 25, was shot and killed shortly after leaving a mandatory parolee meeting with Chicago police on the South Side.

The Morgans' mother, who was in the car with her son, was wounded in the attack, authorities have said.

A few weeks later, Corey Morgan and two other gang members were out looking for revenge when they spotted Tyshawn, a fourth-grader at Joplin Elementary School, walking to his grandmother's house after playing basketball in the park, police and prosecutors have said. Tyshawn was the son of Pierre Stokes, who was suspected in the shooting that killed Tracey Morgan.

The alleged gunman, Dwight Boone-Doty, chatted with the boy, bouncing his basketball for a time, authorities alleged. He then lured him into the alley in the 8000 block of South Damen Avenue, telling the

boy he would take him to the store and buy him anything he wanted, prosecutors said. At the T in the alley, Boone-Doty turned and faced Tyshawn before he shot him repeatedly, the charges alleged.

Corey Morgan, Boone-Doty and a third man, Kevin Edwards, are all awaiting trial on first-degree murder charges.

The federal charges against Anthony Morgan alleged that he used Walmart money transfers to pay a gun buyer in New Mexico — identified only as Individual A — to ship the guns through the U.S. mail.

One of the guns bought by Morgan was used in the Jan. 8, 2016, slaying of Pablo Ulloa, 25, after an incident at an apartment building in the 1900 block of West Belle Plaine Avenue, a few blocks from Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Ravenswood neighborhood home.

Authorities said at the time that Ulloa was killed after he pulled out a gun and began shooting. No charges were filed because the man who shot Ulloa acted in self-defense, a police spokesman said at the time.

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Governor candidate Daniel Biss speaks at a rally at Chicago Theater Works on Monday.



Governor candidate Chris Kennedy at Chicago's Moody Tongue Brewing Co. on Monday.



Governor candidate J.B. Pritzker speaks at Jimmy's Bar in West Peoria on Monday.

Candidates make final push

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port came as hundreds of thousands of voters across Illinois have already made their decisions. Chicago Board of Election Commissioners Chairwoman Marisel Hernandez said some 86,000 early voters had visited dozens of Chicago sites to cast ballots as of Sunday evening, a tally that's well ahead of previous midterm primaries.

Cook County Clerk David Orr said more than 100,000 early voting ballots were in from the suburbs. Democrats requested close to 80 percent of them. "That is unusual. My guess is just there's far more enthusiasm in the Democratic races," Orr said. "I don't think it's necessarily Republicans not voting, or voting in the Democratic primary, I think there's simply more enthusiasm because of the contests."

"I can safely say, I think turnout will be considerably higher than four years ago," he said. "But we're not 100 percent sure here, whether or not these people are just getting it out of the way."

On primary eve, Rauner continued to accuse Democrats of trying to influence the election in Ives' favor with a half-million-dollar TV ad campaign from the Democratic Governors Association.

"They know they can beat Ives, they want Ives to win," Rauner said as he criticized the group for "trying to interfere in this primary."

Rauner himself has attempted to influence the Democratic race for governor. He's run TV ads criticizing Pritzker and playing up the Democratic candidate's 2008 phone conversation with now-imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. Asked to square his criticism of the DGA ads with his own actions, Rauner said there was a "completely different dynamic, completely different manipulation of the political process" at play with the Democrats.

"You haven't heard me say, 'Hey, Biss is too liberal.' You haven't seen me say, 'Vote Kennedy,'" Rauner said, contending that his anti-Pritzker ads are instead intended to undermine what he views as a primary process that's

been "rigged" by House Speaker Michael Madigan. Ives, meanwhile, held an event in Trump Tower, where she talked about her support for President Donald Trump, a name Rauner routinely avoids.

"I am part of the reform wing of the Republican Party and, you know what? The best part about Donald Trump is he stands for

draining the swamp in Washington, D.C., and there's no bigger swamp that needs to be drained in state capitals than the one in Springfield, and I stand for that," Ives said.

Ives said she believes her conservative message is resonating with voters around the state.

"A primary is a clarifying event," she said. "And a primary is where you hold elected officials accountable in your own party. And there's been no bigger traitor to the Republican Party and the principles we stand on than Bruce Rauner."

On the Democratic side, Pritzker traveled through northwest and central Illinois, attending get-out-the-vote events at union offices along with state AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan.

Kennedy attended a Chicago rally along with Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia and asset manager Fritz Kaegi, who is challenging Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios, who also serves as county Democratic chairman. Garcia is seeking the nomination to replace U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez against Logan Square community activist Sol Flores and Chicago police Sgt. Richard Gonzalez.

Biss spent Monday morning greeting commuters at Red Line stops on the North Side before holding an evening rally in the city.

In a congressional race that has gotten national attention, Lipinski greeted commuters at the Oak Lawn Metra station, then headed to a grocery store in the Garfield Ridge neighborhood to shake



Ives



Rauner

hands, according to his campaign. In the early afternoon he talked to veterans in Garfield Ridge, and he planned to spend the rest of the afternoon canvassing.

Lipinski's challenger, Newman, joined volunteers at her campaign headquarters to make phone calls to prospective voters, then headed to Oak Lawn to shake hands outside a polling place.

Statewide, eight Democrats are running to replace Attorney General Lisa Madigan after she declined to run for reelection. Former Gov. Pat Quinn joined the race, setting up a race to stop him among state Sen. Kwame Raoul, attorney Sharon Fairley, state Rep. Scott Drury, former federal prosecutor Renato Mariotti, former public defender Aaron Goldstein, Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering and former Park District President Jesse Ruiz.

On the Republican side, Urbana attorney and former Miss America Erika Harold has won the backing of Rauner and the Illinois Republican Party. She's opposed by DuPage County Board member Gary Grasso, who has questioned her ability to be independent of Rauner.

And county board seats are up. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle faces a primary challenge from former Ald. Bob Fioretti.

Chicago and Cook County election officials said hundreds of attorneys, field representatives and other investigators would monitor Tuesday's election for potential problems. "We don't expect trouble, but whenever you've got really hot, contested elections — and we do have them, and people's lives are at stake here — people get a little excited," Orr said.

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Loyola's face to world

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NBC's "Access" interviewed the California native Monday and called her the "biggest star of the tournament."

In an interview via Skype with the entertainment program, she deflected praise and lauded the team: "I think the stardom rests with the coach and with the team. I'm sort of in the background doing the hard pushing. They're the ones that do the playing and get the credit."

Sister Jean plans to travel again with the 11th-seeded Ramblers to the Sweet 16 in Atlanta, where they will face No. 7 seed Nevada on Thursday night in a South Region semifinal.

"We picked up so many fans," she told reporters Sunday at Gentile Arena. "I think they were happy for us."

Loyola's popularity during this tournament isn't due only to dramatic shots and impressive upsets. Sister Jean, the team chaplain since 1994, has had a TV camera trained on her during games and has been mic'd up for her pregame prayers.

A former player and coach, she knows her basketball and provides comforting words and feedback to players after each game.

She grew up in San Francisco and joined the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary convent in Iowa after high school. She returned to California, where she taught school and coached basketball for 20 years before taking a teaching job in 1961 at Mundelein College.

"And when I saw them there, I just became so

emotional. ... That shows the spirit of Loyola, and we want to continue that."

Loyola has received dozens of national media requests for Sister Jean. Local reporters are rushing to catch up with a woman who has been a campus icon for decades.

A Loyola student started a petition to get Sister Jean on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." As of Monday, more than 2,300 people had signed it.

Sister Jean, who lives in a freshman dormitory, is popular at Loyola but isn't treated like a novelty. She's just beloved.

Cheerleaders wave to her. Students pop in for chats at her office in the student center. Campus administrators recognize her for her years of selfless service to the community. Athletes from multiple sports shower her with hugs.

"You brought that magic," Custer told her on the court at the American Airlines Center after the Ramblers beat Miami.

Sister Jean said she will continue to pray for the well-being of the players and, yes, for more Loyola victories.

And she'll enjoy the Ramblers' ride.

She had the same thought that likely popped into many Loyola fans' minds the morning after Custer's shot with 3.6 seconds left beat Tennessee and sent the Ramblers to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1985.

"Oh," she said she told herself. "It's not a dream."

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Move precedes sale of LA Times

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grouped her in his Las Vegas hotel suite at what she thought was supposed to be a meeting to discuss thermostats during the 2016 Consumer Electronics Show.

Fortune also talked to nine former staffers working for Sun-Times publications during Ferro's control of the paper who described an "uncomfortable workplace" for women, where Ferro would regularly make "sexual comments about women's clothing and appearance." Ferro headed Wrappers, the investment firm that owned the Sun-Times.

After the article's publication Monday, Tronc spokeswoman Marisa Kollia said there have been no claims of sexual harassment filed against Ferro since he became chairman and the largest shareholder of the Chicago-based newspaper chain in February 2016.

"Michael Ferro has had no claims filed against him while leading Tronc as chairman," Kollia said in an email. "Further, we are aware of no claims filed against Mr. Ferro throughout his career. As Mr. Ferro has retired after leading a financial turnaround of Tronc, we wish him well in his private life and will have no further comment."

While Ferro is stepping down from the Tronc board, he will continue in his role as a paid management consultant to the company, a result of a three-year, \$15 million deal struck in December. Ferro has received his first \$5 million annual fee, which was paid in advance on Jan. 1, according to financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In the statement Monday morning, Tronc said Ferro, 51, was retiring immediately from the board ahead of the newspaper chain's \$500 million sale of the Los Angeles Times and other California assets. Justin Dearborn, chief executive officer of Tronc, was named to succeed Ferro as chairman.

"I want to thank everyone who worked so hard over the last two years creating great journalism, strengthening the company's financial position and delivering significant value for shareholders," Ferro said in the news release. "I am confident that under the leadership of Justin and the rest of the board and man-

agement team Tronc will continue to deliver value for investors while executing the plan for digital transformation."

Dennis Culloton, a spokesman for Ferro, told The New York Times earlier Monday that Ferro was "burned out" and wanted to "go out on a win."

The two accounts of Ferro's alleged sexual misconduct described in Fortune's story occurred about three years apart.

Minshev, then 26, met Ferro in 2012, when he agreed to invest \$100,000 in seed money for The Muse. In September 2013, after months of discussion, Ferro agreed to invest an additional \$750,000 in the company.

After signing the term sheet, New York-based Minshew flew to Chicago to work out the final details and met Ferro in a corporate apartment to talk about financing, according to Fortune.

Instead, Ferro approached Minshew with glasses of bourbon and "forcefully placed his hand on the back of her head and tried to kiss her," according to Fortune.

After pulling away, according to Minshew's account to Fortune, Ferro said, "I'm glad I didn't take you to a restaurant, because people would think we're sleeping together and we're not. I'd much rather actually be having sex with you and have no one know it." Minshew told Fortune that Ferro didn't try to touch her again.

She told her co-founder and more than a dozen other people about the incident, naming Ferro to at least two people. The Muse found alternative funding.

Kappler, then a 37-year-old executive at Ingersoll Rand, met Ferro in September 2015, one month after the announced \$1 billion sale of his startup, Merge Healthcare, to IBM. He initially discussed everything from brokering a partnership between her company and IBM to hiring her himself, according to Forbes.

In January 2016, Ferro met Kappler at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, where he invited her up to his hotel suite, poured red wine and steered the conversation to personal matters. Then he allegedly came up behind Kappler and put his arms around her, and later put his hand on her breast, Fortune

reported.

Kappler rejected his advances and told her manager about the incident the following day. He sent Ferro a letter telling him never to contact Kappler again. Kappler also discussed her options with a lawyer a week after the Las Vegas meeting with Ferro, Fortune said.

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Ferro's exit from the board and the Fortune story come just two months after Tronc placed then-Los Angeles Times Publisher Ross Levinsohn on unpaid leave to investigate allegations of inappropriate conduct during previous tenures with other companies. The accusations came to light in a National Public Radio report that found Levinsohn was a defendant in two sexual harassment lawsuits and that he allegedly engaged in "frat boy" behavior prior to joining Tronc in August.

Last month, Tronc said an independent investigation found "no wrongdoing" on Levinsohn's part, and he was named to a new role as the head of Tribune Interactive, the company's digital division. Details of the investigation were not made public by Tronc.

Ferro became the largest shareholder and chairman of Tribune Publishing in February 2016, and the corporate name was changed to Tronc shortly thereafter. Los Angeles biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong's Nant Capital, a California-based technology firm, became Tronc's second-largest shareholder in June 2016, and that investment helped Tronc fend off a hostile takeover bid from Gannett, whose last offer was \$864 million for the company.

Last month, Tronc agreed to sell the Los Angeles Times, San Diego Union-Tribune and other California-based assets to Soon-Shiong for \$500 million in cash. Soon-Shiong will also assume \$90 million of pension liabilities tied to the California properties.

The deal is expected to close within weeks. The Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice cleared the transaction of anti-competitive concerns ahead of the normal 30-day waiting period earlier this month.

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With a few issues left, budget deal at hand

\$1.3 trillion agreement could be done as early as Tuesday

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Battles over priorities in a government spending bill are essentially settled, leaving a scaled-back plan for President Donald Trump's border wall and a huge rail project that pits Trump against Capitol Hill's most powerful Democrat as the top issues to be solved.

An agreement could be announced as early as Tuesday.

Efforts to tackle politically-charged immigration issues and rapidly rising health insurance premiums appeared to be faltering.

Capitol Hill Democrats rejected a White House bid to extend protections for so-called Dreamer immigrants in exchange for \$25 billion in funding for a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border. Democrats appeared likely to yield on \$1.6 billion in wall funding, Trump's official request for the 2018 budget year, but they were digging in against Trump's

plans to hire hundreds of new immigration agents.

A dispute over abortion seemed likely to scuttle a Senate GOP plan to provide billions in federal subsidies to insurers to help curb health insurance premium increases.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was working on Trump's behalf against funding for a Hudson River tunnel and rail project that's important to Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Republicans from New York and New Jersey.

Monday's developments were described by several lawmakers — as well as congressional aides in both parties who spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks remain secretive.

House and Senate action is needed by midnight Friday to avert another government shutdown.

The bill would implement last month's budget agreement, providing 10 percent increases for the

Pentagon and domestic agencies. Coupled with last year's tax cuts, it heralds the return of trillion-dollar budget deficits as soon as the budget year starting in October.

Many battles over policy riders were sorted out in marathon negotiations over the weekend. As is typical, many of the policy issues were melting away.

"We've had at least 100 that we've taken out," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee.

For instance, an effort to add a plan to revive federal subsidies to stabilize the individual health insurance market and help the poor cover out-of-pocket costs under President Barack Obama's health law appeared to be failing.

A complicated dispute involving abortion was at fault.

Trump told Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, that he supports addressing



ALEX WONG/GETTY

Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Lamar Alexander, right, reportedly talked to President Donald Trump on Saturday. The pair want to revive Obamacare subsidy payments.

the health insurance issue now as part of the catchall spending plan.

Alexander and Collins are seeking to revive payments to insurers, which Trump halted last fall, that reimburse the carriers for reducing out-of-pocket costs for many low-earning customers.

Those reductions are required by the Obama health law, and insurers have made up for the lost federal payments by boosting premiums.

The Republicans said their subsidy plan would

reduce premiums by up to 40 percent over time. They would also create a \$30 billion, three-year reinsurance program that states could use to help insurers afford to cover their most seriously ill, expensive consumers.

Democrats, however, oppose GOP provisions that would forbid the federal payments from being used to help pay for insurance policies that provide abortion.

And Republicans appeared likely to fail in a bid to fix a glitch in the recent

tax bill that subsidizes grain sales to cooperatives at the expense of for-profit grain companies, several aides said.

Elsewhere, efforts to use the measure as a vehicle to extend protections for young immigrants under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival, or DACA, program appeared likely to fail, lawmakers and aides said.

Trump tweeted Monday night: "The Democrats do not want to help DACA. Would be so easy to make a deal!"

Trump talks tough on opioids, but critics question fund plan

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump vowed Monday to end the "scourge of drug addiction in America," even as his administration continues to push significant cuts to health care assistance used to combat addiction.

"Failure is not an option," Trump said in a speech at Manchester Community College in New Hampshire, the state with the first presidential primary and one he has long used to highlight the drug problem devastating communities nationwide. "Addiction is not our future."

Although Trump once again spoke extensively about expanding the federal death penalty for drug dealers, his administration released a three-page list of proposals before his speech that ruled out any change to existing federal law, suggesting instead that the Justice Department would take a more aggressive stance toward those offenders already eligible to be put to death based on other capital offenses, such as drug-related murders.

Trump's proposal also included an initiative to cut prescriptions for opioids by one-third over the next three years.

The proposal lacks details on federal spending, however.

That, and the administration's separate proposals for major cuts to Medicaid, the chief source of funds for people seeking treatment for drug addiction, are causing advocates to question the president's commitment.

"I'm not sure we can really call this a plan," said Dr. Andrew Kolodny, co-director of Opioid Policy



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

President Trump listens as Jeanne and Jim Moser talk about their son, Adam, who died of an overdose in 2015.

Research at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

ferring from addiction can have immediate treatment options that will dissuade them from an easy \$20 fix.

Administration officials have shifted questions about funding to Congress, which has yet to coalesce on how to address the epidemic, much less how to pay for a plan.

Congress has appropriated some additional money in recent years, including \$6 billion over two years in the most recent spending bill. Yet public health advocates and others, including some Republican state officials, say the

aid has been woefully inadequate.

Kellyanne Conway, a Trump adviser who has been working on the issue, told reporters aboard Air Force One that Trump wants \$13 billion.

Trump's pledge won qualified support from at least some Democrats.

"I support many of the policies that the President put forward in a draft plan prior to his speech, much of which was recommended by the President's opioid commission last year. What's been missing is follow through," Sen. Jeanne

Shaheen, D-N.H., said in a statement. "We need the President to commit to providing the resources necessary to win this fight."

With characteristic hyperbole, the president told firefighters at a Manchester, N.H., station that handles opioid-related emergencies, "We're getting a big response in Congress. A lot of money is coming in."

When congressional Republicans proposed a multiyear, \$45 billion increase in opioid spending in their 2017 bill to roll back the Affordable Care Act, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Repub-

lican, dismissed the money as akin to "spitting in the ocean," especially because the bill also would have cut Medicaid significantly. Kasich has been among the most aggressive governors in tackling the opioid crisis and opposing Medicaid cuts.

Trump has spoken extensively about the toll of drug use, as a candidate and as president. At least 64,000 people died of drug overdoses in 2016, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

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Uber halts self-driving tests after Ariz. death

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The Washington Post

Uber has halted testing of its autonomous vehicles across North America, the company announced Monday, after a pedestrian was struck and killed Sunday night by one of its self-driving cars in Tempe, Ariz.

The moratorium on testing includes San Francisco, Phoenix, Pittsburgh and Toronto, Uber said.

It is believed to be the first fatality in any testing program involving autono-

mous vehicles.

The National Transportation Safety Board has opened an investigation into the crash, NTSB spokesman Eric Weiss said.

Uber issued a short statement.

"Our hearts go out to the victim's family. We are fully cooperating with local authorities in their investigation of this incident," a company spokeswoman said.

The vehicle was in autonomous mode at the time of the crash, though a driver

was behind the wheel, Tempe police said in a statement. The crash occurred about 10 p.m. Sunday in the area of Curry Road and Mill Avenue, a busy intersection with multiple lanes in every direction.

Police said the vehicle was northbound on Curry Road when a woman, identified as Elaine Herzberg, 49, crossing from the west side of street, was struck. She died at a hospital, the department said.

Missy Cummings, a robotics expert at Duke Uni-



ERIC RISBERG/AP 2016

Arizona welcomed Uber's testing program and provided a less restrictive environment than other states, experts say.

High court to tackle holding immigrants for past crimes

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide another case testing the Trump administration's power to arrest and jail immigrants facing deportation, including longtime lawful residents who committed minor offenses years ago.

The justices will review a class-action ruling from California that held that immigrants who were released after serving time in local and state jails may not be detained later by federal immigration agents for possible deportation and held indefinitely without a hearing, if they pose no danger to the public and are not likely to flee.

Administration lawyers appealed the ruling of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, arguing that federal law calls for "mandatory detention" for all non-citizens who face possible deportation because of a criminal record.

They said the 9th Circuit's approach would lead to a "gap in custody" and "frustrate the (government's) ability to remove deportable criminal aliens from the United States."

The case, to be heard in the fall, sets up another clash between "sanctuary" cities and counties and federal immigration agents who seek to detain and



The Supreme Court is expected to hear a case in the fall on whether immigrants can be detained indefinitely.

deport immigrants who have criminal records.

In deciding the case, the 9th Circuit said that more than 30,000 non-citizens are held every day in the United States in "prison-like conditions" while they challenge the government's efforts to deport them. The judges said the mandatory-detention rule covers those with a "broad range of crimes" on their records, from violent felonies to simple drug possession.

And it applies to longtime, lawful residents who have lived and worked in the United States for decades, they said.

The lead plaintiff in the challenge to this provision, Mony Preap, was born in a Cambodian refugee camp and has been a lawful permanent resident since 1981.

He was convicted on two counts of marijuana possession in 2006, a misdemeanor offense. Agents of the Department of Home-

land Security took him into custody in 2013 under the disputed part of the immigration law, which says the DHS "shall take into custody any alien" who was convicted of a "deportable" offense "when the alien is released."

Preap joined a class-action suit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union to challenge the government's view that he was subject to mandatory detention seven years after his

release.

A federal judge in San Francisco and the 9th Circuit agreed with the challengers and said the phrase "when the alien is released" referred only to the time of their release. Because Preap had been released years earlier, he was not subject to mandatory detention in 2013 for the past offenses, the appeals court said.

"We therefore hold that the mandatory detention

provision ... applies only to those criminal aliens who are detained promptly after their release from criminal custody, not to those detained long after," wrote Judge Jacqueline Nguyen.

The Supreme Court kept the government's appeal on hold while it decided a related case. In Jennings v. Rodriguez, the court ruled last month that federal law did not give jailed immigrants a right to a bail hearing after six months in custody. However, the justices sent that case back to the 9th Circuit to rule on whether indefinite detention without a hearing violated the Constitution.

The new case, Nielsen v. Preap, concerns a part of the same immigration law but focuses on a different group of lawful immigrants who had served jail time for a criminal offense.

Lawyers for Preap and the other plaintiffs in the case had urged the court to turn down the administration's appeal. "Instead of focusing mandatory detention on high-risk individuals who are coming out of criminal custody, the government's expansive interpretation would sweep up individuals who have been living peacefully in the community for more than a decade and pose neither a danger nor a flight risk," they said.

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Authorities in Austin block off an area to investigate the fourth bombing in three weeks.

Texas capital police warn of sophisticated 'serial bomber'

BY EVA RUTH MORAVEC, MARK BERMAN AND MEAGAN FLYNN
The Washington Post

AUSTIN, Texas — Anxious Texans huddled inside their homes Monday as investigators scrambled for clues at the scene of another mysterious explosion here, the fourth in a string of attacks this month that authorities say are the work of a sophisticated "serial bomber" who has been terrorizing this city with increasingly complex devices.

The latest blast, which injured two men walking through a residential area Sunday night, marked an escalation in both the tactics and skills displayed by the bomber or bombers, police said. While the three previous bombs were hidden in packages delivered to people's homes, the fourth device was left on the side of the road and was rigged with a tripwire, showing "a higher level of sophistication, a higher level of skill," said Brian Manley, the interim Austin police chief.

"What we have seen now is a significant change from

what appeared to be three very targeted attacks to what was, last night, an attack that would have hit a random victim that happened to walk by," Manley said at a news briefing. "So we've definitely seen a change in the method."

Manley said the fourth device had "similarities" with the three bombs that detonated in the Texas capital earlier this month, killing two people and injuring two others, one seriously. The explosion Sunday night plunged the city further into a frightening mystery that has left residents on edge as authorities have seemed at a loss to explain who could be setting off these devices.

The first three explosives all hit the eastern part of Austin, affecting areas where black and Latino residents live, prompting some to question whether the initial blast would have prompted more urgency had it gone off in a more affluent, predominantly white neighborhood.

"This is a public threat," Nelson Linder, president of NAACP's Austin chapter, said Monday. "Now that the geography has changed, it's going to widen people's

perspectives. Nobody can take this lightly; we're all vulnerable."

Linder added: "Like they tell us in the military, when you walk, look down at where you're walking."

Police have declined to describe the bombs in detail, saying only they appear to be the sophisticated work of a person or people who know what they are doing and noting that whoever is responsible has been able to assemble and deliver these packages without setting them off. After telling residents to remain wary of unexpected or suspicious packages, authorities were now urging broader caution.

"We're even more concerned now that if people see something suspicious, they just stay away from it altogether and contact law enforcement," said Fred Milanowski, special agent in charge of the Houston division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. "Because if they move that package or if they step on that tripwire, it's likely to detonate."

"It appears that no one is safe, and I'm very fearful for our community," said Richard Herrington, 75.

More calls ramp up for Facebook policy hearings

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them to political messages. The company is funded in part by Trump supporter and billionaire financier Robert Mercer.

Data from the Federal Election Commission show that Cambridge earned \$5.9 million in 2016 from the campaign to elect Trump for president. Cambridge also earned \$5.8 million from Sen. Ted Cruz's failed presidential campaign.

Facebook suspended the company from using its services Friday, hours before the reports came out.

Cambridge Analytica earned more than \$16 million from 2014 to 2016 from nearly 20 GOP candidates and political committees.

Facebook's stock plunged 7 percent Monday in its worst one-day decline since 2014. Officials in the U.S. and European Union sought answers, while Britain's information commissioner said she will seek a warrant to access Cambridge Analytica's servers because the British firm had been "uncooperative" in her investigation.

After two years of failing to disclose the harvesting, Facebook said Monday that it hired an outside firm to audit Cambridge.

Researchers in a 2013 study found that Facebook likes on hobbies, interests and other attributes can predict personal attributes such as sexual orientation and political affiliation. Computers analyze such data to look for patterns that might not be obvious, such as a link between a preference for curly fries and higher intelligence.

Chris Wylie, a Cambridge Analytics co-founder who left in 2014, said the firm used such techniques to learn about individuals and create an information cocoon to change their perceptions. In doing so, he said, the firm "took fake



Members of Congress want Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg to appear before hearings.

news to the next level."

"This is based on an idea called 'informational dominance,' which is the idea that if you can capture every channel of information around a person and then inject content around them, you can change their perception of what's actually happening," Wylie said Monday on NBC's "Today."

In their note, which asked Grassley to convene a hearing, Klobuchar and Kennedy said the Senate Judiciary Committee should invite Zuckerberg and also the top executives from Google and Twitter.

Those companies also appeared at hearings in October and November.

Those previous hearings focused on Russian manipulation of social media platforms to potentially affect the 2016 presidential election, but lawmakers now are aiming to grill Facebook on a more sensitive matter: how it handles the personal information of its 2.1 billion users.

Grassley has not scheduled such a hearing, and a spokesman did not respond to requests for comment.

Facebook has denied any wrongdoing and has declined to comment on whether Zuckerberg would agree to appear on Capitol Hill.

"We are in the process of

conducting a comprehensive internal and external review as we work to determine the accuracy of the claims that the Facebook data in question still exists," Justin Osofsky, vice president of global operations, said in a statement. "That is where our focus lies as we remain committed to vigorously enforcing our policies to protect people's information."

Before changing its policies in 2014 and 2015, Facebook allowed developers of apps to gain detailed information on people who downloaded apps as well as their online "friends."

Yet lawmakers on Capitol Hill, some already frustrated with Facebook, were left seething. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., urged the Federal Trade Commission on Monday to investigate Facebook. The FTC penalized the company in 2011 for misleading consumers about its privacy practices.

The consent decree established several conditions, including that people whose data is shared with outside companies explicitly approve the sharing, according to former federal officials.

Associated Press contributed.

FIU reopens after bridge collapse in Miami

BY SUSAN SVRLUGA
The Washington Post

Florida International University reopened Monday, four days after a pedestrian bridge collapsed onto a busy road, crushing vehicles and killing six people.

FIU President Mark Rosenberg joined students and staff to hold hands and bow their heads for a moment of silence at 1:47 p.m. Monday to honor the victims.

The moment of silence was the first in a series of memorials as classes re-

sumed on campus after the university's spring break.

Rosenberg said in a video posted to social media, "All of FIU mourns."

He offered condolences to the families of the victims. "We're reminded of the fragility of our lives and the limits of our time here," he said.

University officials are focusing on helping victims' families, he said, and the school is cooperating with authorities as they investigate the accident.

Also Monday, the first

lawsuit was filed against the companies involved in the design and building of the bridge.

The lawsuit was filed in Miami-Dade Circuit Court on behalf of Marquise Rashaa Hepburn. He was seriously injured as he rode a bicycle under the bridge as it collapsed last week. The lawsuit says a car swerving to avoid falling concrete struck Hepburn.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages from the entities involved in building the bridge. They include

Munilla Construction Management and FIGG Bridge Engineers. Both companies say they will cooperate with multiple investigations into the collapse. The lawsuit says cracks in the span should have been taken seriously and traffic should have been diverted during any testing.

On Wednesday, the student government association plans to hold a vigil honoring the victims.

Associated Press contributed.



Inspectors huddle Sunday around the northern end of the bridge, where cracks were found before the span fell.

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Republicans rally around special counsel

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would apply to a range of products, but Trump directed them to roughly double the scope of the new trade levies. The package could be applied to more than 100 products, which Trump argues were developed by using trade secrets the Chinese stole from U.S. companies or forced them to hand over in exchange for access to its massive market.

The situation remains fluid, and Trump has previously in his presidency backed off economic threats at the last minute. But he has shown a recent willingness to unilaterally impose tariffs — even amid objections from advisers who fear starting a global trade war and economists who warn such actions could ultimately hurt American businesses.

Trump earlier this month ordered tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, a move U.S. allies and trading partners met with protests and threats of retaliatory tariffs. Gary Cohn, the top White House economic adviser, opposed the metal tariffs

and announced his resignation.

Regarding the Mueller probe, Trump was told to cut it out on Sunday by such notable Republicans as Trey Gowdy, chairman of the House Oversight Committee, and Bob Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Then on Monday he was told that firing Mueller would be “the stupidest thing the president could do” by Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

But Hatch, on CNN, also said he didn’t see any need for legislation to protect Mueller. And that sentiment was widely echoed by GOP leaders.

In recent months, bills to protect the special counsel have stalled, and Republican leaders have stuck to muted statements endorsing Mueller or denying he is in trouble.

So far, that tactic has worked for them as Trump has lambasted the Russia investigation on Twitter but allowed Mueller to continue his work.

Democrats say legislation is needed.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP 2017

President Donald Trump’s legal team has provided documents to special counsel Robert Mueller summarizing its views on key matters being investigated, a source said.

“Immediately,” said Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut. And Arizona Republican Jeff Flake, a frequent Trump critic, said, “If you don’t pick this fight, then we might as well not be here.”

But GOP leaders saw no reason to leap to stop a firing they don’t think is in sight.

“I don’t think that’s going to happen so I just think it’s

not necessary, and obviously legislation requires a presidential signature,” said Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate. “I don’t see the necessity of picking that fight right now.”

Still, Cornyn said there would be “a number of unintended consequences” if Mueller were to be removed, and lawmakers had communicated that mes-

sage to Trump “informally and formally.”

White House lawyer Ty Cobb issued a statement Sunday tamping down the speculation, saying Trump is not “considering or discussing” Mueller’s removal.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said Trump has “some well-established frustration” about the probe but insisted there is no internal discussion about

removing Mueller.

Separately, Trump’s legal team has provided documents to Mueller summarizing its views on key matters being investigated, according to a person familiar with the situation. That person insisted on anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation.

The records were given as Trump’s lawyers negotiate with Mueller’s team about the scope and terms of a possible interview with the president.

Also, Trump added a new lawyer, Joseph diGenova, a former U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, will join his team this week.

DiGenova has been outspoken in his defense of Trump, talking of a “brazen plot” to exonerate Hillary Clinton in an email investigation and to “frame” Trump with a “falsely created crime.”

Multiple White House officials said Monday that they believe Trump is now acutely aware of the political — and even legal — consequences of taking action against Mueller. For now, they predicted, Trump will snipe at Mueller from the outside.

Trump cannot fire Mueller. Any dismissal, for cause, would have to be carried out by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller and has continued to express support.

Washington Post contributed.

‘Sex and the City’ actress to run for N.Y. governor

BY DAVID WEIGEL

The Washington Post



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Actress and activist Cynthia Nixon will challenge New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who is seeking a third term.

power than they do about us.”

Nixon, 51, has never sought office before, but has become increasingly involved in liberal politics, especially on issues such as public school funding.

She was an early endorser and surrogate for New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and has spoken at fundraisers for Planned Parenthood, speaking out on the group’s behalf when Republicans have attempted to cut off its federal funding.

If elected, she’d be the first female governor of New York and the first openly gay governor of any state.

Cuomo, who is seeking a third term this year, has mocked the idea of a Nixon primary challenge since it was rumored last month. Asked by reporters this month why she might run against him, Cuomo joked that she was put up to it by his enemies.

“It was either the mayor of New York or Vladimir Putin,” Cuomo said on a

conference call. “Normally name recognition is relevant when it has some connection to the endeavor. If it’s just about name recognition, then I’m hoping Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Billy Joel don’t get into the race.”

In the latest Siena Poll, the first that tested Cuomo against Nixon, the governor enjoyed a 47-point lead, and leads of 28 and 29 points over the leading Republican candidates.

Zephyr Teachout, an author and law professor who

challenged Cuomo in the 2014 primary and is serving as treasurer for Nixon’s campaign, said any attempts by Cuomo to portray the actress as a lighthearted candidate would fall flat.

“She rides the subway every day,” said Teachout, who also ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 2016. “She grew up with a single mom. She’s really smart — she asks a lot of questions, and she sees the way all of these issues are tied together by the way money in politics works in New York.”

NEWS BRIEFING

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Federal judges reject lawsuit over Pennsylvania district map

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A panel of federal judges on Monday dismissed a legal challenge by Republican congressmen to a district map imposed last month by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The decision makes it much more likely that this year’s congressional elections in Pennsylvania will be conducted under district lines widely viewed as more favorable to Democrats than a 2011 map the state court threw

out in January. The earlier map has been a campaign winner for Republicans, leading them to a 13-5 edge in the state’s congressional delegation for all three elections in which it was used.

The three-judge panel issued its decision with just one day left for the state’s congressional candidates to circulate petitions to get on the May 15 primary ballot. It said it had no authority except to dismiss the case.

Putin gains massive mandate for his nationalist policies

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin, boosted by a landslide re-election win, flexed his nationalist muscles Monday, declaring that he will defend Russia’s interests without an arms race.

Putin won his fourth presidential term Sunday with nearly 77 percent of the vote — his strongest electoral support ever. The result gives Putin new confidence to stand up to the West and deploy Rus-

sia’s resurgent power on the world stage.

“We have no intention of engaging in some kind of arms race,” Putin said, speaking at a meeting with his seven defeated presidential challengers. “Just the opposite, we will seek to develop constructive relations with other countries. We will do all we can to solve all disputes with our partners using political and diplomatic means.”

Scandal-hit Weinstein Co. files for bankruptcy protection

NEW YORK — The Weinstein Co. filed for bankruptcy protection Monday with a buyout offer in hand from a private equity firm, the latest twist in its efforts to survive the sexual misconduct scandal that brought down co-founder Harvey Weinstein.

The company also said it was releasing any victims of, or witnesses to, Weinstein’s alleged misconduct from any non-

disclosure deal that would prevent them from speaking out.

That step had long been sought by New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who filed a lawsuit against the company last month on behalf of its employees.

The company said it has entered into a sale agreement with Lantern Capital Partners, subject to approval by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware.



ITAMAR AGUIAR/GETTY-AFP

Brazilian tension: Riot police stand guard between opponents of former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and a group of supporters in southern Brazil, where Silva arrived Monday, days before a court decision that could lead him to jail for corruption.

Turkish leader vows wider offensive vs. Kurdish militia

BEIRUT — Turkey’s president vowed Monday to keep up the pressure against a U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish militia after his troops captured the Syrian town of Afrin, threatening to expand the military offensive into other Kurdish-held areas across northern Syria and even into neighboring Iraq.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan appeared set on forcing Washington to reconsider its partnership with the Syrian Kurdish fighters, the main U.S. ally in the fight against the Islamic State group.

Turkey first launched its

military operation in Syria in 2016, and Erdogan has repeatedly said it would not allow a “terror corridor” along its border — a reference to territories controlled by the Kurdish forces, which Turkey views as terrorists because of their links to Kurdish insurgents inside Turkey.

Emboldened by Sunday’s capture of Afrin, Erdogan went even further Monday, asserting that Turkish troops and allied Syrian forces would press eastward, targeting territory that includes Kobani, a town that has become a symbol of the fight against

the Islamic State militants, as well as Qamishli, where the Syrian government controls an airport and a security zone.

Also in the cross hairs is Manbij, a town jointly patrolled by U.S. and Kurdish forces and where U.S. bases are housed, triggering concerns over potential friction with U.S. troops.

Erdogan even threatened to target Iraq’s Sinjar mountains, used by Kurdish fighters to move between Iraq and Syria.

“We’ll continue this process until we completely abolish this corridor,” Erdogan said.

Erdoğan first launched its

offensive in October 2016

against the Kurdish YPG

group, which has been

linked to the Islamic State

group. Erdogan has said

he wants to “clean up”

northern Syria of Kurdish

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EDITORIALS

Facebook's alarming flub

Ever take one of those silly personality tests on Facebook? Your friends took the quiz ("What city should you actually live in?" was a popular one), so you followed the link to a website, answered some questions and shared the result: "Paris." All in good fun within your private social media group, right?

Yes, unless information from a quiz like that was harvested without consent or knowledge by a political data firm connected to the Trump campaign. In which case, your private musings may have contributed to a "psychographic modeling" effort to identify and influence American voters.

That's the damning centerpiece of news reports about Facebook and Cambridge Analytica, a data firm founded by supporters of Donald Trump. There's a lot to be explored in the wake of investigative reporting by The New York Times and The Observer of London, but this privacy breach has the feel of a watershed moment in digital history. It relates to the devious appropriation of personal social media info for political gain. We expect Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, and those connected to Cambridge Analytica, will have to answer for this to the public, Facebook users,

law enforcement authorities and members of Congress.

Here's some of what we know: Cambridge Analytica, founded by conservative firebrand Steve Bannon and Republican donor Robert Mercer, hired Russian-American researcher Aleksandr Kogan to create a quiz designed to identify Facebook users' personality traits, political views and other characteristics, such as fair-mindedness or life satisfaction. The quiz participants, and Facebook, were told the information was for academic purposes. Instead the data went to Cambridge Analytica.

That's only part of the story. About 270,000 people agreed to take the test, but Kogan's tools also could scrape information from participants' Facebook friends. According to the Times, Cambridge Analytica obtained private information from the Facebook profiles of more than 50 million users without their permission — all to help influence several elections, including Trump's run for president.

Christopher Wylie, a Cambridge Analytica founder turned whistleblower, said in an interview with The Guardian that the information culled from Facebook included status updates and, in some cases, private messages. "We would know what kinds of messaging you would be susceptible

to, and where you are going to consume that," Wylie explained. "And then how many times do we need to touch you with that in order to change how you think about that."

We don't know for certain if this data swayed voters in any elections. But the Trump campaign, which used Cambridge Analytica, claimed that it successfully applied data-driven techniques to target Trump voters. The Times said information from the breach underpinned the firm's work on Trump's campaign.

For Facebook users, here's the rub: Even if no voters were influenced, Facebook apparently failed to prevent the misuse of private information from 50 million Americans for political purposes. This is a scandalous flub by the social media giant.

We anticipate scrutiny of Facebook that includes regulatory and congressional questions. There may be no appropriate measures to control the flow of information in a free society, but let Zuckerberg and others rethink their social media businesses and security practices.

For social media users, the message feels clearer than ever: Beware. Wherever you go and whatever you say online is potentially of value to others. If they see it, they may grab it.

REASONS TO FIRE ASSESSOR BERRIOS

Because you deserve better than Berrios' unjust system

This concludes a series of 10 compelling reasons why Democratic voters should defeat Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios in Tuesday's primary election.

Reason 10: Imagine a tax system based on fairly calculated property valuations. Imagine a finance professional, rather than a patronage pro, hiring employees on merit and setting policy that doesn't favor a mess of political bosses.

Now do more than imagine. Fire the assessor who in July 2015 boasted in a news release that his office had adopted new, state-of-the-art computer models designed to improve accuracy and address persistent inequalities. Except his office kept using the old, faulty model.

Don't let your vote tell Berrios that's OK. Don't let your vote tell him it's OK to run a system that demonstrably discriminates in favor of wealthy communities at the expense of poor ones.

And don't tell all the pols who tolerate Berrios — J.B. Pritzker, Rahm Emanuel, Toni Preckwinkle among them — that they can get away with holding their tongues about this widespread injustice.

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



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2018 Illinois primary

Here are the **Chicago Tribune endorsements** in the March 20 election. Endorsements are made only in contested races.

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

U.S. HOUSE

2nd District: **Robin Kelly**
3rd District: **Dan Lipinski**
4th District: **Sol A. Flores**
5th District: **Mike Quigley**
6th District: **Carole Cheney**
7th District: **Danny Davis**
12th District: **No endorsement**
13th District: **Erik Jones**
14th District: **Lauren Underwood**
15th District: **Kevin Gaither**
16th District: **Amy "Murri" Briel**
18th District: **Darrel Miller**

ILLINOIS

Governor: **Chris Kennedy**
Attorney General: **Sharon Fairley**

ILLINOIS SENATE

18th District: **Ram Villivalam**
20th District: **Bart Goldberg**
27th District: **Ann Gillespie**

ILLINOIS HOUSE

1st District: **Aaron M. Ortiz**
4th District: **Delia C. Ramirez**
5th District: **Dilara Sayeed**
14th District: **Kelly M. Cassidy**
17th District: **Candance Chow**
19th District: **Robert Martwick**
24th District: **Robert Rafael Reyes**
25th District: **Curtis J. Tarver II**
27th District: **Tawana J. (T.J.) Robinson**
28th District: **Mary Carvin**
29th District: **Corean Davis**
31st District: **Mary E. Flowers**
38th District: **Cecil Matthews Jr.**
47th District: **James M. "Jim" Caffrey**
59th District: **Susan Malter**
67th District: **Maurice A. West II**
70th District: **Paul Stoddard**
76th District: **No endorsement**
104th District: **No endorsement**

COOK COUNTY

President: **Toni Preckwinkle**
Clerk: **No endorsement**
Assessor: **Frederick "Fritz" Kaegi**
Treasurer: **Maria Pappas**

COOK COUNTY BOARD

1st District: **Richard R. Boykin**
2nd District: **Dennis Deer**
3rd District: **Bill Lowry**
4th District: **Gaylor Alcaraz**
5th District: **Audrey Lynn Tanksley**
6th District: **Donna Miller**
7th District: **Angeles Sandoval**
10th District: **Bridget Gainer**
12th District: **John Fritchey**
13th District: **Larry Suffredin**
15th District: **Kevin B. Morrison**

COOK COUNTY METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

Six-year terms (vote for three)
Marcelino Garcia
Debra Shore
Kari K. Steele

In the two-year term with no candidate listed, write in: **Cam Davis**

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Countywide
Brewer vacancy: **Oran F. Whiting**
Clay vacancy: **Kathleen Theresa Lanahan**
Dooling vacancy: **Timothy John Leeming**
Flanagan vacancy: **Preston Jones Jr.**
Hartigan vacancy: **Cecilia Anne Horan**
Jordan vacancy: **Clare Joyce Quish**
McGinnis vacancy: **Peter Michael Gonzalez**
Rooney vacancy: **Jack Hagerty**

COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUIT RACES

1st, Hambright Jr. vacancy: **Litricia Payne**
2nd, Lampkin vacancy: **Fredrick H. Bates**
2nd, Laws vacancy: **Adrienne Elaine Davis**
2nd, Rhodes vacancy: **Toya T. Harvey**
2nd, Turner Jr. vacancy: **Travis Richardson**
2nd, Willis vacancy: **Debra A. Seaton**
2nd, Turner vacancy: **Devlin Schoop**
3rd, Delehaney vacancy: **Patrick Thomas Stanton**
4th, Davy vacancy: **David R. Navarro**
4th, Riley vacancy: **John Andrew O'Meara**
5th, Banks vacancy: **H. Yvonne Coleman**
5th, Jones vacancy: **David L. Kelly**
5th, Washington II vacancy: **Robert Harris**
6th, Chevere vacancy: **Kent Delgado**
6th, Cooke vacancy: **Charles "Charlie" Beach**
6th, Lopez Cepero vacancy: **Stephanie K. Miller**
8th, Fabri vacancy: **James "Jamie" Shapiro**
8th, Liu vacancy: **Michael A. Forti**
8th, Pethers vacancy: **Myron "Mike" Mackoff**
10th, O'Neill Burke vacancy: **Stephanie Saltouros**
10th, Suriano vacancy: **Gerald Cleary**
11th, Kennedy vacancy: **Joanne F. Rosado**
12th, Maki vacancy: **Joel Chupack**
14th, Garcia vacancy: **Marina E. Ammendola**
15th, Scully Jr. vacancy: **Michael B. Barrett**
15th, Zelezinski vacancy: **Anthony C. Swanagan**

COLLAR COUNTIES

DuPage County
18th judicial circuit, Fawell vacancy: **No endorsement**

Kane County
Sheriff: **Ron Hain**
16th judicial circuit, Akemann vacancy: **Lark Cowart**

Lake County
Clerk: **Adam R. Broad**

Will County
Clerk: **Denise Mushro-Rumchak**
12th judicial circuit, Rozak vacancy: **David Garcia**

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

U.S. HOUSE

2nd District: **Patrick Harmon**
7th District: **Jeffrey A. Leef**
9th District: **Sargs Sangari**
10th District: **Jeremy Wynes**
11th District: **Nick Stella**
12th District: **No endorsement**
16th District: **Adam Kinzinger**
18th District: **Darin LaHood**

ILLINOIS

Governor: **Bruce Rauner**
Attorney General: **Erika Harold**

ILLINOIS SENATE

54th District: **Jason Plummer**
57th District: **Tanya Hildnerbrand**

ILLINOIS HOUSE

42nd District: **Amy L. Grant**
46th District: **Gordon (Jay) Kinzler**
49th District: **Tonia Jane Khouri**
53rd District: **Eddie Corrigan**
56th District: **Jillian Rose Bernas**
59th District: **Marko Sukovic**
62nd District: **Adam Solano**
82nd District: **Jim Durkin**
89th District: **Steven R. Fricke**
93rd District: **Joshua L. Griffith**
100th District: **Jonas Hicks Petty**
101st District: **Dan Caulkins**
105th District: **Dan Brady**
107th District: **Blaine Wilhour**
108th District: **Don Moore**
109th District: **Darren Bailey**
110th District: **Chris Miller**
112th District: **No endorsement**
115th District: **Paul Jacobs**
118th District: **Samuel K. Stratemeyer**

COOK COUNTY BOARD

8th District: **No endorsement**

11th District: **No endorsement**

COOK COUNTY SUBCIRCUITS

12th, Maki vacancy: **David Studenroth**
13th, Crane vacancy: **Gary William Seyring**
13th, Lawrence vacancy: **Michael Perry Gerber**

COLLAR COUNTIES

DuPage County
Sheriff: **James Mendrick**

Kane County
Clerk: **Stanton J. "Stan" Bond**
Sheriff: **Kevin Tindall**
16th judicial circuit, Akemann vacancy:
Elizabeth Flood

McHenry County
Clerk: **Joe Tirio**
22nd judicial circuit, McIntyre vacancy:
Robert Wilbrandt

22nd judicial circuit, 1st subcircuit,
Weech vacancy: **Tiffany Davis**

TAKE THIS WITH YOU to the voting booth.

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE



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Beatrice Lumpkin, 99, leaves after casting her ballot at the early voting site at 16 W. Adams St. in Chicago on March 12. Key Illinois races hold national interest.

Why the nation will be watching Tuesday's election returns



ERIC ZORN

The primary races for governor have drawn most of our attention hereabouts. And how could they not have, with scores of millions of dollars in campaign commercials splattering the airwaves, eight joint appearances or debates among the Democratic rivals and months of daily news coverage of the races?

And when the results of Tuesday's balloting are in, we'll have answers to a few important questions, such as ...

How strong, really, is the conservative GOP base in Illinois?

Incumbent Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner is facing what appears to be a vigorous challenge from state Sen. Jeanne Ives of Wheaton, an outspoken social conservative who decided to take him on after he signed laws liberalizing abortion policy and offering immigrants living in the U.S. illegally protection in the criminal justice system.

Ives supports President Donald Trump. Rauner can barely bring himself to say Trump's name.

If she wins, it will be a sign that moderate Republicans are in retreat. If she loses by less than 15 percentage points, it will be a sign that Rauner has a lot of fences to mend if he's going to generate enthusiasm in November's general election.

Does "Kennedy" still matter?

The Kennedy name carries more than a bit of magic for me, but I'm old. I remember when Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Chris Kennedy's uncle, President John Kennedy, and his father, Robert Kennedy, were assassinated in the 1960s, and the promise that seemed to die with them. I'm drawn emotionally if not logically by the implication that Chris could bring a little "Camelot" to Illinois.

Tuesday's results will tell us if the torch of that implication, which has been fueled by campaign commercials invoking Kennedy's lineage, has been passed to succeeding generations.

How strong, anymore, is the Democratic machine in Illinois?

I realize that "machine" is an obsolete term to describe the establishment network of party officials, community leaders and union bosses who anoint candidates and put muscle behind them. It's not the force it once was. But is it still powerful enough to bring out the vote for its chosen candidate for governor, J.B. Pritzker, a free-

spending billionaire for whom I detect very little organic enthusiasm?

I think so, but I don't think it's strong enough to drag embattled incumbent Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios across the primary finish line, in which case we'll have a split verdict.

But across the country, political junkies will take only passing notice of which candidates we elect to square off for governor.

Their attention will be fixed on our 3rd U.S. Congressional District — a southwest suburban district that includes portions of the city's South and Southwest sides — where veteran incumbent Democrat Dan Lipinski is squaring off against political newcomer Marie Newman.

Lipinski is one of the most conservative members of his party. He opposes abortion rights, he voted against Obamacare, against the DREAM Act and against the recognition of same-sex marriage. In 2012 he declined to endorse Democratic President Barack Obama for re-election.

Newman is running as a progressive, and she has the support of liberal Sens. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.; Illinois Democrats Reps. Jan Schakowsky and Luis Gutierrez; and such organizations as MoveOn.org and Democracy for America.

The question the nation wants answered:

Who is winning the battle for the soul of the Democratic party?

This formulation, courtesy of Kate Sweeney, press secretary of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, is maybe only a little too strong.

The 3rd is solidly Democratic, so the winner of the primary is all but guaranteed to win in November. And it is traditionally more of a working-class area — home to the sorts of voters that the party needs to energize in the midterm elections and beyond.

Your cable news analysts will be pulling apart the returns from the 3rd to see if they signal a desire from voters for a more centrist Democrat — Lipinski, who has the same sort of appeal as centrist Democrat Conor Lamb, who won last week's special congressional election in Pennsylvania — or a far more left-wing Democrat — Newman, who will excite the party's base voters and donors.

The outcome is likely to have national implications for the sorts of candidates the party recruits in the coming months.

But whichever party you associate with, remember that its soul belongs only to those who get themselves out to vote. Everyone else is just a bystander.

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U.S. POWER GRID HACK

PUTIN DENIES RUSSIAN HACKING OF U.S. POWER GRID

I RECENTLY ASKED OUR TOP HACKERS IF THEY HAD HACKED INTO AMERICA'S POWER GRID. THEIR ANSWER?

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WITH A GIFT TO
COMMENORATE MY
RE-ELECTION.



THEY CALLED
IT A "MYSTERY
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BY JOE "LIGHTS OUT" FOURNIER

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PERSPECTIVE

This new report on Trump's state of mind should alarm you

BY GREG SARGENT

We cannot know for sure why President Donald Trump unleashed a volley of attacks over the weekend on special counsel Robert Mueller. Perhaps he is edging toward an effort to remove him. Or perhaps he is not — the White House insisted Sunday night that he isn't — and is instead merely trying to tar the Mueller probe in the minds of his voters, in preparation for dismissing any Mueller findings of serious misconduct as illegitimate.

But here's what we do know: Most Republicans failed to seize this occasion to send a clear signal that any effort to remove Mueller will be met with serious consequences.

A new report on Trump's state of mind from The New York Times underscores why this should worry us a great deal. Relying on numerous people close to Trump, it says he decided to attack Mueller over the counsel of his advisers because he "ultimately trusts only his own instincts," with the result that Trump is "newly emboldened" to "ignore the cautions of those around him."

"For months, aides were mostly able to redirect a neophyte president with warnings about the consequences of his actions, and mostly control his public behavior," the Times says. But some of his recent actions — his decisions to go ahead with tariffs and a meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un — have convinced him that such warnings are overblown. Make sure not to miss this sentence:

"Warnings of dire consequences from his critics have failed to materialize."

This helps explain why Trump unleashed his fury on Mueller over the weekend. In a tweet storm that was full of lies, Trump claimed that law enforcement is riddled with corruption and that the Mueller probe itself is illegitimate. To make this latter claim, Trump floated the intertwined falsehoods that the Democratic-funded Steele dossier triggered the probe (a lie) and that there was no legit basis for its genesis (also a lie).

This has renewed pressure on Republicans to sound the alarm that they would view any effort to remove Mueller as intolerable. With a few exceptions, most of them did nothing of the kind. The declaration by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., that Mueller should be left alone was conspicuously tepid. Senate GOP leaders and many top Republicans on the committees investigating the Russia affair remained silent.

Remember the larger context: Earlier this year, Senate Majority Leader Mitch Mc-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump apparently has concluded that those issuing dire fallout warnings are wrong and that his instincts are right.

Connell, R-Ky., declared that there was no need for legislation to protect Mueller, because (he said) there is no effort "on the part of the White House to undermine the special counsel," so Mueller "seems to need no protection."

Now that Trump himself has declared the Mueller probe illegitimate, there is no indication that McConnell's thinking has changed.

From the very outset of his presidency, Trump has been testing what he can get away with in terms of hamstringing or derailing the probe. He has done this repeatedly.

■ Last March, Trump ordered the White House counsel to stop Attorney General Jeff Sessions from recusing himself from the probe with the explicit purpose of getting Sessions to protect him from it. Trump publicly declared his anger at Sessions over what he perceived as disloyalty toward him.

■ Last May, Trump fired his FBI director, James Comey, after unsuccessfully trying to control his handling of the investigation, which led to Comey's appointment.

■ Last June, Trump ordered his White House counsel to fire Mueller, which failed when the counsel threatened to quit.

■ Earlier this year, Trump wanted the Nunes memo released to give him pretext to remove Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who currently oversees the Mueller probe, apparently to replace him with a loyalist.

Again and again, Trump actually did commit flagrant abuses of power for the express purpose of constraining or derailing an investigation into his own campaign's conduct. The efforts toward Sessions failed — but Trump then tried to hound Sessions out of the job, almost certainly with the aim of installing someone who would protect him where Sessions did not. Trump's ouster of Comey failed in the sense that it led to Mueller's appointment — but Trump then tried to get Mueller fired. That failed, too — but now Trump is openly attacking Mueller's investigation as illegitimate.

We can infer from this that, while Trump did back down temporarily after some of these failures to hamstring the probe, those failures did not constrain him from trying again, and again and again.

True, Trump might not take the final step of trying to remove Mueller. He might listen to those around him — and the

occasional congressional Republican, such as Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. — who are telling him that this would fail catastrophically.

But Trump has apparently concluded that those issuing

warnings of such dire consequences are wrong and that his instincts are right. (As Jonathan Chait notes, those instincts are all pulling Trump toward an effort to try to remove Mueller.) And Republicans are saying little to nothing to disabuse him of that notion.

Don't take my word for it.

The White House has now basically affirmed this to be the case.

White House isn't hearing "outrage" over Mueller:

On CBS News' "Face the Nation,"

White House legislative director Marc Short was asked

about Arizona Republican Sen. Jeff Flake's strong defense of Mueller. He replied:

"I've not heard a lot of

outrage from Republicans. In

all due respect to Jeff Flake,

I'm not sure as far as him

representing the Republican

Party, couldn't get re-elected

in his own state today."

Yep, that's all true. Short

went on to insist that trying to

remove Mueller isn't on the

table. But what message will Trump take from this lack of an outcry?

After all, Short himself said,

revealingly, that the most

prominent voice warning

Trump against targeting

Mueller no longer represents

the Republican Party. Why

would Trump not translate this

idea into a belief that he has a

mandate from Republican

voters to try to remove

Mueller?

Trump "doesn't need" the adults in the room:

The Times also reports that Trump

now believes he doesn't need to

rely on people such as chief of

staff John Kelly, economic

adviser Gary Cohn or Secretary

of State Rex Tillerson any

longer (those last two are on

their way out already):

"His closest aides ... say Mr.

Trump now feels he doesn't

need the expertise of Mr. Kelly,

Mr. Cohn or ... Tillerson. ... If he

once suspected they were

smarter or better-equipped to

lead the country and protect

his presidency, he doesn't believe that now."

Well, that's reassuring.

The Washington Post

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QUOTEABLES

"I've been hearing about Deep Tunnel forever. I was at the ribbon-cutting (for the Deep Tunnel reservoir), and it looked great. So why am I still getting calls about people standing in ankle-deep sewage in their basement?"

— Frank Pajak, director of the southwest suburban Central Stickney Sanitary District, on ineffectiveness of the \$1 billion flood-control reservoir

"If you have an innocent client, Mr. Dowd, act like it."

— Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., advising President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, John Dowd, who is calling for the Justice Department to step in to stop the investigation of alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election

"If he tried to do that, that would be the beginning of the end of his presidency, because we're a rule-of-law nation."

— Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speculating what would happen if Trump dismissed special counsel Robert Mueller

"Our hair should be on fire about the overspending. We've got to do better than this."

— Rep. Mark Walker, R-N.C., on the colossal federal government's spending bill

PERPECTIVE

We're about to have a lot more seniors driving

By NATHANIEL BULLARD

The U.S. population will exceed 400 million by 2060, according to Census Bureau projections released March 13. That includes an increase in the older population that will have major implications for American transportation.

While the size of each age group is expected to grow, the teenage population will rise only 8 percent as the group over 65 nearly doubles in size, growing by 45 million.

By 2040, there will be more people over 65 than under 18. And by 2060, the over-65 cohort will be nearly as big as the 45-to-64

cohort.

While these are only projections, it's clear that in the next few decades it will become vital to meet the transportation needs of an aging population. And unlike younger people who increasingly use transport as a service, older people still prefer at least the option to drive themselves.

Since 1995, the number of 16-year-olds who have a driver's license has dropped by almost 40 percent, while the number of 85-year-olds who have one has increased by more than half.

Today, barely a quarter of 16-year-olds are licensed to drive — and more than 60 percent of those over 85 are. Licensed driv-

ers as a percentage of population have fallen for every group younger than 55.

There's still no guarantee that American teenagers won't want a car at some point in their lives, or won't prefer to drive (or walk, cycle or use a OneWheel or Boosted board or a Lime-S or whatever else might provide transport) rather than be driven. There's also no way to tell whether all older people with licenses are actively driving; a license is also valid identification, after all.

Perhaps younger people obtain licenses because they want them, while older people keep them because they need them. A younger person, especially in a city, has access to many modes of transport, from

parents to hailed cars to dockless bikes. An older person, especially one living alone in a suburb or rural area, will have few options other than a personal car.

Roads filled with fewer young, alert (if distractible) drivers and more older, potentially less aware drivers is probably not an ideal recipe for safety. But it is an opportunity for new mobility services.

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Sure, Putin was re-elected. But, he's losing elsewhere.

By MICHAEL DEMPSEY

President Vladimir Putin's re-election on Sunday to a fourth six-year term comes amid a feeling both in the West and in Moscow that he is ascendant as a global leader and that Russia has re-emerged as a global superpower. However, if one scratches beneath the surface of these assertions, it's clear that Putin faces a growing number of complex challenges that are likely to deepen in the coming months and gradually erode his political momentum. Here are a few that will be the most difficult for him to overcome.

Syria

In Syria, Russia is increasingly stuck on both the military and diplomatic fronts. On the battlefield, Putin has repeatedly boasted that Russia's military goals in Syria have been accomplished — the defeat of extremist groups threatening the regime of President Bashar Assad — and that he soon plans to draw down Russian military forces. However, given the chaotic situation on the ground — the Assad regime still controls only about one-third of the country — that seems unlikely anytime soon.

The cost of Moscow's presence in Syria, meanwhile, continues to grow. In the past few weeks, the Russians have suffered the crash of a military transport with several senior officers on board, the downing of a Russian fighter jet by anti-government forces, a clash involving American-backed forces and Russian mercenaries that produced dozens of Russian casualties, and an attack by insurgents using drones on two of its bases. The latter reportedly damaged several Russian aircraft, and is likely to be repeated in the coming months.

There are also, despite recent regime advances, still thousands of Islamic State and al-Qaida-affiliated extremists operating in Syria, as well as many thousand embittered and heavily armed opponents of the Assad regime, who will never accept his legitimacy. A question: Is it likely that Assad's political opponents will embrace a spirit of political reconciliation in the wake of the regime's brutal conduct in the ongoing Eastern Ghouta campaign?

On the diplomatic front, meanwhile, Putin had hoped his 2015 military intervention would pave the way for Moscow to play a lead role in nego-



Russian President Vladimir Putin at a Moscow rally celebrating the fourth anniversary of the annexation of Crimea on Sunday.

tiation a final resolution to the civil war — one that would bolster Russia's diplomatic influence regionally and secure its defense and commercial interests in Syria in the post-conflict reconstruction phase. Instead, it's crystal clear, and has been for some time, that Assad has no intention of negotiating his departure from office, that the opposition will never trust him, and that countries such as Turkey and Iran have their own distinct visions for Syria's future, and their roles in it.

Finally, there is no chance that the U.S. and the West will provide major reconstruction aid to Syria as long as Assad is in power. This is especially problematic for Assad (and Putin) given that America's Kurdish-backed allies now control most of the critical oilfields in eastern Syria. Therefore, it's a safe bet that Assad is unlikely to have sufficient money to begin rebuilding Syria's badly damaged infrastructure in the near future, even though this is critical to ensuring his long-term political viability. So, while Russia had hoped by this point in the conflict to present a bill to Assad for services rendered, it may instead be presented with a tab for money owed.

Nearly three years on from Russia's

military intervention, then, Putin is discovering that playing both fireman and arsonist in Syria is a difficult needle to thread.

Ukraine

If Syria is a mess, how about the situation in eastern Ukraine? For Putin, that's not looking good either.

Russia's intervention in Ukraine is continuing to prompt punishing economic sanctions from the U.S. and its European allies with no relief in sight. This at a time when Russia's economic growth is already anemic (the World Bank forecasts gross domestic product growth of below 2 percent through 2019) and with 20 million or so Russians already living below the official poverty rate of \$180 per month. Even more ominous, the loss of access to U.S. and Western technology and investment over such an extended period is going to erode Russia's long-term economic competitiveness.

It's also worth noting that Russia's intervention is steadily undermining traditionally high public sentiments toward Russia in Ukraine. According to recent polling, more than 60 percent of young Ukrainians believe Moscow is responsible for the escalation of

the conflict, while only 5 percent blame Kiev. In short, Putin is steadily turning the next generation of Ukrainians against Russia.

Tougher measures

Meanwhile, the U.S. has finally announced plans to provide Kiev with so-called lethal defensive aid, including more than 200 Javelin anti-tank missiles and 37 launch units, in the coming weeks. This equipment will certainly help Ukrainian units counter the old-model tanks that Moscow has provided to the separatists in recent years. As in Syria, then, Russia is finding that intervening in the Ukraine conflict was far easier than extricating itself.

In the run-up to the election, Putin trumpeted Russia's resurgence under his leadership, skillfully portrayed Russia as a victim even as it acted aggressively abroad, spoke publicly (and menacingly) of Russia's newfound military prowess, and engaged in a series of brazen acts, most notably the reported nerve agent attack against two Russians residing in England. If he intends to govern in his next term according to this script, the U.S. and its allies will have little choice but to push back hard.

Some of the options that policy-makers might consider include: new and creative ways to raise the military cost to Russia for its foreign interventions, sweeping policies to further curb Russia's access to advanced technology, measures to eliminate the ability of Putin's cronies to hide money abroad, active cyber operations against Russian entities involved in hacking, and aggressive public messaging efforts to highlight Putin's anti-democratic actions and expose the sources of his vast personal wealth, especially to audiences inside Russia.

It seems clear to me — I'm currently on a government-funded fellowship and these opinions are solely mine — all this adds up to a daunting set of challenges Putin faces in the coming years. And it's certain that provoking a more intense and direct confrontation with the West is not going to make his job any easier.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Injustice and inequality

In Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's March 16 opinion piece "Jailhouse Blues: Here's what real jail reform looks like," Dart shows a blatant disrespect for the principle of "innocent until proven guilty" and a misunderstanding of what it will take to stop the violence in Cook County. He repeatedly claims that it is a huge risk to society to release people prior to trial who are accused of violent crimes. And he is currently refusing to release some defendants who have not been convicted of a crime.

There are two problems with Dart's position and his actions. First, he is acting like being accused of a crime automatically makes someone guilty. In the U.S., the idea that someone is innocent until proven guilty is a core principle of our legal and criminal justice systems. This is especially important here, given the long

history of scandals involving Chicago police coercing confessions, fabricating evidence, and more, especially when dealing with defendants of color. People who have been accused of violent offenses deserve their day in court before the system assumes they are a danger to public safety.

Second, Dart assumes that the best way to deal with violence is to lock people up. As a pastor who has been standing up against gun violence in Englewood and throughout Cook County for years, I can attest to the fact that he is badly mistaken. I have seen that a criminal justice system that destroys people's lives just makes them more desperate. And desperate people do desperate things.

We need to address the root causes of crime and violence, which are injustice and inequality, rather than lock up poor people. We need to fully fund the schools and public services that are so starved for resources in

low-income communities. We need to create jobs that pay a living wage for people of color in low-income communities. And Dart needs to respect the principle that people are innocent until proven guilty.

— Rev. Dwayne Grant, pastor, Xperience Church, Chicago

Expecting perfection

John Grisham's March 15 opinion piece, "Why the innocent end up in prison," about convicted defendants who were later determined by a court to be wrongfully convicted or actually innocent, reminds me of the saying, "Bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to bad people."

Grisham offers a litany of errors causing the "innocent" to be convicted of criminal offenses, ranging from unintentional errors (most administering the criminal justice system are "honest, hard-working professionals") to deliberate and calculating errors (police misconduct, bad lawyers, biased judges, "junk science," etc.). He asserts that the rate of U.S. wrongful convictions is "estimated to be somewhere between

2 percent and 10 percent," which seems to me to be unreasonably and alarmingly high.

Let's stipulate that the criminal justice system is not perfect. Every organization or system has its faults because human beings are fallible. And for the same reason, let's also stipulate that guilty offenders go free because charges are dropped, or they are found not guilty by judges and juries.

Grisham claims some innocent defendants are coerced to confess to crimes they did not commit. But, about 90 percent of convictions for felony offenses occur when defendants plead guilty. While there are court rules that guard against false pleas, defendants plead guilty to offenses they did not commit for many reasons, including plea bargaining. It should also be remembered that many, if not most, felony defendants are recidivists and know the criminal justice system well.

However, any defendant wrongfully convicted who is actually innocent is a miscarriage of justice which must be corrected. The criminal and civil justice systems themselves pro-

vide remedies to correct the injustice, even if they do not restore the life a wrongfully convicted defendant had before being entangled in the criminal justice system.

Mistakes occur in every human endeavor, whether it be practicing law or medicine; manufacturing a car, truck or airplane; providing a service; etc. Sometimes, mistakes have tragic consequences. But expecting perfection instead of trying to minimize inevitable mistakes is itself a mistake.

— Dennis M. Dohm, retired circuit judge, Oak Lawn

Figure of speech

Illinois Family Institute writer Laurie Higgins took Tribune columnist Rex Huppke to task for his lack of knowledge concerning biblical exegesis in her Saturday letter to the editor. The problem isn't with his theology; it's with Higgins' understanding of figurative language. President Donald Trump being married to Stormy Daniels is satire. Jonah in the belly of the whale for three days and nights is metaphor.

— Bill Leece, Schaumburg

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Fed rate hike likely as Powell takes over

Concerns raised that he'll step up pace of increases

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve's first meeting under Jerome Powell's leadership will likely end Wednesday with an announcement that the Fed will resume its modest interest rate hikes.

But investors will be most attuned to what Powell signals at his first news conference about whether and how he might steer the Fed's policymaking differently from his predecessor, Janet Yellen. Will he, for example, be inclined to step up the pace of Fed rate hikes?

Powell hasn't tipped his hand.

Speaking to Congress last month, the new chairman said his "personal outlook" on the economy had



Fed Chairman Jerome Powell speaks to the Senate banking committee earlier this month.

strengthened since December, when the Fed's policy-makers collectively forecast three rate hikes for 2018, the same as in 2017. That comment helped send stocks tumbling because it suggested that the Fed might be about to accelerate the

gradual pace it had pursued under Yellen. More aggressive rate increases would likely slow the economy and make stocks less appealing.

Yet when he testified to Congress again two days later, Powell tempered his view: He stressed that the

Fed still thinks it has room to maintain a moderate pace of rate hikes, in part to allow Americans' average wages, which have stagnated for years, to pick up.

The impression was that he might not favor raising rates faster than Yellen did

after all — at least not yet.

That said, few doubt that the Fed will announce when its policy meeting concludes that it will resume raising rates, after having most recently done so in December. A healthy job market and a steady if unspectacular economy have given the Fed the confidence to think the economy can withstand further increases within a still historically low range of borrowing rates.

The financial markets have been edgy for weeks, and Powell's back-and-forth comments have been only one factor.

A sharp rise in wage growth reported in the government's January jobs report triggered fears that higher labor costs would lead to higher inflation and, ultimately, to higher interest rates.

Stocks sank on the news. But subsequent reports on wages and inflation have been milder, and the markets appear to have stabilized.

The February jobs report pointed to an unusually robust labor market: Employers added 313,000 jobs, the largest monthly gain in 1½ years. The unemployment rate remained at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent.

Other measures of the economy, though, have been more sluggish. Consumer spending, the economy's primary fuel, has slowed this year and has led many economists to downgrade their forecasts for growth in the January-March quarter. Some now envision an annual growth rate of just 1.7 percent for the quarter.

Forecasts for all of 2018, though, still predict an acceleration later this year, driven in part by the stimulative effect of the sweeping tax cuts President Donald Trump pushed through Congress in December and a budget agreement in January to raise government spending by \$300 billion over two years.

City has eye on Amazon rankings

Officials monitor public image amid HQ2 speculation

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH
Chicago Tribune

Amazon is heading to Chicago this week to scout potential sites for its second headquarters, renewing speculation about the city's odds of landing the \$5 billion project that could eventually bring 50,000 high-paying jobs.

Among those keeping a close eye on the public handicapping of the city's chances is Mayor Rahm Emanuel, according to emails obtained through the state Freedom of Information Act.

A case in point: The morning after Amazon announced its plan for a second headquarters, Emanuel emailed Deputy Mayor Robert Rivkin about a CNBC story that ranked Chicago third among potential sites, behind New York and Atlanta but ahead of San Francisco and Boston.

"We need to set record straight," Emanuel wrote, apparently referring to a story that rated cities with 1 million or more residents on local airport traffic, mass transit ridership, higher education institutions, workforce education levels and the pace of job growth.

Amazon's September announcement that it was seeking proposals for the headquarters project, dubbed HQ2, kicked off fierce competition among cities offering millions of dollars in incentives. Even after the field was winnowed in January to 20 finalists, including Chicago, attempts to rate that competition has continued.

At least a handful of reports rating Chicago's and other cities' prospects have made their way to Emanuel's desk.

In October, Rivkin shared a link to a collection of publicly available information on various cities' proposals posted on software development website GitHub.

"Study asap," Emanuel wrote.

He asked for more details about an Atlanta Business Journal roundup Rivkin shared in January, which Rivkin deemed "more thorough and reasonable than most handicapping I've read."

Rivkin wrote Emanuel that the story extols "At-

"So many people around here don't want to work."

— Mike Peery, Branson, Mo. resident



Miguel Joey Aviles teaches a class in Hispanic culture as part of an effort to make Branson, Mo., welcoming to Puerto Ricans.

BRANSON LABORS FOR PUERTO RICO LABOR

Mo. town trying to fill vacancies finds local resentment

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE
The Washington Post

BRANSON, Mo. — In a ballroom with antlers on the wall and hoof prints on the carpet, diversity coach Miguel Joey Aviles asked whether anyone knew how to merengue.

"Lord have mercy," he said, counting hands. "Only two?"

This is "Hispanics 101," a class meant to teach employers in the Ozarks resort town of 11,400 how to lure workers from Puerto Rico and persuade them to stay.

The economy depends on it. As tourism season kicks off this month, the remote getaway known for dinner theaters, country music concerts and a museum of dinosaur replicas has 2,050 vacancies — and a lack of locals applying.

So, like other areas with tight labor markets, Branson finds itself getting creative to fill jobs — in this case by recruiting people from a part of the United States with much higher unemployment.

But the plan to bring 1,000 workers from the island to overwhelmingly white, conservative Branson over the next three years has sparked unease, with critics saying that the newcomers will steal work from

residents or drag down wages or bump up crime.

Inside the mountain lodge with Aviles, however, managers who say they're desperate for employees stood up and tried to move their hips. They came from hotels, hospitals, hardware stores and banks, paying \$50 each for the workshop.

"It's very, very difficult to find talented people in this labor market," said Lynn Brown, regional human resources manager at Bluegreen Vacations. Few responded to the 20 vacancies he had posted online.

Branson boasts hiking, cave tours and 47 music venues, including Dolly Parton's horse show, which a *Slate* reviewer recently described as "the Lost

Cause of the Confederacy meets Cirque du Soleil."

The town logged a record 9 million visits from tourists in 2017. The local chamber of commerce expects an even bigger rush this year, thanks to rising wages nationwide.

Branson's workforce development team is partnering with local businesses, including food suppliers, to accommodate the new hires. But officials acknowledge that some in the area, which is 92.4 percent white, are clinging to the past. Confederate flags adorn shop windows. A billboard outside town advertises "White Pride Radio."

"We get nasty comments all

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UIC hospital to close physical rehab unit

Space will be converted to more private hospital rooms if plan approved by state

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ | Chicago Tribune

University of Illinois Hospital in Chicago plans to create more private patient rooms by discontinuing its physical rehabilitation division, which has seen declining use over the

past few years.

The hospital, in the Chicago medical district, filed an application with the state's Health Facilities and Services Review Board to convert its 18 physical re-

hab beds to adult medical-surgical beds, which will allow it to repurpose some shared rooms into private rooms.

The conversion would not change the overall number of medical-surgical beds, which will remain at 240, but it will increase the share of private patient rooms to 52 percent from 41 percent, the application

said. The overall number of beds at the hospital would drop to 477 from 495.

Hospitals have been shifting to private rooms from shared rooms for years to appeal to patients who prefer privacy and to control the spread of infections. The hospital, which is affiliated with the University of Illinois at Chicago, said in its application

that private rooms are the standard of care and cited research that has shown they reduce patient falls, noise and medical errors while improving communication and social support, as friends and family are more likely to stick around.

Patient use of medical-surgical beds has been ris-

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Car wash operators charged with fraud

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

The president and manager of a car wash that was under contract to wash city vehicles have been charged with defrauding Chicago of more than \$900,000 by allegedly using suppliers that didn't comply with the minority business requirements. The two allegedly devised a scheme to inflate

prices and make it appear as if the car wash were in line with the rules.

John Balzano, 58, and Natalie Balzano, 55, of J&J Car Wash of Chicago, were each charged Monday with felony theft, theft of government property, wire fraud, mail fraud and fraudulently obtaining money reserved for disadvantaged business enterprises. Natalie Balzano was also charged with two counts of forgery. The

charges were announced by Attorney General Lisa Madigan and the city inspector general's office.

According to a news release distributed by the attorney general's office, the Balzanos, who are married, worked with a subcontractor sanctioned by the city's minority business enterprise rules, Oak Park-based PJ's Ace Hardware, who then allegedly created fake invoices for cash wash

products that were sold and delivered by suppliers who were not minority-owned.

John Balzano placed orders directly with those suppliers, the attorney general's office said, and then PJ's Ace Hardware allegedly created new invoices, marked up by 15 to 20 percent. Balzano paid those, officials allege, to make it appear that J&J Car Wash was complying with the city's minority business

contract goal to spend at least 16.9 percent of the total contract price with minority-owned businesses.

J&J President Natalie Balzano then submitted bids to the city for car wash contracts. The city estimates it lost \$931,949 in the so-called "pass-through" scheme.

The Balzanos, who are residents of Darien, were arraigned Monday in Cook County Circuit Court. Their

next court date is April 27.

J&J has already been banned from doing business with the city as a result of the scheme, according to the city. PJ's Ace Hardware is also permanently banned from doing business with the city, after owner Clyde Williams pleaded guilty in December to one count of theft.

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Amtrak quietly ends student, AAA discounts

BY LORI ARATANI
The Washington Post

Amtrak officials have quietly ended discounts for students and AAA members and raised the age requirement for senior discounts to 65.

The discounts, which offered up to 10 percent off tickets, were discontinued earlier this year as part of a shift in strategy for the passenger rail service as it attempts to mirror pricing strategies used in other modes of transportation.

"Amtrak is moving passenger rail service to a more streamlined and efficient business model," spokeswoman Kimberly Woods said. "The goal is to improve overall revenue performance by expanding the use of tactical fare sales to generate ridership growth versus everyday discounts for certain consumer segments."

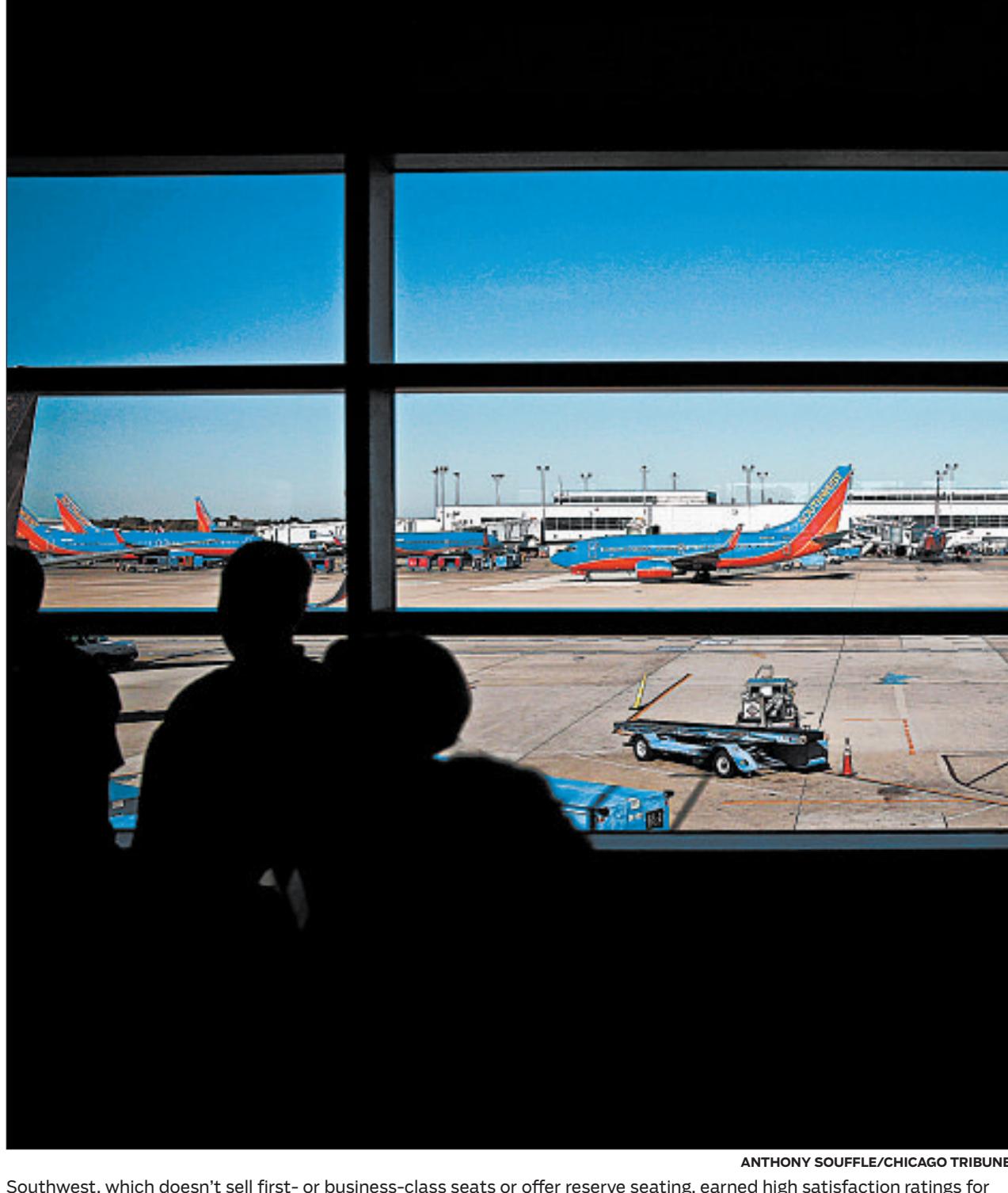
Under the new program, Amtrak will offer new sales every two to three weeks as well as short "flash" sales, which offer steep discounts. One recent example was Amtrak's "Track Friday" sale, its version of a Black Friday sale, which offered

discounts of 25 to 30 percent on most routes.

Amtrak's chief Richard Anderson, was previously CEO at Delta and Northwest Airlines and vowed to bring the lessons learned from his time in the private sector to Amtrak. In its most recent financial report for fiscal year 2017, officials said there was a 1.5 percent ridership increase to 31.7 million passengers. It also noted that total revenue increased to \$3.2 billion, up 1.1 percent over FY 2016. Officials also noted that Amtrak covered 94.7 percent of its operating costs through ticket sales and other revenue.

While the system has its supporters in Congress, Amtrak has been targeted for significant cuts by the Trump administration, which proposed slashing its funding from nearly \$1.2 billion to \$538 million for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The administration has been pushing states to fund a greater portion of long-distance service routes, some of which are money losers.

Woods said one way customers can also save is by buying their tickets at least 14 days in advance.



ANTHONY SOUFFLE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Southwest, which doesn't sell first- or business-class seats or offer reserve seating, earned high satisfaction ratings for staff service, ease of check-in, cabin cleanliness and pricing transparency, according to the survey released last week.

Southwest earns top marks in survey of air travelers

BY HUGO MARTIN
Los Angeles Times

Three of the nation's biggest carriers — American, United and Delta Air Lines — have all added bare-bones economy fares in an effort to better compete with low-cost carriers.

But when it comes to economy flying, a new survey of 55,000 travelers by Consumer Reports still gave the highest marks to Southwest Airlines while giving lower marks to United, American and ultra-low cost carriers such as Frontier and Spirit Airlines.

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In the battle to serve economy passengers, American and United last year launched a new bare-bones fare, called basic economy — that doesn't let passengers change flights, select their seats or upgrade to roomier seats. Delta launched basic economy in 2014.

For good reason. Four in 10 travelers surveyed by Consumer Reports said they chose their airline primarily based on price.

Although American, United and

Delta have all reported generating strong revenues from the sale of basic economy seats, the survey found that all economy flights got low scores for seat comfort and legroom, with nearly 30% of those surveyed saying their seats were uncomfortable.

When it comes to first- and business-class travel, Delta, American and United Airlines were ranked in the middle or at the bottom of the pack, with scores of 85, 80 and 79 out of 100, respectively. The highest scores for more pricey travel instead went to smaller carriers — Hawaiian (89) and Alaska Airlines (89), according to the survey.

Remote getaway trying to fill jobs

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the time," said Heather Hardinger, programs director at the Taney County Partnership, which is working with the chamber on what it calls the "talent attraction" plan.

Branson employers seek a variety of hires, from housekeepers to receptionists to senior managers in the tourism and hospitality industries, with pay ranging from \$12 to \$20 an hour, as well as hospital nurses, whose salaries start at \$54,000.

If Puerto Ricans face hostility in the town, Hardinger worries they will decamp for somewhere else — and the town will be stuck without the workers it needs to grow.

"The question we keep asking ourselves is: What can we do to set the community apart and make them feel at home here?" she said.

Branson has long sought temporary foreign workers to support its tourism industry and faced a crisis last

summer when the Trump administration curbed the number of H-2B visas, cutting off a supply of seasonal employees from Belize.

Local businesses requested 475 H-2B visas for workers in 2017 but received about 70, a town spokeswoman said.

"That created an immediate shortage in the workforce," said Jeff Seifried, president of Branson's chamber of commerce. "It sent everyone scrambling."

Uncertainty around the H-2B visa program has pushed Branson to start building a new — and permanent — talent pool, Seifried said. The town, he said, needs a workforce that decisions in Washington can't shrink.

"Our market can't grow without it," Seifried said.

The town's workforce development team got to brainstorming, and it struck them: Puerto Rico is part of the United States, and the island's jobless rate is typically much higher than Branson's.

Perhaps they could make a deal: quality jobs and a warm welcome in exchange for hard workers who will consider staying.

Chamber officials visited Puerto Rico last April, August and again in February to recruit workers for positions in hotels and hospitals. The effort has brought 269 people from the island to Branson.

One of the first signs of resistance was a resident complaining he had read a story in the local newspaper last May about two men from Puerto Rico getting into a bar fight.

"Did you bring them here?" he asked, Hardinger recalled. "We don't want this violence."

"What if they had been from Minnesota?" she recalls responding. "Would you want Minnesotans to stop coming here?"

Across town, a pair of store owners questioned the need for the recruitment push on the island.

"You have to wonder if this will drive wages down,"

said Beth Burgess, standing behind the wood counter at Cadwell's Downtown Flea Market, which sells old books and raccoon pelts.

Two blocks up the street, at the Downtown Branson Visitor Center, Mike Peery, who has lived here more than a decade, lamented that locals can't seem to fill the town's openings. He doesn't blame outsiders, though.

"So many people around here don't want to work," Peery said. "They have drug problems, tattoo problems, show-up-to-work problems."

Karen Best, the mayor of Branson, has heard these complaints. She has assured residents that the recruits are Americans just like them, and vital to their town's future.

"I would love to give all of our jobs to folks in the mainland U.S.," she said. "But we have more openings than we have folks to fill those jobs. And if those jobs aren't filled, our tourism season doesn't happen."

UIC set to close physical rehab unit

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ing at the hospital — to a 73 percent average daily occupancy rate in 2016 from 65 percent in 2013 — but has been hampered by the low number of single-occupancy rooms that patients desire, the application said.

Meanwhile, occupancy of the hospital's physical rehabilitation beds has declined to a daily average rate of 54 percent in 2016 from 72 percent in 2013. The decline likely reflects improvements in patient care delivery to patients with strokes and undergoing knee and hip replacement surgery, spokeswoman Sharon Parmet said.

UIC's hospital has formed an agreement with Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital, a larger system less than 2 miles away, which will accept transfer rehab patients from UIC, the application said. UIC's hospital will continue to provide physical and occupational therapy services through its gym and daily living assessment activities for outpatients and inpatients staying in other parts of the hospital.

The plan, which would cost nothing, would take effect within 30 days of the hospital getting approval from the state agency.

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Claire's declares Chapter 11 bankruptcy

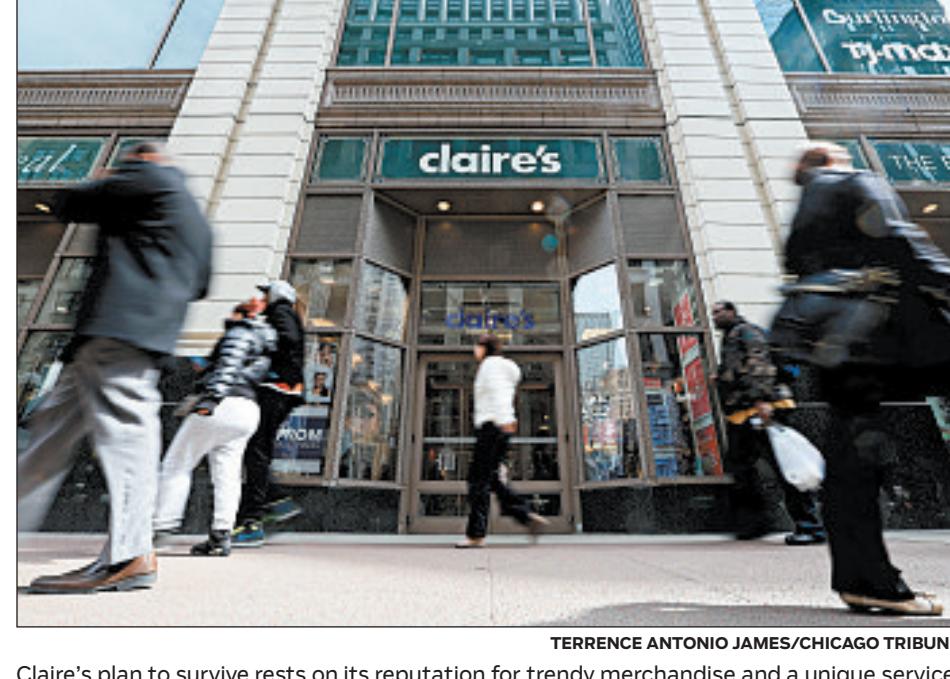
Hoffman Estates firm feels heat as many shun malls

By TIFFANY KARY,
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Bloomberg News

Claire's Stores, known for tween jewelry and ear piercing, has become the latest victim of the retail apocalypse.

The company filed for bankruptcy Monday and said it reached an agreement with creditors including its private-equity backer, Apollo Global Management, to restructure around \$1.9 billion in debt. Its plan to survive rests on its reputation for trendy merchandise and a unique service that it says can't be replicated by shopping online: ear piercing.

"To date, the company estimates that it has pierced over 100,000,000 ears worldwide," Claire's Chief Financial Officer Scott Huckins said in court papers as part of the Delaware



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
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Chapter 11 filing. The company began piercing ears in 1978.

But even a business model that "remains a compelling proposition over the long term" wasn't enough to immunize the company from a decline in mall traffic.

fic, which fell around 8 percent year-over-year, Huckins said in a court affidavit. The company also had too much debt, costing it \$183 million a year alone in interest payments, he said.

Claire's, based in Hoff-

man Estates, Ill., is the latest in a string of recent U.S. retail bankruptcies including children's clothing chain Gymboree, athletic gear seller the Sports Authority and toy seller Toys R Us.

Chief Executive Officer

Ron Marshall has been trying to revive Claire's North American operations, under pressure as shoppers shun the malls where the company has many of its 7,500 total locations. The task was hindered by payments on its debt load and efforts to tame its liabilities, including a debt exchange in 2016 and a refinanced credit line last year, didn't do enough to bolster cash.

Apollo, which took the company private in 2007, exchanged around \$183.6 million of debt in the company as part of the 2016 transaction. As of the filing, Apollo owns 98 percent of the company's equity, and around 28 percent of three types of the company's debt, totaling around \$48 million, according to court filings.

"Claire's agreed to a restructuring plan with a group of creditors led by Elliott Management and Monarch Alternative Capital, according to a statement Monday. The ad hoc group of first lien lenders will provide the company with about \$575 million of new capital, including a \$250

million first lien term loan.

According to court papers, a debtor-in-possession loan to fund operations in bankruptcy will include a \$75 million revolver and a \$60 million term loan with Citibank as an agent to other lenders.

The company plans to emerge from Chapter 11 in September with more than \$150 million of liquidity and to reduce its debt by about \$1.9 billion, according to the statement. International subsidiaries of Claire's are not part of the U.S. filings. The company's bankruptcy doesn't include \$245 million in funded debt at affiliates, according to court papers.

"This transaction substantially reduces the debt on our balance sheet and will enhance our efforts to provide the best possible experience for our customers," Marshall said in the statement.

A voluntary Chapter 11 filing typically allows a company to keep operating while it works out a plan to turn the business around and pay its creditors.

McDonald's wants deal in retaliation case

By JOSH EIDELSON
Bloomberg

McDonald's and the U.S. National Labor Relations Board asked an agency judge to approve the settlement of a long-running workplace-retaliation case, cutting short a trial that could lead to increased corporate liability for alleged wrongdoing by franchisees.

The trial, which was to resume Monday after a two-month delay, stems from claims by McDonald's franchise employees that they were fired for joining a national effort to obtain a \$15 hourly wage, the so-called Fight For \$15 movement backed by the Service Employees International Union.

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A key issue is whether McDonald's is a "joint employer" that workers at franchised stores can bring claims against.

attorney for the Fast Food Workers Organizing Committee. "We look forward to presenting our objections to the judge."

The trial began in 2016 and was nearing completion in January, when the NLRB sought a 60-day stay in hopes of securing a settlement. A key issue in the dispute is whether McDonald's has enough control over its franchisees to be considered a "joint employer" that workers at franchised stores can bring claims against.

The settlement does not include a determination that McDonald's is a "joint employer" of the workers.

Matt Haller, a senior vice president at the International Franchise Association, whose members include McDonald's, said Monday that the controversy demonstrates the need for Congress to pass a law establishing a more limited view of "joint employer" liability.

"We are pulling out all the stops to try to ensure that there is an opportunity to get that done," he said. "It's been six years since this uncertainty and wild goose chase began."

Not handy? Walmart expands deal to help

By JOSEPH PISANI
Associated Press

Walmart doesn't just want to sell TVs and furniture — it wants to send a professional home to set them up, too.

The world's largest retailer said Monday that it is expanding a deal with on-demand online services platform Handy.com, allowing shoppers to hire helpers at 2,000 of its stores nationwide to mount a TV on their wall or assemble a bookcase.

Other retailers have offered similar services as they seek to make shopping

more convenient to get customers to buy more and cut down on returns. Wayfair, the online furniture seller, also offers Handy's services.

Amazon.com has its own on-demand services offering. And furniture seller Ikea bought Taskrabbit last year and is rolling out the service to its stores.

Walmart, which first tested Handy in 25 stores in Atlanta, said shoppers can hire a Handy professional when they check out at a store or on its website. Mounting a TV starts at \$79, while putting together furniture starts at \$69, Handy said.

Delivery services may lead the way to driverless future

Robot rides are going to deliver pizza and parcels before people

By KEITH NAUGHTON
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Bloomberg

In the wait for self-driving technology, cell-phone-toting tech bros may have to cede their spot in line to pizzas, Craigslist couches and the mounting ephemera of e-commerce. The future-at least in the near-term-will not only be driverless, but sans passenger as well.

The early conversations around driverless cars have focused on robot taxis because taking the human driver out of a cab seemed like the quickest path to profitability. But an increasing number of companies-automakers, tech giants, startups, parcel services-are seeing autonomous delivery as the more lucrative venture.

"The revolution in commercial vehicles will come first, then the passenger cars" will follow, said Ashwani Gupta, senior vice president of Renault-Nissan's light commercial vehicle business. "The moment business people start believing this is going to generate additional revenue and that this is going to be more efficient, then I think they'll start working on it."

And no wonder: The potential market is huge. Consumers now favor shopping online to schlepping to the mall, with Amazon.com Inc. alone delivering more than 5 billion packages to its Prime members last year. Automating the arrival of all those brown boxes on front porches would slash

shipping costs in half, experts say. That's why consultant McKinsey & Co. predicts that in less than a decade, 80 percent of all items will be delivered autonomously.

"The level of interest

around autonomous goods delivery has gone up dramatically," said Asutosh Padhi, a McKinsey senior partner.

"The economics will be compelling and it

will change consumer expectations in a fundamental way."

Automated delivery has

plenty of advantages over

robo-taxis, starting with

fewer safety concerns

about hauling cargo instead of humans. And unlike ride hailing, driverless

delivery is not dependent

on the morning and evening

rush when cabs are busiest.

Delivery demand

exists 24/7 and works best

in the dead of night when

there's scant traffic on the

road. A robot that works

almost all the time could

cut two-day delivery into

two hours. And a utilitarian

delivery pod, which

doesn't need seats or creature

comforts for occupants, can maximize return on investment.

"The business potential

is so large," said Daniel Laury, chief executive officer of Udely, a Silicon Valley startup that began

demonstrating driverless

delivery of groceries in

January. "You're talking

about hundreds of billions

of dollars."

With so much money on

the table, the nascent business

is attracting the interest

of global automakers and

tech giants alike. This

week, Waymo, the former Google self-driving car project, begins testing autonomous big rigs hauling cargo in Atlanta. Ford just began a pilot in Miami to understand how self-driving cars and vans would deliver pizza, groceries and other goods.

Germany's Daimler has shown its autonomous Freightliner Inspiration truck and Tesla has teased a self-driving semi as logistics companies seek to eliminate human drivers that account for as much as 70 percent of the cost of hauling goods.

And that's not all. Toyota in January unveiled a concept for an autonomous vehicle that can haul people or cargo, while Renault-Nissan will debut a driverless delivery vehicle at the Hanover Motor Show in September.

Big logistics players from Germany's Deutsche Post to Amazon itself are also planning their own driverless delivery futures.

"The Amazon effect has really changed how commerce is done," said Danny Shapiro, senior director of the automotive business at chip maker Nvidia Corp., the computing brains behind driverless vehicles.

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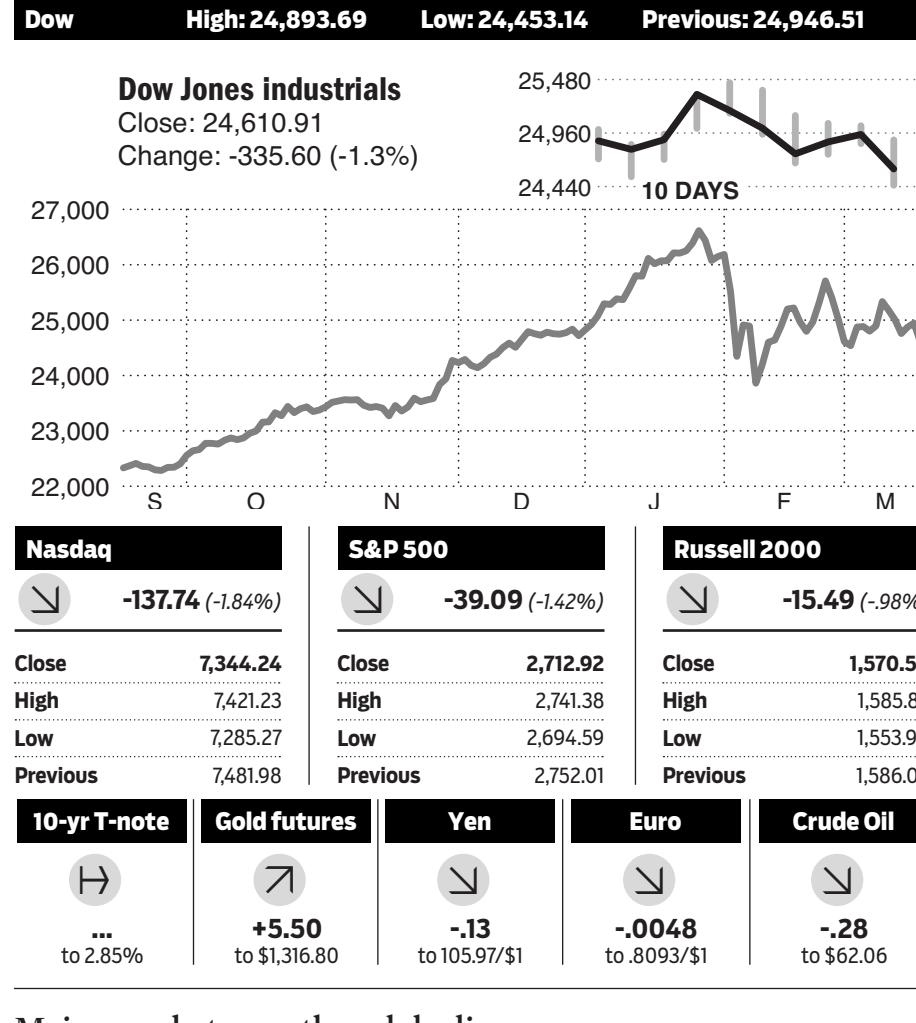
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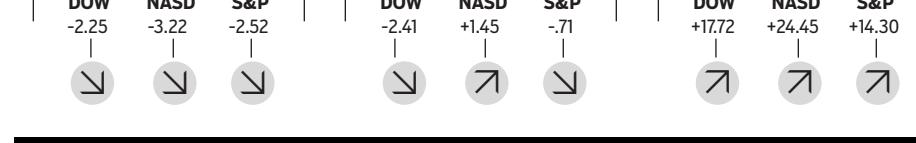
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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	465	466	450.25	450.75	-17
		Jul 18	482.25	483.25	467.25	467.75	-17.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	382	382	374.75	375	-7.75
		Jul 18	390	390	383	383.25	-7.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1045.25	1045.50	1021.75	1022.50	-27
		Jul 18	1055.75	1056	1032.75	1033.50	-26.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	32.06	32.12	31.72	32.06	+.08
		Jul 18	32.28	32.35	31.95	32.29	+.07
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	372.50	372.50	358.20	358.60	-14.30
		Jul 18	374.50	374.50	360.90	361.30	-13.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 18	62.23	62.35	61.36	62.06	-.28
		May 18	62.30	62.44	61.45	62.13	-.28
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.683	2.710	2.640	2.651	-.037
		May 18	2.713	2.736	2.668	2.678	-.038
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.9421	1.9525	1.9204	1.9249	-.0210
		May 18	1.9523	1.9622	1.9321	1.9375	-.0198

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization.

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	62.26	.92	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	85.74	-.21	McDonalds Corp	N	159.01	-.35
AbbVie Inc	N	112.03	-.16	Equity Residential	N	60.32	+.09	Middleby Corp	O	128.41	-.158
Allstate Corp	N	96.78	-.75	Exelon Corp	N	38.22	-.16	Mondelez Intl	O	42.35	-.84
Aptargroup Inc	N	89.96	-.19	First Indl RT	N	29.65	-.30	Morningstar Inc	O	97.68	.30
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.06	-.44	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	60.97	-.11	Motorola Solutions	N	108.75	-.08
Baxter Intl	N	66.76	-.13	Gallagher AJ	N	70.52	-.49	Navistar Intl	N	33.73	-.158
Boeing Co	N	331.76	+.12	Grainger WW	N	286.38	-.23	NiSource Inc	N	23.24	-.19
Brunswick Corp	N	61.36	-.25	GrubHub Inc	N	108.82	-.17	Ntnh Trust Cp	O	106.72	-.49
CBOE Global Markets	O	188.53	-.69	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	86.21	-.71	Old Republic	N	21.40	+.10
CDK Global Inc	O	68.59	-.95	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	79.38	-.60	Packaging Corp Am	N	116.66	-.185
CDW Corp	O	73.98	-.86	IDEX Corp	N	147.26	-.46	Stericycle Inc	O	62.97	-.62
CF Industries	N	37.69	-.64	ITW	N	167.63	-.33	TransUnion	N	58.66	-.54
CME Group	O	163.54	-.58	Ingridion Inc	N	131.51	-.31	Tribune Media Co A	N	40.99	-.22
CNA Financial	N	51.91	-.04	John Bean Technol	N	119.40	-.24	USG Corp	N	33.61	-.71
Caterpillar Inc	N	152.15	-.43	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	174.76	+.69	ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	215.60	-.628
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.34	-.27	KapStone Paper	N	34.85	+.04	United Contl Hldgs	N	70.13	-.75
Deere Co	N	159.53	-.45	Kraft Heinz Co	O	63.95	-.14	Ventas Inc	N	49.53	-.62
Discover Fin Svcs	N	76.04	-.50	LKO Corporation	O	39.25	-.30	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	66.62	-.95
Dover Corp	N	99.90	-.18	Littelfuse Inc	O	219.70	-.349	Wintrust Financial	O	89.42	-.189
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.03	+.07	MB Financial	N	43.64	-.55	Zebra Tech	O	139.89	-.345

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	31.98	-.19
Bank of America	11.01	-.14
Ford Motor	14.01	-.12
Micro Focus Intl	51.95	-.32
Chesapeake Energy	16.42	-.59
Oracle Corp	12.47	-.33
Snap Inc A	34.98	-.60
Hecla Mining Co	16.00	-.41
Kinder Morgan Inc	194.53	-.57
Alibaba Group Holdg	36.58	-.42
AT&T Inc	1.58	-.03
Pfizer Inc	36.33	-.45
Wells Fargo & Co	55.48	-.42
Visa Inc	123.21	-.13
ENSCO PLC	4.59	-.17
Square Inc	54.58	-.31
Newell Rubbermaid	26.79	-.18
AK Steel Hold	4.95	-.03
Weatherford Int'l Ltd	27.00	-.55
Citigroup	72.70	-.77
Ambac S.A.	7.17	+.04

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

Based on total assets

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Neovasc Inc	.12	-.01
Facebook Inc	172.56	-.12
Microchip Tech	10.47	-.01
Adv Micro Dev	11.43	-.04
Comcast Corp A	35.30	-.53
Apple Inc	175.30	-.27
Microsoft Corp	92.89	-.71
Intel Corp	50.83	-.34
Akers Biosciences	.82	+.11
Cisco Syst	44.27	-.74
JD.com Inc	44.15	-.82
Nvidia Corporation	241.00	-.98
NF Energy Saving	1.94	+.92
Caesars Entertain	12.30	-.45
Mondelez Intl	42.35	-.84
Sirius XM Holdings Inc	6.34	-.14
Qualcomm Inc	58.37	-.25
Applied Materials	58.50	-.94
Marvell Tech Grp	22.82	-.36
Cypress Semiconductors	17.97	-.63
Symantec Corp	26.67	-.70
Zynga Inc	3.75	-.07
Ericsson	6.66	-.07

FOREIGN MARKETS

Based on market capitalization

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3279.25	+9.4/+.3
Stoxxx600	373.68	-4.0/-1.1
Nikkei	21480.90	-195.6/-5.9
MSCI-EAFE	2032.27	-11.6/-6
Bovespa	83913.06	-2137.9/-2.5
FTSE 100	7042.93	-121.2/-1.7
CAC-40	52	

OBITUARIES

JOHN CACIOPPO 1951-2018

U. of C. scholar studied the roots of loneliness

BY HARRISON SMITH

The Washington Post

John Cacioppo, whose research into human bonds and connections expanded the horizons of psychology, generating an entirely new discipline — social neuroscience — and key insights into loneliness, died March 5 at his home in Chicago. He was 66.

The cause was not immediately known, said his wife, Stephanie Cacioppo, a fellow University of Chicago scholar with whom he shared an office desk and strikingly divergent research interests. While he studied loneliness, examining its neural, hormonal, cellular and genetic roots, she studied love and its effects on human health.

An unlikely academic who became the first member of his family to graduate from college, Cacioppo was president of a dizzying array of psychological societies, the founder of several research journals and a scholastic pillar at the U. of C.

In addition to serving as a professor of psychology, he directed the university's Center for Cognitive & Social Neuroscience, led its social psychology program and was the founding faculty director of Arete, a program that helps Chicago professors find funding for large-scale research projects.

"John was an absolute force of nature," said Jay Van Bavel, a social neuroscientist at New York University. In a four-decade career, Cacioppo wrote more than 500 articles and several books, including "Loneliness: Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection."

Co-authored with William Patrick in 2008, the book presented Cacioppo's theories on loneliness to a popular audience, describing the state of mind partly as a disease — it is contagious, inheritable and damaging to the heart — and partly as a biological signal akin to hunger.

"His research on the causes and consequences of loneliness was rigorous, deep and impactful," Daniel Gilbert, a Harvard University psychology professor, wrote in an email.

"Anyone who tells you that being lonely is as bad for your health as smoking a pack of cigarettes a day is quoting John Cacioppo without knowing it."

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ALEX GARCIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2006

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Yet Cacioppo's career extended far beyond the study of social isolation, to include major contributions to the psychology of decision-making and the ways in which people form opinions about the world.

While at Ohio State University in the 1980s, he and psychologist Richard Petty developed what is known as the elaboration likelihood model, which distinguished between decisions that are made thoughtfully and deliberately and those that are made because of environmental cues such as a catchy but superficial television jingle.

Broadening his research, Cacioppo later joined Gary Berntson in developing a model for how people make one of the most fundamental decisions of all — determining whether they like or dislike something, whether it's a head of lettuce or an electric car.

"Prior to this theory, most psychologists treated positivity (liking) and negativity (disliking) as reciprocal," his former colleague Petty wrote in an email. "That is, it was believed that as you came to like something more, you came to dislike it less. John, however, focused on how these two dimensions were actually independent in that liking and disliking could both go up or down simultaneously. In

encountered a car accident that nearly killed him as a young man. In the aftermath of the crash, "he realized what really matters in life — love and social connection."

The latter, Cacioppo often said, was his true interest. It was only by studying its absence — loneliness — that he believed he could begin to understand its importance in human life. To that end, he and his colleagues used a vast array of experimental methods, studying brain activity and the effects of hypnosis as well as the loneliness of stroke patients, Army veterans, rodents and monkeys. Crucially, he observed that loneliness was not necessarily tied to the number of human connections in a person's life.

"In fact, often times, fewer is better," he told The Guardian in 2016. "The classic case is the billionaire who sees that everyone wants to be their friend, but in the billionaire's eyes none of those are effective, because they are seen as being motivated by material gain."

Cacioppo estimated that about one-quarter of the population regularly feels lonely and reported that "chronic loneliness increases the odds of an early death by 20 percent" — about as much as obesity.

John Terrence Cacioppo was born June 12, 1951, in Marshall, Texas.

Cacioppo received a master's degree from Ohio State in 1975 and, remarkably, received his doctorate in psychology from the school just two years later.

He taught at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Iowa and Ohio State before joining U. of C. in 1999.

He met Stephanie Ortigue when she was seated next to him at a research conference in Shanghai, and they married in 2011.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two children from a previous marriage, Anthony Cacioppo and Christina Cacioppo; two brothers; and a sister.

It was an interest that had consumed Cacioppo for years, his wife said, recalling that he sometimes referred

to it as "the lonely gene."

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In 1997 Liggett Group, the maker of Chesterfield cigarettes, settled 22 state lawsuits by agreeing to warn on every pack that smoking is addictive and admitting the industry markets cigarettes to teenagers.

In 1999 Bertrand Piccard of France and Brian Jones of England completed the first round-the-world nonstop hot-air balloon voyage.

In 1996 the British government said a rare brain dis-

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Pick 4 midday 6279 / 2

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Pick 4 evening 8220 / 3

Lucky Day Lotto evening 17 22 25 32 34

March 20 Mega Millions: \$377M

March 21 Powerball: \$40M

WISCONSIN March 19

Pick 3 539

Pick 4 2231

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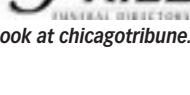
Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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

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Etten, Mildred M.

Mildred "Millie" Etten 92 At Peace with Christ Sunday , March 18, 2018. Loving mother of Joan Etten Krall (Darryl Krall). Cherished grandmother of Annie and Katie. Dear sister of Helen Kirinich, Ruth Skriden and the late Peter, Mike, Duke and Joseph Markusic. Fond aunt and great aunt to many. Visitation Tuesday from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Cumberland Chapels (FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Services Begin: Wednesday 9:00 A.M. at the Funeral Home and will proceed to Mary Seat of Wisdom Church, Park Ridge. Funeral Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. Info: www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708/ 456-8300



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Fanlon, Thomas T.

Thomas T. Fanlon, of Streamwood IL, formerly of Roseland, IL, passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018. He is survived by his sisters, Barbara (late Richard) Kief of Oregon and Mary (late Richard) Sola deMotte, uncle Sigmund Krol, niece Michele (Dave) Vaughan, nephew Chris (Sarah) Kief, great nieces Sophia Vaughan and Emma Kief, numerous cousins and friends. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Mabel (Krol) Fanlon; several aunts and uncles.

Tom served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a Bronze Star recipient. He enjoyed celebrating with family and friends. Tom was a true animal lover, an avid Bears and White Sox fan. A celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Pangere Fund for Retinal Research, c/o Legacy Foundation, 1000 East 80th Place, Ste. 402, Merrillville, IN. 46410 www.kishfuneralhome.net

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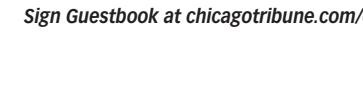
Jensen, Elmer W. 'Al'

Elmer (Al) W. Jensen, age 67, at rest March 17th, 2018. Al worked 40 years at Dominick's & loved to golf with his family. Al is survived by wife Diane; children Daniel, Mark, Paul, & Valerie; grandchildren Angie, Alana, Naomi, Hope & Abel; & sister Annie. Services will be held March 21st from 3-8pm at New Life Church, 5333 151st St. Oak Forest, IL 60452.

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Johnson, Shirley M.

Shirley M. Johnson, nee Mencel, 90, of Park Ridge, passed away March 17, 2018. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Victoria Calich, companion) and Sheryl (Paul Lamantia, companion); cherished sister of the late Jeanne (the late Hugh) Granahan; dearest aunt of Tim (Barbara) and the late Greg Granahan; fond great aunt of Patrick Granahan. Visitation Wednesday, March 21st, 4 - 9 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge, where a funeral service will be held Thursday, March 22nd at 11 a.m. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Info., 847-823-5122 or www.nelson-funerals.com.



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Kanig, Thelma

Thelma Kanig nee Yospin, age 92. Beloved wife of the late Joseph L. Kanig. Loving mother of Dr. Steven (Dr. Barbara McAneny) Kanig, Gary Kanig and David (Anna Talis) Kanig. Proud grandmother of 4. Dear sister of the late Toby (the late Audrey)

Yospin and the late Elaine (the late Meyer) Melnikoff. Service Wednesday 11 AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Thelma's memory to the Brooklyn College Foundation (<http://bit.ly/2ptNLZ9>) would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals-Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com



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Kennedy, Patricia Pat

Lake Mills/Sun Prairie, Wisconsin Patricia "Pat" Kennedy, age 72, died on Fri., Mar. 16, 2018, survived by husband Jack; 2 children; sister Barbara Serpico of Chicago. A Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Fr., Mar. 23, 2018, at Sacred Hearts Catholic Church in Sun Prairie, WI. Visitation, 10 a.m. on Friday. www.newcomerfh.com

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Kiwala, Ashlyn

Since December of 2014, Ashlyn Kiwala has fought one of the most courageous battles against brain cancer that the world has ever seen. On March 18, 2018, Ashlyn didn't give up, but rather came to terms that it was a battle that she wasn't willing to fight until the end of time. Instead, she chose to enter the gates of heaven, free of pain and suffering where she is rallying with her friends and family. Ashlyn was a Masters' degree recipient hailing from the great Southern Illinois University where she graduated with a 4.0 GPA and was a graduate assistant for the Public Relations Student Society of America, an organization she loved. Ashlyn dreamed of being a crisis communications director. Life had another plan for her when she met her husband, Johnathan Kiwala. Their first encounter with one another left her less than impressed with John. However, he was able to show her another side of him and ultimately won her over. They walked across the stage together to received both their bachelor's degree and Masters'. They got married on August 3, 2012. They adopted their rescue dog, Molly, who became their fur child. Two years after being married, Ashlyn was diagnosed after suffering from debilitating headaches. Showing her amazing strength and courage, Ashlyn underwent radiation and chemo-therapy while working full-time, driving herself to radiation during her lunch break and back to work after. Over the past 4 years, she had 4 brain surgeries and was on several more treatments she completed every one of them with a smile and a polite "thank you" to those treating her.

Born in Hermosa Beach California December 15 1987, Ashlyn loved to be known as a California Girl. Growing up, Ashlyn's amazing parents Daniel Hegg and Judith Hegg (Kozlowski) raised her to be the kindest, most caring person anyone would ever meet. Her parents were there to help her in every aspect of her life, from parent-teacher conferences, 1st day of school, to taking her to cancer treatments every week. Ashlyn loved everything Disney, animals, smiling, her husband, and spending time with her amazing group of childhood and college friends. She epically loved spending time with her brother Ross Hegg, sister-in-law Becky (Slania), and her niece and god daughter Mia and Nephew Mason Hegg. Also, mother in-law Pamela Nelson (Etzel), her brother in-law Michael Braddy, sister in-law Andrea Braddy (Drish), Nephews Harrison and Leo and niece Vivienne Braddy and her grandmother in-law Darlene Etzel (Steen).

Over the course of Ashlyn's diagnosis, thousands of people prayed for her from all over the world, said sermons, masses, lit candles, and provided support to her. Organizations such as Michael Matters and BrainUp rallied around her to lift her up. Ashlyn is survived by her husband Jonathan Kiwala, who loved her more than all the stars in the universe and more. She would like to thank the doctors from Northshore University Health Systems and especially Doctor Ryan Merrell, who never gave up on Ashlyn.

A GoFundMe has been set up by Ashlyn's friends to raise funds to pay for end of life preparations. www.gofundme.com/ashlynn. Funds raised outside of need will be donated to the Michael Matters foundation and BrainUp on Ashlyn's behalf. Pleasant bunny dreams our baby girl.

A visitation for Ashlyn will be held Wednesday March 21, 2018 from 4-9pm at Willow Funeral Home 1415 W Algonquin Rd., Algonquin IL. Funeral Mass will be

Thursday at 1pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church 1023 McHenry Ave. Crystal Lake IL. Interment to follow at Algonquin Cemetery. For more information visit willowfh.com or call 847-458-1700.

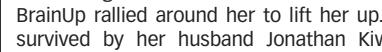
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Klimas, Martha May

Martha M. Klimas (nee Bates), age 86, passed away March 18th. Loving wife of the late Bernard J. Klimas; adored companion of Theodore Justyn; cherished mother of Linda (Rodney) Moles, Stephen Klimas, Laura (Scott) Justyn and Lisa Tully (companion James). She is joined in heaven with precious grandson Baby Mark; proud Nana of Stephen, Kenneth, Eric, Justin, Jason, Matthew, Melissa (fiancee Eric) and Joseph; great-grandmother of Lucibella; dear friend to Gary and Lynette Shemanski; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday

from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Lack & Sons Funeral Home, 9236 S. Roberts Rd., Hickory Hills. Funeral Service Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home to St. Patricia Church for 11:30 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

For info 708-430-5700.



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Lacko-Beem, Carol 'Lance'

Carol Lynn Lacko-Beem passed away surrounded by her loved ones at Westbrook Acres under the care of Hospice Compassus on March 15, 2018. She was born in the city of Chicago, Illinois on January 16, 1940 to Lawrence and Betty Jane Lacko. She grew up there attending St. Procopius Catholic School until she moved to Iowa and spent her senior year of high school in Garwin, Iowa. She married twice before finding the love of her life William Beem, Jr. They'd recently celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. She worked for 32 years at Fisher Controls retiring in 1995.

She leaves behind to grieve her loss two daughters, Lorinda (S. Jeremiah) and Lisa Lacko, husband William and two grandchildren, Shawn Liam Branen and Chase Reeves, and one great grandson Adrian Rhinehart. Son-in-law Greg Beem, daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Ken Vergauwen and three step-grandchildren, Krysta, Jenna and Tia Vergauwen.

Carol is also survived by her three younger brothers Bill (Shirley), Steve (Kerry), and Tony (Shirley) Lacko who still reside in the Chicago area. She was predeceased in death by her parents.

Carol was a vibrant, outspoken, beautiful, independent woman. She had a time in her life where she was a single parent, worked full-time and went to William Penn University at night to better herself for her family. Teaching them to work hard and never stop learning.

Some of her life's passions included herb gardening, teaching herself from the early days of computers how to navigate and she was off and running with anything techie. She loved exploring her family genealogy, read vigorously, and watched a lot of true crime shows and anything containing pop culture. She wanted to be "in the know"!

Her children will take with them the undying devotion she had for them. If they ever needed something, they could always count on her and their Step Dad Willie to not let them flail alone. Love abounds.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Saint Henry's Catholic Church in Marshalltown, Iowa at 10:30. A Public visitation

will be held on Tuesday night March 20, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home from 5 - 7:00. For condolences please visit www.Mitchellfh.com or call (641)-844-1234.

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Lambert, Virginia "Ginni"

Virginia "Ginni" Lambert of Des Plaines. Beloved sister of Robert Lambert; dear friend to many. Visitation Thursday March 22, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd., (at Northwest Highway) Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Prayers Friday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. at the Funeral Home to St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment All Saints Immaculate Heart of Mary Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to St. Emily Church. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.

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McLoughlin, Catherine

Catherine McLoughlin nee Buckley, 87; beloved wife of the late Luke "John"; loving sister of Mary (the late Larry) Curtin, Arthur (Ann) Buckley and the late Liz Buckley, the late Fr. Martin Buckley and the late Fr. Tim Buckley both of the Holy Ghost Missionary priest of Ghana/Nigeria; cherished daughter by the late Thomas and Mary Buckley; fond and loving sister-in-law, aunt and friend of many; Native of Tarbert, Co. Kerry, Ireland. Funeral Thursday 9:45 AM from Gibbons Family Funeral Home 5917 W. Irving Park RD (½ Block East of Austin) to St. Thecla Church. Mass 10:30 AM. Interment All Saint Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Thecla Church or Rainbow Hospice. For info 773-777-3944 or www.GFFH.com

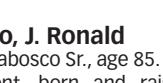
Mesch, Arthur

Arthur Mesch, 72, of Wheaton, Loving husband to Judy, Beloved father of Tara (Andrew) Farley and Todd (Mary) Mesch, Cherished grandfather to Thomas, Joseph, Peter, Nicholas, John Paul, Matthew, Michael, Bernie, Annie and Emily Farley, Penny and Rosie Mesch, Dear brother to Dennis (the late Adrienne), Marty (Karen) Mesch, Jeff (Lou Ann) Mesch and Barbara (Jeff) Wittekind, Fond brother in law to Jer Huene and Carol (Dan) Klebek. Memorial Visitation Thursday from 4 pm- 8 pm at Williams-Kampf Funeral home 430 E. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton. Memorial Mass Friday 10am at St. James the Apostle Church 480 S. Park blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL. (Please meet at church) Inurnment Assumption Cemetery. Funeral info (630)668-0016 or www.williams-kampf.com In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society www.lls.org

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Lorentzen, William D.

William D. Lorentzen, beloved husband of the late Nancy; loving father of Linda (Matthew) Steger, Stephen, Susan (Brian) Pessetti and David Lorentzen; dear grandfather of Danielle (Jeremy) Baker, Christopher, Sydney, Ashley, Jade, Paul and Wesley. Military honors with inurnment Thursday 11:30 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Cremation rites entrusted to HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORIUM. Info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Magnabosco, J. Ronald

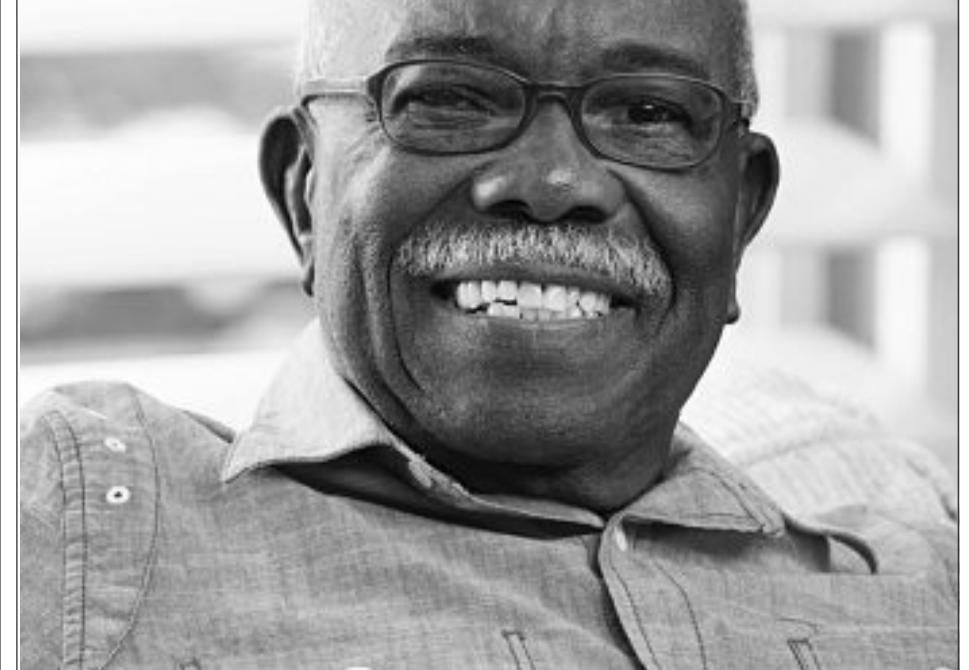
J. Ronald Magnabosco Sr., age 85. Longtime Chicago Heights resident, born and raised in Chicago's Roseland area. Graduate of St. Anthony Grammar School, CVS High School and attended Western Illinois University. Ron retired in 2006 after many years of service as a Commercial Loan Officer for the Heritage Olympia Bank/Old Second Bank. Husband for 51 years of the late Frances nee LeRose. Father of J. Ronald Jr. (Lesley) Magnabosco, Mary Jo (Bob) South, Robert Magnabosco and Nancy (Bob) VanHoutegen. Loving grandfather of Rachel, Josie, Mia and Morgan Magnabosco, Samantha and Tyler South, Jake, Josh and Zach VanHoutegen. Loving uncle and dear friend to many. Resting at Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Wednesday morning March 21st from 9:00 AM until time of chapel prayers at 11:00. Funeral Mass 11:30 AM at St. Kieran Church, 19500 S. Halsted St. Chicago Heights. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood. 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com.

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Mihalkanin, Peter

Peter Mihalkanin, Army Veteran Korean War. Beloved husband of Helen nee Wagner; loving father of Robert (Jenifer) and Jason (Roberta Ann); dear grandfather of Jake, Emily, Tommy, Megan, and Abby; fond brother of Helen (the late LeRoy) Koranda and the late Mary (the late Edward) Lazo; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m. with Panikida Service 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 S. County Line Rd. Burr Ridge. Lying-in-State Thursday 9:00 a.m. until service 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the church. Arrangements by Otto V. Stransky & Son (773) 778-0700.

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Moedt, Carole

Carole Moedt, nee Hendrych, age 80, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2018. Loving mother of Connie (James) Smith and Robert (Julie) Moedt; Beloved grandmother of Amber and Cody Smith; Dear sister of the late Yvonne Kramer and Rita (Ron) Jelinek; She'll be missed by many friends and relatives. For many years, Carole was a well-loved nanny and a devoted volunteer at Cantigny's First Division Museum. She was also heavily involved in PTA, Garden Club and Bible Studies. At Carole's request, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Alzheimer's Association in Carole's name. For info (630) 889-1700



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Moran, Loretta J.

Loretta J. Moran nee Gallagher, Beloved wife of the late Thomas E. Moran, MD. Loving mother of Peggy Moran, Thomas G. Moran, Ph.D., Edward (Kathryn) Moran, Michael (Holly) Moran, MD, Daniel Moran, and Timothy (Kendyl) Moran, Ph.D. Proud grandmother of Casey, Elizabeth, Patrick, Megan, Jennifer, Matthew, Benjamin and Josephine. Visitation will be held Saturday 10:30am-11:15am at St Catherine of Alexandria Church 10621 S Kedvale, Oak Lawn. Funeral Mass 11:30am. Interment private. Arrangements were entrusted to The Original Lamb Family Funeral & Cremation Service, Rose Lamb Director. For information call 708-710-9549

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Sackheim, Professor George I.

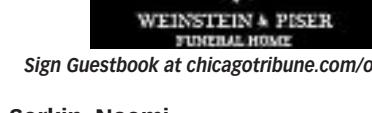
George Israel Sackheim, born December 23, 1922, beloved husband for 67 years of the late Esther, nee Feinstein. Devoted son of the late Jack and Martha, nee Lurie, Sackheim. Dear father of Arlene (Clarence) Bales, Ruth Sackheim, Susan (Bruce) Cohen and Jacqueline (Jon Bradley) Sackheim. Loving grandfather of Julia (Avi) Heatley, Danielle (Daniel Broaddus) Cohen, Michael (Breanna Erwin-Cohen) Cohen and Benjamin Cohen. Great grandfather of Rohan and Eden Heatley, Nora Cohen-Broaddus. Fond brother of the late Morton (Lorraine) Sackheim. Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews. Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois-Chicago, author, teacher of numerous nursing students, genealogist, and World War II Navy veteran. Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Congregation Kol Emeth, Skokie, IL. Funeral information 847-256-5700.



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Schank, Lisa

Lisa Schank, 63. Beloved daughter of Helen and the late Jack Axelrod; cherished sister of Barney (Carmella) Axelrod, Hon. Larry (Anne) Axelrod, and Michael (Cam) Axelrod; devoted mother of Carrie (Scott) Hacker, Connie (Shaun) Collins, Sara (fiance Tim Jensen) Schank, and Morgan Schank; proud grandmother of Carli Collins; loving aunt of many nieces and nephews; caring long-time companion of Kevin Roeske. Lisa worked as a Deputy Sheriff of Cook County for more than 25 years. She was an absolute fanatic of the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Blackhawks. She loved to ride her motorcycle, sing, dance, and laugh. She was spunky, sassy, and the true definition of living life to the fullest. Lisa will be deeply missed by all who knew her. There will be a visitation Weds, March 21, from 3-8 PM, at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Funeral service Thursday, March 22, 10:30 AM, at the funeral home. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kindred Hospice, 85 W. Algonquin Rd, Ste 100, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Sorkin, Naomi

Naomi Joy Sorkin, 81, passed away on Sunday March 18, 2018. Naomi was born in Chicago, IL on December 29, 1936 to Maurice and Ida Glaser (nee Polavsky) and was a Las Vegas resident since 1993. Naomi worked for Al Golin, owner of Cooper & Golin Public Relations of Chicago, for 25 years who was very instrumental in the marketing success of McDonalds Corporation. She handled several private functions for McDonald's founder Ray Kroc. Currently and for the past 20 years she has been the office manager for the Las Vegas office of Crescent Electric Supply Company. She is preceded in death by her parents and survived by Burton Sorkin, her beloved husband of 52 years; sister, Donna Glaser; and extended family member, Norma Bader. Services were private. Family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Las Vegas chapter of the America Cancer Society (800)-227-2345. King David Memorial Chapel handled the arrangements.

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Tippet, Lorna G.

Lorna Tippet, 87- (nee Gossett) known as "Gorgeous" to her six grand children children and one great grand daughter passed away peacefully with family March 16 in Charlotte, NC. She was born in Chicago, grew up in Wilmette attended New Trier High School and then University of Wisconsin where she met Karl Tippet, the love of her life. At Wisconsin, Lorna was a Kappa Kappa Gamma and was chosen as a Badger Beauty, one of the 16 most beautiful girls the Class of 1953. Lorna and Karl raised two daughters Melinda Munson (James) of Chicago and Susan Papadopoulos (John) of Charlotte, NC. She was a proud member of the Winnetka Garden Club, the Jr League of Evanston and the Old Masters Society at the Art Institute of Chicago where she was a docent. Lorna and Karl especially enjoyed playing golf at Indian Hill Club and took their golf skills all over the world. In 1990, they moved to Florida and built a home at the Country Club of Florida where Lorna nurtured her beautiful tropical garden. They joined the Ocean Club, the Little Club and Lorna helped found the Grass River Garden Club. A service will be held in Winnetka later in the spring. In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made to the Karl M. Tippet Scholarship Fund at Lawrence University.

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Walrus

See Ray R. Barthel Sr. notice.

Wattel, Robert 'Bob'

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert Wattel announces his passing on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the age of 78, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Bob will be forever remembered by his wife of 49 years, Rosalind, and his children, David (Desirae), Michael (Li), and Julie (Chuck) Templeton. Bob will also be lovingly remembered by his ten grandchildren, Kelsey, Matthew, Jeffrey, Bayli, Josh, Ryan, Bobby, Dylan, Kendall, and Josie. A lifelong resident of Chicago, Bob was a graduate of Roosevelt University, a Founding Partner of Lettuce Entertain You, and a dedicated Chicago sports fan. Memorial donations can be made to Muhammad Ali Center (www.alicenter.org) or Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix (bgcmp.org). Arrangements by Sinai Mortuary of AZ.

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Weber, Victor L. "Webs"

Victor L. "Webs" Weber, Jr., 82, of Jacksonville, IL and formerly of Northbrook, IL died Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Passavant Hospital in Jacksonville.

He was born November 16, 1935 in Stillwater, OK, the son of Victor L. Sr. and Dorothy Jane Stinson Weber. He married Lucerne C. Parks on June 16, 1957 and she survives.

He is also survived by five children, Natalie Lira (Pete) of Jacksonville, Angela McClane (George) of San Diego, CA, Stephanie Lee Poetz of Graz, Austria, Victor K. Weber (Jessica) of Soldier, ID, and Zack Weber (Lisa) of Morton Grove; 13 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; two siblings, Jimmie Weber (Paulette) of Hot Springs, AR, and Norma J. Treat of Boise, ID; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Weber and Malcolm Weber.

Webs embarked on a distinguished career in teaching in many locations, most recently at Glenbrook North High School. He had a talent for coaching young people in almost every sport all through the academic year.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 pm, Saturday, March 24, 2018, at North Suburban Evangelical Free Church in Deerfield where the family will meet friends following the service. Private family committal services will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts are suggested to North Suburban Evangelical Free Church. The Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home in Jacksonville is assisting the Weber family. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.buchanan Cody.com.

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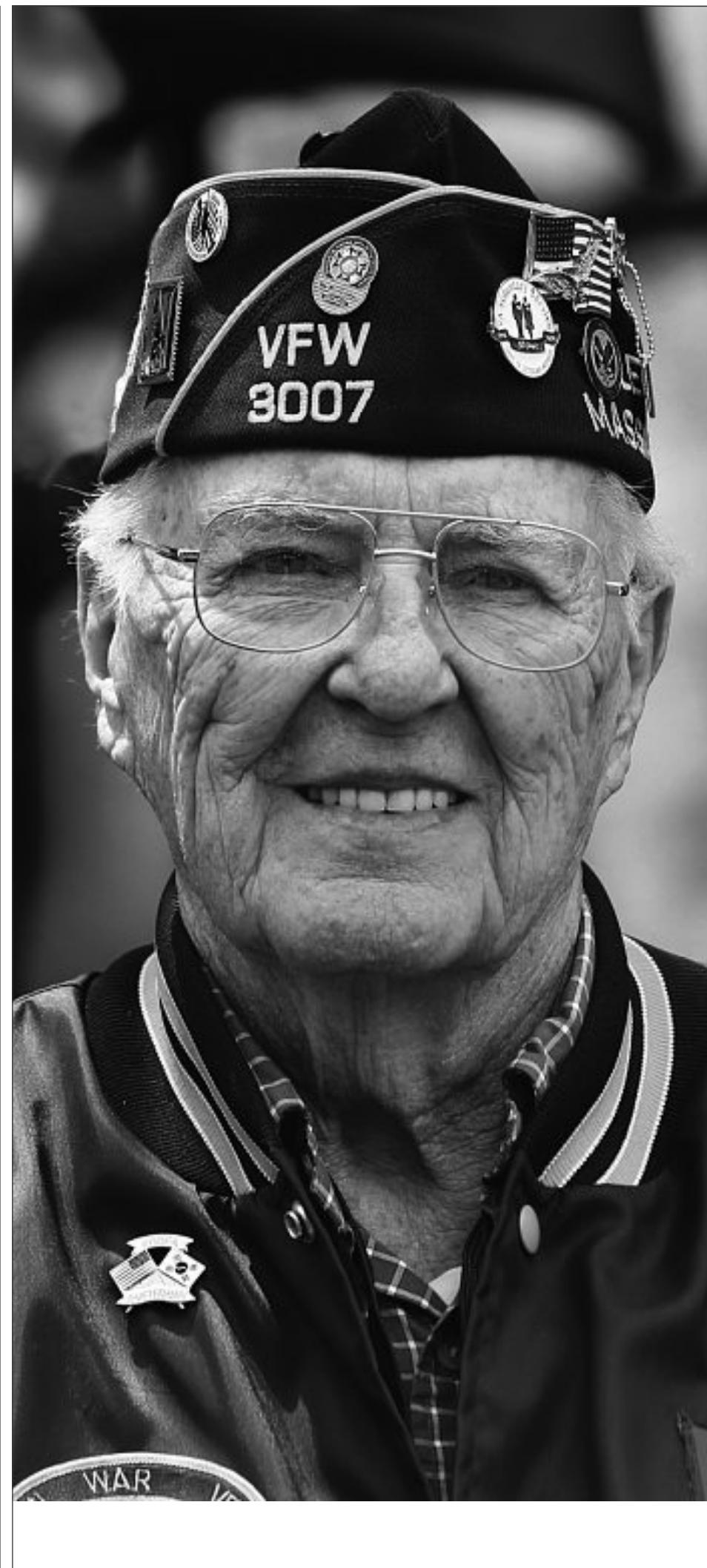
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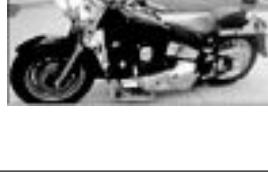
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TO: JOANNE MASTERTON; ALLYN GEINOSKY; NORMANDY HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; NORMANDY HILL CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION UNIT III; Village of Skokie; OCCUPANT MASTERTON; JAMES MASTERTON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000346 FILED: 01/02/2018 NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006537 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 966-968 S MILWAUKEE AVE., WHEELING, IL 60090 Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-1200-040-0000. 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501575

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TO: OCCUPANT; ARTHUR HON; JULIEN HSU; UNION PARK LOFTS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; F/K/A UNION PARK LOFTOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; F/K/A UNION PARK LOFTOMINIUM; TOM VAUGHN/CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE; Citibank, N.A. f/k/a Citibank, F.S.B.; EMIGRANT MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000339 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0016579 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1323 N. WELLS ST, UNIT 1001, CHICAGO, IL 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-03-325-028-1010 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5496400

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TO: OCCUPANT; 235 W VAN BUREN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; 235 W VAN BUREN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; SUDLER AND COMPANY D/B/A SUDLER PROPERTY MANAGEMENT; FNA DZ, LLC 235 VAN BUREN CORP; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000333 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0014520 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1325 N. WELLS ST, UNIT P-457, CHICAGO, IL 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-03-232-028-1009 (2013) Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1325 N. WELLS ST, UNIT P-457, CHICAGO, IL 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-03-232-028-1010 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5496217

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TO: OCCUPANT; SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) TO THE HELEN M PAULAUJSKIS TRUST DATED 03/02/2005; HELEN M PAULAUJSKIS; JANET NIEMI GAYLE KRAUCHUN; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF FRANCES SCOTT ; PAUL KRAUCHUN; JENNIFER BIDOKCHA; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000080 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0014689 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 235 W VAN BUREN ST, UNIT P-445, CHICAGO, IL 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-03-232-028-1009 (2013) Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1325 N. WELLS ST, UNIT P-445, CHICAGO, IL 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-03-232-028-1010 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5496889

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TO: OCCUPANT; LAWRENCE M. ROBERTS; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney; Village of Evergreen Park, AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000262 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006889 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3227 W 98TH ST., EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-11-213-029-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5496884

TO: OCCUPANT; ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, JR.; CHICAGO PATROLMEN'S FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; MARIBETH HERNANDEZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000229 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0007429 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5000 W 121ST PL., ALSP/IL 60803 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-28-209-017-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5496884

TO: OCCUPANT; BARBARA SOLIDAY; ANTHONY MADRIM; TODD SOLIDAY; SHAWN SOLIDAY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000251 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006712 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 8737 S UTICA AVE., EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805 Legal Description or Property Index No. 24-01-117-070-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000314 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0013944 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 200 N DEARBORN ST, UNIT P-37, CHICAGO, IL 60601 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-09-424-008-1346 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 07/02/2018. 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. 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Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5496178****TO: OCCUPANT; TUNJI LADIP; WILLIAM F. HUGHES; 155 HARBOR DRIVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; DRAPER AND KRAMER, INCORPORATED JACKSON TOWERS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; Illinois Department of Revenue State Center; Lisa Madigan-Illinois Attorney General; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000331 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/06/2015 Certificate No. 13-0014335 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 155 N HARBOR DR., UNIT 614, CHICAGO, IL 60601 Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-10-401-005-1070 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. 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TO: OCCUPANT; JORGE CORONA; MARIA LOPEZ; MARY FINANCIAL BANK, N.A.; JULIANA CORONA; DIANE CORONA; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000194 FILED: 01/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005214 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2 E SIBLEY BLVD, DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-09-209-041-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498033

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TO: OCCUPANT; WARDELL METCALF-DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR ANGAR SECURITIES INC ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2003-W1; VILLAGE OF DOLTON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000142 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005275 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14748 EVERST ST, DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-10-219-020-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498043

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TO: OCCUPANT; CECILIA APIPU; KIYANA HEATH; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000142 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005275 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 742 E SIBLEY BLVD., DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-10-231-045-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498053

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TO: OCCUPANT; MICHAEL SMITH; JOANNE SMITH; MICHALA SMITH; SAM SMITH; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000153 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005415 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15736 MADISON AVE., DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-13-106-016-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498053

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TO: OCCUPANT; JOSE CONTRERAS; SILVIA CONTRERAS; ONEIMAN FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR SPRINGLEAF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2013-1; MORTGAGE CONTRACTING SERVICES LLC; TAQUERA DEGOLLADO, INC.; OCCUPANT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000173 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005050 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15417 MARSHFIELD AVE., HARVEY, IL 60426 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-18-231-006-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498202

TO: OCCUPANT; AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC; City of Chicago; Town of Cicero; Village of South Holland; VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR; CALVIN KELLY; KACHYNA KELLY; REGINALD DUKES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000127 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005217 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 and prior taxes for the year 2012 2nd inst. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14408 CLARK ST, DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-09-212-000-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498034

TO: OCCUPANT; WALKER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.; GREGORY CANNON; KENNETH DAVIS; ROBERT J HITE; ALISHA FOOTE; JUSTIN JONES; BARRY WALKER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000144 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005277 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14917 EVANS AVE., DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-10-233-004-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498054

TO: OCCUPANT; CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; BETTY WILLIAMS; LEVIT & LIPSHUTZ, CITY OF CHICAGO; VILLAGE OF DOLTON; ROCHELL JOHNSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000144 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005277 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14917 EVANS AVE., DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-10-233-004-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498171

TO: OCCUPANT; WIDLEY LEE HARRIS A/K/A WIDLEY HARRIS; ONEMAIN FINANCIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC. F/K/A SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC./FKA AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; HAISY HARRIS; KATHERINE HARRIS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000155 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005417 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1642 156TH ST, DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-13-109-008-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498171

TO: OCCUPANT; DEONARINE RAJKUMAR; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-2, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005, LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP; JERMAINE LYES; IVANNA LYNE A/K/A IVANNA LYES; SAMAH AMMARI; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000183 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005537 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15234 VINE AVE., HARVEY, IL 60426 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-17-104-040-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5498185

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/ OR LEGATEES OF VERA HART UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND/ OR LEGATEES OF RUBY MAY BELL SOUTH SUBURBAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY; David D Orr; Cook County Clerk; Department of Housing and Urban Development ; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney; SAMUEL NOBLE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000133 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005758 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15816 S PAULINA AVE., HARVEY, IL 60426 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-18-029-058-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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

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TO: OCCUPANT; STEPHANIE HENDERSON; ONE MAIN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC./K/A SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL, INC.; ONE MAIN FINANCIAL OF ILLINOIS, INC.; F/K/A SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC D/B/A PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY; BENNIE ROBINSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD000142 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005847 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 16129 ASHLAWN AVE., MARKHAM, IL 60428 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-21-000-2000 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1629, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 550138

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TO: OCCUPANT; KENNETH FAGAN; WESTMARK MORTGAGE CORPORATION; OWNER OF RIVER OAKS CONDOMINIUM NO. 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD00147 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005960 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 400 PARK AVE., UNIT 52 CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-210-002-1168 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1629, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 550138

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TO: OCCUPANT; LAURA ACEVEDO A/K/A LAURA LIESSIE; THOMAS ACEVEDO; JOHN MICHAELE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD00154 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006005 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 400 PARK AVE., UNIT 52 CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-210-002-1168 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1629, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501376

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TO: OCCUPANT; DIVINE WORD MINISTRIES; CALVIN WATKINS; SOSHE ROBINSON-WATKINS; DAVID MONROE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD00158 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006028 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 16951 TRAPET AVE., HAZEL CREST, IL 60429 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-301-121-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1629, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501400

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TO: OCCUPANT; JUAN PERKINS; KATHERINE PERKINS A/K/A KATHERINE JACKSON; Village of HAZEL CREST; City of Chicago Heights; HAZEL CREST; SHANIA FIDEL; JUAN PERKINS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD00034 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006244 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4253 W 1ST ST., HAZEL CREST, IL 60429 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-301-024-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1629, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501434

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TO: OCCUPANT; DIANA NIETO; I NAVIA; ALEXANDRA TORRES; MIREN NORIEGA; YOLANDA RAMIREZ; JOSE ROBLES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD000304 FILED: 01/08/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0006224 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4253 W 1ST ST., HAZEL CREST, IL 60429 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-301-024-0000 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1629, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501434

TO: OCCUPANT; CAROLE JACKSON; BMO Harris Bank, N.A. f/k/a Harris Bank, N.A.; MONIQUE BROWN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD000143 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005867 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2002 17TH ST., UNIT 203-3, LANSING, IL 60438 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-304-000-030-1010 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501367

TO: OCCUPANT; ROMAN PUSZAKOWSKI AS TRUSTEE; ROMAN PUSZAKOWSKI; ANNETTE PUSZAKOWSKI; FIRST MIDWEST BANK F/K/A GREAT LAKES BANK, N.A.; DANCY CONDOMINIUM; LANSING ROSEWOOD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; ROMAN PUSZAKOWSKI, AS TRUSTEE; OF THE ROMAN PUSZAKOWSKI TRUST DATED 02/11/1998; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018cOTD000150 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/04/2015 Certificate No. 13-0005984 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2002 17TH ST., UNIT 203-3, LANSING, IL 60438 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-22-100-0183-1183 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 07/02/2018. 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 foreclosures 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501370

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TO: OCCUPANT; APRIL MURPHY; RENEE JONES; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO: 2018COTD00084 FILED: 01/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000652 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1910 ADAMS ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-30-110-012-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 07/02/2018. 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 07/02/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 07/25/2018 at 9:00 am. 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 07/02/2018 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 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 5th day of March, 2018. Pub: 3/20, 21, 22/2018 5501506

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Sounds like a winner

Trubisky on Bears' free-agent splurge:
'We're in a perfect situation to really emerge'

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

Mitch Trubisky is the sun in the Bears' solar system. General manager Ryan Pace made that perfectly clear Jan. 1 when he openly challenged himself to surround the franchise quarterback with talent.

Trubisky then watched Pace hire Matt Nagy, a former Arena League quarterback, to be the coach. And, last week, he saw Pace restock the Bears' arsenal of pass catchers during a free-agent splurge that included two wide receivers and a tight end.

All the while, Trubisky has processed the undeniable fact that he is the driving force behind everything the Bears are doing. And he has come to fully embrace it.

"It's very exciting, and I can't be more thankful for the situation I ended up in, especially with Ryan Pace running the show and really believing in me, this organization and the other guys we have," Trubisky said Sunday in an interview.

"We did really well in free agency. We have to get a couple of other guys back healthy. But it's very exciting, and I just feel like we're in a perfect situation to really emerge and have a great year this year."

Trubisky's comments comprised his first extended interview with an independent media outlet since his rookie season ended. In the 11 weeks since, he has been emboldened by Pace's strategy to stabilize the organization with a quarterback-centric identity.

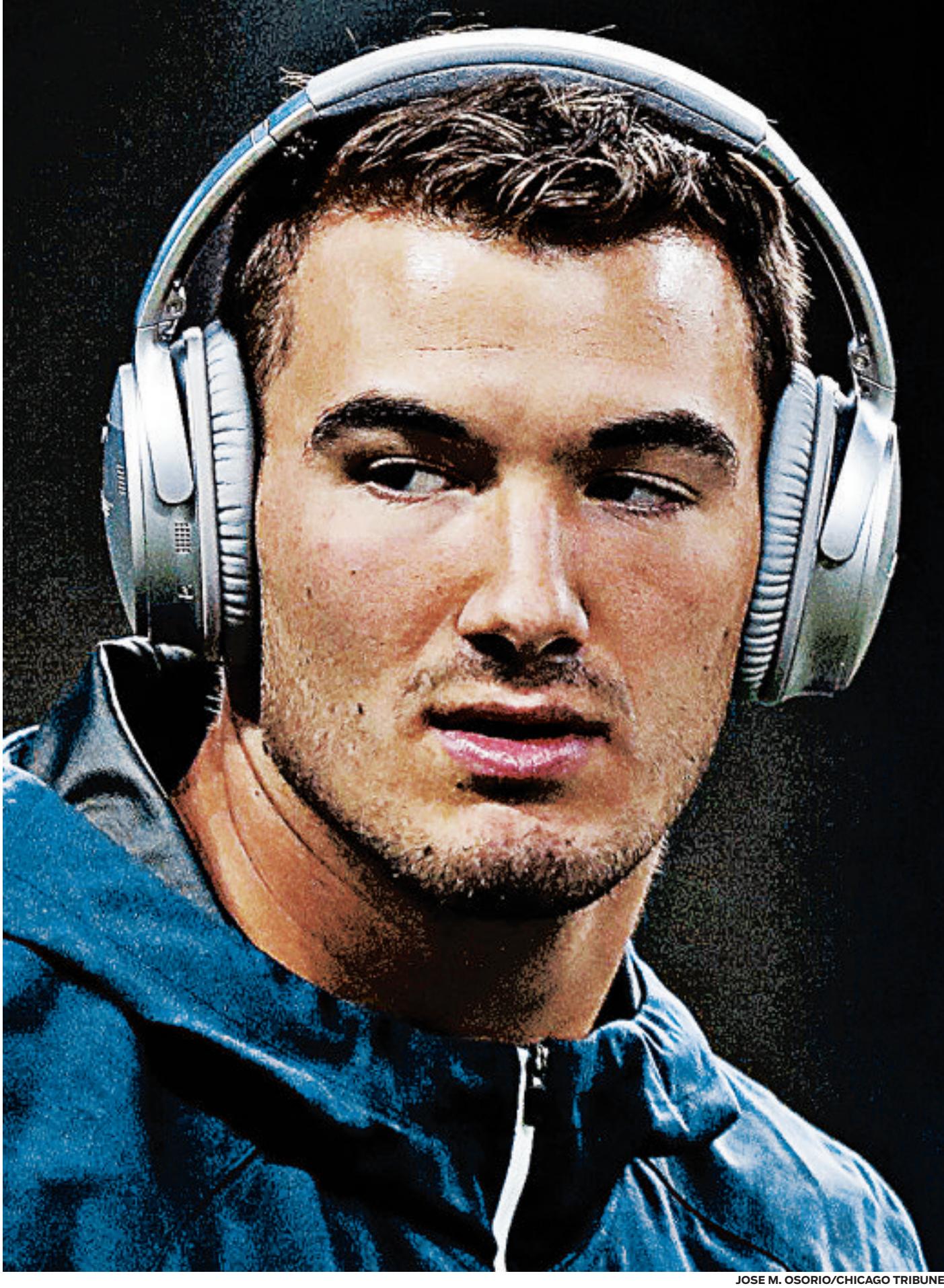
After the Bears traded up to draft Trubisky second overall last April, he was slotted as the third quarterback on the

depth chart — a rookie striving to earn respect at Halas Hall. Now, after starting the final 12 games last season, he welcomes this new dynamic and is eager to start the offseason program in early April.

"It just means that I have more responsibility," Trubisky said. "Everyone is looking toward me. I need to be the leader day in and day out — and I will be. I'm excited for that challenge, and I'm excited to continue to earn the trust of my teammates."

"And my teammates have told me that, too. They know we're all in this together, and I have their backs. It's not me being possessive. It's: 'I'm a leader and this is our team, and it's all about the Chicago Bears and this great organization.' I couldn't be more excited. I feel like I learned a lot from last year that's going to help carry over into

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JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky on his increased responsibilities: "I need to be the leader day in and day out — and I will be."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

What kind of man could tweet an obscenity at Loyola's 98-year-old Sister Jean?

There's no defense for this offense

Curse the guy who would go after Loyola's Sister Jean



DAVID HAUGH

In the Wake of the News

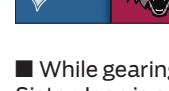
I called WKGN-AM midday host Cody McClure — the Knoxville, Tenn., sports-talker who tweeted a four-letter insult at Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt — hoping for the best but expecting the worst.

I wanted to at least give a so-called professional a chance to defend an outburst I considered unprofessional, unacceptable and wildly inappropriate.

"F--- Sister Jean - everyone," McClure posted (except he didn't use the dashes) on his Twitter account Saturday night after Loyola beat Tennessee 63-62 in the second round of the NCAA tournament. I still cringe reading that.

I worried about giving a publicity-seeking shock jock the attention many crave. I picked up the phone anyway because I don't really believe the adage that there is no such thing as bad publicity. I think this example dispels that notion.

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■ While gearing up for another road trip, Sister Jean is adjusting to life as an "international celebrity." **Sec. 1, Page 1**

McNeil: Plenty of miles, a lot left in the tank

Career comes full circle again with latest return to WSCR



Only a few weeks ago, Dan McNeil was talking trade-ins rather than trades. While he enjoyed selling cars — or at least trying to — it clearly was not his forte.

"It would have taken me a long time to get good at that. It's not something that happens overnight," said McNeil, who last week began the third stint at WSCR-AM 670 of his 30-year-plus Chicago sports radio career as part of a major shakeup at The Score.

McNeil has been paired with Danny Parkins weekday afternoons from 1 to 6 p.m. when not preempted by a Cubs broadcast.

Dan Bernstein, who previously shared that slot with Jason Goff, shifted to 9 a.m.-1 p.m. But Goff and Matt Spiegel, who co-hosted middays with Parkins, find themselves on the outside looking in on the regular weekday lineup in the latest configuration. Bernstein's new partner is

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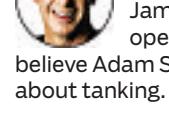
Short-handed Bulls shoot 3 of 30 from 3-point range in dismal 110-92 loss to Knicks. **Page 3**



Connor Murphy cites a lack of familiarity for disappointing first season with Blackhawks. **Page 8**



Cubs believe growing pains of 2017 will result in more efficient and consistent offense. **Back Page**



OPENING SHOT
Steve Rosenbloom
James Shields was named opening-day starter, and I believe Adam Silver warned the White Sox about tanking. **More Rosenbloom, Page 2**

TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLOOM

Setting table back on table

Clip and save: Kyle Schwarber will be the Cubs' leadoff hitter.

I don't know if he will be at the top of the order on opening day in Miami a week from Thursday, but you watch, he will be there and he will be there quickly, and I think this year he will be there with better results.

I don't have inside information. I've just connected some dots, and one of the biggest dots is the smaller Schwarber. The Cubs left fielder has dropped at least 30 pounds and picked up a lot of crooked numbers, such as a triple off the Indians' Trevor Bauer after he doubled in the previous at-bat. Suddenly, Schwarber is batting .378 this spring and getting on base nearly half the time. Isn't that what you want from a leadoff hitter?

In lieu of a Dexter Fowler-type center fielder — in lieu of the actual Dexter Fowler — Schwarber seems to be in play as the leadoff hitter as much as anyone else.

I know Schwarber had a miserable time leading off last year — a .178 batting average and an unsightly .300 on-base percentage — and was sent to the minors. As you would expect from the supernova we would come to know and love, Schwarber came back with something closer to the kind of game he could build on.

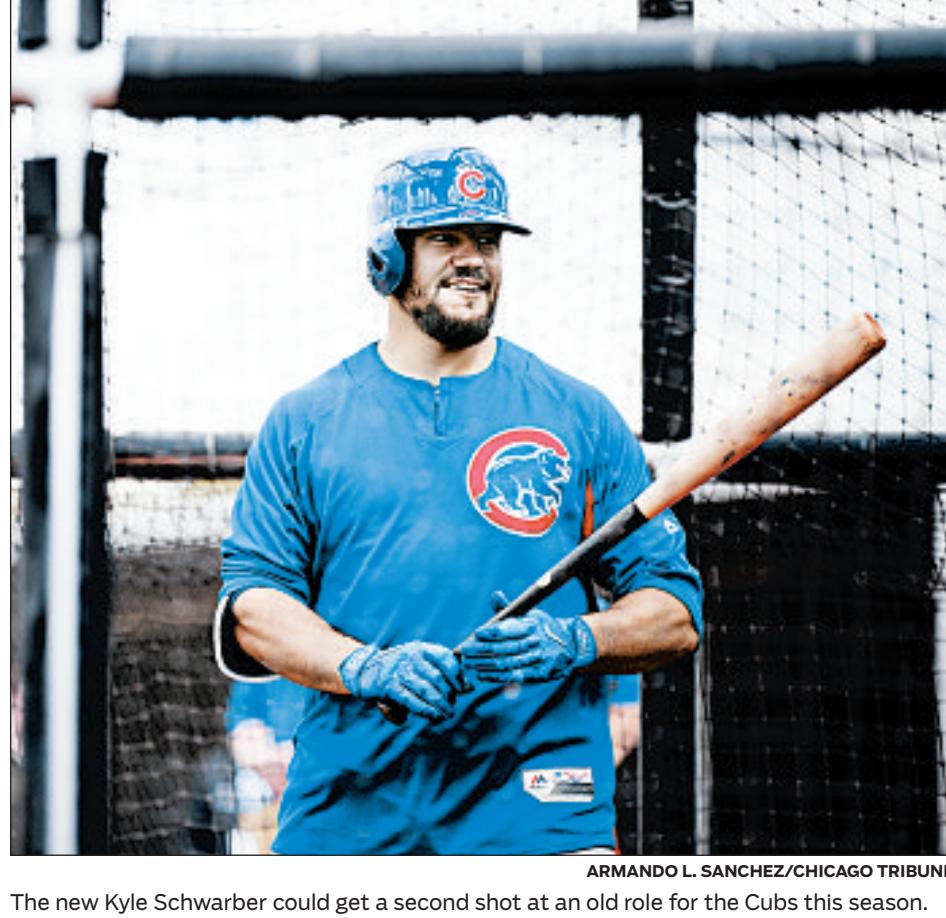
After just 13 homers in 277 plate appearances in the first half, Schwarber belted 17 in 202 plate appearances in the second half. That's 30 homers in what was considered a bad year. A lot of guys would love to be forced to build off that kind of bad year.

Schwarber's second half also included raising his OBP to .335 and his slugging percentage to .559 for an .894 OPS. So, no, Schwarber didn't surpass the promised land of a .900 OPS, but you could see it from there.

And now look at this spring — this new, svelter spring with the bloated slash line of .395/.477/.757 entering this week. How would you like to be an opposing starting pitcher who sees that before he faces Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo?

Yeah, I know it's just spring and Arizona does funny things to baseballs and baseball evaluations, but I'm sticking with the scenario partly based on what Schwarber has done this spring and partly based on Joe Maddon's well-known stubbornness.

Maddon believed he was right last year. He believed he had the right hitter because



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The new Kyle Schwarber could get a second shot at an old role for the Cubs this season.

Schwarber, as Cubs baseball Moses Theo Epstein has said, is a hitter and not just a slugger. The manager and president had reason to believe the 2016 World Series hero — World Series miracle, really, after coming back from that gruesome knee injury — would continue to grow his outsized legend.

But no. It didn't happen. It didn't happen then, I should say. That doesn't mean it couldn't happen now. That doesn't mean Maddon couldn't exact a bit of told-ya-so now. And remember, earlier this year Maddon raised the possibility of Schwarber again leading off.

At that time, Maddon said he wanted Schwarber to accept his walks, but here's the thing: Schwarber accepted them as a leadoff hitter last year. He walked more per plate appearance in the first half than in the second. The problem was, he

couldn't hit.

But this Schwarber doesn't look like that Schwarber, and Maddon will tell you that goes for more than just pants size.

"I think (his swing) is more under control — more hands, less arms," Maddon said. "With that, he's doing it easier. I thought there was more body involvement, just a more grinding approach, and it has eased up a bit. That's what we're seeing, and better adjustments with two strikes."

Schwarber still is slugging, but he also is hitting. And he's walking. And he's running around the bases. The manager likes what he sees. The manager is talking up the professional changes. Schwarber sounds like a new player. Like a leadoff hitter. Clip and save.

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THE LINEUP

Nickname locked away?



New Bears receiver **Allen Robinson** has changed both his jersey number and his Twitter handle, signaling he may be moving on from his "ARI5" nickname.

"New twitter handle" was all he wrote Sunday morning from his account, which he changed from @Thee_ARI5 to @AllenRobinson.

He switched his jersey from No. 15 to No. 12 last week. Fellow receiver Josh Bellamy wears No. 15 for the Bears.

With the Jaguars, Robinson's initials and jersey number combined to play off the AR-15 rifle, which has played a central role in the gun control debate after it was used in the deadly mass shooting last month in Parkland, Fla.

Robinson's Instagram account, Thee_ARI5, had not been changed as of Monday morning. *Phil Thompson*

No safe bet for weekend



Forget about winning his PGA Tour debut. **Tony Romo** isn't getting much love even to make the cut.

Oddschecker BetDSI Sportsbook has the former Cowboys

quarterback at 15-1 odds of making the cut in this week's Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship in the Dominican Republic. The over/under for how many players Romo finishes ahead of in the 132-man field is 2.5.

By comparison, NBA star Stephen Curry was 9-1 to make the cut at last year's Ellie Mae Classic on the Web.com Tour. Curry finished 11 strokes off the cut line but ahead of three other players.

If Romo, 37, holds his own, it could lead to other tournaments such as the AT&T Byron Nelson discussing a sponsor's exemption. He's listed as a plus-0.3 handicap and advanced to U.S. Open sectional qualifying in 2010. He missed the cut in last year's Western Amateur in Glencoe. *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

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BULLS NOTES

Hoiberg, Hornacek get Lue's plight

Bulls, Knicks coaches understand stress, taxing hours of job

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Fred Hoiberg has a couch in his Advocate Center office on which he occasionally will try to snag a 20-minute nap.

The pursuit is a nod to the stresses and demands that engulf NBA head coaches, a fact underscored Monday when Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue became the second coach this season to take a leave of absence.

Hoiberg said he didn't get a chance to talk to Lue late Saturday after he fell ill and ceded to associate head coach Larry Drew for the second half of the Cavaliers' victory over the Bulls. But Hoiberg understands what Lue is experiencing.

"As someone who has dealt with health issues, it's tough," Hoiberg said, alluding to his two open heart surgeries. "There's so much pressure in this position. It's a daily battle. You have to do the best job you can of taking care of yourself."

"I'm happy he's taking the time and hopefully getting healthy for the stretch run. He's a great person. He has done a helluva job with that team. Hopefully, everything turns out well and he gets back on the bench soon."

Both Hoiberg and Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek talked about the demands of consuming film, particularly in the advanced technological age where clips are distilled and loaded on laptops right when the game ends. As a player, Hoiberg joked he would be playing cards on the charter flight home.

Not anymore.

"I start my film session on the bus on the way to the airport," Hoiberg said. "Then you get on the plane and watch it again. And then you get home and a lot of times you watch it a third time. And then you start preparing for your opponent. There are a lot of sleepless nights. You get up early, start preparing, try to catch your kids before they go to school and then you head into the office."

Earlier this season, Hornets coach Steve Clifford took an extended leave after he was unable to shake debilitating headaches.

"It's a stressful job," Hornacek said before his Knicks faced the Bulls. "It's hard because all the coaches work extremely long hours. There's always another game to watch, always another film to watch. As coaches, you want to be as best prepared as possible. And sometimes you fail to realize what your health is doing with lack of sleep. Hope (Lue) gets better and gets back for the playoffs."

Forgotten face: The Knicks officially list Joakim Noah's absence as "personal reasons." But the former Defensive Player of the Year when he served as the heart and soul of the Bulls has been in exile since a late January altercation with Hornacek.

"That's stuff we went through as a team. The team now is heading in a different direction," Hornacek said. "Things happen."

Hornacek, who was predictably terse on the subject, said he thinks the situation will resolve itself this offseason.

That would necessitate a trade or a buyout because Noah still has two years remaining on his deal.

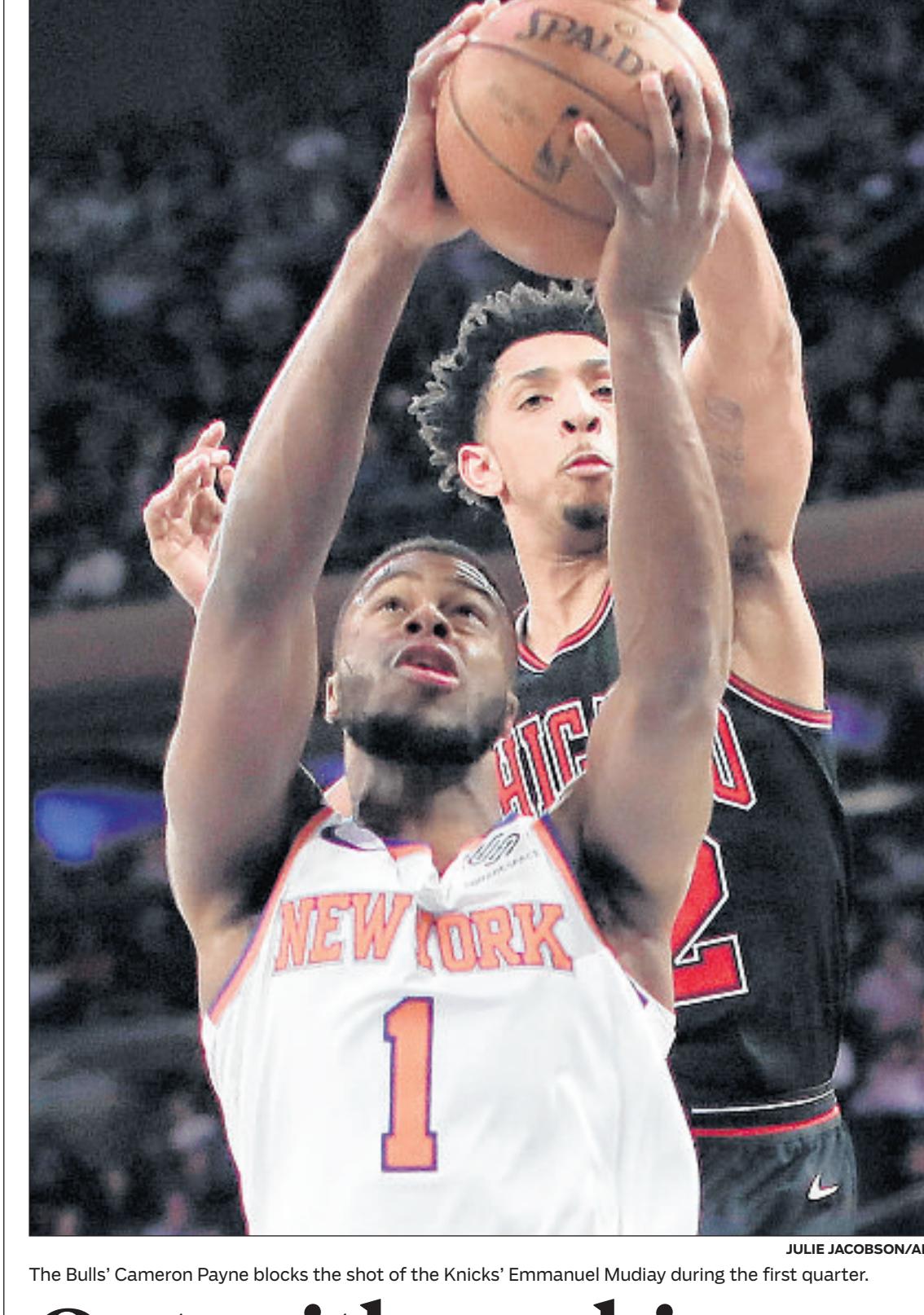
Health forces Cavs' Lue to take leave of absence

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue is taking a leave of absence from the team to address health issues that have included chest pains and loss of sleep.

Lue said Monday in statement that tests have offered no conclusion about what the issue is and offered no timetable for his return. The coach said he feels he needs to step away "and focus on trying to establish a stronger and healthier foundation" from which to coach the rest of the season.

"While I have tried to work through it, the last thing I want is



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

The Bulls' Cameron Payne blocks the shot of the Knicks' Emmanuel Mudiay during the first quarter.

Out with a whimper

Short-handed Bulls eliminated from playoff contention

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — Somehow, Kris Dunn is in a walking boot and yet also termed day to day with his sprained big right toe, which is about as apt a summary of this Bulls stretch run as possible.

They currently are hobbled, with optimism for the future.

Their dismal 110-92 loss to the Knicks at Madison Square Garden on Monday night could aid their long-term future given that it nudged them 1½ games clear of their opponent for eighth place in the NBA draft lottery standings.

But given that Dunn, Zach LaVine, and Lauri Markkanen all remained in Chicago, it's difficult to assess much in the short term other than the Bulls were eliminated officially from the playoffs for just the second time in 10 seasons.

No matter what the organization says publicly about LaVine's mild left knee tendinitis and Markkanen's balky back, it's clear they're taking an uber-conservative approach with injuries. And Dunn's turf toe is no longer minor.

"He has had a little bit of a setback," coach Fred Hoiberg said. "It's a little more swollen, really sore."

The Bulls offense joined Dunn in the setback department. If not for Cristiano Felicio's unlikely scoring flurry to start the second half, no starter would have reached double figures. Denzel Valentine failed to build on his career-high 34-point night against the Cavaliers on Saturday

THE BOX SCORE

	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
BULLS							
Valentine	21:39	4-11	0-0	0-3	2	0	8
Zipser	25:18	1-8	0-0	1-6	1	2	10
Felicio	25:00	8-10	1-1	2-6	0	3	17
Holiday	17:52	0-6	0-0	0-1	1	0	0
Payne	28:44	2-12	0-0	2-6	6	3	4
Vonleh	26:11	4-10	0-2	5-12	1	4	9
Blakeney	25:55	4-12	7-7	0-4	1	1	16
Portis	25:02	6-11	3-6	3-7	4	1	16
Nwaba	20:33	2-5	3-5	1-3	4	0	7
Grant	19:16	2-7	4-4	0-0	1	1	5
TOTALS	33-92	23-31	14-40	21	15	8	92
Pcts: FG .399, FT .742. 3-pointers: 3-30, .100 (Portis 1-2, Valentine 1-2, Blakeney 1-5, Grant 1-4). Assists: 12. Turnovers: 9. Team turnovers: 11 (13 PTS). Blocks: 7 (Payne 2, Blakeney, Felicio, Nwaba, Valentine, Zipser). Turnovers: 11 (Holiday 3, Blakeney 2, Felicio 2, Payne 2, Nwaba, Zipser). Steals: 9 (Holiday 4, Grant 2, Nwaba, Portis, Zipser). Technical fouls: coach Bulls (Defensive three-second, 0:017 first).							

KNICKS

	MN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS
Beasley	23:25	6-10	3-3	1-6	2	2	17
Hardaway Jr.	31:13	7-15	4-4	0-2	1	0	22
Kanter	17:56	5-9	0-0	5-13	1	2	22
Lee	21:04	2-7	0-0	0-2	2	4	4
Mudiay	21:08	2-8	0-0	0-2	3	1	4
Ntilikina	24:12	3-8	0-0	1-2	5	2	8
O'Quinn	22:12	1-2	0-0	1-9	2	2	2
Burke	21:10	4-8	1-2	1-2	5	2	7
Portis	20:41	4-9	0-0	2-8	0	6	9
Williams	19:50	4-9	3-6	2-7	1	3	11
Kornet	8:59	4-7	0-0	1-3	1	2	9
Dotson	8:07	1-4	2-2	1-5	3	0	5
TOTALS	43-96	13-17	15-61	28	24	10	92
Pcts: FG .448, FT .765. 3-pointers: 11-35, .314 (Hardaway Jr. 4-11, Beasley 2-3, Ntilikina 2-5, Dotson 1-1, Hicks 1-2, Kornet 1-4, Murphy 0-2, Williams 0-2, Burke 0-3, Lee 0-3). Technical fouls: 10 (Kornet 2, Beasley 2, Williams 2, Kornet, Lee, Mudiay). Turnovers: 16 (Williams 6, Beasley 2, Hardaway Jr. 2, Mudiay 2, Burke, Hicks, Kanter, Ntilikina, O'Quinn). Steals: 6 (O'Quinn, 8:07 fourth).							

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and missed all four of his 3-point attempts. Justin Holiday missed all six of his shots and failed to score in 18 minutes.

Overall, the Bulls shot 35.9 percent and 3-for-30 for 10 percent from 3-point range. The starting five shot 0-for-19 from 3-point range.

"I don't think we're going to have to worry about them throwing this on ESPN Classic anytime soon," a resigned Hoiberg said. "When that ball doesn't go in the hoop, it's ugly."

The glory days of the Bulls-Knicks rivalry, this was not.

The Knicks closed the first half on an 11-0 run as the Bulls missed their final eight shots and committed three turnovers, fail-

ing to score for the final 5 minutes, 1 second.

Then, things turned stranger. Felicio scored the Bulls' first 11 second-half points as part of his career-high 17 points.

"Hopefully, that's a confidence-booster for Cris," Hoiberg said.

Matters turned spicy in the fourth when Kyle O'Quinn committed a flagrant-one foul on Antonio Blakeney. Bobby Portis, who extended his career-best streak with 15 or more points to five games, woofed back at O'Quinn.

"I thought we guarded for the most part, especially in that first half," Hoiberg said. "I guess that's one positive you can take from this game because guarding had been a problem for us when the ball wasn't going in the hoop."

Valentine agreed.

"The effort was there," he said. "We played hard. We were shot-hunting a little bit there. But that's natural when shots aren't falling."

Like most starters, Cameron Payne struggled with his shot, missing 10 of 12. He did have six assists to two turnovers, but perhaps one play typified the Bulls' current growing pains.

After expertly executing a two-for-one situation on — what else? — a missed 3-pointer by Payne with 35.4 seconds left in the first half, Payne inexplicably intentionally fouled Emmanuel Mudiay with 5 seconds left on the shot clock. That reset the clock and Mudiay scored on a layup.

"I had the time messed up," Payne said. "That was just a mental mistake I had. I ain't perfect."

The Bulls are far from that.

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BEARS

Trubisky all aboard with the makeover

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this year. Obviously, one person can't do it alone."

Trubisky indicated he doesn't sense any extraordinary challenges in having the team built to maximize his performance. He'll approach his second season focusing on his immediate work.

"I think more short term just memorizing the playbook, building chemistry with the new guys and mastering this offense," he said. "Everything else long term will take care of itself."

"I have big expectations and big plans for this team. I'm going to have a bunch of help with these new guys coming in, with Nagy and his staff. We just have a lot of offensive wisdom that came into the building. So I'm very fortunate."

Fortunate, also, to be the benefactor of Pace's aggressive approach in free agency.

The 23-year-old quarterback smiled when asked what he believes receivers Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel and tight end Trey Burton will add to the offense.

"Allen — big frame, proven receiver, great route runner. Will go up and get it. I've just got to give him a chance. I'm excited about that. I'll maybe close my eyes a couple times and throw his way," he said with a laugh.

"Trey Burton — very versatile receiver. Great route runner. Very reliable hands."

"Taylor Gabriel — a quick guy. Just got to get the ball in his hands, he'll make plays for you. And he's going to take the top off and hopefully make guys pay when they're playing tight on us. Just get him the ball and let him work."

"From what I've heard, these guys are ready to work. Great personalities, great people and the type of guys we need in the locker room just to motivate everyone else and get this organization continue headed in the right direction. So I'm excited to work with them."

Trubisky spoke in Rosemont at the Chicago Sports Spectacular, where he signed autographs and posed for photos as part of a promotional appearance in conjunction with Fanatics, the online sports retailer.

Trubisky signed for more than two hours before the serpentine line of ticket-holders finally made its way through. He kept his promotional appearances to a minimum as a rookie. Sunday was one of the first times he has been in public to interact with fans as the Bears established starting quarterback.

"It's crazy and also very flattering that people would just take time out of their day to come out and say hi to me, get something signed," he said.

"It's awesome to see the excitement. It motivates me that people are putting a lot of faith and hope in what I bring to the table and what the Chicago Bears bring to the city."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UMBC: Sweetest No. 16 of all time

Retrievers' tale ends, but is in no danger of being forgotten

BY JONAS SHAFFER

Baltimore Sun

When the miracle team that was always supposed to lose in the NCAA tournament finally did lose Sunday — two days, one round and who knows how many shredded brackets after Maryland, Baltimore County stunned top overall seed Virginia in an unprecedented upset — the Retrievers retreated to a small locker room inside the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Everything about the team's last 48 hours had felt outsized, magnified. How a once-anonymous school had found itself hailed in newspapers, on the radio, during news broadcasts. How a No. 16 seed had become America's team over 40 nearly perfect minutes. How a team from the America East Conference had found itself on the verge of the Sweet 16.

For UMBC's unlikely bunch of Davids to find themselves shoulder to shoulder, packed in the locker room like sardines after a 50-43 loss to No. 9 seed Kansas State, the Goliath they could not conquer, must have been jarring. They had been close to attaining so much, even more than what they already had accomplished.

So to reckon with the grand ambitions the Wildcats had spoiled, the Retrievers consoled themselves with the smaller moments of unthinkable delight Kansas State could not touch.

Junior forward-center Nolan Gerrity was unsure about telling reporters his. He must have thought it was kind of silly, which it kind of was. But with a grin, he told it anyway.

Before the Retrievers faced Virginia on Friday night, the team met with analyst Grant Hill. Gerrity knew something odd about the former Duke and NBA star: that he had been in a music video for the Nickelback song "Rockstar."

"So I asked him about it," Gerrity explained. "Hill's wife is represented by the same management as Nickelback, so he just said that he felt like a rapper during the music video and he'd never been asked that question before, so it was really cool. ... He thought it was so funny."

On Saturday night, junior forward Joe Sherburne was close to falling asleep. It was getting past midnight, his phone was facing down, the TV was off. But he had to make sure the alarm on his phone was set, so he picked it up.

"And I see, 'Oh, my God,' 'Oh, my God,' 'Oh, my God,' on texts," he said. This was not a family emergency. In Wisconsin, where Sherburne is from, this was the opposite of a family emergency.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, whose "Discount Double Check" celebration Sherburne had aped during the upset Friday night, had tweeted at him.

Which changed Sherburne's slumber plans, if not his life altogether.

"I'm not falling asleep now," he recalled thinking. "I just sent around texts like, 'Look at this,' and then I turned my phone back over and I didn't look at it again. But it took awhile to fall asleep."

Many of point guard K.J. Maura's admirers weren't as big in stature. The senior who has joked that he's 5-foot-8 "on a good day" said he had gotten a lot of messages from little kids who wanted to thank him. They said he had offered them hope.

Around Maura and Sherburne, players moved quietly around the locker room, carrying markers and their personalized nameplates. Before they left having accomplished such big things, they wanted autographs from teammates.

A reporter asked: Was this a team tradition?

No, Sherburne said, "We're just doing it, just to have a memory."

Just one more in a weekend full of them.



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Nevada's Kendall Stephens puts up a shot over Texas' Kerwin Roach II during a first-round game.

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NEVADA

Surprise, surprise

Like Ramblers, Wolf Pack's tourney journey to Sweet 16 unlikely

BY SHANNON RYAN

Chicago Tribune

This is the Sweet 16 matchup nobody predicted. No. 11 seed Loyola (30-5) will face seventh-seeded Nevada (29-7) on Thursday in Atlanta in the South Region, which is without its top four seeds.

The Wolf Pack were ranked in the Associated Press poll eight times this season, including the last six, and reached No. 20. Loyola won the Missouri Valley Conference by four games, then claimed the tournament championship.

Still, few saw this coming for either team. Here are five things to know about the Ramblers' next opponent:

Fighting spirit: Loyola trailed by seven against Miami and by nine against Tennessee, coming back to win both on dramatic end-of-game shots.

Nevada also has plenty of fight in it.

The Wolf Pack stormed back from a 14-point deficit in the first round to beat Texas 87-83, then erased a 22-point deficit in the final 11 minutes against second-seeded Cincinnati's tough defense for a 75-73 win Sunday night.

Both teams can win close

games. Loyola's two tournament games have been decided by a combined three points.

Besides a 90-73 loss to San Diego State in the Mountain West tournament semifinals — in which Nevada shot 39.7 percent, including 24.1 percent on 3-pointers — the Wolf Pack's other six losses all came by eight points or fewer.

Multiple choice: Nevada plays a short rotation with only sophomore guard Josh Hall typically coming off the bench since point guard Lindsey Drew's season-ending torn Achilles tendon in mid-February. But the Wolf Pack still have multiple scoring options.

Four players average at least 13 points. The big three of junior forward Caleb Martin (18.8 ppg), his twin Cody Martin (13.9) and Champaign native Jordan Caroline (17.7) have been reliable all season.

St. Charles' Kendall Stephens led the Wolf Pack with 22 points against Texas, with Caleb Martin scoring 18 and three others with at least 14 points. Cody Martin's 25 points against Cincinnati led five players in double figures. And it was Hall's floater that gave Nevada the lead for good.

Except for 6-foot-3 senior guard Hallice Cooke, every player in the six-man rotation stands 6-7.

Tournament queens: Someone needs to arrange a photo op with

Loyola's 98-year-old chaplain, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, and Nevada coach Eric Musselman's young daughter, Mariah. Both have earned plenty of camera time during games.

"Sister Jean," who delivers pregame prayers and scouting reports, has become a media star. Mariah Musselman has drawn attention for her exuberant cheering during games and a polished TV interview of her dad.

They need to meet.

On the offensive: Nevada ranks 16th nationally — fourth among Sweet 16 teams — with 83 points per game. The Wolf Pack have scored at least 80 points in 21 games, losing only two of those.

Nevada shoots 47 percent from the field, compared with Loyola's 50.6 percent, and ranks sixth in Kenpom.com's adjusted offensive efficiency ratings.

Making adjustments: Musselman's switch from a man-to-man to a trapping defense at halftime helped the Wolf Pack rally against Cincinnati, which didn't score in the final 5:45. Nevada used Hall as the trapper, and Bearcats coach Mick Cronin told reporters his team got a "deer in the headlights" look.

Musselman said his team had not been successful with a pressure defense for most of the season.

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Curse the guy who'd go after Sister Jean

Haugh, from Page 1

I can't imagine anything good about becoming known nationally as the guy who, in a failed attempt at humor, used profanity to mock a 98-year-old nun revered by college basketball fans around the world.

I asked McClure about his motivation.

"My comments about Sister Jean were meant simply as a joke, nothing more, nothing less," McClure said. "It was not an emotional response over a basketball game, nor was it meant to be a slight toward Catholicism or the elderly in general."

"The joke value came because of the fact we were dealing with a 98-year-old nun who is deservedly beloved by people for her outstanding service. Anything said that would oppose that would create a little shock value, right? It was meant to be comedic — cheap, maybe — but comedic. A lot of people got a kick out of it, and a lot of people were offended by it."

I was offended by it. I thought McClure's unfunny joke fell flat. I wondered if McClure regretted hitting the send button.

"I don't regret the joke, no, I don't, because of the fact it was a joke," McClure said. "For me, I'm wondering when are we as a society going to learn how to take a joke again? Why are we so soft on the internet, yet in real life people are joking around about things that they wouldn't post online? Pardon my language, but can we stop bull-s*****g ourselves for once and have a laugh?"

Pardon my ignorance, but what makes anybody want to verbally attack a senior citizen for a laugh? I told McClure the counter to his argument is that the language he chose is universally offensive, online or in person.

"I don't see how you can be offended by language," McClure said. "I always think back to what (comedian) George Carlin said: Words are just words. I don't know why everyone gets so bent out of shape."

I asked McClure if he wanted to apologize to anybody at Loyola.

"I would issue an apology to Sister Jean," McClure said. "If this were to ever get back to Sister Jean, I would hope that she understood that it was meant to be nothing more than a joke. I'm not some kind of monster. I mean,

who would in their heart hate an elderly nun? Clearly, I don't. So I'd be glad to issue an apology to Sister Jean and to anyone who felt that my joke was intended to be anti-Catholic or anti-elderly. It wasn't. It was an observation of the room I was in at the time and the mood people were in."

I naturally became curious where he watched the game and how that anti-Sister Jean mob mentality developed.

"I was at a watch party with Tennessee fans who naturally were frustrated, and every time they'd show (Sister Jean) on the screen, it'd get old," McClure said. "People were groaning and moaning. What I said was to capture that feeling. It was a strong way to do that."

I speculated that his boss wasn't happy with the tweet. I have seen radio hosts fired for less. I can't imagine tweeting something similarly vile, for instance, and keeping my job.

"My boss sent me a text," McClure said. "Asked me, 'Are we sure about that tweet?' I had a phone conversation and apologized to him for rattling everyone on a Saturday night. He told me he wasn't going to fire me. But if

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

Memphis turning to one of its own

Former Tigers star Hardaway to be named team's new coach

Tribune news services

Former Memphis All-American **Penny Hardaway** is heading back to his alma mater — as its basketball coach.

Memphis will make the announcement Tuesday, said a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke to the Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because Memphis hasn't publicly announced the hire. Memphis has scheduled a news conference for Tuesday.

Hardaway, 46, replaces **Tubby Smith**, who was fired after going 40-26 in two seasons with Memphis.

Hardaway is a four-time NBA All-Star and three-time All-NBA player who will be making his college coaching debut with the Tigers. He has been coaching for years with his own AAU program, Team Penny, and won his third straight Tennessee high school championship at Memphis East last weekend.

Hardaway starred for Memphis teams that posted a combined 43-23 record and made consecutive NCAA tournament appearances in 1992 and 1993. The Tigers reached a regional final in 1992.

Surgery for NU's Law: Northwestern forward **Vic Law** is expected to be sidelined for much of the summer after undergoing surgery next week during spring break that could limit him for three to four months, the Tribune has learned.

The procedure will address lung capacity and Law's penchant for shortness of breath and fatigue. NU officials are mum on the operation, and Law declined to offer details.

In other NU news, prospective graduate transfer **Ryan Taylor**, who averaged 21.2 points for Evansville this season, told ESPN he has heard from the Wildcats plus about two dozen other schools, including Illinois.

Layups: Purdue coach **Matt Painter** said he does not expect starting C **Isaac Haas** to play again this season — even if the NCAA approves a brace to protect his fractured right elbow. The 7-foot-2 senior was injured in an NCAA tournament win over Cal State Fullerton. ... Charlotte hired Virginia associate head coach **Ron Sanchez** as its new coach. Sanchez has been an integral part of two-time national coach of the year **Tony Bennett**'s staff for the last 12 years at Washington State and Virginia. ... Mississippi introduced former Middle Tennessee State coach **Kermit Davis** as its new coach. Davis joins the Rebels after 16 seasons with the Blue Raiders. ... **Jeffrey Carroll** scored 26 points to help host Oklahoma State beat Stanford 71-65 in a second-round game of the National Invitation Tournament.

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he did I would accept it. My boss is so wonderful that he gives us ultimate freedom to say what we want to say because we can be 100 percent genuine."

I believe nobody in front of a microphone has ultimate freedom, which, by the way, also comes with responsibility. I also suspected McClure being "100 percent genuine" had gotten him in trouble in the past.

"Yeah, I've said some things that were offensive, but not on this scale," McClure said. "It's not meant to be taken truthfully. I have nothing against a 98-year-old nun. I would like to make it clear I want to issue an apology but stand by the freedom of speech and the freedom of comedy. It seems like we've become very soft as a society. I know it was offensive, inappropriate and vulgar, but it was only language. I apologize to those who took it a way I didn't mean for it to be taken."

I thanked McClure for his time, wished him well and hung up the phone. I literally shook my head and sighed.

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BLACKHAWKS

He'd just as soon trade sorry season

Comparisons with Hjalmarsson take toll on young D Murphy

By PAUL SKRBINA
Chicago Tribune

The comparisons were as inevitable as they were unfair.

When the Blackhawks traded defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson to the Coyotes for defenseman Connor Murphy, they did not receive Niklas Hjalmarsson in return.

Hjalmarsson helped the Hawks win three Stanley Cups as a dependable back-end player who blocked shots and contributed occasionally on offense during his 10 seasons with the Hawks.

Murphy played his first four years with the Coyotes, for whom the playoffs were but a distant dream.

"That's natural for anyone when you look at trades to compare them and see if they were worth it or see how that business side of it works," Murphy said. "When you make trades, everyone wants to compare. There's more that goes into trades than just looking at player to player."

For instance, Murphy is 24, six years younger than Hjalmarsson. He has many fewer miles on him, and much less experience.

After this season, Murphy has four years and nearly \$16 million left on the deal he signed in the summer of 2016. Hjalmarsson has one year and \$4.1 million left on his deal.

"Hjalmarsson is such a great player and has done so many great things for the Blackhawks," Murphy said. "It's out of my control which guy you're traded for."

What is in Murphy's control, he said, is his future.

It took the Coyotes' 2011 first-round pick a while to adapt to his new surroundings this season, one he described as a disappointment.

"Kind of inconsistent and feel like there was a period of getting comfortable," he said. "Looking back, it might have affected my game a little bit, more than I would have liked it to."

AVALANCHE AT HAWKS

TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Avalanche are in the first wild-card spot in the Western Conference with 86 points and are 6-1-3 in their last 10 games.

Trending: The Blackhawks have allowed five or more goals three games in a row and four of their last five. ... Alex DeBrincat is the first rookie in Hawks history with three hat tricks in a season ... He and Tony Granato are the only two U.S.-born rookies with three in a season.

"There's a lot of new things I hadn't learned about how to play certain ways."

And now?

"I feel a big difference from the beginning of the year — familiarity with the guys and the team and the organization," he said.

Murphy has a goal and 10 assists in 67 games. He has played mostly with Brent Seabrook. The two have been on the ice together for 16 goals for and 12 against.

Seabrook and Duncan Keith were the first Hawks to call Murphy to welcome him to the team. One of the first conversations Murphy had with Keith was about Keith's conditioning program, which has allowed him to remain the team's leader in minutes despite all his mileage.

"You pick those guys' brains," Murphy said. "They kind of set the standard for players coming into the league. That's why the league keeps getting better. From a younger age kids are learning what Duncan Keith did, and they're doing newer things when they're older."

"You always have to be an open book and have eyes and ears open to things that help better you."

Hawks coach Joel Quenneville's praise of Murphy included his "size, some physicality, some awareness on the back end. He can hit you."

"Defensively he's had some decent games," Quenneville said. "Offensively he adds a little bit of



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Defenseman Connor Murphy acknowledges he has been "kind of inconsistent" since joining the Blackhawks.

something."

But Quenneville stopped short of complimenting him much beyond that.

"As a group on defense, we're all probably in the same boat of not nailing it," he said. "It's almost like you can measure everybody indi-

vidually, what they bring us. I think we'll all be OK, but there's another level for all of us."

It's a level Murphy believes isn't as far away as it seemed to him at the start of the season.

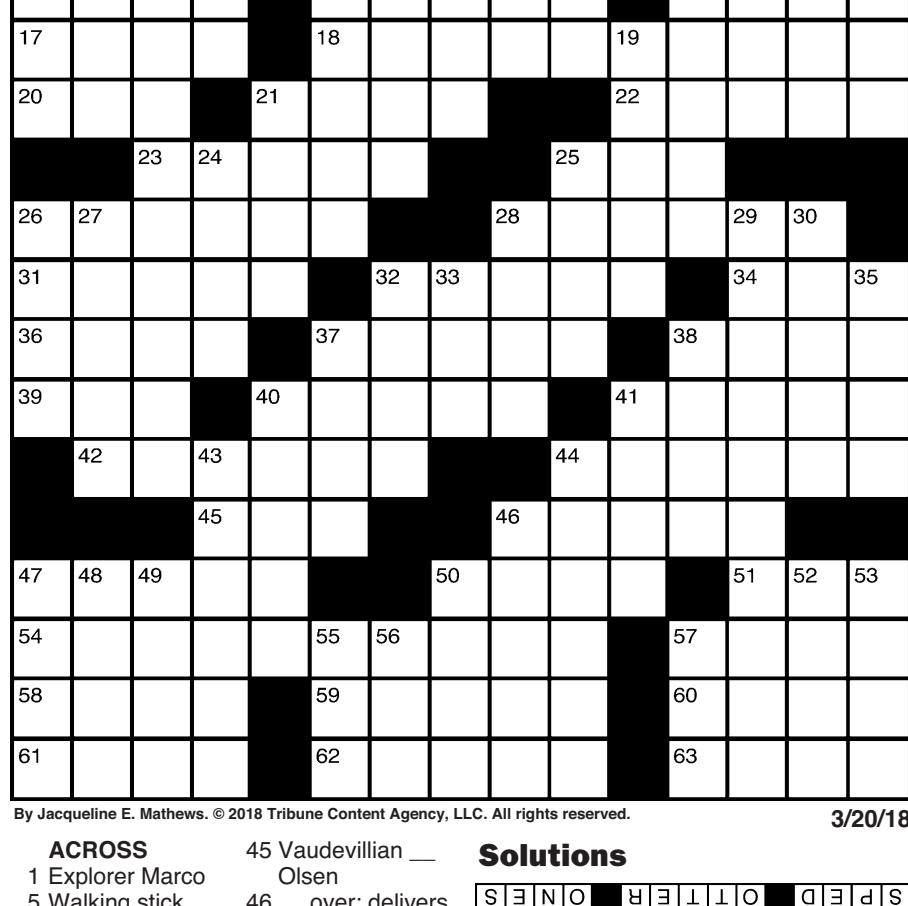
"There's a night-and-day difference there," he said. "There are

things I felt were hard to get my body to do second nature that right off the bat we were doing."

"It was more getting in the rhythm with those things."

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CUBS

That's the situation

Deep lineup can score in bunches, but hitters will focus on consistency

BY MARK GONZALES

Chicago Tribune

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Ian Happ downplayed the significance of his contributions this spring as manager Joe Maddon assesses various lineup options.

"It's not important who is going to be the leadoff guy," Happ said. "It's just the guys we have in the lineup. How deep we are is impressive. There's no bad spot to hit in the lineup."

The Cubs invested nearly all of their available money for this season in pitching, partly because they produced 822 runs — second most in the National League — despite a lack of consistent production at the top of the order and a strikeout total that climbed from 1,339 to 1,401 in 2017.

The expectation is the growing pains of their young hitters will subside and the offense will improve on its .239 batting average with runners in scoring position and two outs.

"We did have some big numbers and then some small numbers," said Maddon, who noted the Cubs followed a double-digit output by scoring one run or fewer in the next game on five occasions. "That was a bit deceptive in regard to runs scored. We need to be more consistent putting a number up on a nightly basis and against better guys. We really have to ascend against the better-stuff guys (such as Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg and Clayton Kershaw)."

"You can talk about data and this and that, but you know what you're thinking in the box or not thinking in the box, if it makes sense. Have an approach. How am I going to attack this guy? Then the thoughts aren't on you, but (rather on) what am I seeing, and how am I going to beat this guy just like you did in Little League?"

The biggest measuring stick for Cubs improvement may be the efficiency in front and behind Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo and Willson Contreras in the heart of the batting order.

For his part, Contreras seems suited best at cleanup, though he didn't bat there until June 5. After then, he took off with a .307 batting average, 13 home runs, 39 RBIs and 25 walks in 44 games from the spot.

"It's almost those three guys in the middle who set the tone, and then the younger guys are figuring it out," said Maddon, referring to the need for Javier Baez, Addison Russell and Happ to gain better strike zone discipline as Albert Almora Jr. has displayed.

"It's more about strike zone control, knowing what to swing at and what to lay off. That's where their real success is going to occur. If you thinking about Rizzo and (Bryant), they're good at that. So is Willson."

Part of Maddon's belief the club's hitting will improve stems partly from the hiring of hitting coach Chili Davis and Davis' reputation for helping batters prepare for various situations.

"The hitters will feel he's with them every pitch once they step in the batter's box," Athletics manager Bob Melvin told the Tribune in January.

Maddon stressed the "ability to teach in the moment, that's the tough part to teach."

The message of adjusting to each situation has resonated with Contreras.

"Baseball is a little complicated to say I'm going to drive in 100 runs," Contreras said. "I don't think about hitting 30 homers or driving in 100 runs. I'm thinking about good at-bats every single at-bat and not giving up any at-bats and do the best for my team."

"I don't know if I'm hitting fourth or fifth, but I'll do whatever's best to help the team win. With runners in scoring position, I'll try to put the ball in play and see what happens."

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CUBS NOTES

Roster decisions due soon

Choices could come down to minor-league options

BY MARK GONZALES

Chicago Tribune

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Finalizing the opening day roster might not be as urgent for the Cubs as the need for insurance during the season.

That's what manager Joe Maddon conveyed Monday as the Cubs try to finalize their roster by their final Cactus League game Sunday.

"When it gets down to the very end, there might be some guys you don't want to lose," Maddon said. "It's always about the eighth (reliever) versus the extra guy on the bench. Who is going to help you win more games? But then again, it's about possibly losing somebody."

Reliever Eddie Butler is out of minor-league options, and the Cubs would risk losing him to waivers if he doesn't make the opening day roster.

Meanwhile, relievers Anthony Bass and Justin Hancock are on minor-league contracts and left-hander Randy Rosario has options.

If Butler makes the team, he could serve as a second long reliever. Maddon said Butler hasn't been ruled out as a future starter.

Maddon covered all the scenarios, from carrying seven instead of eight relievers to carrying three catchers. The Cubs are scheduled to play 10 games in 11 days, eight in domed

ballparks, before their home opener. That situation could affect their likely decision to carry eight relievers.

"You don't want to blow anyone out early," Maddon said.

Reliever Pedro Strop threw 16 of 18 pitches for strikes in a minor-league game Monday against the Athletics and tentatively is scheduled to make his Cactus League debut Thursday. There are signs Strop, who has been nagged by a left calf injury and flu-like symptoms, will be ready for the regular season.

The struggles of left-hander Justin Wilson resurfaced Sunday, but Maddon said those woes were exclusively due to pitch selection and shouldn't suggest Wilson is in any trouble.

In the battle for backup catcher, Chris Gimenez is signed to a minor-league contract, while Victor Caratini has options but can switch-hit and play first and third base.

Infielders Mike Freeman, Ryan Court and outfielder Peter Bourjos — all on minor-league deals — have played well enough for Maddon to delay decisions on them.

Tuesday tuneup: Kyle Hendricks will pitch in a minor-league game at the Cubs' minor-league complex.

Hendricks has walked none and struck out 21 in 15 innings while holding opponents to a .207 batting average.

He is scheduled to pitch the second game of the season against the Marlins in Miami on March 30.

BASEBALL NOTES

Red Sox, Yankees may play 2 in London

Tribune news services

Major League Baseball is working to finalize a two-game series between the Yankees and Red Sox at Olympic Stadium in London on June 29-30 in 2019, the first regular-season games in Europe.

MLB chose the June window because it is after the Premier League soccer season and before the stadium must be made available for summer track and field events. MLB hopes to make the official announcement within the next two months.

Altuve gets richer: Second baseman Jose Altuve of the Astros finalized a seven-year, \$163.5 million contract that guarantees an additional \$151 million over five seasons. Altuve, the reigning

AL MVP, would have been eligible for free agency after the 2019 season.

Extra innings: Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said Zack Greinke won't be the opening-day starter. Lovullo says the tightness Greinke experienced in his groin in his latest start led him to rule out his ace for his usual opening-day role. Lovullo said he's not ready to name the starter for the March 29 opener at home against the Rockies. ... Tigers pitching prospect Franklin Perez is expected to miss at least three months with a right lat strain. Perez was injured in a minor-league game Sunday. Perez, a 20-year-old RHP, was acquired in the trade that sent Justin Verlander to the Astros last season. ... Yankees OF Jacoby Ellsbury is expected to start

McNeil fueled up, rolling with Score

Rosenthal, from Page 1

Connor McKnight, another Score alumnus.

McNeil's last stint at The Score ended in 2014 after he and the station couldn't agree on a new contract and he wavered over whether he wanted to continue in sports radio. Ultimately, he took a major pay cut from what WSCR-AM was offering for a morning gig at music station WDRV-FM 97.1. It wasn't what he expected, and he was off the air in 16 months.

Often cast as a radio bad boy and open about his foibles, McNeil twice has been a member of one of Chicago's best-known sports radio teams. One was with Terry Boers on The Score, which ended in 1999 when management dispatched Boers to join Bernstein as part of the last WSCR-AM lineup shuffle on par with last week's. The other was at ESPN's WMVP-AM 1000 with John Jurkovic and Harry Teinowitz, which McNeil said found its groove after a rocky first couple years.

"Terry is the funniest guy I ever worked with," McNeil said. "My job was to put the ball down the middle of the plate so he could hit it 400 feet. With Jurko and Harry, I was more of a point guard. It was challenging at first doing a three-man show, but eventually we got it."

It's too soon to know how McNeil's partnership with Parkins, who only about a decade ago was a college intern under him, will rate. What's certain is McNeil is better at talking sports than talking up a new Ford.

(The following conversation has been edited for clarity and readability.)



McNeil

The one thing that's been very clear as people respond to the news of you being brought back by The Score and the latest lineup changes is people are anything but ambivalent. They either love you or hate you. There doesn't seem to be any middle ground about you or the rest of the changes.

"It's visceral. It's remarkable how emotional our listeners are. It's been like that for years and it escalated when ESPN entered the game 20 or so years ago, and they are as passionate about the sports radio teams and the teams they wear the jerseys of."

They might be more impassioned about the radio people because the people behind the microphones tend to stick around longer.

"Yes, they do. You don't know how many times when I've had a coach or an athlete condescend to me where I've wanted to say, 'In two years, I'll still be doing this. (Laughs.) And you'll probably have a different ZIP code.'"

When we talked last summer, as you were launching a podcast that in retrospect was a prelude to your Score return, you said you missed talking sports. What I didn't ask was: Did that surprise you?

"I always miss it during football season. I can talk football from sun-up to sundown, so that's never a concern. I'm kind of the same with the Blackhawks. But when I last did sports radio on a full-time basis, the baseball landscape was an absolute (bleep) fest. On either side of town. There was optimism regarding the Cubs, but I left in '14. That's a year removed from their first NLCS. It was difficult for me to stay plugged in."

In what ways do you think you're a different broadcaster than you used to be?

"I'd like to think I'm more patient. I'm more willing to be deferential. I've always tried to not take myself too seriously, to varying degrees of success. That's an eternal discipline. I think I know what I want more than I did five years ago."

Well, you got to try something else with WDRV-FM and then decide, no, maybe not.

"It was an abject failure. I'm glad you brought that up. I did try something else. In early '15, Pat Mannelly, who replaced me on The Score, decided he didn't want to do it. I was invited back and that's when The Drive's offer came in after three months of conversations. So I had a decision to make. Did I want to go back to The Score, and resume the midday shift I left the previous June, or did I want to try something else that I've had an itch to scratch for years doing guy talk on a classic rock station? I made a decision based on my heart and not my bank account. It turned out to be the wrong decision, but I don't regret it. I regret the outcome."

You and Danny seemed to hit the ground running.

"In a perfect world, you'd ramp up into a new show. You'd get in the studio and do a couple audition shows. They wouldn't have to be five hours, necessarily. But you get in the studio, you vibe off each other. This was off and running on a week when everything at the radio station is very raw and emotions have been very high, and there are a lot of guys on the ninth floor of the Prudential Building who haven't slept well this week. I'm among them. And in typical Score fashion, we're going to pull through it as a unit."

Part of it was how abrupt the changes were.

"It was abrupt for many. It was six weeks of my life. Conversations started long before Monday about my partnership and my place on the station."

Did they give you your choice of partner?

"There were several names considered. Danny was one of them. The first show I did when I returned to The Score was the first NFL playoff weekend, with Danny, and it felt incredibly comfortable three minutes into our little two-hour show on a Sunday morning when nobody knew we were going to be on the air together. I've put together, I think, six or seven different shows and I can't remember one so quickly feeling like a pair of old wool socks you love on the first snowy morning in November the way that one was."

It's not yet clear to what extent Danny is going to bust your chops, but it doesn't seem as though he's afraid despite saying he's in awe.

"I recognized something special about him when he interned for me in '07. I've seen hundreds of them over the years I've done. They come in from all walks of life. I had two kids that summer — Danny Parkins and (play-by-play announcer) Jordan Bernfield — who came from means and were all-stars. They were Toews and Kane. It was unbelievable how hard they worked, and I immediately developed a kinship with them. I think (Parkins) has all the requisites to be a star in this market. He's well on his way."

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Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski shouts instructions during the first half of an NCAA tournament second-round game against Rhode Island on Saturday in Pittsburgh. Duke rolled 87-62.

Still special for 'Coach K'

Krzyzewski, 43 years into career, still has same passion for game

BY JOHN FEINSTEIN
Washington Post

PITTSBURGH — Mike Krzyzewski walked briskly down a hallway inside PPG Paints Arena on Thursday evening, keeping up a surprisingly fast pace for a 71-year-old man with two surgically replaced hips and two surgically replaced knees.

He had just finished his postgame meeting with media members after Duke had beaten Iona 89-67 in the first round of the NCAA tournament. It was the 92nd victory in this event for Krzyzewski and, even though the Blue Devils had taken control of the game late in the first half, he didn't relax even a little until the very end.

"Lehigh and Mercer," he said, ticking off teams that have beaten him in the first round in the recent past. "Just because I've done this before and had some success doesn't mean I'm going to prepare any differently or any less."

He already had a good idea of what he and his team would face in the second round: A Rhode Island team with veteran guards that could make life difficult for his very tal-

ented but very inexperienced team. Which is why he was in a hurry. He wanted to get back to the hotel and begin meeting with his assistant coaches and looking at tape.

That's been his ritual for 43 years as a coach, and he isn't about to change now.

"I'm glad I have work to do tonight," he said Thursday with a smile. "Because it means we won today and have another game to play."

Duke will play another game Friday in Omaha in the Sweet 16 against Syracuse because it completely demoralized Rhode Island on Saturday, going on a 23-6 run midway through the half and never looking back in a dominating 87-62 victory.

The win added to all the extraordinary numbers Krzyzewski has produced in his remarkable career. He has won 1,099 games, surpassing Pat Summitt as the all-time leader among NCAA coaches, male or female. The only college coach he now trails is Harry Statham, who recently retired from McKendree of the NAIA level with 1,122 wins in 52 seasons.

The win was also the 93rd in the NCAA tournament for Krzyzewski — 17

more than Roy Williams, his counterpart at archrival North Carolina, and 28 more than Dean Smith, who tortured him during his early years at Duke. This will also be the 23rd time he has coached the second weekend of the tournament. Twelve of those previous 22 trips resulted in Final Four appearances, five of them in national championships.

In short, he has nothing left to prove. And yet, he still coaches as if he was at Army, where he spent five years with players who were too small and too slow to compete and yet went 73-59. He doesn't just remember the losses to Lehigh and Mercer, but his first three years at Duke, when he was 38-47 and many alumni wanted him run out of town.

"There's no question you can embarrass me with," he once told a questioner in a news conference who said he didn't want to embarrass him with a personal question. "I lost a game by 43 my third year at Duke. That was embarrassing."

Several years ago, Geoff Petrie, then the general manager of the Sacramento Kings, went to see a Duke game at Cameron Indoor Stadium with Keith Drum, a Kings scout who has known Krzyzewski since he first arrived at Duke in

the spring of 1980. As they walked out after the game, Drum asked Petrie what he thought about the game, the players he was there to see and the atmosphere.

"I think it's amazing," Petrie said, "that the most intense person in that building was the 65-year-old coach who's won four national championships."

The number is five now, and Krzyzewski would love a sixth because, well, it's the next thing out there.

This Duke team is built around four freshmen — none of whom is likely to be around next season — and one senior, Grayson Allen. It has two remarkably talented big men in Marvin Bagley III, likely to be the first player taken in June's NBA draft, and Wendell Carter Jr., also a likely lottery pick.

But with youth, especially youth that has one eye on the door, comes inexperience, especially on defense. That's why Krzyzewski has been forced to play exclusively zone for almost the entire season. Watching Duke play zone is a little bit like watching Tom Brady play quarterback left-handed or Phil Mickelson play golf right-handed. It just doesn't look right.

Krzyzewski talks up the zone every chance he gets because he wants his play-

ers to believe in it.

"We foul less in the zone," Krzyzewski said Saturday. "Today, we did a good job most of the game getting to their shooters. This was one of our best games of the season. We played an outstanding team and we were an outstanding team today."

He isn't ready to call this season outstanding, even with a 28-7 record and the trip coming up to Omaha, Neb. No one knows about dealing with a high bar more than Krzyzewski.

The larger question is how much longer Krzyzewski will continue to add to his list of amazing numbers.

When someone asked him about passing Summitt in wins he said all the right things. "Pat would have had hundreds more wins if she'd stayed healthy," he said. "It's an honor because she was a pioneer. She built an entire sport."

"I've won a lot of games, and that's great. But I've had a lot of great players and good health."

He paused, smiled at the good health line and added: "I've got two new knees and two new hips, so basically I have a new body."

What isn't new and hasn't gotten old is the drive by which Petrie was awed. Krzyzewski has mastered the one-and-done, re-

cruiting a retinue of new players each year, much as John Calipari does at Kentucky. But Krzyzewski doesn't like the one-and-done because what he loved most about coaching was watching young men mature as people and players. He rarely gets to do that anymore.

"If you don't adapt in coaching, you don't survive," he said a few years back. "If I don't change with the times, I won't be coaching."

He's still coaching because he still loves it. He loves the competition, loves the winning and loves preparing. He understood how Virginia coach Tony Bennett felt Friday night after becoming the first No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16 seed because he has suffered those first-round losses he still remembers so vividly.

"When we lost to Lehigh and Mercer, they were deserving winners," he said. "UMBC was a deserving winner last night. Tony understood that. Anytime you walk into the arena, something great can happen, but some nights the great things happen to the other team."

"That's what makes all of this so much fun. When the work pays off for you and your players, you really appreciate it. I never take winning for granted."

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Michael Schumacher jumps on the podium after winning the Formula One Grand Prix of Germany on July 30, 2006. He has been incapacitated since a Dec. 29, 2013, skiing accident.

He's fighting a good fight

As F1 season begins, Schumacher still battling for his life far away

BY JEROME PUGMIRE

Associated Press

As Formula One drivers prepare for the season-opening Australian Grand Prix next weekend, Michael Schumacher continues a very different fight far away.

There remains huge respect for the seven-time F1 champion who, more than four years after a near-fatal brain injury in a skiing accident, is still being cared for at home in the quiet Swiss town of Gland on the shores of Lake Geneva. He has been treated there since September 2014. The thick forest surrounding his castle-like home provides sanctuary from fan and media intrusion with high surrounding walls.

While his family fiercely protects his privacy, Schumacher's reputation still towers over F1, and fans of all ages continue to adore him.

"What can be said is that the family really appreciates the empathy of the fans," Schumacher's manager Sabine Kehm told the Associated Press on Friday. "The people really do see and understand (his health situation) is not to be shared in the public eye."

The current condition of the 49-year-old German's health remains closely guarded. Kehm would not comment on it when asked by the AP.

On March 18, 2012 — exactly six years ago — Schumacher began the last season of his F1 career at the Australian GP in Melbourne. He secured the last of his mammoth 155 podiums that year at the European GP in Valencia on June 24, 2012,

before retiring definitively at the age of 43.

In his last race Schumacher finished seventh behind Sebastian Vettel. It felt somewhat like a changing of the guard, with Vettel growing up with posters of his German countryman on his wall.

A little more than a year later, Schumacher was fighting for his life.

Near-fatal accident: While skiing with his teenage son Mick in the French Alps at Meribel, Schumacher fell on Dec. 29, 2013.

He hit the right side of his head on a rock, splitting open his helmet. Doctors worked frantically to remove blood clots from his brain, but some were left because they were too deeply embedded. Schumacher's condition stabilized after he was placed in a drug-induced coma, from which he later emerged.

Following his accident, updates went from scarce to non-existent as those around him sought to protect his privacy. Understandably so, amid fears stolen medical records were going to be sold, and unsourced speculation saying Schumacher had slowly started walking again. Reported figures estimated his treatment at more than \$28 million and counting. The exasperated family stopped communicating altogether.

"Michael's health is not a public issue, and so we will continue to make no comment in that regard," Kehm said. "Legally seen and in the longer term, every statement related to his health would

diminish the extent of his intimate sphere."

That statement was made 16 months ago.

Never forgotten: On an F1 track near Barcelona this month, a red flag fluttered over a grandstand facing Ferrari's garage.

Two words were written on it — MICHAEL FOREVER — in a permanent testimony to his five titles with Ferrari from 2000-4.

Schumacher quit F1 in 2006 after finishing second to Fernando Alonso by only 13 points in a bid for an eighth title. When he announced his comeback for 2010, he swapped the flashy red of Ferrari for the gleaming silver of Mercedes.

Schumacher's record seven titles and 91 wins made him an F1 colossus.

"He was the benchmark of physical approach, of mental approach," said 33-year-old Polish driver Robert Kubica, who grew up watching Schumacher and himself earned 12 F1 podiums from 2006-10.

Ferrari furor: Amid the frenzy of Ferrari's success at the turn of the decade, F1 even threatened to give soccer a challenge for pole position in the hearts of Italian sports fans.

In 2000, Schumacher delivered Ferrari its first world title since Jody Scheckter in 1979.

"I remember the top audience in Italy on TV was 12 million. He was very popular all over Italy," veteran Italian sports journalist Stefano Mancini told the AP. Mancini, who has covered F1 since 2000 with Turin-based newspaper La Stampa, said "the atmosphere was incredible. Calcio (soccer) is always first, but it

was also about Formula One."

Even then, access to Schumacher was not easy. Mancini remembers Schumacher as someone who "wanted to protect his privacy" and described him as "shy, reserved."

Until it came to karaoke time.

During Schumacher's pomp, a handful of Italian F1 journalists would join him on a preseason ski trip to Madonna Di Campiglio in the Italian Dolomites. They all lodged at the cavernous Golf Hotel.

"There was a room with a karaoke and bar," the 55-year-old Mancini said.

Schumacher's choice of song is of little surprise.

"My Way" by Frank Sinatra," Mancini said. "He was a good singer."

Hamilton's homage: At

F1 preseason testing in Montmelo near Barcelona, no driver was too busy to speak about Schumacher, amid clear respect for the driver widely considered the best ever along with the late Ayrton Senna.

Like Schumacher in his junior days, Lewis Hamilton excelled at karting growing up.

Even though Schumacher was by then an F1 star, the lure of going back in time prompted the German driver to compete in a karting race.

Hamilton was there, still a teenager.

"It was in 2001, and the word was Michael was coming to race and he raced in our class," Hamilton recalled. "I just remember being on the track with him and I thought 'That was cool!'"

Five years later, Hamilton was breaking into F1 when

Schumacher was racing in his then-last season.

"I think I was testing, it

must have been in 2006. I saw him ahead of me and I thought 'Oh my God, I'm in Formula One and there's Michael Schumacher,'" Hamilton said. "He pulled away from me because I couldn't keep up with him at the time. It was a surreal moment."

When the 41-year-old Schumacher came out of retirement, Hamilton competed against him in 2010.

"The weather wasn't great. It was wet. I remember pulling into (the paddock) afterward and my car was parked behind him," Hamilton said. "He really spoke to me on the same level and it was just awesome to meet a great."

Hamilton is now such a great. He replaced Schumacher at Mercedes in 2013, winning three F1 titles to add to his first with McLaren in 2008. Last season, the 33-year-old British driver broke Schumacher's record of 68 pole positions. He took No. 69 at the Italian GP in Monza: Ferrari's home.

Inspiring a new generation: Two years ago, Ferrari signed up 20-year-old Charles Leclerc to its prestigious drivers' academy.

As soon as he set foot there, the Frenchman, who makes his F1 debut next Sunday for the Sauber team, felt Schumacher's "enormous" influence all around him.

"They push us as hard as possible, so we have the same will to learn. He never gave up. I never knew him personally but a lot of people at the (academy) have said that," Leclerc told the AP at preseason testing. "After four world titles, quite a few

drivers would have eased up a bit, but everyone told me that he continued to work just as much, as if he was going for his first. I think that's an enormous strength, it inspires me a lot and I try to reproduce it."

As a youth, Leclerc was mesmerized watching Schumacher on television.

"Seeing him gave me even more will to succeed and to maybe one day have the same success," said Leclerc, who won the F2 championship in 2017 in some style. "I'm very, very far away, but it makes you dream."

Max Verstappen, F1's rising star, is the same age as Leclerc but has already won three races.

The Red Bull driver's fearless driving style has drawn early comparisons to Schumacher.

His father, Jos Verstappen, was Schumacher's teammate when he won his first title with Benetton in 1994. They became friends, holidaying together with young Max and the younger Mick in tow.

Mick Schumacher competed in the European F3 championship last year, securing a podium.

Like Verstappen before him, he hopes to follow his father into F1.

Giving back: Schumacher's family appreciates the unflinching support from fans.

From June 16 onward, The Michael Schumacher Private Collection — including cars, race-worn helmets and other memorabilia from his F1 days — will be displayed at an old airport in the Germany city of Cologne.

"It is to give back to the fans," Kehm said. "To celebrate Michael the racing driver."

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Caitlin Morely and Jacob Flores in "Columbinus" in Chicago.

Reliving '99 school shooting onstage



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

It was December when Ben Dicke, theater department chair at the Chicago Academy for the Arts, approached Jason Patera, the head of school, to share his vision for the spring play.

"Ben said, 'Look, I want to do this play "Columbinus,'" Patera recalled last week. "I said, 'Is it about what I think it's about?' He said, 'Yeah.'

"Immediately I had these two conflicting thoughts," Patera said. "There's no way we can do this play. And we absolutely have to do this play."

"Columbinus" tells the story of two teenagers walking into their suburban high school and killing 12 students, a teacher and themselves — inspired, of course, by the 1999 murders at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. The play was co-written by P.J. Paparelli and Stephen Karam and performed in 2013 at American Theater Company in Chicago, where Paparelli would later become artistic director. (Paparelli died at age 40 in 2015; American Theater Company shut down last week.)

None of the students in the Chicago Academy for the Arts cast was alive in 1999.

"To them, Columbine is like the Challenger explosion," Patera said. "It's like Vietnam. It's like Pearl Harbor."

It's history.

It's also the air they breathe.

Shortly after rehearsals began in January, a student opened fire in Marshall County High School in Kentucky, killing two classmates and wounding more than a dozen. A month later, 14 students and three school employees were shot to death at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., and another 17 people were wounded.

"Whatever combination of bullying and social isolation and mental health and access to guns — whatever that recipe is, it hasn't slowed down since Columbine," said Dicke, who directs the show. "We all know that, and we all kind of fess up to that, and then we forget it and move on."

"What's interesting now is

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Boris Karloff as the monster in 1931's "Frankenstein."
UNIVERSAL STUDIOS



RICK KOGAN
Sidewalks

I saw Richard Speck last week. He was walking down a street on the West Side, or what looked like a street on the West Side, somewhere near the Eisenhower Expressway. It was getting dark and he was wearing a cowboy hat and I could see that he was smiling. He waved as he approached and as he started to speak I woke up.

This has happened before, many times,

since I first saw the face of Speck in a newspaper, after he was captured by police in July 1966, after brutally torturing, raping, and murdering eight student nurses on the South Side.

We all live and sleep in a world filled with monsters.

The worst of them, of course, are the real ones, the ones that now come at us with alarming speed. But so overwhelmed are we by the numbing images of slaughter and the frequency of the faces of the evildoers — Stephen Paddock, Omar Mateen, Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik, Adam Lanza, the list is tragically long — that we have a hard time telling one from another.

The real monsters who visit our dreams tend to be the most grotesque. I've had Speck, with his pockmarked face and "Born

to Raise Hell" tattoo on his left arm. There's been John Wayne Gacy too, especially in his sickening clown getup. But the first and most frequent nightmare visitor I've had has been that creature created by the fictional Dr. Victor Frankenstein.

That monster was born 200 years ago in a book written by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, then Mary Godwin. The book was "Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus" and she published it anonymously in 1818, in part because, well, women did not write such things and she worried that she might lose custody of her children.

Some scholars consider the book the first true science fiction story and many believe it contains the first literary monster. In either

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Affleck's big, 'awful' back tattoo is real

Nearly two years after claiming that a massive phoenix tattoo on his back was fake and something he only got "for a movie," Ben Affleck, above, was spotted with the intricate, multicolored design while going shirtless on a beach in Hawaii.

Affleck, 45, was photographed during a recent beach workout session with his co-stars in the upcoming film "Triple Frontier": Charlie Hunnam, Oscar Isaac and Garrett Hedlund.

So, yes, it certainly appears that the tattoo is real. This is the infamous tattoo that his estranged ex-wife Jennifer Garner scoffed at and his ex-fiancee Jennifer Lopez called "awful."

Affleck was first spotted with the tattoo in December 2015, while working on the set of "Live by Night," Us Weekly reported. The tattoo shows the mythical bird rising from the ashes and spreading its wings up and over the actor's entire back and shoulders.

At the time, Us Weekly reported that the "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" actor got the large-scale tattoo, which symbolizes rebirth, sometime after he and his estranged wife Garner first announced they were splitting up after 10 years of marriage.

The pair share children Violet, 12, Seraphina, 9, and Samuel, 6, and finally filed for divorce last April.

In March 2016, Affleck denied the phoenix tattoo was real, telling Extra TV's Mario Lopez that he just got a fake, temporary tattoo for a movie.

— Martha Ross, East Bay Times

March 20 birthdays: Actor Hal Linden is 87. Actor William Hurt is 68. Director Spike Lee is 61. Actress Holly Hunter is 60. Actor David Thewlis is 55. Model Kathy Ireland is 55. Actress-model Ruby Rose is 32.



CHARLES SYKES/INVISION

Pitbull at U.N.: Grammy Award-winning rapper Pitbull, above, is heading to the United Nations to discuss the global water crisis on World Water Day. The organization Clean Water Here announced Monday that Pitbull will be named Clean Water Here Ambassador on Thursday when he visits the U.N. in New York. He also will receive the 2018 World Water Champion Award for humanitarian efforts.

Broadway collaboration: Broadway fans are buzzing over the release of a new song by two popular Tony winners in support of the upcoming March for Our Lives, Saturday's anti-gun violence rally. "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda and Ben Platt, the original star of "Dear Evan Hansen," have recorded a duet called "Found/Tonight," mixing lyrics from "You Will Be Found" from "Dear Evan Hansen" and "The Story of Tonight" from "Hamilton." The song was released at midnight Monday and is No. 1 on the iTunes singles chart.

Fifth Harmony on break: Fifth Harmony is going on "hiatus." The girl group announced Monday on Twitter that Ally Brooke, Normani Kordei, Dinah Jane and Lauren Jauregui will pursue "solo endeavors." The group says the break will allow members "to gain new experiences, strengths and perspectives that we can bring back to our Fifth Harmony family." The group says it will perform its remaining 2018 shows. Camila Cabello left the group in 2016. The singers auditioned as solo artists on "The X Factor" in 2012, but they were formed into a group and finished third in the competition.



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Grandchild's name cuts out grandma

Dear Amy: A couple of months ago my daughter gave birth to a baby girl. I was so happy until I learned her name. The baby's first name is lovely. It honors her father's side of the family. The baby's last name is my son-in-law's surname. But the baby was given two middle names — a male, ethnic version of my late husband's name, and his last name. My family and I were totally left out.

I was deeply hurt. And I don't think my husband would have been happy with the way the baby is saddled with a very awkward masculine middle name. I've expressed my thoughts to my daughter but she is sticking with the middle names. My husband died when she was in her early teens and our relationship, which had been very good, soured.

I was a loving and devoted mother to her and hoped she would realize that, especially after she had a child. But I don't see that happening and I'm thinking of fading out of my daughter's life. I don't think she would miss me and vice versa. My second husband's daughter and grandchildren love me. Rather than beating my head against a brick wall, I think I'd rather devote my energy to having a relationship with people who appreciate me. My only reservation is that my natural granddaughter will miss out on having a relationship.

— *What's in a name?*

Dear What's: To begin with, I was "saddled" with a man's middle name, and the damage has been minimal. Your grandchild will

be fine, too, but will you be OK never spending time with her? I get that you feel left out, but you're missing the big picture here: You have the ability to be present for this child; your late husband does not.

Consider that your daughter wasn't trying to snub you, but honor the grandparent that her child will never get to meet.

Try to put your hurt feelings aside, and do not punish your grandchild for the difficulties you've endured with her mother.

Just be present, loving, and let the name issue go. You and your daughter may yet find common ground through this new little girl. I hope you will try harder to understand her motivations, and view this new generation as an opportunity to start over.

Dear Amy: At school I am being ignored by my friends because of the new kids that they have crushes on. They hang outside of school without me and boys are all they talk about!

Because of this, I'm currently ignoring them. I'm cutting them from my life. I have unfollowed them on all my social media. It's sad that they don't even care. What do I do now?

— *Dissed friend*

Dear Dissed: Kids — and adults — grow and change at different rates.

Your friends seem to have entered the crush zone, and — if you're not into that — they're going to ignore you, and also be pretty boring to be around.

Your friends may feel like they can't approach you after you cut ties with them. They might not know why you've done

this. Have you tried to talk about it? If you try and still feel misunderstood and left out, you should start participating in a new activity — I recommend checking out the drama department at your school.

School plays are where you meet a variety of pretty cool people, but anything that shakes up your routine will do. Whatever you choose, just remember quality over quantity: One great friend can make up for 10 wishy-washy ones.

Dear Amy: I was alarmed at your incorrect response to "Driving Me Nuts," who was concerned about her granddaughter's "vocal fry."

As a nationally certified, credentialed and licensed speech-language pathologist, I have worked with voice disorders for 26 years. I can tell you that without a doubt a person using "vocal fry" is performing vocal abuse and can damage the vocal cords in the same way that yelling and screaming can damage vocal cords. Vocal abuse can create vocal nodules and sometimes irreversible voice damage.

That grandmother had every right to be alarmed.

— Harriet Snyder, M.S., CCC-SLP

Dear Harriet: My reading showed conflicting professional opinions on this.

One thing everyone seems to agree about is that vocal

fry is annoying. My advice to this grandmother, however, was that this is not her problem to try and fix.

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Rosie Perez plays teacher Tracey Wolfe, left, and Josh Radnor stars as novice drama program leader Lou Mazzuchelli on "Rise," a new NBC series that's based on a nonfiction book.

It's a stage teens go through

'Friday Night Lights' producer looks at small-town high school theater

BY MEREDITH BLAKE

Los Angeles Times

A young man named Robbie stands in the wings of a darkened theater, nervously awaiting his big moment on stage.

"You are going to be amazing. Enjoy it," whispers his teacher, Lou, a bearded 40-something.

"I think you might have changed my life," says his fresh-faced pupil.

"Right back at 'cha," replies Lou, sending his pupil off with an encouraging nudge to the shoulder.

A few feet away, a Steadicam operator films the heartwarming exchange for a climactic episode of "Rise," a drama on NBC.

The scene, performed by Damon Gillespie as the student and Josh Radnor as the teacher, is scripted, but the creators of the series, which follows the underfunded theater program at a small-town Pennsylvania high school as it attempts an ambitious staging of "Spring Awakening," hope that it plays authentically.

Created by Jason Katims, the writer-producer behind "Friday Night Lights" and "Parenthood," "Rise" is filming on a Brooklyn soundstage where a 312-seat theater, complete with fake cinder-block walls, has been built from scratch and is filled with background players pretending to be audience members.

Cameras capture their reactions, the performance onstage and other key moments in the wings. A hallway offstage right is lined with racks of costumes and posters for fictional productions

of "Godspell" and "Footloose." On this particular set, the proverbial "fourth wall" is virtually impossible to locate.

"We really are doing a show within a show," says Katims, perched behind a monitor. "It's really exciting, but it was a much bigger undertaking than I probably realized. It's like a jigsaw puzzle — a lot simpler to write than it is to produce."

Radnor stars as Lou Mazzuchelli, an English teacher who volunteers on a whim to take over his school's drama program. Instead of yet another production of "Grease," he decides to stage "Spring Awakening," a musical about sexually repressed teenagers in 19th-century Germany — a move that quickly raises eyebrows in a depressed steel town that values football over the arts or academics.

Mazzuchelli also clashes with Tracey Wolfe (Rosie Perez), a teacher who's been involved in the drama program for decades and resents his interference, starting with his decision to cast football star Robbie (Gillespie) and his crush, Lilette Suarez (Auli'i Cravalho), as romantic leads Melchior and Wendla.

Lou's fight to bring "Spring Awakening" to the stage is just one of the plots that unfurl in "Rise," an ensemble piece that blends grown-up turmoil and adolescent angst and takes on real-world issues like coming out, teen alcohol abuse and economic uncertainty in Rust Belt America.

It's familiar ground for Katims, a showrunner who knows how to give viewers all the feels with his



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"It's not a show about a drama program. It's a show about this community, about these characters, about these people's lives."

— Jason Katims, "Rise" creator

engrossing intergenerational family dramas ("Parenthood") and nuanced portraits of small-town life ("Friday Night Lights").

"A really important thing to me about 'Rise' is it's not a show about a drama program," Katims says. "It's a show about this community, about these characters, about these people's lives. It's what I'm invested in, and I'm hoping that that's what the audience gets invested in as well."

The show has widely been billed as "Friday Night Lights"

meets "Glee," but while there are plans to release a cast album, stylistically it is much closer to the former show. No one breaks into song spontaneously, and "Rise" is full of the signature Katims flourishes: a moody, contemporary soundtrack and lots of handheld camerawork "to make you feel like you were dropped down into this world," he says.

The series is based on "Drama High," a nonfiction book by Michael Sokolove about the drama program at Harry S. Truman High School in Levittown, Pa., where Broadway producers often workshop challenging or provocative shows for use by high schools across the country. The program was run for decades by Lou Volpe, the loose inspiration for Radnor's character.

Katims is instantly sold on the material.

"I was very touched by the story of what Lou did," he says. "This was in a small American town, a place where they didn't have a lot of resources, and these were not kids who were going on to be Broadway stars. They were kids that really needed something in their lives. They needed that mentor, whether they knew they needed it or not."

Katims is a native Brooklynite, raised about 10 miles south of the "Rise" studio in the middle-class Midwood neighborhood, where he attended Edward R. Murrow High School. Asked about his affinity for shows set in high school, he jokes, "My development is stunted at 16 years old."

Neither a jock nor a theater geek, he discovered a passion for playwriting only in college.

"Weirdly, that gives me an advantage because it makes me able to come in and really learn about the world and see it for

what it is and embrace its beauty. I wasn't a football person, but when I flew to Texas (for 'Friday Night Lights') and started researching the world of high school football, I was in love. And I feel the same thing about this."

Radnor, on the other hand, starred in high school productions of "Oklahoma!" and "Cabaret" (in the latter, he played the MC) and performs as a duo with singer-songwriter Ben Lee. (On the "Rise" set, he can be found strumming his guitar between takes.) He's excited that "Rise" has the potential to bring "Spring Awakening" and musical theater more broadly, to the masses.

"Broadway plays can only hold so many people a night, whereas many, many more people will watch NBC on 'Tuesday,'" Radnor says.

"Rise" arrives at a moment when interest in musicals, particularly among young people, is on the ascent, thanks to "Hamilton" and "Dear Evan Hansen," and the TV show boasts the involvement of many Broadway vets. Executive producer Jeffrey Seller, who took Sokolove's book to NBC Entertainment Chairman Bob Greenblatt, has a long list of theatrical credits, including "Rent" and "Hamilton."

Perez has deep ties to the New York theater community and co-founded Urban Arts Partnership, a nonprofit for students in underserved public schools. The message of "Rise" struck a chord with the actress, who, like Katims, was raised in Brooklyn.

"I believe that when you introduce the arts to a child's life, it opens them up in ways that you can never imagine," she says. "It worked for me."

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IN PERFORMANCE 'The Next Big Thing' ★★★

Aspiring songwriters battle for musical glory while producers bet on outcome

BY KERRY REID

Chicago Tribune

The recording studio as the crucible of creative dreams figures in a lot of plays and movies. Sam Phillips' legendary Sun Studios alone gave us the jukebox musical "Million Dollar Quartet" and a memorable scene in the Johnny Cash biopic "Walk the Line."

Carrie J. Sullivan's "The Next Big Thing," now in a world premiere at Factory Theater, takes place in and around a Chicago recording studio in 1997, when the romance of the scrappy grunge upstarts crashing the big labels had turned sour. Kurt Cobain's dead and Auto-Tune is about to come alive, further challenging the artistic integrity of the post-punk generation.

Into this changing world wanders 19-year-old Beth Peterson (Allison Grischow), a singer-songwriter from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, toting her guitar and fantasies of winning an MTV Award. She also has a business card from Dave, the owner of the small North Side studio, offering her a chance to lay down some tracks. But Dave has died in the weeks since he saw Beth crooning at a "Yooper" tavern open mic, and his daughter Alex (Mary Jo Bolduc) is struggling to keep it

together, personally and professionally.

Alex decides to give Beth a shot — partly to honor her dad's memory and partly to try to win a bet against crass fellow producer Clive (Tim Newell). Clive is backing his own hopeful, pop-princess-in-training Monica (unningly played by Kiayla Ryann as the North Shore version of Stacey Dash's Dionne in "Clueless").

Beth and Monica end up competing for the same spot on a label roster, even as they share a room above the studio.

Thus the well-worn conflict between staying true to artistic visions and going for the brass rings and gold records is born.

Sullivan's play, directed by Robyn Coffin, has its weak spots and predictable moments. But it's also leavened with what I've come to think of as a particular strength of Factory productions — the ability to evoke nostalgia while also critiquing our love of nostalgia. It's the prerogative of every generation to think that the music sounded better in their youth — but Sullivan's here to remind Gen X and the millennials that there was also a lot of junk in the 1990s.

Frankly, the snippets of Beth's songs we hear aren't that impressive, though Grischow has a



"The Next Big Thing," with Raj Bond and Allison Grischow, is written by Carrie J. Sullivan.

When: Through April 21

Where: Factory Theater, 1623 W. Howard St.

Running time: 1 hour, 55 minutes

Tickets: \$25 at thefactorytheater.com

sweet voice. She comes across at times as a wan version of Joni Mitchell, with a dash of Ani DiFranco. But Sullivan's play shines when it focuses on the relationship between Beth and Alex. If you've seen the 2002 film "Laurel Canyon," Bolduc may remind you of a more buttoned-up version of Frances McDormand's self-assured record pro-

ducer. We can see the strain of carrying both her father's legacy and the challenges of being a woman in a testosterone-laced world in Bolduc's tense-but-sensitive performance.

There's a beating heart of sardonic sincerity in this show that (mostly) carries it over some of the more wincing moments. Sullivan peppers the script with local references, including the requisite Steve Albini shoutout. There are solid and endearing supporting turns from Nick Freed as Steve, the studio engineer who is just beginning to grapple with Pro Tools and harbors a crush on Beth, as well as from Raj Bond's surly Tony, Alex's nephew and studio assistant who is also smit-

ten with her.

"Do you want success or your songs?" That's the question Beth has to answer for herself by the end of the show. It's also the question long-running storefront companies such as the Factory (which has bounced around a lot in its 25 years on the scene while staying true to its populist comedic brand) have had to face. "The Next Big Thing" doesn't offer histrionic odes to artistic purity. But it believably evokes the simple joys amid the hardship for those who choose to make their own kind of music.

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Shelley gave haunting creature life

Kogan, from Page 1

case, Shelley's creation has been transformed into a gallery of stiff-legged, mostly mute monsters that people have been able to see and be frightened by since the first theatrical production was staged in London in 1823.

Edison Studios' 16-minute film in 1910 became the first of 75-some film versions that have included the renowned 1931 version with Boris Karloff, the source of most visual interpretations of the monster, and include such silliness and oddities as "Jesse James Meets Frankenstein's Daughter," "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein" and "Dracula vs. Frankenstein."

The monster has found his way into song — Alice Cooper's 1986 "Teenage Frankenstein" for instance — and every other facet of popular entertainment.

Now, there is understandably a burst of activity surrounding the book's 200th anniversary.

The original, 1818 edition has been reissued, as paperback by Penguin Classics. There's a beautifully illustrated hardcover, "The New Annotated Frankenstein" (Liveright) and a spectacular limited edition luxury facsimile by SP Books of the original manuscript in Shelley's own handwriting based on her notebooks.

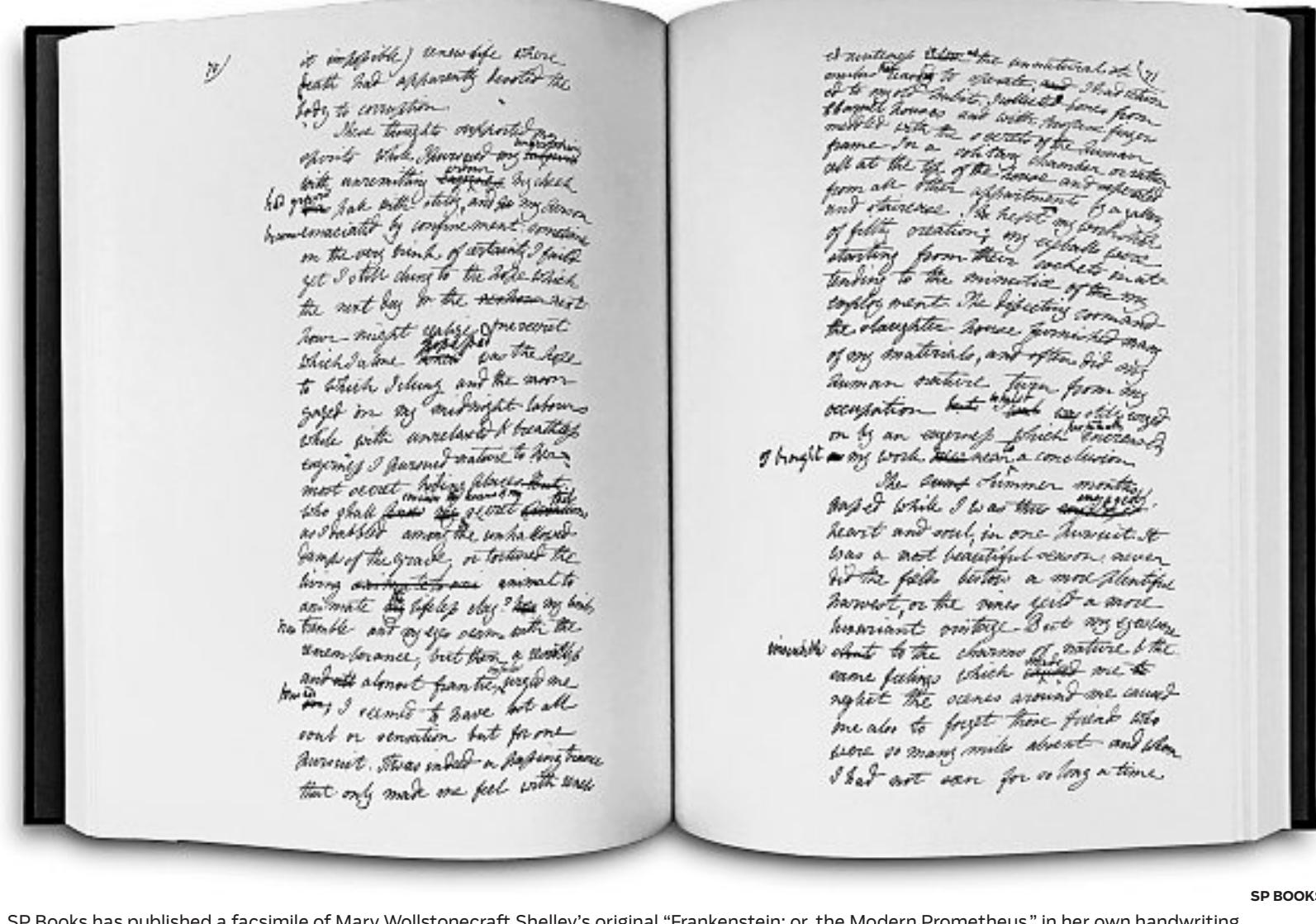
Universal Pictures is developing a new "Bride of Frankenstein" movie.

Intrigued by all this celebratory activity, I decided to reread the book, most of which I had forgotten since an initial reading as a teenager.

It's a masterpiece, deeper and more nuanced and frightening than I had imagined (and certainly remembered). It is a great book, so accomplished that I had to keep reminding myself of the author's youth; she was 18 when she began writing it.

It is told in the narrative voices of Dr. Frankenstein and the monster, as well as that of the captain of the boat that rescues the doctor. All are able storytellers.

Here is one vivid example, as Chapter 5 begins in the voice of Dr. Frankenstein: "It was on a dreary night of November that I beheld the accomplishment of my toils. With an anxiety that almost amounted to agony, collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet. It was already one in the morning; the rain pattered dismally against the panes, and my candle was nearly burnt out, when, by the glimmer of the half-extinct



SP BOOKS

SP Books has published a facsimile of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's original "Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus," in her own handwriting.



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"The Bride of Frankenstein," a 1935 film sequel, starred Boris Karloff and Elsa Lanchester. A remake is in development.

guished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open; it breathed hard, and a convulsive motion agitated its limbs."

And here is a bit from the monster: "When night came I quitted my retreat and wandered in the wood;

and now, no longer restrained by the fear of discovery, I gave vent to my anguish in fearful howlings. I was like a wild beast that had broken the toils, destroying the objects that obstructed me and ranging through the wood with a

stag-like swiftness. Oh! What a miserable night I passed!"

My reading experience was greatly embellished and enhanced by a later reading of "The Strange and Twisted Life of 'Frankenstein'" in the February 12

& 19 edition of The New Yorker magazine. Author Jill Lepore does a detailed job of summarizing the events that surrounded the book's creation and gives the fascinating and tragic background of its young author. You will learn that

Shelley, along with her husband-to-be, the poet Percy Shelley, and their pal, the famously flamboyant poet Lord Byron, beset by nasty weather in Switzerland, decided to stay indoors and have a competition to see who could write the best horror story. Needless to say, she won, creating, as Lepore puts it, "four stories in one: an allegory, a fable, an epistolary novel, and an autobiography, a chaos of literary fertility."

Lepore's article is filled with a clear-eyed and provocative critical analysis, historical perspective and observations, such as noting that the author "took pains that readers' sympathies would lie not only with Frankenstein, whose suffering is dreadful, but also with the creature, whose suffering is worse. The art of the book lies in the way Shelley nudges readers' sympathy, page by page, paragraph by paragraph, even line by line, from Frankenstein to the creature."

The creature has no name but, smart and sensitive and eloquent, he is nothing like the familiar monster that has stumbled across movie and TV screens, knocked on doors to mumble "trick or treat" at Halloween or haunted our nightmares.

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'Cher' tickets on sale Friday

Tickets for "The Cher Show," the new musical based on the life and six-

decade career of the mononymous singer, go on sale first thing Friday, Broadway in Chicago announced.

Casting has yet to be

announced for the Broadway-bound musical, which will have its premiere in Chicago in a limited engagement June 12 to July 15 at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St. Tickets (\$33-\$108 and up) go on sale to the public at 12:01 a.m. Friday at 800-775-

2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com.

A Broadway opening at the Neil Simon Theatre will follow in the fall. The musical is penned by Rick Elice ("Jersey Boys"), with choreography by Christopher Gattelli ("Newsies") and direction by Jason Moore ("Avenue Q"), produced by Flody Suarez and Jeffrey Seller. Expect plenty of songs from Cher's danceable hits, including "I Got You Babe" and "Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves."

— Doug George

TimeLine lists 2018-19 season

TimeLine Theatre Company has announced its 2018-19 slate. Opening the season will be "A Shayna Maidel" (Aug. 22-Nov. 4) by Barbara Lebow. Vanessa Stalling will direct the drama about two sisters who reunite in the aftermath of the Holocaust. Next up will be Terrence McNally's "Master Class" (Oct. 19-Dec. 9), inspired by the opera star Maria Callas. Hansol Jung's "Cardboard Piano" (Jan. 9-March 17) will open in the new year. Mechelle Moe will direct the drama, set during violent conflict in northern Uganda. Closing out the season will be "Too Heavy For Your Pocket" (April 24-June 29), set during the civil rights movement.

— Morgan Greene

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"Shadowhunters" (7 p.m., FREE): The diabolical Valentine is dead as this action fantasy returns for its third season, but his absence leaves a void to which both Shadowhunters and Downworlders must adjust in a premiere called "On Infernal Ground." As Clary (Katherine McNamara) struggles with her secret about Razel's wish, Alec (Matthew Daddario) pressures Jace (Dominic Sherwood) to open up about what he and Clary are hiding. Luke (Isaiah Mustafa), meanwhile, is finding it nearly impossible to fend off his partner Ollie's (Alexandra Ordolos) questions.

"LA to Vegas" (8 p.m., FOX): Faced with a heavily overbooked flight, the crew must come up with ways to persuade passengers to give up their seats without resorting to force in the new episode "Overbooked." Determined to turn lemons into lemonade, Nichole (Olivia Macklin) pockets a tidy sum selling snacks while the flight is stuck on the tarmac.

"Rise" (8:01 p.m., NBC): Lou (Josh Radnor) is forced to confront some harsh realities when he finds his production budget brutally slashed in the new episode "Most of All to Dream." Elsewhere, Coach Strickland (Joe Tippett) maliciously takes pains to monopolize all of Robbie's (Damon J. Gillespie) free time, and he also clashes with Tracey (Rosie Perez). Lilette (Auli'i Cravalho) develops feelings for Robbie, while Simon (Ted Sutherland) has mixed emotions about his stage role. Ellie Desautels and Amy Forsyth also star.

"Chicago Med" (9 p.m., NBC): Drs. Manning and Choi (Torrey DeVitto, Brian Tee) venture back to the local encampment of homeless people to deliver a pregnant teenager's baby under harrowing circumstances in the new episode "Born This Way." Back at the hospital, Dr. Rhodes (Colin Donnell) clashes with Dr. Bekker (Norma Kuhling) over the best way to treat a boy living with a chronic ailment.

"For the People" (9 p.m., ABC): The attorneys on both sides continue to settle into their roles in the new episode "Rahowa," but not without hitting bumps along the way. Sandra (Britt Robertson) gets troubling but important input from Ms. Krissman (Anna Deavere Smith), and Jay's (Wesam Keesh) own instincts go against those of his client.

"The Detour" (9:30 p.m., TBS): After their getaway plane crashes in the extreme wilderness of Alaska, Nate (Jason Jones) and his family are forced to rely on one another to survive in a new episode called "The Funeral." If you're trying to picture this episode in your mind, think in terms of a half-hour version of "The Revenant," but with a little less frigid cold and grunting.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Celebrity guests, music acts and comics.*
"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Hilary Swank; actor Thomas Middleditch; comic Rory Albanese.*
"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*
"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (midnight, NBC): Actor John Boyega; TV host Bob Saget; PRhyme and 2 Chainz perform.*

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NBC 5	The Voice: "The Battles Premiere, Part 2." (N) ©				Chicago Med: "Born This Way." (N) © HD	NBC 5 News (N) ♦		
ABC 7	The Middle (N) ©	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	blackish (N) ©	Modern Family	For the People: "Rahowa."	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
WGN 9	WGN News Election Special: Decision 2018 (N) (Live) © HD				WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) © HD	WGN News at Ten (N) ♦		
Antenna 9.2	3's Comp. ©	Soap ©	Benson	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©	
This TV 9.3	Under Fire (R,'83) ★★★ Nick Nolte. ©				The Dogs of War (R,'80) ★★★ © ♦			
PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Al Capone: Icon © HD		Jackie Robinson: "Part Two." © HD	(Part 2 of 2) ♦		
The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle Mama's	Hogan Hero Hogan Hero	C. Burnett				
H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦			
Bounce 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	Freelancers (R,'12) ★ Robert De Niro, Forest Whitaker.	De Niro, Forest Whitaker.	Wendy ♦			
FOX 32	Lethal Weapon: "Diggin' Up Dirt." © HD	LA to Vegas (N) ©	The Mick (N) ©	Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©			
Ion 38	Criminal Minds © HD	Criminal Minds © HD	Criminal Minds © HD	Criminal Minds © HD	Private ♦			
TeleM 44	José José, el príncipe (N)	Al otro lado del muro (N)	Enemigo íntimo (N) ©	Chicago (N)				
CW 50	The Flash: "Subject 9."	Black Lightning (N) ©	The X-Files: "Redux II."	X-Files ♦				
UniMas 60	La niña	La tierra prometida	Reto 4 elementos ♦					
WJYS 62	Israel	The Gospel	Joyce Meyer Robison	Dr. T Felder Paid Prog.	Monument			
Univ 66	El rito y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)	Por amar sin ley	Noticias (N)			
AE	The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©	Undercover High (Season Finale) (N) ©	First 48 ♦			
AMC	Contagion (PG-13,'11) ★★★ Marion Cotillard, Matt Damon. ©			Curse of Chucky ('13) ♦				
ANIM	• Living with Man Eaters	Killer Whales: The Mega Hunt			Extinct or ♦			
BBCA	Se7en (R,'95) ★★★ Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. ©				Se7en x *** ♦			
BET	♦ (6:30) The Cookout (PG-'04) ★ Ja Rule.			The Quad (N)	The Quad ♦			
BIGTEN	Big Ten Programming ©	BTN Live 2017-2018 ©	BTN Live 2017-2018 ©	BTN Live 2017-2018 ©	BTN Live			
BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)	Real Housewives (N)	Bethenny	Bethenny &	Watch (N)			
CLTV	WGN News Election Special: Decision 2018 (N) ©			WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News			
CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©	Game ♦			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦			
COM	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Period (N) ©	Daily (N) ♦			
DISC	Moonshiners: Outlaw	Moonshiners (N) ©	(9:01) Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N) ©	Moonshine ♦			
DISN	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Stuck	
E!	The Other Guys (PG-13,'10) ★★★ Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg. ©			E! News ©				
ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)	College Basketball (N)			SportCtr (N)			
ESPN2	World/Poker	World/Poker	World/Poker (Tape)		Poker			
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News				
FOOD	Chopped ©	Chopped: "Bacon Boys."	Chopped (N) ©	Chopped ♦				
FREE	Shadowhunters (Season Premiere) (N) ©	(8:01) Mulan (G,'98) ★★★ Voices of Ming-Na Wen. ©	700 Club ♦					
FX	Grown Ups 2 (PG-13,'13) ★ Adam Sandler. ©		Baskets (N)	Baskets (N) ©	Baskets ♦			
HALL	Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	
HGTV	Fixer Upper ©	Fixer Upper (N) ©	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N) ©	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters	
HIST	Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (N)	Civil War Gold (N)	Forged ♦				
HLN	Death Row Stories ©	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Underworld ♦			
LIFE	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight (N)	(9:02) Love at First Flight (Series Premiere) (N) ©					
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)				
MTV	Teen Mom OG ©	The Challenge (N) ©	(9:03) Fear Factor (N)	Challenge ♦				
NBCSCH	Pregame (N) NHL Hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) ©			Postgame				
NICK	The LEGO Movie (PG,'14) ★★★ Voices of Chris Pratt. ©	Full House	Full House	Friends ©				
Ovation	♦ (6) Executive Decision (R,'96) ★★★ Kurt Russell.		Tango & Cash (R,'89) ★★★ ♦					
OWN	The Haves, Nots	The Haves, Nots	The Haves, Nots	The Haves, Nots	The Haves ♦			
OXY	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©	Scott Peterson: Snapped					
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Ink Master (N) ©	Chuck ♦				
SYFY	Gods of Egypt (PG-13,'16) ★ Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. ©			All-Star Superman ('11) ♦				
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Detour (N) Conan (N) ♦			
TCM	The Graduate (PG,'67) ★★★ Dustin Hoffman. ©			Modern Times (G,'36) ★★★ ♦				
TLC	Fat Fabulous (N) ©	(8:02) Counting On	(9:09) The 685-Lb. Teen	Fabulous ♦				
TLN	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Focus on Us	Like You	Sig. Insights	Tru News	Robison	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Thunder at Celtics (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N) Subject to			
TOON	King of Hill Amer. Dad Cleveland Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Fam. Guy ♦			
TRAV	Zombie Foods (N) ©	Zimmerman (N) ©	Zimmerman (N) ©	Zimmerman (N) ©	Delicious	Delicious	Delicious	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©	King	
USA	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©			Unsolved-BIG (N)	Law-SVU ♦			
VH1	America's Next Model (N)	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Baby Boy ♦				
WE	Law & Order: "Bitter Fruit."	Law & Order: "Rebels."	Law & Order: "Savages."	Law & Order			Law ♦	
WGN America	♦ (6) Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13,'14) ★★★ Tom Cruise. ©							
HBO	The Great Wall (PG-13,'16) ★★	(8:45) Here and Now ©	Pacific Rim	Live ♦				
HBO2	Real Time with Bill Maher	Last Week	Arthur Miller: Writer (NR, 17) ©	Terminator ♦				
MAX	Tin Cup (R,'96) ★★★ Kevin Costner. ©		(9:15) Funny People (R,'09) ★★★ ♦					
SHO	Shameless ©	Homeland ©	The Chi ©	Toon Pres.				
STARZ	♦ (5:56) Rounders ('98) ★★ Counterpart ©		(8:55) Kiss the Girls (R,'97) ★★★ ♦					
STZENC	♦ (6:33) Idiocracy ('06) ★★ Law Abiding Citizen (R,'09) ★ Jamie Foxx. ©		Saving ♦					

PREMIUM



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'Columbinus' staging by students 'our story'

Stevens, from Page 1

the Parkland students have said, "Actually, we're not going to forget about it and move on," Dicke continued. "And how powerful for our students to be able to join that conversation."

I watched a "Columbinus" rehearsal the evening before students around the country were scheduled to walk out of their classrooms en masse to protest gun violence. It left me both heartbroken and hopeful to watch kids also grapple with the topic on a much smaller stage, away from the glare of the national spotlight, removed from the safety of numbers.

"The first time we read through the library scene, which is where most of the students lost their lives, we took a break, and I just cried,"

Jacob Flores, 16, told me.

He plays Eric Harris, one of the gunmen.

"It's definitely a lot emotional," he said. "But it's a great responsibility to tell the story, and even more so to tell it as teenagers. It's really our story."

I asked Dicke if he worried — or if he fielded parental worries — that the material places an undue burden on the students.

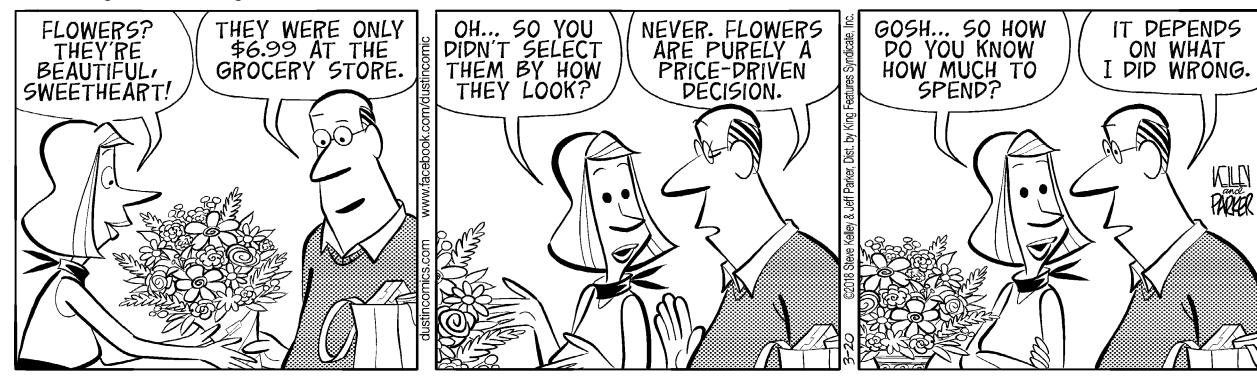
"Is it an undue burden to have lockdown drills and active shooter drills?"

Dicke said. "One of my kids just said, 'School should be a place where I'm not worried about my safety,' and yet we know that's not true.

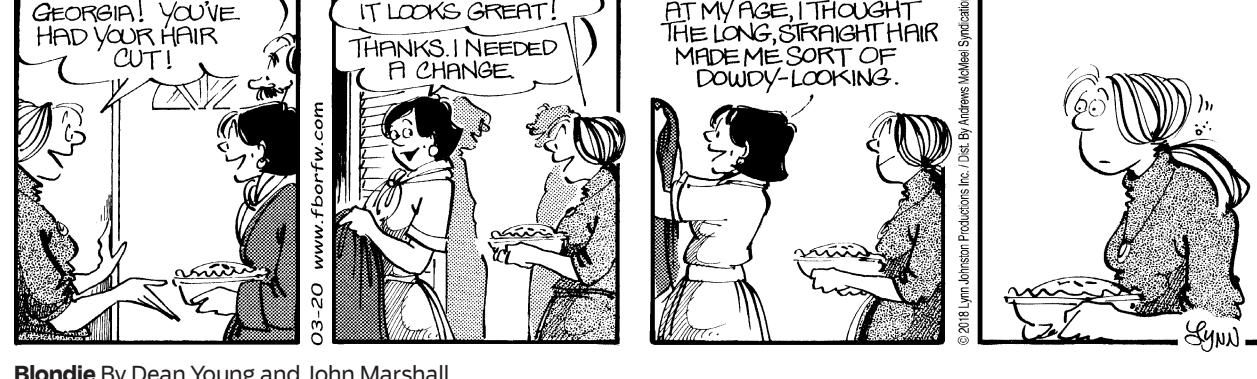
"I see this as an opportunity to continue an important conversation with our students, with our community, with our audience," he continued. "I think it's vital."

Patera said the school has a history of tackling works that challenge students to think about difficult topics in a nuanced, complex way. They've staged "Doubt

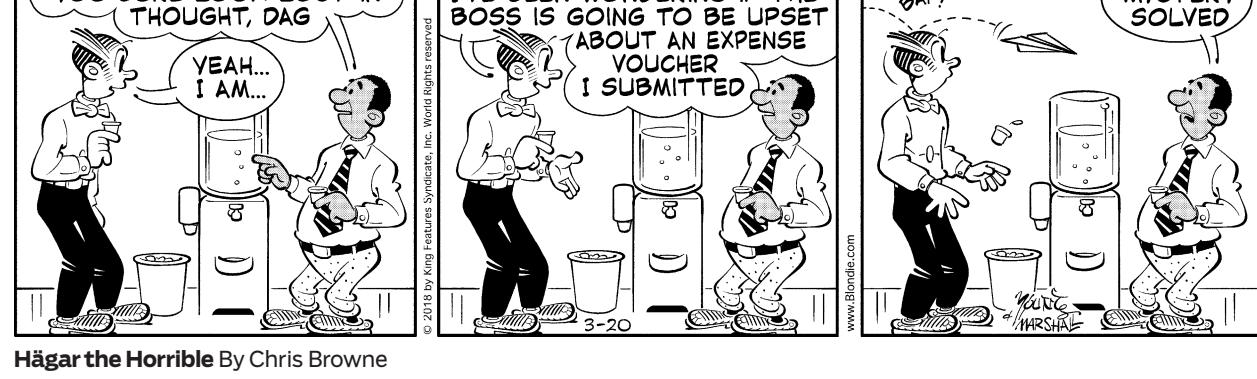
Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Immortalized in "The Social Network," identical twin entrepreneurs Tyler and Cameron Winklevoss competed for Harvard in what varsity sport?

- A) Archery
B) Crew
C) Squash
D) Tennis

Monday's answer: John Jay was the first chief justice of the United States.

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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7					8	9	4							
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5					7			9						
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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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9	7	3	5	4	8	2	1	6						

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.

KAARP



How did that get in here?

Are you kidding me?

KLFEU



Can I keep him?

CLORSL

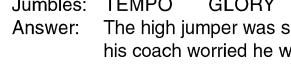


The bird that accidentally flew inside the house ---

TAPDUE

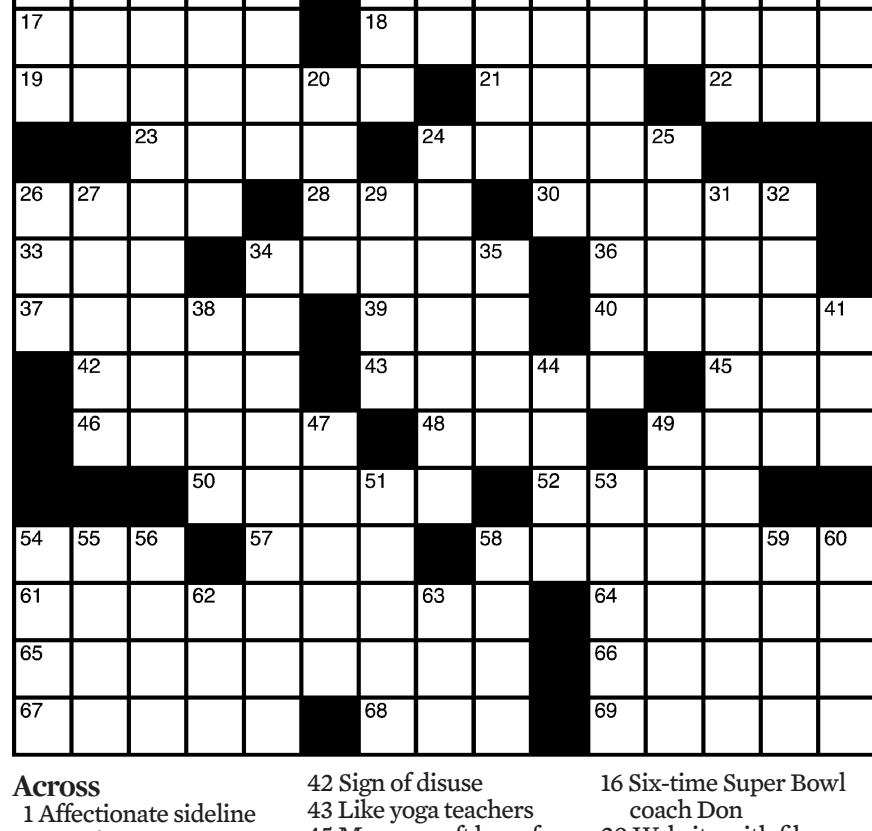


Answer here



Crossword

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Across

1. Affectionate sideline greeting
6. "I understand now!"
9. Mud bath coverings
14. Gal pal, in Genoa
15. Searchlight used by Gotham police
17. One changing pitches
18. "Are you declining?"
19. "Tell me!"
21. Response to a tasty treat
22. Understand
23. "Va-va-!"
24. Long Island town
26. Dog-tired
28. 605, to Seneca
30. Stop, to swabs
33. Circle segment
34. "Humble" home
36. "Why would _?"
37. Dealer's query
39. Class with smocks
40. Punctuation in many lists

Down

1. In the direction of
2. Absorption
3. Special recipient
4. Although
54. Prep, as potatoes
67. Icon tappers
68. Bashful
69. Risky rendezvous

Monday's solution

C	R	A	D	E	M	S	A	D	H	O	C		
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S	E	E	P	S	T	A	Y	D	O				

42. Sign of disuse

43. Like yoga teachers

45. Many a craft beer, for short

46. Online box filler

48. Cough up the cash

49. Enterprise rival

50. KitchenAid appliances

52. Colada: rum drink

54. Old vitamin bottle no.

57. Shiba: Japanese dog

58. Scored well under par, in golf lingo

61. Bart Simpson's "Holy cow!"

64. "Love Me Like You Do" singer Goulding

65. Apple Store support station

66. Preps, as potatoes

67. Icon tappers

68. Bashful

69. Risky rendezvous

71. Anesthetizes

73. Bumbling

74. Sauce brand with an accent on its last letter

75. Salon colorings

76. OXY 10 target

78. Suspicious (of)

79. Art store buys

80. Wild or Old area

82. Balloon filler

63. Scrooge's scoff

81. Star's rep.

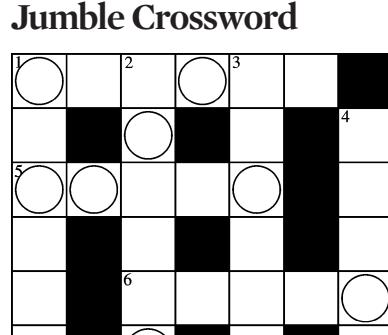
11. Hose mishap

12. Welles' "Citizen"

13. Schedule opening

Trivia Bits

Jumble Crossword



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TUESDAY, MARCH 20

NORMAL HIGH: 48°

NORMAL LOW: 31°

RECORD HIGH: 85° (2012)

RECORD LOW: 4° (1885)

Spring opens with February-level temperatures

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH	LOW
36	30

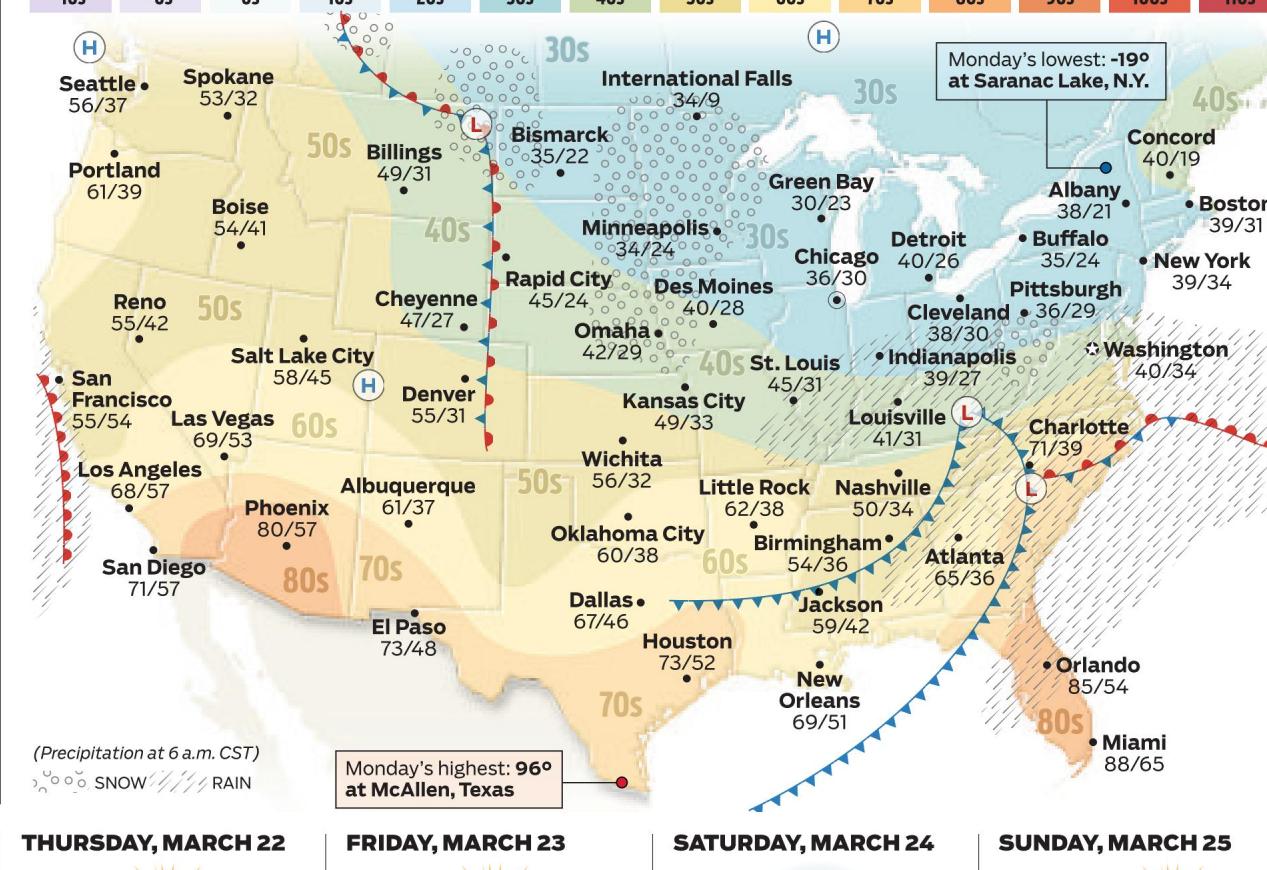
■ Late winter chill lingers through the first day of spring. Vernal equinox occurs at 11:15 AM.

■ Filtered sunshine greets early risers. Temps hover around freezing at daybreak.

■ Blustery and rather cold. Full-fetch NE winds of 20 to 25 mph limit warming, especially near Lake Michigan. Temps slowly climb to afternoon highs ranging from the mid 30s lakeside, to mid 40s far W-S suburbs.

■ Brisk, chilly conditions persist overnight. Lows range from mid 20s NW suburbs, to low 30s downtown.

NATIONAL FORECAST



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

HIGH	LOW
39	29

Continued blustery and chilly. Temps fail to break 40 degrees across much of the city but do reach the mid 40s far W/S suburbs. NE-N winds 15-25 mph diminish during the evening.



THURSDAY, MARCH 22

HIGH	LOW
48	30

High pressure across the region makes for a clear, crisp start to the day. Ample sun and light winds allow temps to moderate slightly, but 10 mph NE winds keep the lakefront colder.



FRIDAY, MARCH 23

HIGH	LOW
50	33

Morning sun, followed by increasing high/middle level clouds. Temps peak near 50 degrees but stay lower near the lake. Clouds thicken, lower at night leading to a chance of flurries late.



SATURDAY, MARCH 24

HIGH	LOW
38	32

Windy and raw. Snow and rain overspread the area. High temps range from upper 30s N and near the lake to low 40s elsewhere. Precipitation ends at night. E-SE winds 15-25 mph.



SUNDAY, MARCH 25

HIGH	LOW
43	33

Clouds linger early, then start to break as weather system heads east. Some sun emerges in the afternoon helping temps reach the low-mid 40s. E-SE winds diminish to around 10 mph.



MONDAY, MARCH 26

HIGH	LOW
51	36

Weather conditions improve as high pressure builds toward the Mississippi valley. Partial sunshine and light winds bring seasonal temps. NW winds near 10 mph turn NE late.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What do high pressure and low pressure mean, and what is the difference?
— Mike McGarry, Fayetteville, Ark.

Dear Mike,
"High" and "low" pressure refer to air pressure, the pressure exerted on all things by the weight of the air. Air pressure values typically range between 28.75 inches of mercury and 30.50 inches of mercury (the height of a mercury column supported by air pressure at sea level), but can be higher and lower in extreme situations. High pressure means the air pressure at a location is higher than at all surrounding locations; low pressure, the air pressure is lower. The distance between high and low pressure centers on weather maps is typically several hundred miles, but this can vary greatly. High pressure areas are usually associated with fair, dry weather; low pressure areas with clouds and precipitation.

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WGN RADIO

East coast braces for fourth nor'easter; Stout lake winds here

ESTIMATED TOTAL SNOWFALL

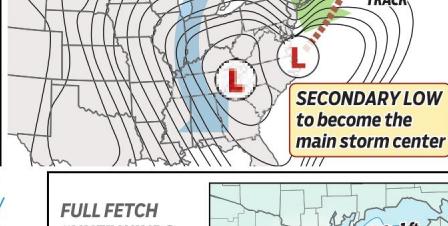


EAST COAST PREPARES FOR FOURTH NOR'EASTER IN 2+ WEEKS

ESTIMATED SNOWFALL WIND GUSTS

	PEAK WIND GUSTS
Philadelphia	10 to 12" 50 mph
Manhattan (NYC)	8 to 11" 50 mph
Newark, N.J.	9 to 13" 52 mph
Hartford, Conn.	9 to 13" 44 mph
Boston	6 to 10" 45 mph
Baltimore	4 to 8" 48 mph
Washington, D.C.	3 to 5" 40 mph

TUESDAY'S CHICAGO WINDS TIED TO DEVELOPING STORM



IT CAN STILL SNOW IN CHICAGO

Occurrence of measurable* snow beyond March 20

78% of the 133 years since 1885

PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE*

2"+	38%
4"+	16%
6"+	11%

*0.1" or more snow

**Based on Chicago snow records since the 1884-85 snow season

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

PREDICTED WINDS AND TEMPERATURES

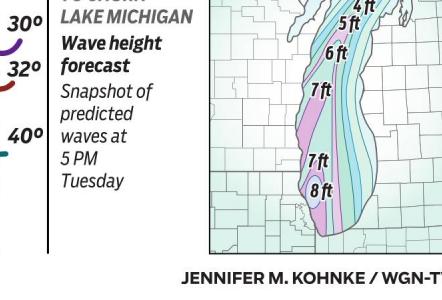
3 PM Tuesday afternoon

Arrows depict surface winds Tuesday afternoon

FULL FETCH "NNE" WINDS TO CHURN LAKE MICHIGAN

Wave height forecast

Snapshot of predicted waves at 5 PM Tuesday



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WORLD CITIES

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