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NCAA TOURNAMENT

LOYOLA HAS BIG CHANCE TO SCORE

Tourney wins may lead to broader interest in school

BY DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

On Thursday night, Loyola University Chicago and its alumni across the country will tune in to see whether their beloved Ramblers and Sister Jean can extend their improbable run in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Behind the scenes, another major opportunity looms.

Loyola's leaders are working furiously to parlay the crush of attention into sustained interest in one of the largest Jesuit universities in the country.

Already at this compact campus nestled along the lake in Rogers Park, new visitors to the university's website



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have surged; development officers are fielding inquiries from potential donors; and graduates are congregating for watch parties and taking to social media to share their pride.

And university officials don't want it to end there. A successful marketing strategy must not revolve around basketball or any individual program, experts say. Rather, school leaders must get the word out about the entire Loyola University package to attract students and to galvanize donors and alums in the long term, regardless of how the sports teams are performing.

The timing of the basketball team's **Turn to Loyola, Page 5**

Gov. Rauner, Pritzker trade barbs, attack ads

Showdown in fall expected to break spending records

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Illinois' general election campaign for governor kicked off Wednesday where Tuesday's primary results ended, with Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and Democratic nominee J.B. Pritzker lobbing attacks and launching ads against each other.

Rauner, who barely staved off primary challenger Jeanne Ives, accused Pritzker of being a "corrupt insider who's a tax dodger and machine candidate." Pritzker, who handily won a multicandidate race, accused Rauner of being a divisive "failure" during his first term.

Pritzker coasted through his primary with the help of his personal wealth and Democratic enthusiasm showing itself at the polls. Rauner, too, used his personal wealth, but to overcome enthusiasm for Ives, a three-term House lawmaker from Wheaton.

Spending tens of mil-

The pot referendum could strengthen the legalization movement. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

Marie Newman has conceded to U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski on social media. **Chicagoland, Page 6**

Joseph Berrios' days as Cook County Democratic chair may be numbered. **Chicagoland, Page 7**

lions of dollars on TV ads and building out a statewide field organization, Pritzker captured 45 percent of the vote and won 98 of the state's 102 counties, easily overcoming state Sen. Daniel Biss of Evanston with 27 percent and Kenilworth developer Chris Kennedy with 24 percent. Biss and Kennedy each won a pair of Downstate counties.

More than 1.27 million votes were cast in the Democratic governor pri- **Turn to Governor, Page 6**

Chicago-area population dips again in 2017

Cook County was drag in 3rd straight year of decline

BY ELVIA MALAGON
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago area has lost residents for a third consecutive year while the country's Southern and Western areas saw population gains.

An estimated 13,286 residents left the Chicago metropolitan area — which extends from the city to its suburbs and into parts of Indiana and Wisconsin — according to 2017 data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau. It translates to a decrease of less than 1 percent.

The metropolitan area has seen gradual declines in population, losing 11,177 residents in 2016 and 3,371

in 2015, according to the Census Bureau.

That doesn't mean all of the areas within the metropolitan area are losing residents. Suburban counties such as Will, Kane, McHenry and Kendall saw population increases in 2017. In fact, the population of Kendall County, west of the city, increased by 1 percent, or 1,645 residents, census data show.

In contrast, Cook County saw a loss of 20,093 residents in 2017, according to the Census Bureau. Still, it maintained its spot as the second-most-populous county in the nation while also experiencing the largest numerical decrease in population compared with the nation's other top 10 counties. It adds up to less than

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McCarthy challenges former boss

Fired by Emanuel, ex-top cop explains why he's running to be next mayor

BY BILL RUTHHART
Chicago Tribune

Calling it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save "a great American city," former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said Wednesday he will run against Mayor Rahm Emanuel to fix an economy that fosters inequity, tamp down ever-rising taxes and reverse rampant gun violence that has sullied Chicago's national reputation.

Publicly discussing his



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In an exclusive Chicago Tribune interview, Garry McCarthy described himself as a "conservative Democrat."

mayoral bid for the first time in an exclusive Chicago Tribune interview, McCarthy described himself as a "conservative De-

mocrat." That's cutting against the grain in a city with an increasingly progressive political bent, but the former top cop said his

call-it-how-I-see-it style and a dedication to coming up with real solutions over playing politics will win over voters in the February 2019 election.

"Between the taxes, our economy, the schools and the crime rate here, we're a laughingstock in America," McCarthy said. "The prevailing thought about Chicago is we're on our way down in all those areas, and they all infect each other, and nobody seems to get that. It's almost like a 'Wake up, Chicago' moment."

Seated on a firm black chair in an under-construction River North loft that will house his budding cam-

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Gov. Bruce Rauner speaks to supporters as results are reported at his primary election party in Chicago on Tuesday.



JOHN KASS

Tuesday's vote forecasts bleak November for Rauner

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If wealthy Illinois Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner finally hosts a post-primary "unity breakfast" — to put the party he smashed back together again — pay attention to the silverware:

Ball-peen hammers will do quite nicely.

Why hammers? Because he's already ready all out of hatchets.

Clearly, a hammer might not be the best utensil for scooping up lukewarm hotel eggs as he tells the GOP how he plans to defeat billionaire Democrat J.B. Pritzker in November.

But hammers will do. Rauner's bankroll pummeled his conservative challenger, state Rep. Jeanne Ives, and he hammered her with an onslaught of misleading ads alleging she was the evil creature of Democratic boss Mike Madigan.

"I am honored and humbled by this victory," Rauner said Tuesday night after his narrow victory over the relatively unknown and underfunded Ives. "You have given me the chance to win the battle against the corruption that plagues Illinois ..."

His was an awkward speech, delivered before she conceded. And while he seemed ostentatiously enthusiastic, it was clear by the look on his face that he understood what the numbers told him: It could be a bleak November.

His crowd of supporters behind him weren't thrilled, but looked drained, exhausted, like a people who know they're about to be driven on a long forced march and they're not quite ready yet.

His brief nod to the 48 percent or so of Republicans who opposed him was this:

"For those of you around the state of Illinois who wanted to send me a message, let me be clear: I have heard you."

Over the next few days, Rauner's camp will again weave a story involving Boss Madigan and corruption and the Democratic compulsion to raise taxes without cutting the size and cost of government in this bankrupt state.

But Rauner also will skip over the reasons there was a primary challenge in the first place. His operatives

will call this "moving forward."

Yet how can you honestly go somewhere if you won't acknowledge where you've been?

It was Rauner who invited a primary challenge by playing social justice warrior of the left, signing a bill that put taxpayers on the hook for paying for abortions, and also signing sanctuary state legislation.

Ives took the challenge, and that she came so close so quickly and with little statewide name recognition and nothing like his bankroll is a testament not only to her own message but of Rauner's low standing among the grass-roots GOP.

Democrats know this, and the bosses salivate in anticipation of November.

So if Rauner has charted out a way forward to mend the intraparty rifts in the hopes of stopping Pritzker, it hasn't been articulated. And burning Boss Madigan in rhetorical effigy day after day just won't cut it.

Ives understands the problems are about more than allegiance.

"In the state of Illinois, we do not have Republican or Democrat problems," Ives said in her concession speech. "No, we have a math problem. ..."

"You can't just spend yourself into oblivion, piling up millions of dollars in debt, while hundreds of thousands of people flee the state of Illinois, and think that things are going to get better the next day," Ives said. "It's got to stop."

But it won't stop, not anytime soon, not with a divided Illinois Republican Party, and not with Pritzker funding the Democrats who are moving further and further to the left.

Obviously, speeches and rallies aren't politics. These are reality TV shows, just like some "analysts" are partisan operatives with fiscal skin in the game.

Speeches are just part of politics. Money and leverage and policy are real politics. And how do you sort it all out? Look at your tax bill, that's how you keep score.

Yet sometimes a speech can give a hint of mood, and by contrast to those

thousand-yard stares of the Raunerites, Pritzker's crowd was eager and thrilled, as if they'd just been invited to a picnic and J.B. was doing the cooking.

"I'm J.B. Pritzker and I'm gonna beat Bruce Rauner!" he shouted to wild applause. "I won't put on a costume and jump on a Harley and pretend to be someone I'm not!"

"I won't blame everyone else for my inability to compromise or get anything done. I won't insult you by doing everything in my power to destroy the economy of this state and then look into the camera and say, 'I'm not in charge.'"

Pritzker's was quite a good speech, in a boisterous, confident, booming voice, like a joyful clergyman preaching to an adoring choir. And who knows? After all the donations Pritzker's been making to African-American ministers lately, he might be an honorary bishop.

His voice of joy sounded nothing like the purr he used in talking politics with former Gov. Rod Blagojevich on those leaked FBI surveillance tapes.

Rauner will use the Blagojevich tapes again and again, and he'll try to encourage Republicans to see Madigan in every shadow, given that Pritzker and Madigan are blood brothers now in the Illinois to come.

Pritzker will keep tying President Trump around Rauner's neck, though Rauner doesn't like or associate with or even mention Trump.

And taxpayers will keep leaving the state by the thousands.

And I keep thinking of what Rauner said to all the Republicans who voted against him: "I have heard you."

He hasn't yet heard their full message, which they're likely to deliver on Election Day, when they stay away from the polls.

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By KIM JANSSEN, TRACY SWARTZ AND PHIL THOMPSON



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Maroon-and-gold-striped scarves have become synonymous with Loyola fans.

What's the story with those Loyola scarves?

If there's an icon as symbolic of the Loyola Ramblers' fan base as **Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt**, it's the maroon-and-gold-striped scarf draped around her neck.

Of course, she's not the only Ramblers basketball fan to don the neckwear during the team's Cinderella run to the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16. Between her national TV cameos and shots of scarf-wearers in the stands, some March Madness fans want to know: What's the deal with the scarves?

But first another question: Did "Harry Potter" inspire Loyola's idea, considering how much the scarves resemble those worn by students of the fictional Gryffindor house?

"Absolutely not," said **Olga Corrias Hancock**, Loyola's former director of alumni relations. "That definitely wasn't the intention, and nobody ever brought it up." Hancock, who now lives in Philadelphia, led a committee of students, staff and alumni that came up with the idea during the 2013-14 season.

Loyola was the Missouri Valley Conference's new kid on the block after leaving the Horizon League, and Hancock's committee wanted passionate fans to stand out at the school's first conference tournament.

"It's just grown since then," said **Harry Rossi**, a former committee member who has taught at Loyola and served on its alumni advisory board.

Eventually university staff thought, "Let's blow it up, make it who we are," said **Brian Day**, director of marketing and ticket operations.

So, by the time the Ramblers fans made it to Dallas for the school's first NCAA tournament appearance in 33 years, a national TV audience unfamiliar with the Jesuit university was drawn to the scarves.

"They're easy to spot," Day said. Loyola has embraced the Potter references — and even staged a Quidditch match during a game against Bradley in late January.

— Phil Thompson

Judge-elect gives his ruling on the Billy Goat upgrade

Barroom sages looking to settle their disputes at the Billy Goat Tavern will soon be able to appeal to a higher authority — Cook County Judge-elect **Tom Sianis**.

In one of the more closely watched down-ballot races Tuesday night, Sianis defeated a lawyer who once posed nude in Playboy and the husband of a sitting judge to snag the Democratic nomination for retiring Law Division Judge **Deborah Dooling**'s seat.

Since no Republicans are running for the Dooling vacancy, the co-owner of the legendary Lower Michigan Avenue bar is assured victory in November's general election.

"I haven't spoken to her yet — but all my opponents ran great campaigns," Sianis said of opponent **Corri Fetman**, who gained notoriety in 2007 for appearing nude in Playboy and paying for a billboard for her family law practice on which she and her scantily clad personal trainer appeared, alongside the words "Life's Short. Get a Divorce."

Sianis celebrated at his family's bar with established politicians including Secretary of State **Jesse White** and Cook County



ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tom Sianis, co-owner of the Billy Goat Tavern, won a Cook County judge race Tuesday.

Treasurer **Maria Pappas**, who announced her victory by wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with the words "AIN'T GOING ANYWHERE."

The 41-year-old father of two said he'll still be easy to find at the Goat and that he expects he will now be called upon to rule on barroom disputes.

He also defended the bar's recent remodeling, which includes shiny and hygienic-looking bathrooms that have aroused the suspicions of regulars who were irrationally fond of the dingy originals.

"We always had problems with the bathrooms, and they were cramped," said Sianis. "Plus the new ones are handicap-accessible. It's an upgrade!"

So ruleth the court!

— Kim Janssen

Presumed appointee: 'I do not follow tweets!'

She may have both slapped him down and ruled in his favor back in 2013, but don't count U.S. District Judge **Amy St. Eve** among President **Donald Trump**'s Twitter followers.

St. Eve — nominated by Trump to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals — appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday morning. When U.S. Sen. **Dick Durbin** asked her what she made of Trump's tweets crowing about his victory in a trial St. Eve presided over, the judge replied with magisterial hauteur.

"I have heard that, but I do not follow tweets!" she told the committee.

The hearing was plain sailing for St. Eve and fellow nominee **Michael Scudder**, who have the backing of both Durbin and U.S. Sen. **Tammy Duckworth**.

St. Eve memorably told Trump to shut up during a 2013 case brought against him by

an 87-year-old woman, **Jacqueline Goldberg**, who accused him of ripping her off over a deal for a Trump Tower condo.

When Trump's testimony in the trial turned into a shouting match with Goldberg's attorney **Shelly Kulwin**, St. Eve scolded both men that they had "been dancing around and boxing each other. ... This is not a boxing match! You've got to stop it."

Law professor **Carl Tobias** of the University of Richmond in Virginia told Inc. that the smooth confirmation enjoyed so far by St. Eve and Scudder was a result of the Trump administration's close work with the two Democratic senators from Illinois. The only way St. Eve and Scudder can now screw up their expected confirmation this summer, he said, is "if they commit a felony."

— Kim Janssen

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CHICAGOLAND

Tired of rich white guys? Get ready for \$300M more



REX W. HUPPKE

Even before it was decided that multi-millionaire incumbent Bruce Rauner would face off against billionaire Democrat J.B. Pritzker in Illinois' gubernatorial race, I had pretty well

soured on super-rich white guys.

Weinstein, Trump, the Kochs, a certain-person-who-up-until-recently-headed-a-certain-newspaper-company. I already didn't want to hear from them anymore. I wanted new voices with different perspectives. All those wealthy weenies had their chances and squandered them fabulously. Enough already.

But after Tuesday night's Illinois primary, look what we're stuck with: a pair of uber-rich white dudes, one seeking power, the other seeking to hold on to power. And you know what they're going to do in the months to come? They're going to take a bunch of that money they have — and money other rich people throw at them — and they're going to spend it like irresponsible, rich teenagers.

They're going to spend it on television ads and radio ads and newspaper ads. They're going to spend it on internet videos and social media campaigns and direct mailings and billboards and yard signs. You're not going to be able to toss a biscuit in Illinois without hitting a message from one of our two super-rich-white-guy gubernatorial candidates.

And already I can't stand it.

Some predict this will be the most expensive campaign for governor in U.S. history, possibly hitting \$300 million, enough to edge out the \$280 million spent in California's 2010 race for governor.

That's an obscene amount of money. Even if I was a super-rich white guy — instead of a super-not-rich white guy — I'd think that was a ridiculous waste of cash.

But in the battle of billionaire vs. multimillionaire, money's going to be flying, and the reasoning will be, "That's how you get your message out!"

Give me a break. When it comes to two wildly wealthy people who have been less than wholly transparent about their finances and have money parked in offshore accounts, I'm not too interested in the messages they message and then transmit to the world.

They're going to say what they want us to hear, things that have been expensively focus-grouped. They're going to communicate those things loudly and frequently, and they'll pay whatever it takes to make sure it reaches our ears and eyes.

But I don't see too many revolutionary ideas bubbling up from this pair. If you're liberal, you'll agree more with the Democrat, and if you're conservative, you'll agree more with the Republican. If you're someone who's somewhere in between politically, you might want to consider moving.

This is going to be \$300 million worth of ho-hum.

So I have a proposition for our extremely wealthy candidates for governor, one that would make this race more interesting and possibly break the gloss to reveal some actual character: Don't spend all that money on a stupid campaign.

If you gentlemen have tens of millions of dollars burning holes in your pockets, find something better to do with it than blind us with blah-blah-blah television ads.

Use it to help struggling schools or to provide scholarships to state universities. Use it to help homeless veterans across the state or to provide better services for people with disabilities.

Produce web videos that teach people about government and the importance of voting and the problems that come when too much money gets tied up in politics.

Fund regional food pantries. Donate to unsuspecting newspaper columnists. Invest in the people you say you want to lead.

You could do just about anything with \$300 million and it would be better than what you're planning on doing.

That's an insane amount of money to use spreading messages we've already heard.

I'm tired of listening to rich people in power. I don't trust most of them, and I don't particularly trust either of you.

So maybe consider doing something different. Consider surprising us.

Because right now, there's a whole mess of super-rich white guys proving they have no business being leaders.

As long as you've got the shot, wouldn't it be worth it to try to buck that trend?

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Metra's board approved spending \$29.4 million to improve the 47th Street Diesel Shop, where it maintains and rehabs locomotives.

State funding shortfalls could mean Metra fare hikes in '19, '20

Agency says it needs increases plus \$14M in internal savings

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI
Chicago Tribune

Metra officials are already pondering the need for more fare increases in 2019 and 2020 — by perhaps 25 cents per ride in each year — if state revenues do not improve.

At Wednesday's regular monthly board meeting, Metra Chief Financial Officer Thomas Farmer said in order for the commuter railroad to keep trains running into 2020, it could need the two fare increases, plus \$14 million in internal savings in the next two years.

This projection assumes that expenses will overtake revenues sometime in 2020, which would mean the railroad might have to dip into its capital budget, which it uses to pay for rolling stock, bridge, track and other repairs. Metra has had to raid its capital budget in the past to keep trains running, but not since 2011.

Without fare increases or other efficiencies, Metra might have to go into capital funds sooner, in 2019, Farmer said.

In the last round of fare hikes that took effect last month, adult and reduced-fare one-way tickets rose by 25 cents in all zones. Ten-ride tickets went up by \$4.25 to \$7.75, depending on the length of the trip. Monthly fares, which are the most common ticket type for Metra riders, increased by a range of \$9 to \$12.50. The agency also imposed service cuts.

If fares were increased one quarter a ride

in 2019 and 2020, a one-way ticket from downtown to suburban Riverside, for example, would rise to \$6 from \$5.50.

Metra, the CTA and Pace bus service all have been hit by a 10 percent reduction in the state's Public Transportation Fund, amounting to \$30 million, plus a reduction in state reimbursement for reduced fares. CTA and Pace also raised fares this year.

Other problems include a smaller haul of state sales taxes to help pay for transit. Those tax totals have been hit by a slowing economy, a state population decline, the movement of consumers from bricks-and-mortar stores to the internet and a shift to a service economy, Farmer said.

Metra, CTA and Pace are hopeful that state lawmakers will restore the Public Transportation Fund money this summer. If they do not, Metra may have to make changes this year, and that could mean another 2018 fare hike, agency officials have said.

"We're going to do everything we can to go ahead and find any efficiencies, (and) talk with legislators about trying to stick with what they said, which is removing that 10 percent PTF (cut) so that we don't have to make any further adjustments," said Metra CEO Jim Derwinski.

Also on Wednesday, the commuter railroad's board unanimously approved spending \$29.4 million on renovating its repair facilities on Chicago's South Side, at 49th Street and the Dan Ryan Expressway.

The project will include expansion of its 49th Street Mechanical Coach Shop, including an upgrade of the facility's loading dock, storage and rail car wheel truck rebuild area, plus the the addition of

training facilities. Metra also wants to improve the 47th Street Diesel Shop, where Metra maintains and rehabs locomotives.

The overhaul will mean Metra can increase the number of rail cars rehabbed each year from 35 to 60. Lacking a state capital plan since 2009 to buy new locomotives and rail cars, Metra has been increasingly reliant on patching up its current fleet of cars and locomotives, some of which date to the Eisenhower era.

"By expanding and modernizing these facilities, we'll be able to greatly increase the number of rail cars we rehab each year," Derwinski said. "This will help us make significant strides in moving towards a state of good repair."

The construction project was awarded to Chicago-based F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, a commercial construction company whose work has included the CTA Washington/Wabash elevated station. Metra called the company the "lowest responsive and responsible bidder."

At the 71-year-old barnlike car facility, cars are stripped down and rebuilt with new floors, seats, toilets, air conditioning, outlets for laptops and new wheels and brakes. Metra officials have said they wanted to expand the facility in order to overhaul cars every 12 or 14 years, instead of waiting as long as 20. Metra has been setting aside money for the repairs as part of its existing capital program, spokesman Michael Gillis said. The project is expected to start May 1 and take nearly two years.

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Pot referendum may help legalization push

Ballot question was advisory, but it got 68 percent support

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A Cook County referendum showing overwhelming support for legalizing marijuana has given a push to the movement to allow recreational use of the drug statewide, but opponents object that it wasn't a fair vote.

A resounding 68 percent of voters in Tuesday's referendum cast ballots in favor of "the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products for recreational use by adults 21 and older."

State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, who is sponsoring a bill to legalize pot, said the vote "confirms what we already know: There is broad public support for legalization."

Contrary to what some people thought, Cassidy pointed out, the referendum was advisory only, meaning it does not change state or federal law.

But its results also echoed the findings of two statewide polls by the Paul Simon Institute at Southern Illinois University, which found that two-thirds of state voters support legalization.

Opponents of legalization, though, say that asking voters whether they support legalization is a misleading way to frame the question. When voters are given other choices, support for legalization drops dramatically, detractors say.

In November, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, a nonprofit group that opposes legalization, commissioned a phone survey of 625 voters statewide.

Participants were told that Illinois has already decriminalized possession of small amounts of cannabis, and already has medical marijuana. Then they were asked if they want to keep the current system,



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State Rep. Kelly Cassidy, who is sponsoring a bill to legalize marijuana, said "there is broad public support for legalization."

repeal medical marijuana, legalize marijuana or make it all illegal.

When asked that way, only 23 percent of respondents said they wanted to legalize cannabis. Almost half, 47 percent, said they wanted to keep things the way they are.

Generally, the results were similar across the state and age ranges, though the percentage who wanted to legalize it was higher in Cook County, at 36 percent, while Downstate 23 percent wanted all of it to be illegal.

Cassidy dismissed the poll question as doing verbal "gymnastics" to reach a desired conclusion. Giving multiple options inevitably dilutes the results for each one, other critics said.

Cassidy and Sen. Heather Steans, both Chicago Democrats, have introduced a bill to allow the sale of marijuana for recreational use over the age of 21.

They assert it would raise \$350 million to \$700 million in annual tax revenue and eliminate discriminatory and futile policing efforts, while undercutting existing illegal markets and hurting cartels and dealers who prey on young users and try to sell them harder drugs.

The two lawmakers say a vote on the issue in the General Assembly is unlikely before next year. That would be after the election for governor in November, which pits Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who opposes legalization, against Democrat J.B. Pritzker, who supports legalization.

In the meantime, members of the medical cannabis industry, which has been operating in Illinois since late 2015, urge Rauner to gradually increase access by adding new qualifying conditions, such as intractable pain, meaning that the pain persisted despite conventional treatment.

"The referendum shows overwhelming support for cannabis in Illinois," said John Sullivan, a former Cook County prosecutor, board member of the Medical Cannabis Alliance of Illinois, and part owner of two MedMar dispensaries, in Chicago and in Rockford. "A gradual progressive approach is the way to go. This medicine should be available to people who need it."

Medical marijuana growers and sellers also hope they will be among the first allowed to sell recreational marijuana if it is approved.

But Aaron Weiner, director of addiction services at Linden Oaks Behavioral Health in Naperville, warned that marijuana remains the most common substance of abuse he treats after alcohol. It can hurt people's work and personal lives, and lead to psychosis, he said, and studies show that in the long term, it can reduce intelligence and income.

He warned of increased auto accidents from driving while high, increased emergency room visits and increased usage and addiction that have been reported in some of the eight states with legal pot.

"I see the fallout of this," Weiner said. "People really don't understand what they're voting for and getting into."

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Aim is to translate interest into applications

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success is ideal, said John Dreves, Loyola's director of web marketing. High school students are visiting the campus this month during spring break, and the deposit deadline to reserve a spot in the fall undergraduate class is May 1.

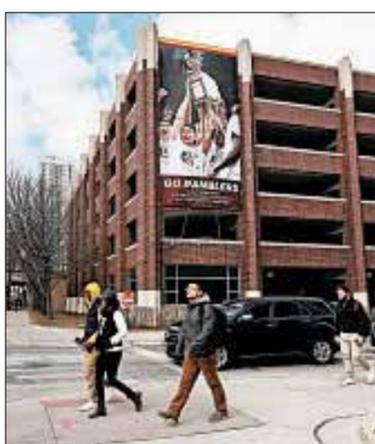
"The bottom line is it gives the university a chance to tell its story in a very broad, public way," said Robert E. Baker, a professor at George Mason University, which had a fairy-tale run to the Final Four in 2006. "It's been said athletics can be the front porch of the university. Hopefully if you get that exposure through athletics, you can open the front door and let people inside."

Even before the big dance, Loyola leaders saw interest piquing. The Ramblers logged a 28-5 regular season record and easily beat the Illinois State Redbirds to win the Missouri Valley Conference tournament and earn their first NCAA tournament berth in 33 years.

"We had decent attendance at games in the past, but you could see this increase in attendance and people being excited about what the team was up to," said Damon Cates, senior vice president for university advancement. "The momentum, the camaraderie and the esprit de corps among the team was palpable."

Interest surged once Loyola upset Miami in a buzzer-beater in the first round. Dreves said new visitors to luc.edu jumped 315 percent during Saturday's 63-62 thriller over Tennessee. Many were drawn to the site to learn more about the team and Sister Jean, a 98-year-old nun who offers spiritual guidance to the team and has gained widespread attention. But visits to the undergraduate admissions page also jumped by nearly 50 percent.

Now, the challenge is to translate that



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Leaders at Loyola in Rogers Park are hoping the school experiences the "Flutie effect."

interest into applications.

"It may not affect the number of people in the classes this year, but it puts Loyola on the list of colleges being considered," Dreves said.

Loyola is just the latest university hoping to cash in on athletic success.

College marketers and consultants have a term for it — the "Flutie effect," named for the impact that Doug Flutie's game-winning heroics for Boston College in 1984 had on the university. Two years following the game, applications rose about 30 percent, according to a Harvard Business School study.

And around that time, Patrick Ewing was transforming the fortunes of Georgetown University.

Before his arrival in 1981, the Hoyas had been a successful, if not standout, basketball team under Coach John Thompson. But

after Ewing's dominant play led the Hoyas to three appearances in the national championship game in four years, including one title, high school seniors from around the country began to take notice. Applications to Georgetown surged 45 percent from 1983 to 1986, according to the Harvard Business School study.

If any university provides a model for Loyola, it's George Mason, an under-the-radar school in Virginia not known for its basketball prowess. Like Loyola, the George Mason Patriots were an 11th seed in 2006 as they pulled upset after upset on their way to the Final Four.

The university quickly began reaping benefits from the team's success, said Baker, who also heads the university's Center for Sport Management. The university blew well past its capital fundraising campaign goal. Merchandise sales at the campus bookstore the month of the tournament reached \$800,000, more than the entirety of the previous school year. The number of active alums jumped 25 percent. The year after George Mason reached the Final Four, freshman applications climbed 22 percent and out-of-state applications increased by 54 percent, Baker said.

The Fairfax, Va., campus has continued to grow, data show. Enrollment climbed from 29,856 in 2006 to 36,297 in 2017, according to university statistics.

On media coverage alone, the benefit schools receive is astronomical.

Baker estimated the print and broadcast exposure from George Mason's Final Four appearance equated to about \$677.5 million. A 2003 study showed that the value of the 1999 Elite Eight run for Gonzaga University, another Jesuit institution in Spokane, Wash., was about \$37.8 million.

"Sport has a power," Baker said. "It's a common language that everyone can speak. Success can allow you to get a really broad

recognition. It's one of the very unique opportunities that universities have."

At Loyola, alumni throughout the country are rallying around their team — and thinking about their alma mater, contacting classmates, talking about Loyola.

"We got multiple requests from local alumni to organize a watch party for last Saturday's game, and pulled together a last-minute gathering," said Rebecca Stolz, a 2006 graduate who helps lead the LUC chapter in Los Angeles. "Those who couldn't attend in person found other ways to follow, and emailed/texted/posted on Facebook right after we won. I got texts from an alumni friend in San Francisco during and after the game."

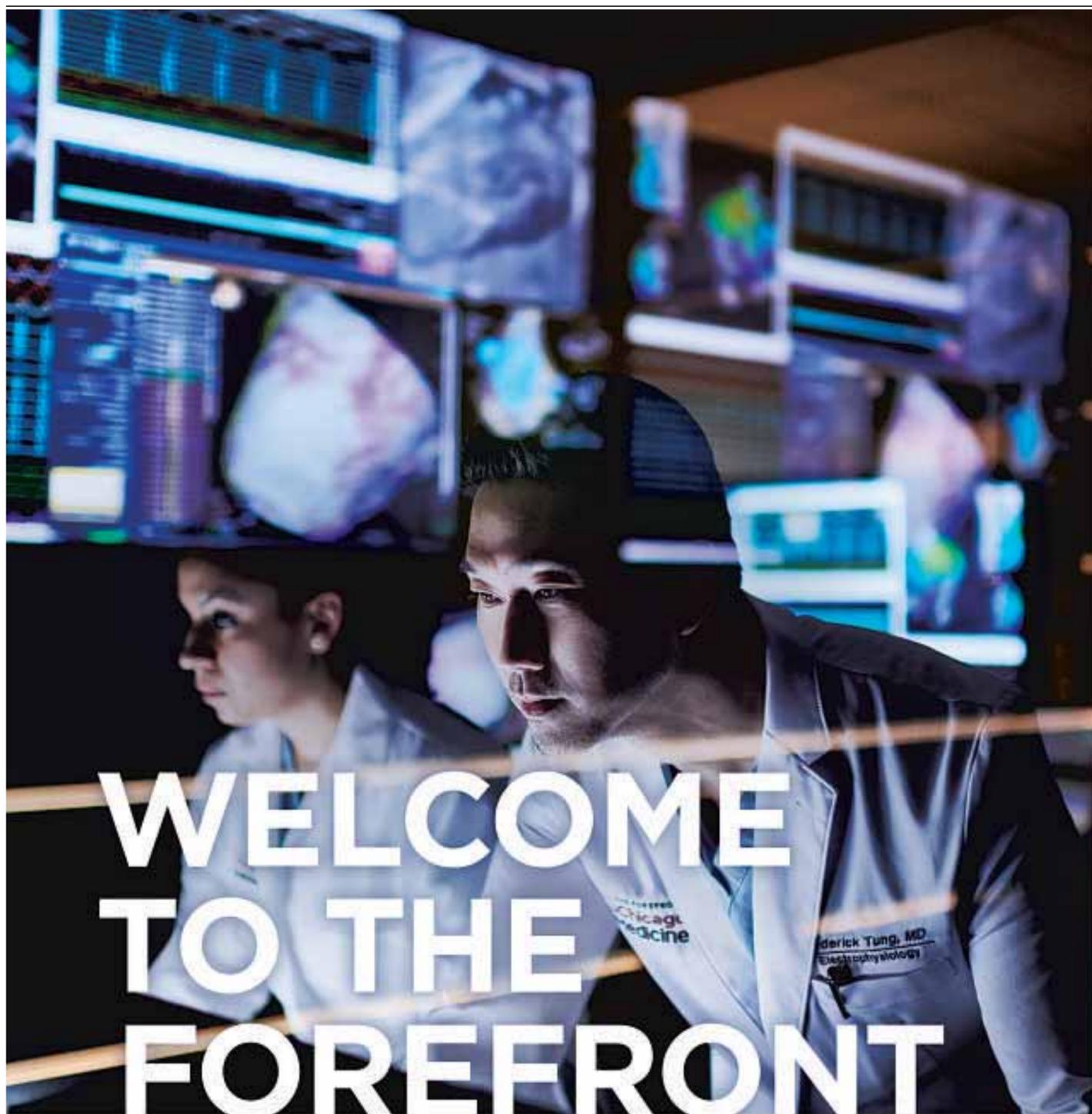
John Paul Siemborski, another 2006 graduate who heads the Cleveland alumni chapter, found Loyola alumni gathering to watch the games in Miami and in the Bahamas during a recent vacation.

"This experience not only energizes the city of Chicago, which I love, but every city where alumni reside," Siemborski said. "Today, many schools are chasing that same dream."

Cates said Loyola leaders do not necessarily have specific targets for engagement and fundraising in place, nor does it really matter how the Ramblers fare in the tournament from this point. The climactic success Loyola basketball has achieved in one week is enough of an opening to change the university's trajectory.

"We're trying to change the dialogue on the national scene about what it means to be a student-athlete," Cates said. "Continuing to market that message and push that out we believe will help to attract student-athletes that want to be a part of that kind of team and also those kinds of students who realize that's the kind of place Loyola is."

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Buildup to a fall showdown begins

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mary. That's more than 2 1/2 times the total in the 2014 primary, which featured few strong races. But Tuesday's Democratic total even exceeded the 960,000 ballots cast in the 2010 primary when then-Gov. Pat Quinn battled a challenge from then-Comptroller Daniel Hynes.

Pritzker also used his money to assist Chicago ward organizations, including many in African-American neighborhoods, to counter Kennedy's efforts to gain support there. He had emphasized the historic involvement of his uncle, President John F. Kennedy, and his father, U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, in the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

The election results show Kennedy struggled to get more than 20 percent in Chicago's majority-black wards. Pritzker had the edge in all but one of them, collecting more than 60 percent of the vote in a majority of them. In the end, Pritzker held the advantage in 33 wards and Kennedy in four wards. Biss led in 13 wards, particularly those on the North and Northwest sides in growing progressive or gentrifying areas.

The Republican primary for governor told a far different story.

Rauner got 51 percent of the more than 700,000 GOP ballots cast for governor, and with nearly all precincts counted won by fewer than 20,000 votes — or less than two votes a precinct across the state. Ives got 49 percent, winning at least 38 counties.

The challenger took the traditional Republican collar counties of DuPage, Kane, Will and McHenry, critical places Rauner will need for support in the fall. Already, the area looked problematic for the general election. All those counties except McHenry backed Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump in 2016 despite their longtime GOP leanings. Rauner won his home of Lake County — also won by Clinton in 2016 — by only 1,200 votes.

Rauner took Sangamon County, the home of state government, by fewer than 1,100 votes despite the raft of workers who serve under him.

Turnout was down from the nearly 840,000 votes cast in 2014, which featured a competitive GOP primary for governor that Rauner won. Tuesday's total also was down from the 783,000 ballots in another battle for the nomination in 2010, won by state Sen. Bill Brady of Bloomington.

Now, Pritzker and Rauner begin a race expected to easily shatter Illinois campaign spending records and possibly make a run at the national mark. Both candidates enter a nearly eight-month general election campaign needing to unify their respective parties following bruising primary campaigns. And Rauner and Pritzker also will compete for independent voters, with the suburbs once again expected to be a battleground as they were in 2014. Back then, Rauner narrowly defeated Quinn.

To some extent, Rauner's task is the more daunting. It's difficult for a Republican to win statewide in Democrat-leaning Illinois, and this fall is a midterm election in which Trump remains deeply unpopular here. In 2014, Rauner spent \$65.3 million and defeated Quinn by just



Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner visits with workers Wednesday at CartonCraft, a manufacturing plant in St. Charles.



J.B. Pritzker thanks commuters Wednesday at a Red Line stop a day after winning the Democratic nod for governor.

4 percentage points.

On Wednesday, Rauner traveled to Ives' home turf for a campaign event at a manufacturing plant on the outskirts of DuPage and Kane counties. One plant worker said employees had been ordered to attend and were made aware that they'd be part of campaign photos and videos.

Rauner, who said he had not spoken with Ives, did not outline a specific plan for how he would reach out to her supporters other than to say that he was traveling to Rockford, Moline, Chicago and Springfield and would meet with "leaders all over."

"I want to listen to their ideas. I want to find common ground on the issues that divide us," Rauner said. "Most importantly, I want to bring us together on the issues that unite us."

The governor angered conservative voters with his approval of bills to expand abortion, immigration and transgender rights. He said the message he received from the contentious primary was that "there are many issues that are very emotional and, frankly, very divisive."

"And I respect people on both sides of many of those issues," he continued. "I personally don't focus on social issues. They divide us when we need to be united to fix our economic problems. I focus on what unites us — more jobs, lower taxes and ending the corruption through term limits."

Rauner's battle with the right may not have ended on Tuesday night. State Sen. Sam McCann, a Republican from Plainview in west central Illinois, is considering an independent bid. McCann opted not to seek re-election to the Senate.

General elections usually are a referendum on the governor. That's where Rauner will have work to do after nearly four years in office marked by ideological strife — and a record-setting budget impasse — in battling Democrats who control the state legislature.

But Rauner is trying to shift the contest from a referendum on his leadership to the leadership of Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, the Southwest Side lawmaker who has run the chamber for 35 of the past 37 years and also heads the state Democratic Party.

"I am the one person who can beat J.B. Pritzker and Madigan, and I will beat J.B. Pritzker and Madigan," the Republican governor said during a campaign stop last week.

Throughout the primary campaign, Rauner sought to damage Pritzker through ads linking him to imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Madigan.

The Chicago Tribune reported that in November 2008, Pritzker was caught on federal wiretaps asking Blagojevich to appoint him state treasurer and strate-

gizing with the soon-to-be-arrested governor on who to appoint to President-elect Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat. Pritzker used blunt terms.

Pritzker also sought to defend offshore holdings as part of his long-standing philanthropy despite allegations from his opponents that he was using them to try to avoid taxes. And he was attacked for disconnecting toilets at a Gold Coast mansion to gain a reduction in his property assessment.

Pritzker's theme in taking on Rauner is to label him as a failure. At a Wednesday news conference, Pritzker and others used the term "failure" or "failed" at least 16 times as they held signs and stood behind a lectern that referred to a website "RaunerFailedMe."

Pritzker said Rauner's lengthy budget impasse shred a variety of social service safety net programs. The Democrat also has called out Rauner for "fatal mismanagement" over the Legionnaires' disease-related deaths at a state veterans home in Quincy.

"That is what failure looks like. And when a governor fails, real people get hurt. When a governor fails, real people feel pain. When a governor fails, those who can least afford it so often pay the price," Pritzker said after greeting Red Line commuters on the South Side.

Pritzker said Rauner has

sought to divide Illinoisans along regional and partisan lines. Referring to the GOP primary results, Pritzker said the governor has actually done the opposite. "What Bruce Rauner has amazingly done is brought Illinois together because no matter who you are, no matter where you live, no matter what political party you belong to, it is clear Bruce Rauner is a failure and four years of failure is enough."

The ultimate battle will be fought as a cash war.

The spending in Illinois already has been significant.

In December 2016, Rauner, a private equity investor, put \$50 million into his early re-election campaign as "seed money" with promises of more to come. That brings Rauner's self-funding to \$95 million.

Then in May 2017, billionaire Citadel hedge fund founder and CEO Ken Griffin added \$20 million to the Republican governor's campaign. It is believed to be the largest single outside donation directly to a political candidate.

Pritzker, whose worth is estimated at \$3.5 billion by Forbes, also has used his deep pockets, putting \$69.5 million into his primary campaign — an Illinois record for self-funding by a candidate.

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Hultgren aide fired amid sex allegations

Police report says staffer was found shirtless with teen

By Amanda Marrazzo
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A staff member in U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren's district office has been fired after a police report surfaced saying the aide was found shirtless inside a car with a teenage boy last October.

Dominic "Nick" Provenzano, who's long been active in the Republican Party in McHenry County and served on the County Board, was terminated Monday as deputy district director, a Hultgren spokesman confirmed.

The spokesman said the congressman's office became aware last week of the police report, which indicates a 17-year-old boy told authorities in McHenry that he had a sexual encounter with Provenzano in a car after the two connected on the popular LGBTQ social networking site Grindr.

According to a McHenry police report, an officer responding to a suspicious vehicle call Oct. 21 found Provenzano, 56, and the boy in an SUV with its lights off, parked on a dead-end street. Provenzano was behind the wheel with his shirt off; the boy was clothed, according to the report, which was obtained and posted online by the news site Politico.

Provenzano told the officer that the two were friends who were "hanging out" and "talking about life," and that he took his shirt off because he was hot, the report said. Police said in the report that Provenzano answered their questions vaguely and said he did not want to admit to anything, but did say that his interactions with the teen were "consensual in nature," that he believed the younger male to be 18, that he was never in a position of authority over the teen and that "nothing of value was exchanged between the two subjects."

Provenzano refused a request by officers to go to the police station for further questioning, according to the police report. He later retained an attorney who told police he would cooperate with the investigation.

The teen later told police that that he and Provenzano had sexual contact in the car, according to the police report, which was heavily redacted.

Police met with the McHenry County state's attorney's office on the case, but no charges were filed.

State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally said the decision was based in part on the fact that the age of consent in Illinois is 17.

"The individual admitted that he sought Mr. Provenzano out that night and that he willingly consented to the encounter," Kenneally said. "There was no allegation of force ... and (Provenzano) did not have any special relationship, such as a teacher or family member, that might support charges."

Provenzano previously held a seat on the McHenry County Board and was a candidate in the GOP primary election for county clerk in 2014. He ran unopposed in Tuesday's primary to retain his Nunda Township Provenzano began working for the socially conservative Hultgren on a part-time basis as senior district representative in 2013. Provenzano was hired full time as deputy district director in 2016, Hultgren's office confirmed.

Officials in Hultgren's office learned of the incident described in the police report last Wednesday, said Jameson Cunningham, Hultgren's communications director.

"Prior to Wednesday, Nick had not made us aware of this," Cunningham said. "He was immediately placed on leave and then terminated on Monday."

Provenzano's attorney declined to comment, and Provenzano could not be reached.

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Newman concedes to Rep. Lipinski after tough primary

By John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

After keeping her opponent waiting overnight with wishes that he have "a very painful evening," political newcomer Marie Newman conceded to Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski on Wednesday in their widely watched primary race.

Newman claimed a moral victory in her concession note on social media, saying she pushed Lipinski to the left during their race for the Democratic nomination

in the Southwest Side and southwest suburban 3rd Congressional District.

"After reviewing the results, we know that we lost by a thin margin," Newman's statement read in part. "It was a good fight. Since we started our campaign, Dan Lipinski has moved his position on healthcare, a path to citizenship, and the need for a fair minimum wage. We put him on notice that we expect better for all of the people in our district."

With all but seven precincts in Chicago re-

porting Wednesday, Lipinski was up 51 percent to 49 percent, according to unofficial results. With more than 92,000 votes counted in the race, the seven-term incumbent held a lead of about 2,100 votes.

Befitting his low-key public persona, Lipinski was headed to the airport before noon Wednesday, trying to get back to Washington, D.C., to cast votes in the House before a big spring snowstorm sweeping up the East Coast made travel more difficult, accord-

ing to campaign spokesman Matthew Mayer.

Late Tuesday night, Lipinski told supporters at a west suburban golf course clubhouse that he wouldn't claim victory because "I am careful. I am an engineer." Lipinski's campaign Twitter account posted "THANK YOU!!!" on Wednesday following Newman's online concession.

Lipinski prevailed in the toughest race he has faced since he took office in 2004 after his father, Bill Lipinski, won the primary

and then stepped down from the seat, convincing Democratic committeemen to name Dan Lipinski to replace him on the general election ballot.

In a district that has long been solidly blue, Lipinski is considered a particularly heavy favorite in the general election this year. The Republican nominee, Arthur J. Jones of Lyons, is a Holocaust denier with ties to neo-Nazis. The Illinois Republican Party has disavowed him.

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Berrios' days as Dem chairman may be numbered

After primary defeat, he's 'undecided' if he'll run for post

BY HAL DARDICK
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In the wake of his primary election loss, Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios' days as county Democratic Party chairman could be numbered.

Berrios is "undecided" on whether he'll run for the post when the party meets next month to pick its leaders for the next two years, party spokesman Jacob Kaplan said Wednesday.

"I think he calls it a career right here," said Ald. Roderick Sawyer, the 6th Ward committeeman who endorsed Berrios for reelection but left him off his recommended list of candidates on Election Day. Sawyer's change of heart came after a county-commissioned study confirmed that assessments under Berrios caused "a wealth transfer from owners of lower-value homes to those of higher-value homes."

Buoyed by that study's conclusion, which corroborated the findings of "The Tax Divide" series published by the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois, first-time candidate Fritz Kaegi on Tuesday defeated Berrios by 12 percentage points in a three-way field.

Kaegi pledged to fix the assessment system and end some of Berrios' practices like hiring relatives and taking money from property tax appeal attorneys who can profit from assessor's office decisions.

He also made Berrios' status as head of the Cook County Democratic Party establishment a campaign issue, a theme Kaegi reiterated on Wednesday when asked whether Berrios should still head the party.

"We will see what the other committeemen and other players do," Kaegi responded. "I think the voters were very clear on agreeing that the values that Berrios represented in the office don't correspond to the values of everyday Democrats, and that's something to think about for who you want in the Cook County Democratic Party."

Just who might replace

Berrios in a post that has become a lightning rod for critics of the Democratic establishment was unclear Wednesday.

Kaegi was backed by a long list of politicians, including Cook County Clerk David Orr and County Board Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, who have long railed against the "Machine," which Berrios came to represent when he took the party's reins 11 years ago.

The waning power of the county party establishment in an era of diminished patronage was on display Tuesday. Other candidates backed by Garcia defeated party-backed candidates, most notably state Rep. Dan Burke, the brother of powerful 14th Ward Ald. Ed Burke.

In his own race, Berrios garnered just 34 percent of the vote to Kaegi's 46 percent. Coming in third was Andrea Raila, who has filed a lawsuit to void the election and hold another election.

After a long and complicated challenge to her nominating petitions, Raila's legitimacy as a can-

didate was restored by an appellate court just six days before the election. By then, more than 100,000 absentee, mail-in and overseas voters had been informed a vote for her would not count. And on Election Day, some city election judges who had received conflicting instructions posted notices to voters erroneously stating her votes would not be counted.

A judge Tuesday evening denied an emergency motion to void the election and order a new one. The case continues, but a prominent election attorney said it would be extremely difficult for Raila to secure a new election.

"Special elections are held rarely, if ever," Burt Odelson said. "You need to prove fraud. Ministerial errors do not rise to holding a new election."

It also remains to be seen whether Raila will still seek a new election, or instead seek changes to the election process, including how petition challenges are handled.

"It's her decision ultimately," said Clint Krislov, her lead attorney on the

case filed Tuesday. He founded the Center for Open Government Law Clinic at Chicago-Kent College of Law and is particularly interested in reforming the election process.

"In Illinois, the system is unfairly structured in a way that harms candidates, that damages people, who are neither billionaires nor organization people," Krislov said, pointing to the early date for primary elections and campaign finance laws.

Still, he did not count out an effort to seek an election redo, calling the facts surrounding Raila's case "remarkably different than anyone can find" in the annals of case law.

Kaegi, meanwhile, said both Raila and Berrios called to congratulate him Tuesday. He also suggested that the case for a special election is weakened by his margin of victory.

"We think if you tease the numbers, any way you slice it, the outcome would not have been changed," Kaegi said. "We think that decisive outcome is a very big piece of information that anyone who is looking at this will take into account."

Kaegi has no Republican opponent in the general election and said he's proceeding as if he'll be assessor. Berrios, he said, has been "gracious" and offered to help with the transition. He also planned to speak with County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, a Berrios ally who won her own decisive victory on Tuesday.

"We look forward to speaking with her, because we know how important her role is and the expertise that she provides," Kaegi said. "We need work together. There's a huge mandate from the voters of Cook County to chart us on a path to having a different assessment system, and I look forward to working with her on it."

Preckwinkle spokesman Frank Shuftan said "communication channels have opened, will continue to evolve over time, and we anticipate that all parties will work together to ensure there ultimately will be a smooth transition in the office of assessor."

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McCarthy launches mayoral campaign

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paign, McCarthy is still a long way from shaking Chicago from the slumber he describes.

He has little in the way of campaign cash, loathes the idea of fundraising and, unlike other high-profile Illinois Democrats of late, does not have his own money to pour into a run. He also lacks experience working on issues outside of crime and will have to address the Laquan McDonald police shooting scandal that occurred on his watch. Plus, his entree into politics will be for one of the toughest public jobs in America against one of the country's most seasoned politicians.

What McCarthy does have, though, is high name recognition, two decades working in top posts in three major cities, and plenty of experience communicating his priorities to reporters, TV cameras and the public. After more than four years serving as Emanuel's frontman for Chicago's crime-fighting strategies, McCarthy now will try to make the case to take the job of the man who fired him two years ago amid the McDonald fallout.

But, McCarthy warned, don't call his mayoral bid a revenge campaign.

"No way, no way. While I am very emotional, that's not my motivation here," he said. "Why would I possibly take on turning around one of the largest American cities in the right direction? Because I'm annoyed? No. I'm doing it out of a sense of obligation as a public servant, and that's what motivates me."

McCarthy formally announced his campaign with a web video that was released late Wednesday. He joins a field that already includes Emanuel and Chicago principals association President Troy LaRavie, who also was fired by the mayor's administration as principal of Lakeview's Blaine Elementary School. Businessman Willie Wilson, who ran in 2015, and tech entrepreneur Neal Sales-Griffin also have said they will launch 2019 bids. Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, whose 24-year-old son died last month, said Wednesday that he continues to weigh a mayoral bid and hopes to make a decision in the coming weeks. Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer also continues to study a possible run.

In the wide-ranging interview, McCarthy indicated he has formed an alliance of sorts with Vallas and Wilson, with the three planning to run campaigns focused on issues and Emanuel's track record. The former police superin-



Sitting Wednesday in his future campaign headquarters, Garry McCarthy tells the Chicago Tribune about his mayoral bid.

tendent said he doesn't know LaRavie or Sales-Griffin but plans to reach out to them in a similar fashion.

McCarthy also defended his association with former Republican New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, an ardent supporter of President Donald Trump, and had to stop the interview to compose himself as he recalled his time by Giuliani's side during the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The career law enforcement official said he's ready to address the McDonald shooting with the city's African-American voters, saying he will confront what he describes as "revisionist history" surrounding the case, which led to widespread street protests, calls for Emanuel's resignation and a federal investigation into the Chicago Police Department.

"It's not about the distractions or the attacks. It's not about dredging up something from my past, if it exists," McCarthy said. "It's going to be about 'What are we going to do to fix Chicago?' That's the debate, that's the argument and that's what I want to talk about."

View of political landscape

To date, much of McCarthy's criticism of Emanuel's tenure has focused on the surge in homicides since the mayor fired him in December 2015. Speaking at a fundraiser, McCarthy tallied up the number of people slain the last two years — more than 1,400.

And he does not hesitate to point out that while he was superintendent, homicide levels had dropped to levels not seen since the 1960s, a frequent talking point of Emanuel's at the time. McCarthy says the fall from the 2014 McDonald shooting and his firing left some officers not motivated to do the job under Emanuel, saying that's "definitely a factor" in the current crime woes.

McCarthy has cast him-

self as a scapegoat after a judge ordered Emanuel to release police dashcam video that showed white police Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting the black teenager as he walked away holding a small folding knife. McCarthy also stood by his previous comments that City Hall sought to cover up the shooting by offering the McDonald family a \$5 million settlement prior to a lawsuit being filed while refusing to release the video.

Emanuel has rejected the assertion that he or his administration covered up the shooting. McCarthy has said his hands largely were tied because the matter was under investigation at the state and federal levels. Some African-American neighborhoods have deep distrust of the Police Department and City Hall, particularly after the shooting, and McCarthy said he's prepared to address the issue in detail.

"There has been revisionist history that has been written," he said. "And in certain communities in the city, I am going to have to address that so people understand."

McCarthy has criticized the federal investigation into the department that found a pattern of misconduct and excessive use of force. He's not sure a consent decree Emanuel is negotiating with Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and community organizations is the right way to go. And he's decried what he considers a political witch hunt against officers both in Chicago and across the nation.

"The political landscape that has been created needs to be corrected, which is 'We're going to be tough on cops, because it's politically expedient,'" said McCarthy, who had a small ankle sprain during the interview. "We've gotten ourselves in a conundrum in a big way."

McCarthy's policing positions don't place him in the mainstream of prog-

ressive Democrats in the city, many of whom have called for stronger police oversight after years of problems. But as McCarthy described where his nascent campaign might come down on other issues, he started sounding a lot more like progressives who have challenged Emanuel's education policies and budget positions.

For example, McCarthy complained that too many South and West Side schools don't have enough resources because of dwindling enrollments. Funding should not be based on the size of student bodies but their needs, he said.

At the same time, he argued the city's taxes have become too high and too regressive as they disproportionately affect middle-class and lower-income Chicagoans. Asked how he'd reconcile giving South and West Side schools more money without raising taxes, McCarthy broached a taboo political topic: taking money away from the North, Northwest and Southwest Sides.

"The formula we are using right now is not equitable. That's the bottom line. The resources need to go where they're needed most, OK?" McCarthy said. "People don't want to hear that, I know that. I know people don't want to hear we might be moving money from one place to another, just like nobody wants to move their police officers, as I learned very early in my tenure here in Chicago."

McCarthy said he had ideas on "other ways to generate revenue" but wasn't ready to share them. Again, his hints struck a liberal note. "We need to focus on tax rates where we're getting the most bang for our buck, the most effective methods and stop taxing everything. People are just fed up and tired of it," he said. "We need to stop the political favoritism that certain businesses get or the wealthy downtown. And we need to make sure we spread that out."

McCarthy also said he supported Chicago's sanctuary city status, saying that immigrants living in the country illegally should be deported only after being convicted and serving their time in the U.S. On Emanuel's push to raise Chicago's minimum wage to \$13 an hour, McCarthy said he was torn: Chicagoans "need a living wage," but he'd also felt the impact as a security business owner.

His overarching theme was to strip politics out of governing decisions.

"You'll hear me talk a lot about business management of our government, measuring what's coming in, what's going out and set up the systems to make that happen, not cut deals to make somebody happy," he said. "I know there will be dogfights. We're facing a culture here, a culture of really strong political pull. But that's what's put us in this position. That's what got us these high taxes. That's what got us this high crime rate, and that can be reversed."

Enduring 'bond' with Giuliani

McCarthy describes Chicago's problems in a thick New York accent, reflective of being born and raised in the Bronx.

His Republican associations already have opened up the longtime lawyer to Emanuel campaign accusations that McCarthy and Trump are "two peas in a pod" — a couple of New Yorkers more interested in trashing Chicago for their own political gain than finding solutions. Giuliani has contributed the maximum \$5,600 to McCarthy's exploratory committee.

On Wednesday, McCarthy declined to say who he voted for in the 2016 election, calling that a private matter. "I'm a Democrat, I vote Democrat and that's all I'm going to give you," he said. "It's a secret ballot for a reason." But McCarthy did say he voted for Emanuel in 2015: "He was my boss. I

"Between the taxes, our economy, the schools and the crime rate here, we're a laughingstock in America."

— Garry McCarthy

loved my job, and I thought at the time he was the best choice."

McCarthy said he already can envision attack ads associating him with Trump and Giuliani, but he's not going to dismiss past relationships because he's running for mayor.

"I'm very close with Rudy Giuliani, and I'm sorry: I don't abandon my friends because of their politics," he said. "I was with him on 9/11. I almost got him killed. I set up a command post that almost got the mayor of New York killed along with a whole bunch of other people."

McCarthy then got emotional as he recounted the story of how he was among the first of NYPD's brass to arrive at the World Trade Center. He said he got there after the second plane hit, and quickly worked to set up a command center in the lobby of an office building across the street. McCarthy said he waved top police officials and City Hall staffers into the building before heading two blocks away with Giuliani's chief of staff to corral the mayor.

"That's where the famous conversation happened between the mayor and an iconic figure in the Fire Department, Mychal Judge — he was a priest," McCarthy said, before stopping midsentence and looking away for more than 30 seconds as tears welled up in his eyes. After taking a break to compose himself, wiping tears from his cheeks and taking a swig of Gatorade, he finished the story.

"We scooped up the mayor, if you will, and said, 'You got to get off the street. We have to go to this command post here,' and the mayor said to Father Judge, 'Pray for us,'" McCarthy said. "And Father Judge said, 'I always do.' And he was dead about five minutes later."

McCarthy went on to recall how he was 10 feet away as the mayor was on the phone with then-Vice President Dick Cheney when the south tower fell around the north tower and onto the office building where they had set up the command post. "The short story is we ended up getting out," McCarthy said, "but it took us a while."

The point of the story: Some relationships in life extend beyond politics.

"We've only been in touch a couple times since then, but we'll always have that bond," McCarthy said of Giuliani. "The man changed New York City."

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Parts of the Chicago area are growing, including the city's downtown. "It's not like a catastrophe," one expert said.

Chicago area's population drops again

Census, from Page 1

a 1 percent population change.

Like the metropolitan area, Cook County has seen a downward population trend since 2015, losing more than 14,000 residents in 2016 and nearly 8,000 residents in 2015. DuPage County has lost residents for the past two years.

While the declines weren't enough to knock the Chicago metropolitan area

out of its spot as the third-most-populous metropolitan area, it was the only one in the country's top 10 that saw a decrease rather than an increase in population, according to the Census Bureau.

"It sticks out compared to some other metros," said William Frey, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Of the country's 100 largest metro areas, only 10, including Chicago, declined

in population. The Pittsburgh area also saw a population decrease while the Milwaukee metropolitan area squeaked by with a gain of fewer than 100 people, Frey said.

The Detroit metropolitan area saw a gain last year of about 7,000 residents, which is significant because it's the biggest gain there since at least 2001, Frey said.

But that doesn't compare with the numeric increases

that Southern metropolitan areas saw from 2016 to 2017. The Dallas area had an increase of 146,238 residents while the Houston area increased by 94,417, according to the Census Bureau. Those two Texas areas were the top two in terms of numeric increases.

It's an indicator that as the economy continues to pick up, people are beginning to once again move to warmer states, Frey said. Chicago demographer Rob Paral also noted that Southern and Western metropolitan areas are benefiting from migration from other states.

Across the country, there are fewer immigrants helping increase populations, Paral said. That could be one reason that Illinois isn't experiencing population growth.

The number of immigrants moving to the Chicago area dipped slightly in 2017, Frey said. The number of immigrants settling in the Chicago area has declined from how many were making the area home a decade ago.

Some Chicago residents aren't moving very far. Connie Abels, a Chicago-based real estate agent, helped a recently retired couple close on the sale of their Rogers Park home. The couple is moving to a home in central Indiana they had been working on for years, she said.

Abels, who has worked in real estate for more than 30 years, hasn't noticed an uptick in people moving out of state. Her clients who

"It sticks out compared to some other metros."

— William Frey, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, on the Chicago metropolitan area being the only one in the country's top 10 that saw a decrease in population

have moved from Illinois have done so for various reasons. One moved for a job and another moved to be closer to family after having a child, she said.

Parts of the Chicago area are growing, including the city's downtown, but other areas, like suburban Cook County, haven't seen any growth, Paral said.

"It's not like a catastrophe," Paral said. "It's more that for years we have had a slow growth/no growth pattern here. When you look at other areas, a lot of our peers are slow growth/steadily growing."

But a continued loss of population will have political implications. Illinois is already on track to lose one congressional seat after district maps are redrawn following the 2020 census, and a steeper population drop could cost the state two seats, said Dick Simpson, a professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The Chicago metropolitan area is the economic engine of Illinois, Simpson said. That creates a "chicken-and-egg" problem, because fewer jobs means a continued loss of population. In turn, that means there are fewer people to buy goods to restore the economy.

The state's budget problems have caused people to lose confidence in Illinois, which might explain the declines in population, he said. However, he pointed to new jobs as a sign of the economy improving.

"I think we are about to stabilize," Simpson said. "It's really hard to tell. It's why the numbers are being watched pretty closely."

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Austin bomb suspect dies in pursuit

Texan detonates explosive as police close in on SUV

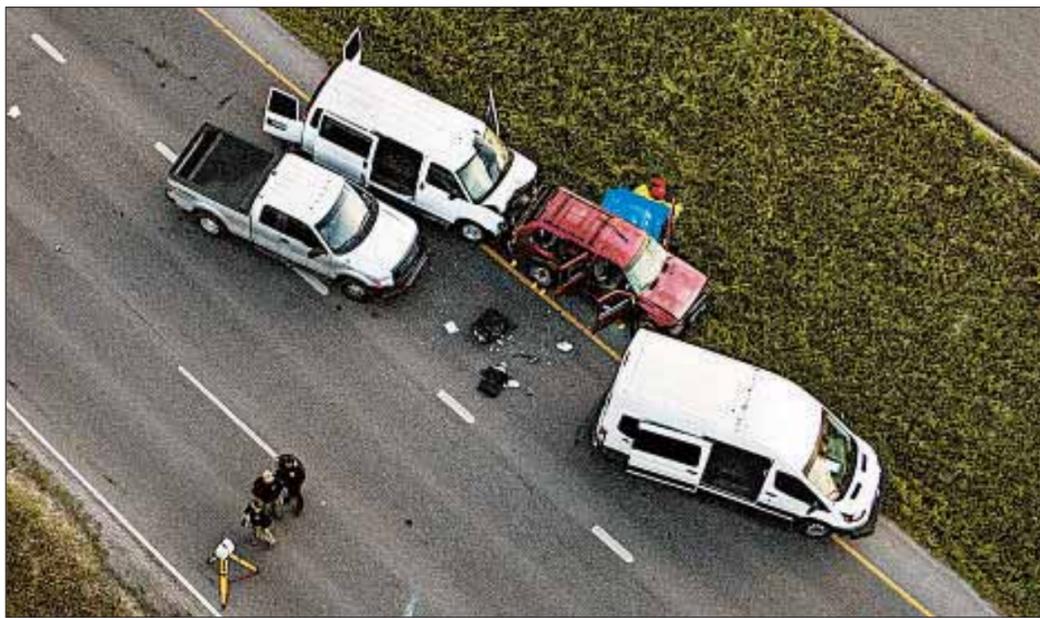
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Washington Post

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas — After a string of exploding packages terrorized Austin for nearly three weeks, police said the search for a serial bomber ended in a suburb outside the Texas capital when the suspect blew up an explosive inside his SUV as officers closed in.

Authorities said the suspected bomber, identified as Mark Conditt, 23, of Pflugerville, was killed after the blast early Wednesday. Police tracked him down to a hotel north of Austin known as the scene for filming portions of “Friday Night Lights” and followed Conditt as he drove away, officials said, eventually approaching his SUV after he drove off the road.

As officers neared his SUV, banging on the vehicle’s window, Conditt detonated a bomb inside the vehicle, knocking back two approaching Austin SWAT officers. One SWAT officer then fired his gun at Conditt, who suffered “significant injuries from (the) blast,” said Brian Manley, the interim Austin police chief. It was not clear if Conditt was killed by the explosive or the gunfire.

Manley said “harrowing” video showed a “tremendous explosion” took place.



Authorities examine a red SUV belonging to Mark Conditt, who blew up an explosive inside the vehicle early Wednesday.

Police also discovered a 25-minute recording on a cellphone found with Conditt, and Manley said he considers it a “confession.”

But even as Manley said this violent encounter in Round Rock marked an end to “three very long weeks for our community,” he and other officials said the danger may not be over.

Fred Milanowski, a special agent in charge with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the agency is urging caution, but he said the agency is reasonably certain there are no other devices.

The uncertainty came on the heels of a tense period in

Austin as five bombs exploded in the city and nearby, killing two people and injuring four others, spreading fear of an attacker police described as skilled and capable of shifting tactics.

The investigation expanded, growing to include hundreds of law enforcement officials scouring Central Texas, before zeroing in on Conditt, a former student at Austin Community College who lived in Pflugerville, a small city in suburban Austin.

Manley said police believed Conditt was tied to all of the explosions. Officials had tied Conditt to the explosions first through his cellphone, said Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who said authorities were able to track his movements while “he

was little more than a suspect.”

The series of bombings began March 2, with a blast that killed Anthony Stephan House, 39, a father of a young daughter. Police initially said they thought it was an isolated incident. Then, 10 days later, another explosion killed Draylen Mason, a college-bound 17-year-old known for his passion for music. Mason’s mother was also injured. Another explosive injured Esperanza Herrera, a 75-year-old Hispanic woman visiting her mother, hours later.

Authorities said they were considering whether at least some of the victims were targeted because of their race. Then, just hours after police pleaded with the bomber to reach out and

speak to them, an explosive rigged with a tripwire went off Sunday night in southwest Austin, injuring two white men walking through the neighborhood.

Early Tuesday, the case shifted with an explosion at a FedEx facility outside San Antonio. A package that was being shipped to Austin detonated, while investigators said they intercepted another sent through the same company in the Texas capital, and they quickly tied both to the same person responsible for the earlier bombings. FedEx said it gave investigators “extensive evidence” about those packages as well as the person who shipped them.

Other clues had emerged linking Conditt to the bombings, Abbott said. The SUV that officers had fol-

lowed in Round Rock was seen at locations linked to the explosions.

Jay Schulze, who lives in Pflugerville, said he was jogging Tuesday night when he was stopped by police. He said police flew drones over Conditt’s home for about six hours Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

Schulze described the home as a bit rundown.

A neighbor who watched Conditt grow up said he always seemed smart and polite. Jeff Reeb said he has lived next to Conditt’s parents for about 17 years and described them as good neighbors. Conditt was the oldest of four children. All of them were home-schooled.

Conditt’s family released a statement saying they had “no idea of the darkness that Mark must have been in.”

Homemade explosives were recovered from Conditt’s home. His two roommates were detained for questioning. One was later released.

Abbott said he expected officers to find a “treasure trove of information” inside Conditt’s home that would explain his motivations.

“This is something that there is no rationale for, but we can try and understand what his motive was,” Manley said.

Austin Mayor Steve Adler said his city was breathing a sigh of relief.

“As a community we’re just really relieved and just incredibly thankful for this army of law enforcement that has been in our community here for the last week or so,” he said.

Associated Press contributed.



Conditt

Putin call leak angers Trump

Source says Kelly is furious, ‘there’s going to be a scalp’

BY NOAH BIERMAN AND TRACY WILKINSON
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and some aides were furious on Wednesday after the leak of sensitive notes for briefing the president before a call with Russian President Vladimir Putin, according to aides and a close associate.

The leak appeared designed to embarrass Trump for congratulating rather than confronting Putin — contrary to the notes’ recommendation.

“If this story is accurate, that means someone leaked the president’s briefing papers,” said a senior White House official not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. “Leaking such information is a fireable offense and likely illegal.”

Trump spoke with Putin on Tuesday and was criticized afterward, including by Republican lawmakers, for congratulating the Russian leader on his re-election Sunday. The president did so despite widespread

outrage, including among other administration officials, that Putin’s government has subverted democracy in Russia, continues to try to disrupt U.S. elections, is committing atrocities in Syria and recently carried out an assassination attempt in Britain using a military-grade nerve agent.

The Washington Post reported late Tuesday, citing unnamed officials, that Trump ignored a warning in his briefing materials, written in capital letters, that said “DO NOT CONGRATULATE.” It is unclear whether the president saw the material, sources said.

Leaking such materials is an extraordinary step, given the level of sensitivity in contacts between the president and a foreign leader, especially a geopolitical rival. The disclosure about the Putin call, however, is especially fraught, underscoring Trump’s much-criticized insistence on warm relations with Putin despite national security concerns, as well as the president’s own political and legal vulnerability amid a special counsel’s probe of Russia’s election interference.

Significantly, the leak also suggests that dismay



President Donald Trump’s congratulatory phone call to Russian President Vladimir Putin was criticized by some lawmakers. An internal investigation is underway about the leak.

with Trump’s stance extends to his inner circle.

White House chief of staff John Kelly also is said to be infuriated — “on a warpath,” according to the person in close contact with national security officials. The leak further undercuts Kelly, who has prided himself on bringing more order to the White House since arriving last summer, and on ensuring that Trump has high-quality briefing material.

“Trump’s mad enough and Kelly’s embarrassed to some extent that this is happening,” the person said. “And I’m pretty sure there’s going to be a scalp over this.”

The latest White House uproar comes as Trump moves toward a major confrontation with China over its trade practices, as administration officials put the final touches on billions of dollars of tariffs aimed at Chinese exports and possible restrictions on investments in the U.S.

An announcement by Trump is “imminent,” the administration’s chief trade negotiator, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, told members of the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday.

Trump is expected to impose roughly \$30 billion in tariffs on Chinese exports to the U.S., according to a

U.S. official familiar with the internal discussions who did not want to be quoted in advance of the formal announcement. A recent Washington Post report put the figure at \$60 billion.

The taxes on imports and other steps Trump plans to take are aimed at ending China’s long practice of pressuring U.S. firms to turn over technology and production secrets, and in some cases stealing them using cyber-theft and other forms of industrial espionage.

The moves likely would raise the prices of a wide variety of Chinese goods, such as computers and other electronics.

The goal would be to hit products with a maximum impact on China and the least possible impact on U.S. consumers, Lighthizer said. But he warned that China could retaliate against U.S. exports. And outside analysts have warned the moves could generate a damaging trade war.

Chinese officials made clear that retaliation was likely.

The moves against China come at a time of increasing global trade tensions from the administration’s recent decision to slap sweeping tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

Those tariffs are scheduled to take effect Friday, even though the administration has not decided on a long list of requests by countries and specific industries for exemptions.

On Wednesday, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and European Union Trade Minister Cecilia Malmstrom issued a joint statement pledging to negotiate “as rapidly as possible” on the issue.

The Trump administration will decide by the end of April which countries will be spared from steep taxes on steel and aluminum imports.

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Miss. governor appoints state’s first woman to Congress

BY EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS | Associated Press

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant appointed state Agriculture Commissioner Cindy Hyde-Smith on Wednesday to succeed fellow Republican Thad Cochran in the U.S. Senate.

Cochran, 80, is stepping down April 1 because of poor health.

Hyde-Smith, 58, would be the first woman to represent Mississippi in Congress. She will immediately begin campaigning for a

Nov. 6 nonpartisan special election to fill the rest of Cochran’s term, which expires in January 2020.

Hyde-Smith thanked Bryant for entrusting her with the appointment to the Senate. “I pledge to you to serve all of our citizens with dignity, honor and respect,” she said.

She pledged to work closely with Mississippi’s other Republican senator, Roger Wicker, and to promote President Donald

Trump’s agenda. In 2016, she was one of many agriculture advisers to Trump’s presidential campaign. She praised his administration for cutting regulations on businesses.

Bryant is also a Trump supporter and has said he believes the president will campaign for his Senate appointee in the special election, which could attract several candidates.



Hyde-Smith

Chris McDaniel, a tea party-backed state senator who nearly unseated Cochran in a bruising 2014 Republican primary, said last week that he is running in the special election.

Democrat Mike Espy, who was President Bill Clinton’s first agriculture secretary, also intends to run. Espy in 1986 became the first African-American in modern times to win a congressional

seat in Mississippi, and he has publicly supported both Democrats and Republicans in various races.

Cochran’s resignation creates two Senate races this year in Mississippi as Republicans are trying to maintain their slim Senate majority. Although it is a deeply conservative state, Democrats are hoping to capitalize on divisions among Republicans in hopes of winning a Nov. 27 runoff, if there is one.

Hyde-Smith served 12 years as a Democrat in the

state Senate from her rural district before switching to the Republican Party in late 2010.

In 2011, she won a three-way GOP primary for agriculture commissioner without a runoff. She beat Democratic opponents even more easily in the 2011 and 2015 general elections.

Hyde-Smith is one of only four women ever elected to statewide office in Mississippi. It and Vermont are the only two states that never have elected a woman to Congress.

Deal tentatively reached on \$1.3 trillion budget bill

By MIKE DEBONIS AND ERICA WERNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders reached a tentative \$1.3 trillion spending deal Wednesday to keep government agencies operating through September, unveiling legislation that would make good on President Donald Trump's promises to increase military funding while blocking much of his immigration agenda.

The release of the 2,232-page bill Wednesday night, after a two-day delay, touched off a legislative sprint as lawmakers try to pass it before Friday night, the deadline to avoid a federal shutdown.

As aides hashed out its final details Wednesday afternoon, Trump's support for the emerging compromise was cast into doubt, forcing House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., to rush to the White House to ally the president's concerns.

After the meeting, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement that Trump had spoken to Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., "about their shared priorities secured in the omnibus spending bill" and confirmed their mutual support for the legislation.

The bill gives Republicans a major win by delivering a \$78 billion increase in military spending over 2017 levels, while Democrats won a \$52 billion increase for domestic programs. The haggling that delayed the legislation's release concerned smaller provisions sprinkled throughout the bill.

One litigated matter concerned funding for Gateway, a major New York-area infrastructure project. At Trump's behest, Republicans succeeded in eliminating some provisions fa-



KEVIN DIETSCH/UPI

President Trump is poised to receive \$1.6 billion for barriers in California and Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border.

voring the \$30 billion project that includes building a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River. But project backers said it would still be eligible for hundreds of billions of dollars in taxpayer funds.

Democrats pressed hard to block Trump's requests to fund a new wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and to beef up immigration enforcement capacity.

The bill includes \$1.6 billion in funding for construction of a border wall, but that number is far short of the \$25 billion in long-term funding that the administration sought. In one win for immigrant advocates, negotiators rejected Trump's plans to hire hundreds of new Border Patrol and immigration enforcement agents.

"We are disappointed that we did not reach agreement on Dreamer protections that were worthy of these patriotic young people," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.

Democrats also won restrictions on how that money can be spent.

The scant border wall funding, aides said, accounted for Trump's cold feet Wednesday. He pushed in recent days for much more funding and expressed his willingness to cut a deal, in exchange, with Democrats to extend

the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, that Trump moved to cancel last year. Those talks went nowhere.

Both parties touted \$4.6 billion in total funding to fight the nation's opioid addiction epidemic, a \$3 billion increase. More than \$2 billion would go to strengthen school safety through grants for training, security measures and treatment for the mentally ill. Medical research at the National Institutes of Health would receive a record \$3 billion increase to \$37 billion. Funding was also included for election security ahead of the 2018 midterms.

Child care and development block grants would receive a \$2.4 billion increase to \$5.2 billion. And an Obama-era transportation grant program known as TIGER would see its budget tripled to \$1.5 billion. Head Start for preschoolers would get a \$610 million boost, while an additional \$2.4 billion would go for child care grants.

The bill faces opposition from some Republicans, including Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who was unwilling to say whether he would agree to accelerate the deal's consideration.

Associated Press contributed.

Official: U.S. elections still at the risk of cyberattacks

By CHRIS MEGERIAN AND EVAN HALPER
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. elections are still vulnerable to digital interference from Russia and other countries, the secretary of Homeland Security warned Wednesday, a reminder that state and federal officials have struggled to fix potential gaps even as voters begin casting ballots in primary contests.

"The threat of interference remains and we recognize that the 2018 midterms and future elections are clearly potential targets for Russian hacking attempts," Kirstjen Nielsen testified to the Senate intelligence committee.

President Donald Trump has said little about the challenge, but Nielsen's concerns echo recent warnings by leaders of the nation's intelligence agencies. Her department plays a central role in efforts to safeguard the country's critical infrastructure, including election systems.

Addressing the threat will require unraveling a thicket of overlapping issues, including who will pay to purchase more secure voting machines and how much the federal government should intervene in elections managed by individual states.

The public hearing was part of the Senate panel's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, which U.S. officials say included attempts to hack election systems in 21 states. One state's voter database was breached, but there's no evidence any votes were affected.

"In 2016, states faced a threat they never expected to confront — a hostile nation seeking to invade networks essential to the functioning of our democracy," said Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., the committee chairman.



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DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said that "elections are clearly potential targets for Russian hacking attempts."

The panel had issued several recommendations in advance of the hearing, highlighting the need for stiffer defenses against foreign interference and better communication between local and state officials.

Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, described the Russian operation, which the Kremlin has denied, as an apparent test to see how much damage could be done to American democracy.

"It was a sophisticated, thorough, comprehensive, malign and malicious attack on our electoral system," he said.

Since then, local and state leaders tasked with running polling places and counting ballots have seen their roles expand and evolve.

Some election officials have gained security clearances so Washington can share intelligence on potential threats or participate in "hackathons" to explore digital vulnerabilities in their systems.

The nation's election infrastructure is decentralized, with states maintaining separate voter databases and using different machines.

That reduces the possibility that hackers can cause widespread problems during a campaign.

But the diffuse system

has made it hard to implement sweeping digital upgrades to safeguard the ballots, and determine who is responsible for handling problems.

"The states need more help," said Eric Rosenbach, co-director of Harvard's Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. "They are not equipped to face the pointy end of the spear."

So far, Congress hasn't approved any funds to help states upgrade cybersecurity or replace old voting machines.

Five states still use machines that don't print a paper record of each vote, leaving no way to check if a digital tally has been sabotaged.

"If there's no way to audit the election, that is absolutely a national security concern," said Nielsen, the head of Homeland Security.

Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., the committee's top Democrat, said the federal government should consider identifying which states aren't taking the appropriate steps to protect election systems.

"I believe the public does have a right to know if their state or their community is ignoring the problem," Warner said.

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Russia's labs harbor new, dark secrets

Putin's new weapons likely being produced

By JOBY WARRICK
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During his previous run for the presidency in 2012, Russian leader Vladimir Putin startled U.S. military experts with a mysterious pledge to develop novel kinds of weapons to counter the West's technological edge. Armies of the future, he said, would need weapons "based on new physical principles" including "genetic" and "psychophysical" science.

"Such high-tech weapons systems will be comparable in effect to nuclear weapons," Putin said in an essay published in the Rossyiskaya Gazeta, the Russian government's newspaper of record, "but will be more 'acceptable' in terms of political and military ideology."

Exactly what Putin meant — and how any "genetic" weapon could square with international treaties outlawing chemical and biological warfare — remains uncertain. But what is now clear is that Putin's words unleashed a wave of activity across a complex of heavily guarded military and civilian laboratories in Russia.

Since the start of Putin's second term — he won a third term on Sunday — a construction boom has been underway at more than two dozen institutes that were once part of the Soviet Union's biological and chemical weapons establishments, according to Russian documents and photos compiled by independent researchers. That expansion, which includes multiple new testing facilities, is particularly apparent at secret Ministry of Defense laboratories that have

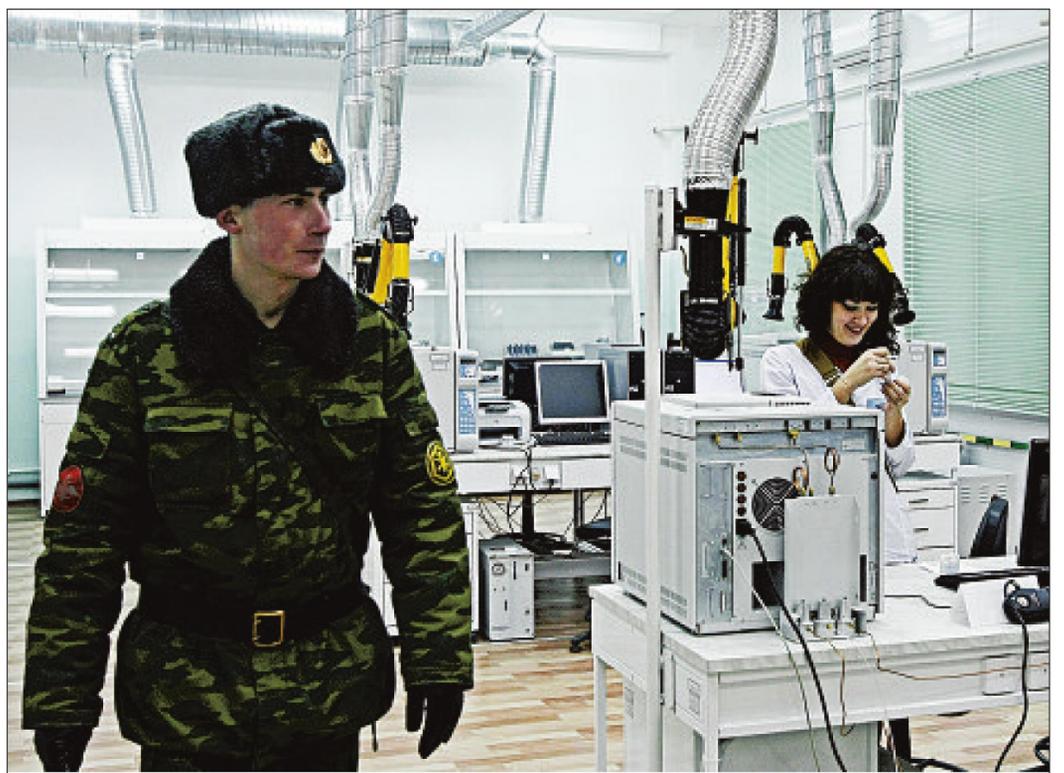
long drawn suspicions from U.S. officials over possible arms-treaty violations.

Russian officials insist that the research in government-run labs is purely defensive and perfectly legal. But the effort has come under increased scrutiny in the wake of allegations of Moscow's involvement in the poisoning of a former Russian spy and his daughter in Britain. Both were sickened by exposure to Novichok, a kind of highly lethal nerve agent uniquely developed by Russian military scientists years ago.

"The big question is, why are they doing this?" said Raymond Zilinskas, a chemical and biological weapons expert with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies in Monterey, Calif. In "Biosecurity in Putin's Russia," Zilinskas and co-author Philippe Mauger analyze hundreds of contract documents and other records that show a surge in Russian research interest in subjects ranging from genetically modified pathogens to non-lethal chemical weapons used for crowd control.

The analysis also tracks a simultaneous rise in sensationalist Russian claims that the United States is pursuing offensive biological weapons. Reports posted on state-sponsored news sites and amplified over social media have accused U.S. scientists of being behind recent outbreaks of the Zika virus as well as the Ebola in West Africa that began in 2014. In each instance, various U.S. federal agencies marshaled a sizable response to counter or contain the outbreaks.

Such baseless claims could be viewed as part of a deliberate effort to "explain



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A Russian officer walks through a laboratory at a plant used for the destruction of chemical weapons.

to their own people why they need to do this research," Zilinskas said in an interview.

A spokesman for Russia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs declined to answer written questions but forwarded a March 13 statement by Vassily Nebenzia, Russia's ambassador to the United Nations. Nebenzia denied any involvement by the Kremlin in the March 4 nerve-agent attack and suggested that it was the United States and Britain, not Russia, that were continuing to conduct illegal research to create "new toxic substances."

The research by Zilinskas and Mauger appears to bear out long-held concerns by the State Department, which has sharply criticized Russia in recent years over a lack of transparency in its military-related biological and chemical research. Since 2012, State Department officials have issued a series of reports faulting Moscow for refusing to open its military research laboratories to outside inspectors, and for

failing to provide proof that it completely destroyed the highly lethal arsenals created by Red Army scientists in the years before the Soviet Union's collapse.

Thomas Countryman, an assistant secretary of state for international security and arms control under the Obama administration, said that even before Putin, U.S. officials questioned whether the Kremlin had owned up to its past "fully and transparently." But over the past six years, official distrust has grown as Moscow has embraced a more aggressive foreign policy that includes intimidation of Russia's neighbors and an unabashed support for a Syrian dictator who uses nerve agents to kill his own people.

When the Soviet Union was dismantled in 1991, the Russian Federation became instant heir to history's most dangerous arsenal of chemical and biological weapons.

During the Cold War, Soviet leaders spent vast sums to create weaponized versions of 11 different

pathogens — including the microbes that cause anthrax, smallpox and the plague — while also experimenting with genetically altered strains. They created new classes of chemical toxins, such as Novichok, reportedly used in the attempted assassination of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, in Salisbury, England.

A fourth-generation nerve agent more deadly than VX, Novichok is the stuff of legend; Russia denies that it ever researched or manufactured such nerve agents, but it arrested a former Soviet weapons scientist on charges of divulging state secrets after he published details about Soviet Novichok production in newspaper articles and a memoir.

The Soviet program was motivated in part by competition with the United States. Washington maintained its own stockpile of nerve agents during the Cold War and manufactured biological weapons until 1969, when President Richard Nixon dismantled

the program. But the Kremlin pressed ahead, convinced that the Pentagon was continuing bioweapons research in secret. Finally, in 1992, newly installed Russian President Boris Yeltsin acknowledged the existence of the secret program to U.S. officials and reported that all Soviet bioweapons had been destroyed.

In the years immediately following the Cold War, securing and dismantling Soviet weapons of mass destruction united Americans and Russians in common cause. The United States helped Russia build incinerators for destroying its chemical weapons, and sponsored programs that paired former Soviet weapons scientists with Western scientists to keep them employed during the country's economic transition.

Such U.S.-Russian technical cooperation began to wane following Putin's election as president, and collapsed completely after the Russian strongman won a second term in 2012.

Facebook CEO 'sorry' for 'major breach of trust'

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NEW YORK — Breaking five days of silence, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg apologized for a “major breach of trust,” admitted mistakes and outlined steps to protect user data in light of a privacy scandal involving a Trump-connected data-mining firm.

“I am really sorry that happened,” Zuckerberg said of the scandal involving data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica. Facebook has a “responsibility” to protect its users’ data, he said in a Wednesday interview on CNN. If it fails, he said, “we don’t deserve to have the opportunity serve people.”

His mea culpa on cable television came a few hours after he acknowledged his company’s mistakes in a Facebook post, but without saying he was sorry.

Zuckerberg and Facebook’s No. 2 executive, Sheryl Sandberg, had been quiet since news broke Friday that Cambridge may have used data improperly obtained from roughly 50 million Facebook users to try to sway elections. Cambridge’s clients included Donald Trump’s general-election campaign.

Facebook shares have dropped some 8 percent, lopping about \$46 billion off the company’s market value, since the revelations were first published.

Even before the scandal broke, Facebook had already taken the most important steps to prevent a recurrence, Zuckerberg said.

For example, in 2014, it reduced access that outside apps had to user data.



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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said the company has a “responsibility” to protect its users’ information.

However, some of the measures didn’t take effect until a year later, allowing Cambridge to access the data in the intervening months.

Zuckerberg acknowledged that there is more to do.

In a Facebook post on Wednesday, Zuckerberg said the company will ban developers who don’t agree to an audit. An app’s developer will no longer have access to data from people who haven’t used that app in three months. Data will also be generally limited to user names, profile photos and email, unless the developer signs a contract with Facebook and gets user approval.

In a separate post, Facebook said it will inform

people whose data were misused by apps. Facebook first learned of this breach of privacy more than two years ago but hadn’t mentioned it publicly until Friday.

The company said it was “building a way” for people to know if their data were accessed by “This Is Your Digital Life,” the psychological-profiling quiz app that researcher Aleksandr Kogan created and paid about 270,000 people to take part in.

Cambridge Analytica later obtained information from the app for about 50 million Facebook users, as the app also vacuumed up data on people’s friends — including those who never downloaded the app or

gave explicit consent.

Chris Wylie, a Cambridge co-founder who left in 2014, has said one of the firm’s goals was to influence people’s perceptions by injecting content, some misleading or false, all around them. It’s not clear whether Facebook would be able to tell users whether they had seen such content.

Cambridge has shifted the blame to Kogan, whom the firm described as a contractor. Kogan described himself as a scapegoat.

Kogan, a psychology researcher at Cambridge University, told the BBC that both Facebook and Cambridge Analytica have tried to place the blame on

him, even though the firm assured him that everything he did was legal.

“One of the great mistakes I did here was I just didn’t ask enough questions,” he said. “I had never done a commercial project. I didn’t really have any reason to doubt their sincerity. That’s certainly something I strongly regret now.”

He said the firm paid some \$800,000 for the work, but it went to participants in the survey.

“My motivation was to get a data set I could do research on,” he said. “I have never profited from this in any way personally.”

Authorities in Britain and the United States are investigating.

Uber, Ola drivers in India go on strike

They say wages are lower than services promised them

BY AMANDA ERICKSON
The Washington Post

About 1.5 million Indians drive for Uber, Ola and other ride-sharing companies.

On Monday, many of them refused to work. Thousands of workers participated in the country-wide strike, crippling traffic and creating massive headaches for commuters.

The drivers say they have no other choice: They’re simply not making enough money to survive. Many can’t even afford to make car payments.

“Drivers are in huge debt,” said Sanjay Naik, president of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena political party’s transportation union, which organized the strike.

It wasn’t always this way. When ride-sharing companies such as Uber first entered the Indian market in 2013, they offered great pay. Drivers told the Times of India that they’d been promised monthly incomes of about \$1,500. (Per capita income in the country hovered around \$1,600 a year in 2016, according to the World Bank.)

It was so appealing that some salaried workers quit their jobs to drive. Farmers sold their land and bought cars instead, often on credit.

But the promised rewards never materialized. The huge influx of willing drivers meant ride-sharing companies didn’t have to compete so hard to woo drivers. At the beginning, drivers said companies took a 10 percent commission from every ride. Now, drivers say, they’re forced to give back up to 30 percent.

They are also unable to set their own prices, meaning their fare earnings suffer when Uber or Ola (a locally grown competitor) offer promotions or cut rates.

“We are not able to meet our needs from Ola and Uber,” driver Tanveer Pasha told Quartz. Pasha said he makes about \$10 a day, and nearly all of that money goes to repaying car loans. “I can’t live on the remaining Rs200 [\$3] and run a family,” he said.

The workers say they’ll strike until Uber and Ola commit to paying workers their promised \$1,500 a month. They’re also calling on the companies to stop low fare booking. And they want some drivers, dropped because of low ratings, to be rehired.

Uber did not return an email seeking comment. Ola said that it would wait to see how the strike progressed before weighing in. Last year, ride sharing companies made \$371 million in revenue in India. Experts predict that that number will balloon to \$761 million in the country by 2022.

But it’s not easy. As The New York Times documented last year, there are several challenges particular to India that Uber and others have had to overcome. “Throughout the country, the roads tend to be terrible; clogged with traffic, potholes and pedestrians, marked by ever-shifting routes and a freewheeling interpretation of automotive rules that is almost balletic in its lawlessness,” the Times explained.

Trump waves off conflicts with ethics waivers

Analysis: Dozens issued to skirt vow to ban lobbyists

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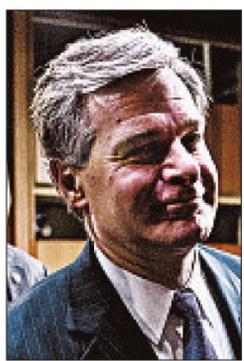
WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and his appointees have stocked federal agencies with ex-lobbyists and corporate lawyers who now help regulate the very industries from which they previously collected paychecks, despite Trump’s promises as a candidate to drain the swamp in Washington.

A week after his inauguration, Trump signed an executive order that bars former lobbyists, lawyers and others from participating in any matter they worked on for private clients within two years of going to work for the government.

But records reviewed by The Associated Press show Trump’s top lawyer, White House counsel Don McGahn, has issued at least 37 ethics waivers to key administration officials at the White House and executive branch agencies.

One allows FBI Director Chris Wray “to participate in matters involving a confidential former client.” The three-sentence waiver gives no indication about what Wray’s conflict of interest might be. The FBI declined to comment.

Trump’s executive order on ethics supplanted a more stringent set of rules put in place by President Barack Obama in 2009 to avoid conflicts of interests. Nearly 70 waivers were



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FBI Director Christopher Wray is among several administration officials who have been granted ethics waivers.

issued to executive branch officials during Obama’s eight years, though those were generally more narrowly focused and offered a fuller legal explanation for why the waiver was granted.

Craig Holman, who lobbies in Washington for stricter government ethics and lobbying rules on behalf of the advocacy group Public Citizen, said just five of the waivers under Obama went to former lobbyists, most of whom had worked for nonprofit groups.

Although he was initially optimistic when Trump issued his executive order, Holman recently said, “It is now quite evident that the pledge was little more than campaign rhetoric. Not only are key provisions simply ignored and not enforced, when in cases where obvious conflicts of interest are brought into the limelight, the administration readily issues waivers from the ethics rules.”

Asked about the waivers,

Lindsay Walters, a White House spokeswoman, said, “In the interests of full transparency and good governance, the posted waivers set forth the policy reasons for granting an exception to the pledge.”

An analysis by the AP shows that nearly half of the political appointees hired at the Environmental Protection Agency under Trump have strong industry ties. Of 59 EPA hires tracked by the AP over the last year, about a third worked as registered lobbyists or lawyers for chemical manufacturers, fossil fuel producers or other corporate clients.

Most of those officials have signed ethics agreements saying they would not participate in actions involving their former clients while working at the EPA. At least three have gotten waivers allowing them to do just that.

Erik Baptist, a top EPA lawyer, worked until 2016 as senior lawyer and registered federal lobbyist for the American Petroleum Institute, the national trade group for the oil and gas industry.

Baptist signed an ethics agreement pledging to recuse himself from any issues involving his former employer. But in August, McGahn granted him approval to advise EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on issues surrounding the renewable fuel law.

McGahn wrote that he was exempting Baptist from the ethics pledge because “his deep understanding of the RFS program and the regulated industry, make him the ideal person to assist the administrator and his sen-

ior leadership team to make EPA and its renewable fuel programs more efficient and effective.”

At the White House, another former lobbyist with ties to the oil and gas industry is advising Trump.

Michael Catanzaro, special assistant to the president, was given a waiver to participate in policy matters relating to methane regulations and environmental programs including the Clean Power Plan, the Renewable Fuel Standard and the National Air Quality Standard.

The Treasury Department asked McGahn for three waivers. Anthony Sayegh, appointed as the assistant secretary for public affairs, previously worked as a Fox News contributor. His waiver allows him to “participate in matters involving his former client.”

Brian Callahan, the top lawyer at Treasury, was granted a waiver concerning issues involving his former position as general counsel at Cooper and Kirk PLLC.

The law firm represents Fairholme Funds, which recently filed a lawsuit against the Treasury Department and the Fair Housing Finance Agency.

McGahn’s waiver allows Callahan to participate in discussions about policy decisions pertaining to housing finance reform, even though “some of these discussions could at some point touch upon issues that might impact the litigation.”

The State Department got five waivers.

One allows communications director Heather Nauert to work with em-

ployees of Fox News even though she used to work as a broadcast journalist for the network. Nauert is identified in the waiver, which was heavily redacted before release, by her legal name, Heather Norby.

At the Pentagon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs Randall Schriver got a waiver allowing him to “participate in any particular matter involving specific parties,” including his former client: the Japanese government.

Health and Human Services asked for waivers for senior counselor to the secretary Keagan Lenihan, a registered lobbyist who recently worked for a pharmaceutical and health services company, and for HHS chief of staff Lance Leggett, who recently lobbied on behalf of his law firm’s health law practice group.

Agriculture Department policy adviser Kailee Tzacz is allowed to “participate personally and substantially in matters regarding the Dietary Guidelines for Americans,” a guide that offers nutritional information and recommendations.

McGahn’s waiver didn’t offer much detail into the potential conflict Tzacz’s appointment would pose. But other records show she most recently served as food policy director for the Corn Refiners Association, a trade organization representing producers of corn starch, corn oil and high fructose corn syrup.

Before that, she lobbied on behalf of SNAC International, a trade association for snack food manufacturers.

Fla. student arrested after bringing knife to Parkland school

BY CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A Florida judge ordered an 18-year-old female student held on a \$12,500 bond Wednesday after she brought a knife with a 2-inch blade to Douglas Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

Authorities arrested Jordan Salter after a confrontation with another student Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

The South Florida Sun-

Sentinel reported that Salter attorney, Assistant Public Defender Brian Reidy, called the high bond “out of control” and “ridiculous” at a hearing and blamed it on fear from last month’s school massacre that killed 14 students and three educators.

“I don’t know when we all hit the fear button when everything is such an absolute emergency,” Reidy told Broward County Judge Kim Theresa Mollica.

Mollica is the same judge who on Tuesday set the

bond at \$500,000 for Zachary Cruz, the brother of the school shooter Nikolas Cruz, 19. Zachary Cruz was arrested Monday on the charge he trespassed on the school campus more than a month after the massacre. Trespassing is a misdemeanor that usually involves a \$25 bond.

Salter’s lawyer said he couldn’t blame her for her actions in an encounter with a boy who confronted her. “I don’t blame a kid for taking a weapon to school, quite frankly, these days,”

Reidy said.

Reidy said the teen’s parents can’t afford a high bond amount.

Salter was accused of pulling a black knife from her bra, opening it and displaying it, according to a report from the Broward Sheriff’s Office. It happened during a conflict in the cafeteria, when a student asked Salter’s friend a sexually offensive question.

Salter “poured coffee on him,” Reidy said.

When the boy leaned in close to Salter’s face, she

pulled out the knife, the Broward Sheriff’s Office said.

Salter’s parents attended her hearing Wednesday. Her father, Scott, told the judge, “My daughter’s never been in trouble a day in her life.”

Also Wednesday, Florida Gov. Rick Scott ordered the state’s highway patrol to station eight troopers at Stoneman Douglas to bolster security there. Scott’s office said the troopers will arrive Thursday.

Meanwhile, Florida resi-

dents won’t get a chance to vote this fall on adding gun control restrictions to the state constitution. A state panel Wednesday rejected several proposed restrictions on procedural grounds.

A majority of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission voted that the gun control measures were out of order and couldn’t be considered under commission rules.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel contributed.

Extremists free scores of Nigerian girls



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Boko Haram releases abducted girls during a handover to government officials Wednesday in Maiduguri, Nigeria.

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DAPCHI, Nigeria — Boko Haram Islamic extremists brought back nearly all of the 110 girls they had kidnapped from a boarding school last month, dropping them off in the middle of the night Wednesday with a warning: “Don’t ever put your daughters in school again.”

Several of the girls said they had been traveling for days before the convoy of vehicles arrived in the center of the town of Dapchi around 2 a.m. Residents who had fled upon hearing that Boko Haram was headed their way watched from hiding as dozens of girls descended from the vehicles apparently unharmed.

“We were freed because we are Muslim girls and they didn’t want us to suffer. That is why they released us,” said Khadija Grema, one of the freed girls who said a Christian classmate remained captive.

The development brought elation to most of the families, but more heartache for the relatives of the six girls still unaccounted for. The sister of one girl fainted Wednesday upon hearing that she was not among those freed.

One 14-year-old released by the fighters told reporters that five girls had died. It was not possible to independently verify her claim.

The abductions in Dapchi have evoked memories of Chibok, where 276 girls were kidnapped from their boarding school. Nearly four years later, about 100 of them have never returned home. Many had been forced to marry their captors.

The Nigerian government denied that it had paid a ransom or made a prisoner swap in exchange for the girls’ freedom. The girls were released “through back-channel efforts and with the help of some friends of the country, and it was unconditional,” Information Minister Lai Mohammed said in Abuja.

Yellow fever suspicions contagious

Rumors, mistrust hinder Brazil’s vaccine campaign

BY SARAH DILORENZO
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Elisângela Santos doesn’t understand why everyone in her neighborhood on the outskirts of Sao Paulo is being told to get vaccinated for yellow fever this year. Yellow fever has long been endemic in parts of Brazil, and she smells a rat.

“Every year, it’s something else,” the 44-year-old school custodian said as she waited recently outside a health post in the Jardim Miriam district. “They invent another thing to make Brazilians spend money.”

The vaccine is free at public health posts around the country, but Santos’ suspicion that someone must be profiting somewhere is typical of the high levels of mistrust Brazilians hold for officialdom.

Flagging faith in Brazil’s institutions amid a series of corruption scandals, a chaotic communications campaign promoting the vaccine and the country’s decision to give partial doses to stretch supplies are contributing to rumors that the vaccine is a scam, weak or even dangerous.

That misinformation is scaring people away from the campaign that is trying to vaccinate more than 23

million people in the areas of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Bahia states that until recently were not considered at risk for yellow fever.

Six weeks into the campaign, the Health Ministry said 76 percent of the target population has been vaccinated — far off its goal of 95 percent.

The atmosphere of uncertainty and rumors around the vaccine is likely to make the last 20 percent difficult to reach, hampering the efforts of Latin America’s biggest nation to contain its largest yellow fever outbreak in more than three decades.

The reticence could lead to a sustained outbreak in Brazil’s megacities. Brazil hasn’t had an urban outbreak since 1942.

“If we have a higher number of infected people with yellow fever and the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito starts to become infected and transmit yellow fever, it could become urban,” said Luiz Antonio Teixeira Jr., Rio de Janeiro state’s health secretary. “Everything we’re doing is to ensure we don’t have urban yellow fever.”

Yellow fever has long been endemic in large swaths of Brazil, but it has been advancing in recent years, and this is the second outbreak in two years in places where vaccinations for the disease were not routine.

During the 2016-17 outbreak, more than 770 people



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A child cries out as she is given a vaccine against yellow fever near Sao Paulo, Brazil.

were infected after nearly a decade during which Brazil saw fewer than 10 cases each year.

In the current outbreak, there have already been 846 cases confirmed, of which 260 have died.

The outbreak is stressing the health system a few years after a major outbreak of Zika, linked to severe birth defects in babies born to infected mothers.

While rumors have sometimes swirled around past vaccination campaigns, the rise of the WhatsApp messaging service is amplifying misinformation like never before, said Igor Sacramento, a researcher at Fiocruz, Brazil’s premier public research institute.

WhatsApp “is a fundamental characteristic of the way we circulate information, news, etc.,” said Sacramento, who works in the institute’s health communications lab. Since WhatsApp messages come from people known by the recipients, they place a high value on the information shared

there, and that means people often accept it without checking it, Sacramento said.

One rumor making the rounds on WhatsApp says a mutation in the yellow fever virus has rendered the vaccine ineffective, citing a study published by Fiocruz.

That is not true, and the institute put out a statement saying that mutations in the disease have no impact on the vaccine’s effectiveness.

Misinformation has been circulating among health professionals, some of whom have resisted giving partial-dose vaccines, said Ana Goretti, the interim coordinator of the immunization program at the Health Ministry.

In response, the ministry and all of Brazil’s medical associations are preparing a statement that reiterates the safety and effectiveness of the partial dose.

Overcoming concerns about the vaccine is important because yellow fever does not appear to be shrinking back to its usual

habitat in Brazil’s wilder interior. The Health Ministry is considering extending routine vaccination to all Brazilians, and it has already decided to offer vaccination to all children starting later this year, Goretti said.

The ministry and state health departments are using Twitter and Facebook to promote the vaccination campaign and to share links to information about the vaccine and the disease.

Members of the ministry’s social media team have also responded to some concerns on the ministry’s Facebook page.

But they have not been systematically using social media networks or WhatsApp to combat the rumors circulating there.

Instead, officials say they are relying on interviews with the local press to explain the vaccine is safe, effective and necessary. Health workers in Sao Paulo and Rio have also gone door to door to encourage people to get vaccinated.

The rumors have scared

off Manoel da Silva’s family. The 57-year-old retiree said his adult children and his wife are refusing to get vaccinated, citing stories of people who were sickened by the vaccine and concerns about the partial doses.

“There are lots of things on the internet,” said da Silva, who lives on Sao Paulo’s southern outskirts. “They think it’s a fraud because it’s fractional.”

Scientists have expressed confidence that the one-fifth dose works, and the World Health Organization has said it can be used in emergencies. It’s still unclear how long the protection lasts.

Brazilian officials say they have data — which will soon be published — that shows the vaccine is good for at least eight years, but others have been more cautious, and more studies on its long-term effectiveness are expected.

The yellow fever vaccine, like all vaccines that use live virus, can cause adverse reactions or even make one sick with a disease similar to yellow fever.

Susan McLellan, a professor of infectious diseases at the University of Texas Medical Branch, said the yellow fever vaccine may cause more vaccine-linked disease than other live virus vaccines.

But “in an epidemic setting, in a high risk setting, you’re a lot safer with the vaccine than the disease,” said McLellan, who until recently was the director of Tulane University’s Travel Clinic.

Da Silva, whose family is resisting getting vaccinated, said he also had concerns but opted to get it.

“I heard about people getting sick” from the vaccine, he said of his initial reticence. “But if a mosquito bites me, I’m already at risk.”

Arctic carbon may be worse than feared

Researchers find potential for methane emissions, which eclipse CO2 as risks

BY CHRIS MOONEY
The Washington Post

For some time, scientists fearing the mass release of greenhouse gases from the carbon rich, frozen soils of the Arctic have had at least one morsel of good news in their forecasts: They predicted most of the gas released would be carbon dioxide, which, though a greenhouse gas, drives warming more slowly than some other gases. Scientists obviously weren’t excited about more carbon dioxide emissions, but it was better than the alternative: methane, a shorter-lived but far harder hitting gas, which could cause faster bursts of warming.

Now even that silver lining is in doubt.

New research released on Monday suggests methane releases could be considerably more prevalent as Arctic permafrost thaws. The new research finds that in waterlogged wetland soils, where oxygen is not prevalent, tiny micro-

organisms will produce a considerable volume of methane, a gas that doesn’t last in the air much more than a decade, but that has a warming effect many times that of carbon dioxide over a period of 100 years.

“What we can definitely say is that the importance of methane was underestimated until now in the carbon studies,” said Christian Knobloch, the lead author of the study in *Nature Climate Change* and a researcher at the Universitat Hamburg in Germany.

The reason for the divergent finding is that Knoblauch and his colleagues conducted a lengthy, more than 7 year long experiment, monitoring and artificially warmed soil from Siberia in the laboratory, and gradually seeing sensitive methane-producing micro-organisms become more prevalent over time.

Knoblauch contends that other studies have not examined waterlogged Arctic

soils for as long, and notes that in some cases it took three years or more for the methane-generating micro-organisms to really get cranking.

“What we saw is that it takes a very long time until methane starts being produced, and the study that we did is really the first one which is so long,” Knoblauch said.

The research was conducted along with colleagues from several institutions in Germany, Sweden and Russia.

So much methane was produced in the experiment that the researchers calculated that the impact of greenhouse gas emissions from wet soils, or wetlands, will be higher than from drier soils, where carbon dioxide should indeed be the top gas released. This finding, if further confirmed, could potentially reorient calculations of the overall potential of permafrost to worsen global warming over the coming century.

For instance, one major study of the permafrost warming potential, published in 2015 in the journal

Nature, downplayed the potential for methane release in wet soils, saying that drier soils would be the bigger problem.

“In spite of the more potent greenhouse gas CH₄, a unit of newly thawed permafrost carbon could have a greater impact on climate over a century if it thaws and decomposes within a drier, aerobic soil as compared to an equivalent amount of carbon within a waterlogged soil or sediment,” that research found. The new study would appear to contradict this.

But Knoblauch cautions that more research would have to be done in order to go from these results to a forecast for just how much methane could waft from permafrost in the coming decades.

One Arctic permafrost expert not involved in the research, Merritt Turetsky of the University of Guelph, praised the new study, noting the researchers had spent a long time trying to uncover the behavior of tiny methane-producing organisms in watery soil.

She said that the total



ARTHUR MAX/AP 2010

Scientists conducted a study of wet permafrost from Siberia and found methane-producing micro-organisms.

amount of permafrost carbon that could be vulnerable due to global warming during this century — perhaps 10 percent of it, which would be more than enough to undermine global climate goals — probably won’t change in light of the new research. But the fraction of that carbon that is emitted as methane, as opposed to carbon dioxide, will be crucial, she said, and remains to be determined.

“We absolutely have to partition that total permafrost carbon release into those two forms, because it really matters,” Turetsky said. “So I think that has got

to be where the community goes next.”

But Roisin Commune, a research associate at Harvard who studies the Arctic atmosphere and also was not involved in this research, was more skeptical about relying on this study to assume a worse verdict about methane.

The study was “very nicely done,” she said, but the tendency of wet soils to produce methane could be counteracted by several factors. The soils could also become host to organisms that devour that methane — and turn it into carbon dioxide.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Alabama senator says Congress must act on gun violence

WASHINGTON — Congress must act to address gun violence, even as lawmakers protect the rights of gun owners, Alabama Sen. Doug Jones said Wednesday in his maiden speech to the Senate.

Jones, a Democrat who won a special election in December, said the nation has reached a tipping point on gun violence following the mass shooting at a Florida high school.

Jones compared stu-

dents at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., to young people who demonstrated after four girls were killed in a Birmingham church bombing in 1963. Jones later prosecuted the bombers.

Just as students in Birmingham “woke the consciousness of America to civil rights, these young men and women are awakening the consciousness of America regarding gun violence,” Jones said.

Russia, U.K. war of words over ex-spy's poisoning gets uglier

MOSCOW — The war of words between Russia and Britain over an ex-spy's poisoning got uglier Wednesday as the U.K. foreign secretary called it vomit-inducing that Russian President Vladimir Putin is rejoicing over hosting the World Cup. Russia shot back that Boris Johnson is “poisoned with venom of malice and hate.”

The exchange came in the deepening diplomatic

crisis over the March 4 poisoning of Russian ex-spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury. Britain maintains Russia used a military-grade nerve agent in the attack, which left the father and daughter in critical condition.

Johnson on Wednesday repeated Britain's position that responsibility for the poisoning leads “back to the Russian state and those at the top.”

African nations sign largest free trade agreement since WTO

KIGALI, Rwanda — African leaders on Wednesday signed what is being called the largest free trade agreement since the creation of the World Trade Organization.

The deal creates a continental market of 1.2 billion people, with a combined gross domestic product of more than \$3.4 trillion. A goal is to rely less on the volatility of commodity prices that affect many exports.

The aim is to have agreement, signed by 44 of the African Union's 55 member states, enter into force by the end of this year, said the chair of the AU Commission. States now must ratify the deal, but the number of countries needed to put the agreement into force has not yet been agreed upon.

The president of Nigeria skipped the summit amid trade unions' objections.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Suicide bomber strikes Kabul: An Afghan security officer talks with a woman Wednesday at the site of a bombing in Kabul. An Islamic State group suicide bomber struck on the road to a Shiite shrine in Afghanistan's capital, killing at least 33, authorities said.

Some Syrian rebels to evacuate rebel-held town in Ghouta

BEIRUT — Hundreds of armed rebels and civilians will begin evacuating a besieged town in eastern Ghouta, a rebel spokesman and Syrian government media reported Wednesday, in the first instance of fighters leaving the opposition stronghold east of the capital following a deal reached with the government.

Monther Fares, a spokesman for the powerful Ahrar al-Sham group, said the deal involves the departure starting Thursday of opposition fighters from his group to northern Syria. He said the deal negotiated

with the government gives security guarantees for those who decide to stay in the town after the government takes over.

The Syria-controlled Military Media Center said 1,500 armed rebels and 6,000 civilians will evacuate Harasta to the northern province of Idlib as part of a negotiated deal. The Ahrar al-Sham group, headquartered in Harasta, is the smallest of the rebel groups that control eastern Ghouta.

It is the first such deal involving the evacuation of opposition fighters from eastern Ghouta, which has

been under a ferocious government air and ground assault for a month.

In other parts of Syria, government forces have also pressed the rebels to enter into local cease-fire agreements under which the militants and their families would relocate to other parts of the country. The Syrian opposition has criticized such agreements.

Eastern Ghouta was one of the hubs of the civil uprising against Assad's government in 2011, which was to be eclipsed by a violent crackdown by the security services and subsequent armed revolt.

Teen Palestinian protester gets 8 months in prison

OFER MILITARY PRISON, West Bank — Palestinian teenage protest icon Ahed Tamimi on Wednesday was sentenced to eight months in prison for slapping and kicking a pair of Israeli soldiers outside her West Bank home, capping a case that sparked uproar in Israel, turned the

17-year-old girl into a Palestinian hero and attracted international attention.

Tamimi's Israeli lawyer, Gaby Lasky, said Tamimi agreed to the sentence as part of a plea deal with prosecutors that allowed her to avoid more serious charges that could have imprisoned her for years.

Under the deal, she is due to be released in the summer. She is also being fined the equivalent of about \$1,400.

Lasky called the legal proceedings a “farce.” She said “they are trying to deter other Palestinian youth from resisting occupation as Ahed did.”

Koreas, U.S. conclude 'constructive' Finland talks

TALLINN, Estonia — Finland's government said Wednesday that delegates from North Korea, South Korea and the United States concluded “constructive” unofficial diplomatic talks in the Nordic country that were widely believed to be laying the groundwork for an upcoming meeting between the Koreans and a planned U.S.-North Korea summit.

The Finnish foreign ministry said in a brief statement said that the tripartite talks were held in a positive atmosphere and were aimed at “building confidence and reducing tensions on the Korean Peninsula.”

Many observers believe the Finland meeting was geared toward preparing an upcoming summit between the leaders of the Koreans and a planned meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Peruvian President

Pedro Pablo Kuczynski offered up his resignation Wednesday ahead of an impeachment vote and Peru's congress accepted his letter, possibly paving the way for Vice President Martin Vizcarra to take power. Kuczynski said he didn't want to become an obstacle to Peru's development.

A leading AIDS re-

searcher was selected Wednesday to run the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the federal government's top public health agency. Dr. Robert Ray Redfield Jr., who rose to prominence as a top researcher into the AIDS epidemic, will be named by Health Secretary Alex Azar.

Israel confirms it struck key Syrian site in 2007

BY ARON HELLER
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — The Israeli military confirmed on Wednesday it carried out the 2007 airstrike in Syria that destroyed what was believed to be a nuclear reactor, lifting the veil of secrecy over one of its most daring and mysterious operations in recent memory.

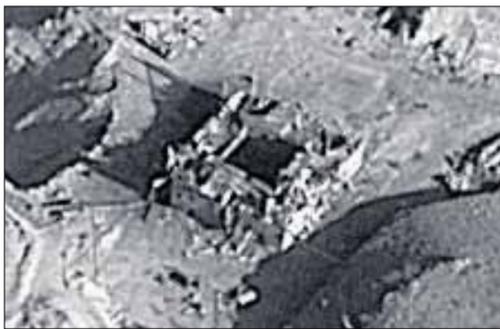
Although Israel was widely believed to have been behind the Sept. 6, 2007, airstrike, it has never before commented publicly on it.

In a lengthy release, the military revealed that eight F-15 fighter jets carried out the top-secret airstrikes against the facility in the Deir el-Zour region, about 300 miles northeast of Damascus, destroying a site that had been in development for years and was scheduled to go into operation at the end of that year.

Israel's involvement has been one of its most closely held secrets, and it was not immediately clear why Israel decided to go public now. The military would not comment on its reasoning, but the move could be related to the upcoming memoir of former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who ordered the strike and has hinted about it for years. It could also be meant as a warning to archenemy Iran, which is deeply involved in Syria's conflict.

“The motivation of our enemies has grown in recent years, but so too the might of the Israeli military,” Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said Wednesday. “Everyone in the Middle East would do well to internalize this equation.”

Israel and Syria have always been bitter enemies. Throughout Syria's seven-year civil war, Israel has carried out well over 100 airstrikes, most believed to have been aimed at sus-



ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES

The Israeli military released this image of what was believed a Syrian nuclear reactor destroyed by Israel in 2007.

pected weapons shipments destined for the Iranian-backed Hezbollah. Both Iran and Hezbollah are allied with Syrian President Bashar Assad.

At the time of the 2007 strike, Syria accused Israel of invading its airspace but gave no further details about the target.

The pre-mission briefing, made public Wednesday, stated that the operation should not be attributed to Israel so as to minimize the potential for an all-out war.

The Syria strike was reminiscent of an Israeli attack in 1981 against a reactor being built in Iraq. That strike was later credited with preventing Saddam Hussein from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

“The message from the 2007 attack on the reactor is that Israel will not tolerate construction that can pose an existential threat,” military chief Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot said in Wednesday's statement. “This was the message in 1981, this is the message in 2007 and this is the future message to our enemies.”

Eisenkot, who at the time commanded Israel's northern front along the Lebanese and Syrian borders, said it marked Israel's most comprehensive attack in Syria since the 1973 Mideast war and that ev-

eryone involved knew it could spark a new one. He said only a handful of top commanders were aware of the plans for Operation “Outside The Box.”

The military said the F-15s took off from two bases in southern Israel at 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 5 and returned four hours later.

Wednesday's announcement also indicated the Syrian reactor was much closer to completion than previously reported.

From Israel's perspective, the strike was an astounding success since it not only destroyed the site but prevented further escalation and strengthened its deterrence in the region.

Air force commander Maj. Gen. Amikam Norkin said the current turmoil in Syria has further vindicated the strike, particularly since the reactor was in an area later captured by Islamic State militants.

“Imagine what situation we would be in today if there was a nuclear reactor in Syria,” Norkin said. “Israel's decision to destroy the reactor is one of the most important decisions taken here in the last 70 years.”

In his memoir, “Decision Points,” former President George W. Bush said Israel first asked the United States to bomb the site, and then carried out an attack itself when Washington declined.

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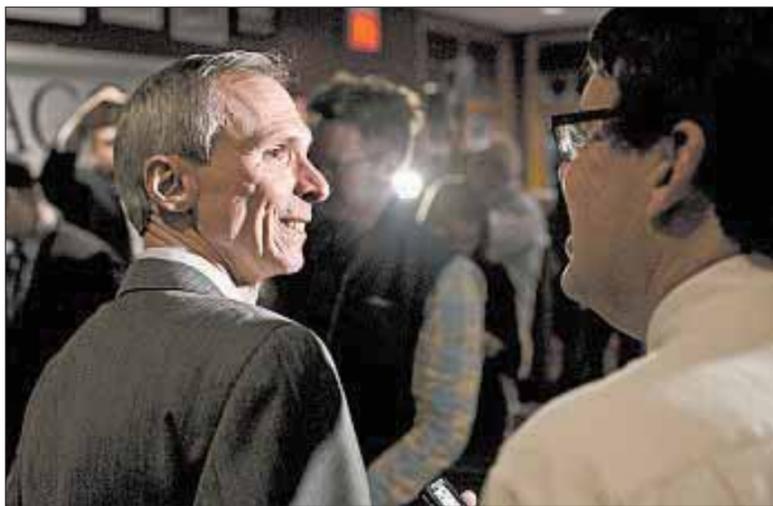
A Lipinski curveball for liberal Democrats

For 35 years, a member of the Lipinski family has held a Chicago-area seat in Congress. First there was U.S. Rep. Bill Lipinski, who served from 1983-2005. He handed the seat to his son, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, who's seeking an eighth term. Will the Lipinski era continue? Assuredly, yes.

Despite a shifting political landscape, Dan Lipinski hung on to the family business by defeating political newcomer Marie Newman in Tuesday's 3rd Congressional District Democratic primary. Newman entered the race, which riveted Democrats nationally, without name recognition. But she offered a solid branding message for this election cycle: She's a progressive Democrat, endorsed by liberal heavyweights like Bernie Sanders. Lipinski, by contrast, is one of the few conservative Democrats in Congress.

Lipinski, who isn't used to tough races, focused his own branding on bread-and-butter work like securing federal dollars for local projects. The election day question was whether the district had veered too far left to stay loyal to him. There were signs in Newman's favor: Voters picked Sanders over Hillary Clinton in the 2016 primary, and Newman raised a lot of money nationally. Even local Democrats like Rep. Jan Schakowsky endorsed Newman.

It turned out that the district, which includes Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood and western suburbs, remains comfortable with Lipinski, who is not only a conservative Democrat but also a committed bipartisan. He's virtually guaranteed a victory in November over Republican Arthur Jones, a Holocaust denier and



KRISTEN NORMAN/FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

U.S. Rep. Daniel Lipinski greets constituents in Countryside on Wednesday.

neo-Nazi who ran unopposed because the GOP was asleep at the switch and recruited no candidate. This was an embarrassing misstep for Republicans.

Does Lipinski's victory carry broader significance for the Democratic Party? To some extent. A week ago, Democrat Conor Lamb stunned Republicans by winning a special U.S. House election in western Pennsylvania. He took the seat not as a progressive but as a candidate who, like Lipinski, opposes abortion. The lesson here isn't that conservative Democrats are in vogue. The Blue Dog Dems aren't poised for a comeback. Rather, Lipinski and Lamb

won because they are good matches for their districts.

The pressing issue for Illinois Democrats is which of Tuesday's congressional primary winners might be strong and savvy enough to take out incumbent Republicans in November. President Donald Trump's low approval numbers have energized Democrats believing they can take control of the U.S. House.

One race that took shape Tuesday night is in the west suburban 6th Congressional District, where Democrat Sean Casten defeated six others to earn the right to

challenge Rep. Peter Roskam. Here was a surprise outcome. As results were tabulated, the consistent leader was Kelly Mazeski, a plan commissioner in Barrington Hills who had won some key endorsements, including from Schakowsky. But Casten, a clean-energy industry entrepreneur, bested her.

Casten's job now is to tap Democratic fervor and find the right path of attack against Roskam, a six-term Republican who played a key role in passing Trump's tax reform measure and opposed the Affordable Care Act. Roskam's been in step with the district, but in 2016 his constituents favored Hillary Clinton over Trump by 7 points. That creates an opportunity for Casten. Where Mazeski made the sanctity of Obamacare her focus, Casten told us during primary season that he can challenge Roskam on economic issues. "I've created more jobs and put a lot more infrastructure in the ground than Roskam has," he said. Let the race begin.



Casten

Among congressional primaries in Chicago, Jesus "Chuy" Garcia rolled to victory in the 4th Congressional District, succeeding retiring member Rep. Luis Guterrez, who greased the wheels for Garcia's candidacy. We didn't care for that insiderish move, but now that Garcia is likely to win in November, we hope he'll forge his own path in Washington. Guterrez was single-mindedly focused on immigration, but there are other issues for a Chicago congressman to pursue.

Whittling government excess? Start with the townships

A quick quiz about government spending: Should the purchase of a \$329 Levenson purse be regarded as a legitimate government expense? What about bills for dinner and drinks at Hooters, or tickets to Disneyland? Or \$349 for cashmere and cardigan sweaters, and a wool coat?

The answer is no way, underlined and in bold. Yet these were expenses charged to township credit cards at the Algonquin Township highway commissioner's office, when it was led by Robert Miller, the Tribune's Robert McCoppin reports. Those and other expenses paid for with taxpayer money under Miller's watch are now the subject of a lawsuit filed by the current highway commissioner, Andrew Gasser, who is challenging their validity.

Misuse of taxpayer money happens everywhere in government, but township governments are especially prone to it. Why? Because when it comes to visibility,

townships are the dark web of local government in Illinois. It's a fair bet that most Illinoisans don't know who their township officials are, let alone what townships do.

Here's a primer. Township government in Illinois has three functions: repair of roads not maintained by other levels of government, functions related to property assessment, and financial assistance for the poor through services such as food banks. These are all functions that have merit — and that, as in many states, can be provided by municipal and/or county governments.

Here's something else you probably didn't know about township government. In Illinois, there are 1,428 townships — a big reason this state has more units of local government than any other. By contrast, many states don't see a need for any township governments. In southern Illinois, 17 counties don't use township gov-

ernment, and they get along just fine.

Townships are America's oldest unit of government, predating the Declaration of Independence. They may have had utility in bygone days when riding a horse-drawn wagon to and from the county seat was a substantial journey. So we're hard-pressed to find reasons why townships are needed today. That said, township officials desperate to keep their sometimes well-pensioned jobs are a well-organized lobby; when this editorial appears, we'll expect the self-praising letters to the editor in 3 ... 2 ... 1 ...

Ever so slowly, local governments are realizing this expensive obsolescence, and opting to jettison their township bureaucracies.

One of the more recent, prominent examples is Evanston. In 2014, voters chose to abolish Evanston Township and have the city's government take over what

the township did. As a result, Evanston taxpayers saved nearly \$800,000 the year after the township disbanded.

That should inspire other cities and counties to jump on the bandwagon. The alleged shenanigans in Algonquin Township, which the Tribune reports are under investigation by the McHenry County state's attorney's office, have led to legislation proposed in Springfield that would allow voters in McHenry County to decide through a referendum whether to eliminate their township governments.

Last year, residents of Cook County's northwest suburban Hanover Township voted to eliminate the township's road district and highway commissioner. In DuPage County, voters in Naperville and Lisle opted to combine their township road districts, a move that was estimated to save \$800,000 to \$1.4 million annually.

That's progress, but it's a trickle. It's time township abolition became a torrent.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

A great deal of embarrassed attention has been paid by the press as to why half the country in 2016 refused to do what it was supposed to do and reject Mr. Trump. Granted: Mr. Trump didn't start the fire. A great deal had to go wrong before America put a man like him, a TV star/brander with no political experience and a sketchy history, in the presidency. The political class right and left, Dem and Rep, had to fail, and did, spectacularly, with the 2008 crash and two unwon wars.

Their biggest sin in the past few decades: The wealthiest and most powerful Americans, those who had most benefited from its system, peeled off from the less fortunate and made clear they were not especially concerned about their problems.

Stupidly, and they are stupid, they didn't even fake a prudent interest. The disaffected noticed this lack of loyalty and decided to respond with a living insult named Donald Trump, whom they sent to Washington to contend with a corrupt establishment.

Peggy Noonan, *The Wall Street Journal*

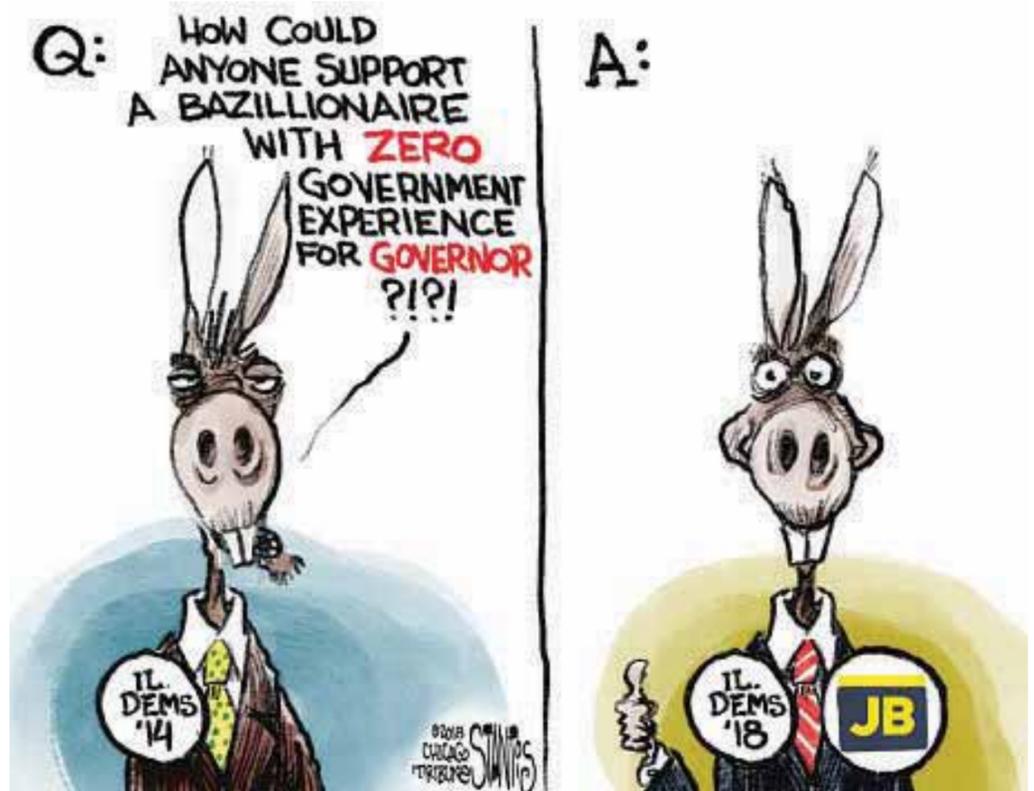
Americans are being robbed of the chance to pass on a more prosperous country than we were given. Median household income peaked in 1999 and didn't recover until 2016. That's a generation of workers who are worse off than their parents, thanks, in part, to out-of-control government spending.

President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was a victory for Americans. Companies across the nation are raising wages and bringing offshore profits back to this country, which should accelerate private sector growth.

Yet when it came to spending, some of the same politicians who championed tax cuts and claimed to be for limiting government caved to Washington's political culture.

Jennifer Stefano, *The New York Times*

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PERSPECTIVE



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Republicans may be reluctant to pass legislation protecting special counsel Robert Mueller because they don't want to provoke the president.

Republican reticence on special counsel Mueller may be wise



STEVE CHAPMAN

For congressional Republicans, having Donald Trump in the White House is like carrying around a vial of nitroglycerin. It can be useful in getting your way with others, but it puts you at perpetual risk of making a wrong move and being blown to pieces.

Most of these legislators came into this relationship against their own preferences, having favored someone else in the GOP primaries. Now that they are in it, they are constantly trying to figure out how to work with the president to advance their agenda while keeping him from setting off explosions.

As Trump escalates his attacks on special counsel Robert Mueller, they are being accused of timidity for declining to move legislation to prevent Trump from firing him. "Paul Ryan needs to be stronger, and so does Mitch McConnell," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif. Rep. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., charged that by not acting, "they're almost encouraging" Trump to dismiss Mueller.

Passing this type of bill, argued an

editorial in The Washington Post, "would send a clear, public message that congressional leaders have so far declined to convey: Firing Mr. Mueller would elicit a substantial real-world reaction that would severely harm the White House."

The critics sound like childless adults who think parents should be able to make their kids behave perfectly. Keeping Trump under control is harder than it looks. Some of the most important Republicans on Capitol Hill may be holding off not because they want to see Mueller fired but because they don't.

When you throw a pass, the legendary University of Texas football coach Darrell Royal noted, three things can happen — and two of them are bad. A push for this legislation would have even worse odds. Five things could happen, and only one is good.

First, a measure to protect Mueller could fail to get the votes to pass. Or it could pass without the two-thirds needed in both houses to override a veto. Either fate would give Trump the idea that he could purge the special counsel and get away with it.

The prospect of legislation could also prompt him to pre-empt it by firing Mueller immediately. The least likely outcome would be that the measure actually becomes law. If it did, Trump might dismiss him anyway and bet the courts would strike it

down.

Some prominent GOP lawmakers have publicly warned Trump to leave Mueller alone. But even Republicans who have been willing to challenge the president are not lining up behind such legislation.

Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who says firing Mueller "would be the end of President Trump's presidency," is sponsoring a bill to protect the special counsel — but thinks it can wait. Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina doesn't mind that his bill is collecting cobwebs, because there is no "imminent need." Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, a vocal Trump opponent, has yet to buy in.

What would explain this paradox? The general line among Republican members is that the president should let the special counsel complete his task. Some may also be communicating to Trump privately that while they can tolerate his furious denunciations of Mueller, they would not tolerate his firing.

Josh Holmes, a former chief of staff for Sen. Mitch McConnell, told The New York Times that if the Republican leader feels the need to let Trump know he shouldn't get rid of Mueller, "he probably communicates it directly and doesn't feel the need to pontificate in public."

The Republicans may also be playing a long game. By not passing a

bill to constrain Trump, they convey their loyalty to GOP voters — 82 percent of whom still view Trump favorably. If these members are going to abandon him, they may calculate, better to wait until he makes a huge misstep. With any luck, he'll restrain himself and they won't have to.

Perhaps the inaction of congressional Republicans reflects animus toward the special counsel, blind allegiance to Trump or cowardice. But it's equally plausible that they are making a considered effort to avoid encouraging or provoking the president to fire Mueller.

In a hyperpartisan climate, it's easy to interpret every difference of opinion as proof of sordid motives. But if Republicans actually wanted Trump to get rid of Mueller, they would be saying so. Instead, they have shown a preference for letting him do his job. We shouldn't rule out the possibility that they have the right goal and know how to achieve it.

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“This is a creature that didn’t fail in evolution. It’s in this situation because of us.”

— Thomas Hildebrandt, head of reproduction at the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin, on the recent death of Sudan, the last male northern white rhinoceros, who died at a conservancy in Kenya.

“The NCAA tournament might be the most compelling sporting event that we have in America, but it’s the worst imaginable way to pick a champion. It’s just completely ridiculous. If you started it all over again right after it ends, it would play out completely differently.”

— Mike Greenberg, host of the new ESPN morning show “Get Up!”

“Technically I didn’t sleep with the POTUS 12 years ago. There was no sleeping (hehe) and he was just a goofy reality TV star. But I digress. ... People do care that he lied about it, had me bullied, broke laws to cover it up, etc. And PS ... I am not going anywhere. Xoxoxo.”

— A tweet by porn star Stormy Daniels

Don’t make too much of the perfect storm that swamped Berrios



ERIC ZORN

The result was resounding and, for many of us, deeply satisfying.

Challenger Fritz Kaegi trounced incumbent Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios in Tuesday’s primary by nearly 12 percentage points. Kaegi and his fellow challenger Andrea Raila, both of whom ran pledging reform and transparency, combined to give Berrios such an emphatic heave-ho that it inspired both the Tribune and Sun-Times to begin post-election editorials with the same three congratulatory words to voters, “You did it.”

Berrios, the chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, was so entrenched four years ago that he didn’t even have a primary opponent. He was backed this year by the party establishment, including Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, the sort of boost that, for a generally low-profile office like assessor, is almost always enough for an easy victory.

Kaegi’s victory was a thumb in the eye to that establishment — to the men and women who slate candidates, coordinate with interest groups, raise money, direct foot soldiers and so on in order to limit your choices at the ballot box (did you notice how many candidates were running unopposed for re-election?) and maintain a firm hold on the levers of power. But it was not a knife to the heart.

Three unusual factors contributed to Berrios’ defeat.

One was that high property taxes had become a particularly prominent issue as the state’s budget crisis deepened and politicians argued about freezing or otherwise limiting them. Illinois has the second-highest effective rate in the



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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nation, and even though assessors don’t set the rates or over-all levies — they just estimate property values — they become a target of anger when the bills arrive.

Two was that a wealthy challenger, Kaegi, proved willing to kick \$1.6 million of his own money into an effort to become a county assessor. (Raila and her company donated \$335,000 to her bid.)

Three, and most important, journalism happened.

In June 2017, an unprecedented analysis by the Tribune’s Jason Grotto with John Chase and David Kidwell found “that for years the county’s property tax system created an unequal burden on residents, handing huge financial breaks to homeowners who are well-off while punishing those who have the least, particularly people living in minority communities.”

The three-part investigatory series hammered Berrios for overseeing an opaque, inaccurate

and outmoded process. Then in December 2017, Grotto, who had moved to ProPublica Illinois, led a joint follow-up investigation with the Tribune that found “commercial and industrial property assessments throughout Cook County (have been) so riddled with errors that they created deep inequities, punishing small businesses while cutting a break to owners of high-value properties and helping fuel a cottage industry of politically powerful tax attorneys.”

In mid-February, an independent analysis by the Civic Consulting Alliance that had been commissioned by the county after the first round of investigatory reports concluded that, indeed, just as the reporters had found, Berrios had been overseeing “a very regressive system” causing “a wealth transfer from owners of lower-value homes to those of higher-value homes.”

Editorial writers and columnists from across the politi-

cal spectrum took turns administering the rhetorical lash.

Yes, party bigwigs remained formally behind Berrios, but their support seemed tepid. Preckwinkle, when challenged to defend Berrios, faintly praised him for getting the tax bills out on time. Anecdotal reports said local operatives were leaving Berrios off their palm cards or even actively plumping for Kaegi.

A perfect storm took out Berrios, not a sea change.

The Democratic establishment took a few other small hits in Tuesday’s primaries — veteran state Rep. Dan Burke, brother of Chicago Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, for example, was defeated by Aaron Ortiz in a Southwest Side district that is 68 percent Hispanic. Incumbent state Sen. Ira Silverstein of Chicago also lost, even though he received financial support from Senate President John Cullerton. But that was almost certainly because a

special legislative inspector general found earlier this year that Silverstein’s extended flirtation with a victims’ rights advocate constituted conduct “unbecoming of a legislator.”

In the other big races, however, insiders and chosen ones did fine. J.B. Pritzker, the party’s anointed candidate for governor, scored a surprisingly lopsided, nearly 19 percentage-point victory over second-place finisher state Sen. Daniel Biss; state Sen. Kwame Raoul, the party’s anointed candidate for attorney general, squeaked past former Gov. Pat Quinn; and Preckwinkle cruised to a 21 percentage-point victory over former Ald. Bob Fioretti.

Democratic voters were not so much in the mood to throw the bums out as they were to throw a bum out — Joe Berrios.

And yes, huzzah, they did it. Just don’t look for them to make a habit of it.

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Budget process works just as Congress wants it, shutdown threats and all

BY STAN COLLENDER

As Congress races to try to head off yet another possible government shutdown on Friday, one of the most common complaints in Washington — that the federal budget process is broken — is likely to be repeated so frequently that it will seem like commonly accepted political wisdom.

But that’s actually completely wrong. The process is working perfectly, at least as far as the people in charge are concerned.

The idea that the budget process is doing just fine seems difficult to swallow. Given all the fiscal cliffs, threatened and actual government shutdowns, dead-on-arrival presidential budgets, repeated debt-ceiling debacles, continual congressional budget failures, multiple stopgap funding bills and constantly ignored statutory deadlines, the process certainly appears to need to be, in typical Washington-speak, “reformed.”

But consider the following.

Last year, the supposedly broken-beyond-repair budget process enabled the GOP’s congressional leadership to do two budgets in the same year so that its highest legislative priorities — repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act and passing a tax cut — could be debated without having to worry about a filibuster by Senate Democrats.

This year, House and Senate Republican

leaders have decided not to do any budget at all so the GOP representatives and senators running for re-election won’t be faced with the very unappealing political choice of either voting in favor of \$1 trillion annual deficits or embarrassing their party just months before Election Day by voting against it.

In other words, the budget process allowed Congress to do what it wanted to do last year. This year, that same process is allowing Republican majorities to avoid what they want to avoid.

From a purely political perspective, that’s a budget process the GOP congressional leadership will want to keep exactly as it is now, and budget process reform is something it will desperately want to avoid.

The insistence that the federal budget process is broken and needs to be changed isn’t coming from Capitol Hill. Yes, there are pockets of concern by some members of both houses; the House and Senate budget committees have held hearings on this (full disclosure: I have testified before both on this issue); there is even a House-Senate select committee that is supposed to come up with budget process reform recommendations by Thanksgiving.

But all this activity is less designed to retool the budget process than it is to placate all those who are so fervently saying that it needs to be reformed: the interest

groups, think tanks and associations that make up the inside-the-Beltway federal budgeting community. (More full disclosure: I am generally considered to be part of this group.)

This group thinks the federal budget process is broken because the process isn’t doing what it wants done. The Beltway budget crowd refuses to admit that. Because of last year’s massive tax cut followed by this year’s big spending increase deal, the United States has just gone through the fiscal equivalent of a political realignment that was engineered by GOP leaders. The virtually constant demand for a balanced federal budget that has existed for decades wasn’t just abandoned over the past few months; it was replaced with a permanent, trillion-dollar annual deficit.

Those leaders aren’t going anywhere soon. No matter what happens in this fall’s elections, they will certainly still be in their positions by the time the new budget reform committee is supposed to complete its work a few weeks after Election Day.

So much of the federal budgeting community is living in a fiscal fantasyland and a deficit dream world. What the specialists want is not what the leadership wants. And even a broken, abused and mishandled federal budget process isn’t going to change very much so long as it allows Congress to get politically expedient results.

The Beltway budgeting world also re-

fuses to admit that the formal process doesn’t really matter, anyway. As the past two budget debates amply prove, Congress is very willing to bend or completely ignore its own budget rules whenever leaders want, especially because members don’t fear any political retribution for doing so. Voters just don’t seem to care very much about arcane legislative procedures.

That means all the suggestions about how to fix the federal budget process are — to use a technical term — utter nonsense. Unless the political calculus changes, Congress will ignore any newly required reports by the Congressional Budget Office the way it disregards the current ones. Tighter deadlines for legislative action or two-year budgets will be treated as if they don’t exist. No procedural changes of any kind will force Congress to do anything it doesn’t want to do.

That means there will be more budget cliffhanger endings in the future, and we shouldn’t count on the congressional leadership to push changes to stop them from happening. As far as they’re concerned, the current federal budget process is working perfectly.

The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE

I'm in an abusive relationship with Facebook

BY JOSEPH HOLT

With true friends, the more you learn about each other the more you like, trust and want to spend time with each other. With Facebook, the more I learn about their cavalier attitude toward users' personal data, the more I don't like, trust or want to spend time with them.

And the more I read about Cambridge Analytica's harvesting of the private data of more than 50 million Facebook users without their permission, the more stomach-turning I find it that the company celebrated its Feb. 4 anniversary with a self-declared "Friends Day," a day for celebrating friendship.

When I opened the Friends Day link the other day, I received the following message: "Thank you for being a friend." The message encouraged me to continue "to celebrate the ways that friends make life great," and I will because they do. But Facebook itself does the opposite of what true friends do.

True friends inspire trust. The more you know them the more you trust them. But the more I learn about the way that Facebook either knowingly or carelessly made private user data available to a political consulting firm targeting messages to

voters for the 2016 Trump campaign, the less I trust them.

The Facebook Principles open with the statement that "We are building Facebook to make the world more open and transparent." And true friends are open and transparent with one another.

But Facebook cannot credibly stand for the values of openness and transparency when it is translucent at best about its own operations. Senior Facebook leaders reportedly disagree about how openly the company should share the extent to which nation states used the social network to spread disinformation. That disagreement makes it difficult to believe that openness and transparency are core values of the company.

The openness of true friends is warranted because, as Aristotle pointed out, with friends in the truest sense you get the feeling that "he or she would never wrong me." But the fact that Facebook allowed the personal data of so many trusting users to get into the hands of a political data firm whose CEO offered to entrap rival politicians in order to sway an election does not leave me confident that the company would never harm me.

The fact that the social network was one of the most effective tools used in the 2016

election to spread Russian propaganda and fake news leaves me believing that they are capable of harming not only individuals but the country as a whole, knowingly or not. I can't be friends with someone who would do that.

Facebook is also an anti-friend because you cannot count on the company to keep its word. There is no close friendship without deep trust, and there is no deep trust between two people who can't count on each other's word.

Facebook got into trouble with the Federal Trade Commission in 2011 for telling users that third-party apps could not access their data. The FTC found that the apps could in fact do so extensively. The company entered into a consent decree with the agency promising to protect people's personal information. The Cambridge Analytica controversy makes clear the company has not kept its word.

Whether that is because they did not care to do so, or because they were not capable of doing so, the result is the same: They cannot be trusted.

True friends spend time with one another because they love one another, not so that they can use each other. Those who profess to be your friend when they need something from you but not otherwise are

not your friend at all.

Facebook is not your friend either. They want to get close to you and spend time with you so they can amass even greater power and wealth by selling ads based on personal information including your age, likes, etc.

It pains me to write these words about Facebook, because the platform has enabled me to reconnect and stay in touch with dozens of true friends and family members that I had fallen out of touch with over years of widespread travel and study abroad.

It troubles me that Facebook provides a place for true friends to meet and then takes advantage of the friends' openness with each other. Facebook is like a bartender who keeps serving two friends drinks with a smile so that he or she can overhear their conversation and share details of it with people who want to use that information for their own purposes.

I am sure that I want to stay in touch with my friends. But I am increasingly unsure that I want to stay for another round at Mr. Zuckerberg's bar.

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Making the deficit great again

BY ADAM N. MICHEL

Fiscal restraint is dead in Washington, and no one seems to care.

The March omnibus spending deal follows through on an agreement to spend significantly more over the next two years than any Obama-era spending cap increase. Such a dramatic departure from fiscal sanity is reckless.

The now-certain return of trillion-dollar deficits threatens to undermine Republicans' most significant legislative accomplishment: tax reform.

Unlike additional government spending, properly designed tax cuts let people keep more of their own money, allow the economy to grow, and lead to higher wages and better economic opportunities.

Tax reform's promise was simple. American families will send an average of 2,000 fewer dollars to Washington each year — a tax cut for America.

Increased omnibus spending telegraphs the opposite message. Taxes won't stay low for long.

Federal government spending is more than 20 percent of the U.S. economy, and spending consistently exceeds what the government collects in tax revenue.

This past year, the House, the Senate and President Donald Trump all proposed budgets that cut spending growth and move the U.S. toward fiscal sanity. Each of these proposals has been successively ignored. Instead, Congress crafts bipartisan agreements to spend more every year — reviving trillion-dollar deficits and increasing the pace at which the U.S. debt grows.

Without spending cuts, including significant reforms to entitlement spending, tax cuts only serve to make the U.S. fiscal crisis worse. However, a dearth of tax revenue is not the reason Congress has racked up \$20 trillion of debt. Washington's problem is an addiction to spending other people's money.

Congress' decision to reduce tax revenue and increase spending at the same time is a recipe for



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fiscal disaster. In fact, Congress' new spending is projected to increase over the next 10 years by the same amount they just cut taxes, pushing the difference between revenues and spending even further off balance.

What is often forgotten in the abstract world of budget math is that Washington's fiscal policy matters to the bottom line of every American. When the IRS takes less of your money, you have more to spend, plow back into your business, or put toward your child's education or your retirement plan.

The economic benefits of the tax cuts are readily apparent. Unemployment is sustained at a 17-year low, and wages are rising

faster than they have since 2009. Indeed, hundreds of businesses have announced raises, bonuses and new investments directly benefiting millions of Americans.

Don't count on the good times lasting forever. When legislators are unwilling to address out-of-control spending, they quickly look for new sources of revenue.

Congress and the president are repeating the mistakes of history. Portions of both the Reagan tax cuts in the early 1980s and the Bush tax cuts in the early 2000s were ultimately reversed.

Every American who just received a tax cut should be a

newly minted deficit hawk. Without serious spending reforms, your taxes will go back up. Congress made much of the tax cuts temporary. So unless we can reverse course, it is only a matter of time before the tax-man comes knocking.

The threat of increased taxes is only the most direct impact of Washington's opulence. Countries with unsustainable amounts of debt compared with the size of their economy — a group the U.S. is quickly joining — grow at a slower rate.

But a sluggish economic future is avoidable. Solidified by the recent tax reform, America is in the midst of a prolonged period of econo-

mic growth and increasing prosperity. There is no reason the good news has to end. Times of sustained growth are the best time to cut back on spending to correct fiscal imbalances.

But Washington is tempting fate. Lawmakers seem to be testing the limits of economic stability by both cutting taxes and recklessly increasing spending.

If you got a tax cut and want to keep it, you should be clamoring for Washington to balance the budget by cutting spending.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Serious reform

The Illinois General Assembly should consider adopting a runoff election system for primaries. Ten other states have runoff rules in place for when a candidate fails to secure a majority of votes in a primary. Policy discussions would be more compelling and issues-driven in the shorter campaign period between the first election and the runoff. As a Democratic voter, researching and comparing the various policy points of eight different attorney general candidates felt like a struggle.

Similarly, allowing a billionaire candidate to buy seemingly endless TV time a year before the election left the other candidates fighting for scraps in the governor's race. Serious campaign

finance reform must be passed to prevent this auction of an election from happening again.

We need a new primary system in place to ensure that Illinois' elected officials will be accountable to the people.

— John Gargiulo, Chicago

A new era

I'd like to express heartfelt gratitude for the Tribune's valiant effort to expose the self-propagating assessment industry the powers that be have created. Now to the winner of the Democratic primary for Cook County assessor: Fritz, this won't be easy, but a breakup is your task. Make us feel good about what we've done.

— Steve Beranek, Arlington Heights

In the future

Congratulations to all the dedicated individuals who ran in the primaries.

It is difficult for me to understand how much \$50 million or \$60 million looks like to win a primary. So here are some suggestions for the future governor:

1. Implement a policy that a candidate must duplicate the amount of campaign money spent with a gift to the state of Illinois. This could be for education, health care, etc. It would be a way to show the common people that money could be put to good use.

2. Immediately, implement term limits for all public offices. This could avoid stale decisions and spur change for the good state of Illinois.

3. Before candidates can apply for office, they must fully disclose their educational background and their personal financial situation.

Thank you, all. We hope you can make the change that has been promised.

— Pat Schultz, Wilmette

Thanks for nothing

I continue to be amazed at voter turnout every time Illinoisans go to the polls. It is clear that we, as voters, are our own worst enemies. We live in a bankrupt state with a very bleak future, and still, the majority of registered Illinois voters forgo their right to make a difference. At last count, there were just about 8 million registered voters in Illinois, and yesterday approximately 2 million Illinois residents voted in the Democratic/Republican gubernatorial primary — that's right around 25 percent of all registered voters.

Based on that percentage of voter turnout, you would think we have no worries as Illinois residents. I read and hear daily about the dysfunction of Illinois government. I constantly hear complaints about a governor who is out of touch, the leader of the Democratic Machine who has overstayed

his welcome, and a state so bankrupt that we are losing citizens daily. And our response as citizens is 25 percent voter turnout.

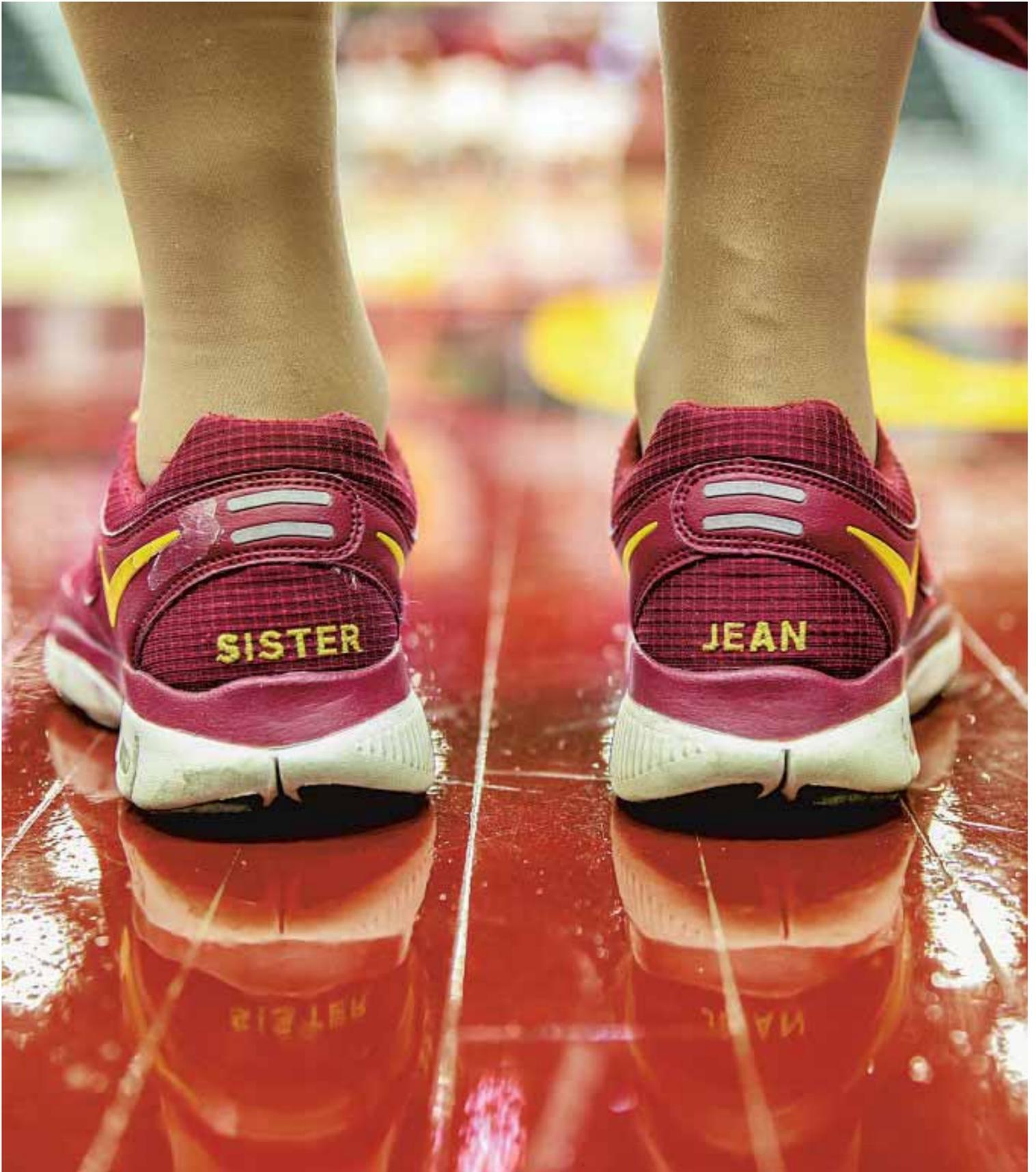
So the next time you hear a fellow Illinoisan complaining about the cesspool that is the state of Illinois, I challenge you to ask that person if he or she voted in the 2018 primary. If they respond no, then your response should simply be, "Quit complaining and thanks for being a drain on our state."

In November, we will have the distinct privilege of voting for one of two incredibly wealthy men to lead our state. One who has misled his constituents and even lied to Cardinal Blase Cupich, and another who has been anointed the man to wash Messiah Michael Madigan's feet. Wow, what great choices we have. ... And yes, we thank all of you who stayed home on March 20 and played the blame game.

— Mark Zavagnin, La Grange

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Fed raises key rate in unanimous vote

As central bank hints at 2 more increases this year, look for higher costs on credit cards, car loans and home mortgages

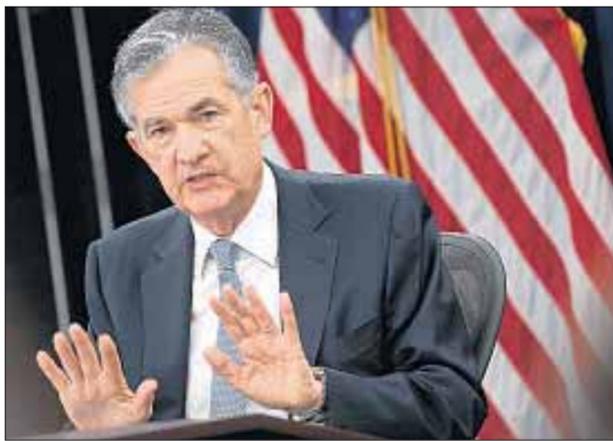
By SAMANTHA BOMKAMP | Chicago Tribune

Americans are taking on more debt, and they're soon going to be paying more for it.

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised its benchmark interest rate, citing an improving economy, low unemployment and rising wages. The move will affect millions of Americans by making it more expensive to borrow money, whether that's in the form of a credit card balance, car loan or home mortgage.

This may mean the time is ripe to make a big purchase before interest rates go higher. The Fed already has promised two additional rate hikes this year and more in 2019 as its benchmark federal funds rate climbs from historic lows during the Great Recession.

But there's also a silver lining for savers: Because interest rates have been low for years, it's been tough to gain much extra ground in the form of interest when stashing away cash in savings accounts. The Fed's move will make it easier to accrue interest on a nest egg or rainy day fund.



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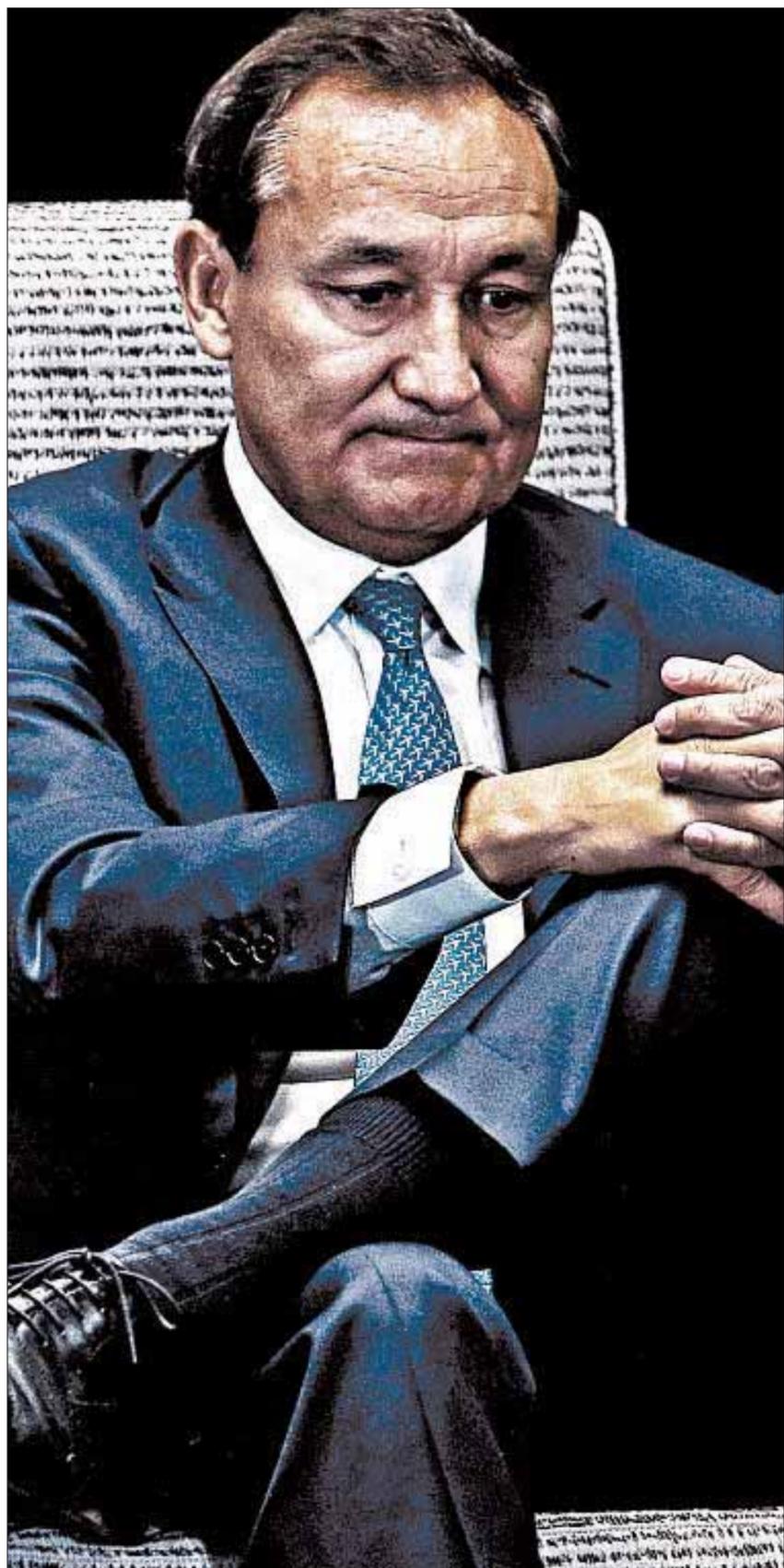
The Fed raised interest rates a quarter-point under Chairman Jerome Powell, who presided over his first meeting.

What comes first

You'll probably see the first sign of rising interest rates on your credit card bill within a few weeks, said Tendayi Kapfudz, chief economist for loan comparison site LendingTree. That's because credit card companies generally offer variable interest rates that are adjusted in real time according to the prime rate, or the interest rate charged by most major banks to their corporate customers. The federal funds rate and the prime rate are tightly linked, and as one goes, so the other tends to go.

The increase in the federal funds rate announced Wednesday — 0.25 percentage points to a

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United Airlines CEO Oscar Munoz spoke to the Executives' Club of Chicago on Wednesday.

'We got it wrong'

United CEO expresses regret over puppy's death

By MICHAEL SASSO AND KIM CHIPMAN
Bloomberg News

United Continental Holdings' boss expressed regret for the recent in-flight death of a 10-month-old puppy.

"We got it wrong last week," Chief Executive Officer Oscar Munoz said in a speech to a Chicago business group. "We take this deeply seriously."

Munoz acknowledged the shortcomings after a bruising week of public-relations fiascos involving animals. The puppy died March 12 after a flight attendant had the pet and its crate placed in an overhead bin. In a

separate incident, the airline sent a Kansas-bound German shepherd to Japan.

A U.S. senator called United's handling of pets "simply inexcusable," saying 18 of 24 animals that died on a major airline last year were in the airline's care.

The dog blunders occurred almost a year after United drew worldwide scorn when a passenger was dragged off a flight by security officials in Chicago. The airline is learning from its mistakes, Munoz said in his speech.

"Ultimately this whole thing is about trust," he said. "You have the right to demand the highest level of performance from us."

Two properties for sale near new McDonald's HQ

Fulton Market district changing quickly



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

As McDonald's prepares to move its headquarters to Chicago this spring, owners of two nearby properties are ready to cash in on soaring real estate values in the surrounding Fulton Market district.

Chicago developer Sterling Bay has hired brokers to sell the two-story former First Chicago Bank & Trust building it owns at 1040 W. Randolph St., across the street from the McDonald's headquarters, which Sterling Bay also is developing.

New York-based Madison Capital has hired the same brokers to sell a property about two blocks north, at 328 N. Carpenter St. The firm already has city zoning approval to knock down the former Sam's Meat Co. warehouse and replace it with a seven-story, 96,000-square-foot office and retail building.

Newmark Knight Frank brokers Andy Gallas and Gino Tabbi are representing the sellers of both properties, according to marketing flyers distributed to investors. Neither property is listed with an asking price.

Investors and office tenants in recent years have flocked to the district, which was previ-

ously known for meatpackers and food wholesalers.

The area just west of the Kennedy Expressway downtown has attracted boutique hotels, high-end restaurants, shops and the offices of well-known companies, including Google's Midwest headquarters in the former Fulton Market Cold Storage building. That building also was redeveloped by Sterling Bay.

Fulton Market is one of the areas proposed as a potential site for Amazon's HQ2 — the e-commerce giant's planned 50,000-employee second headquarters, which 20 locations are still in the running to land. McDonald's plans to move from Oak Brook into its more than 600,000-square-foot headquarters building in the neighborhood later this spring.

Sterling Bay's offices are in the approximately 51,000-square-foot Randolph Street building, but the developer is set to move to a nearby office building it recently completed.

The developer bought the art deco Randolph building out of bankruptcy for about \$4.7 million in 2012, then made extensive renovations.

Sterling Bay has sold off other Fulton Market properties, including Google's 1K Fulton building, as it redevelops several other properties in the area. The firm also plans to spend as much as \$10 billion redeveloping more than 70

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BREAKING UP WITH FACEBOOK? IT'S HARDER THAN IT LOOKS

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook's latest privacy scandal, involving Trump campaign consultants who allegedly stole data on tens of millions of users in order to influence elections, has some people reconsidering their relationship status with the social network.

There's just one problem: There isn't much of anywhere else to go.

Facebook has weathered many such blow-ups before and is used to apologizing and moving on. But the stakes are bigger this time.

Regulatory authorities are starting to focus on the data misappropriation, triggering a 9 percent decline in Facebook's normally high-flying stock since Monday. Some of that reflects fear that changes in Facebook's business will hurt profits or that advertisers and users will sour on the social network.

The furor over Cambridge Analytica, the data mining firm accused of stealing Facebook data, follows a bad year in which Facebook acknowledged



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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said he'd devote 2018 to fixing Facebook, but problems persist.

helping spread fake news and propaganda from Russian agents. It also comes less than three months after CEO Mark Zuckerberg told the world that he would devote the year to fixing Facebook. Instead, things seem to be getting worse.

"It's more serious economically, politically, financially and will require a more robust response in order to regain users' trust," said Steve Jones, a professor of communications at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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USDA cuts number of days workers can telecommute

Experts worry about traffic congestion

BY LORI ARATANI
The Washington Post

A new initiative at the U.S. Agriculture Department that requires thousands of its employees to work from the agency's offices rather than at home has some planners and traffic experts worried that other federal agencies could follow suit — a move that would increase congestion on Washington-area roadways.

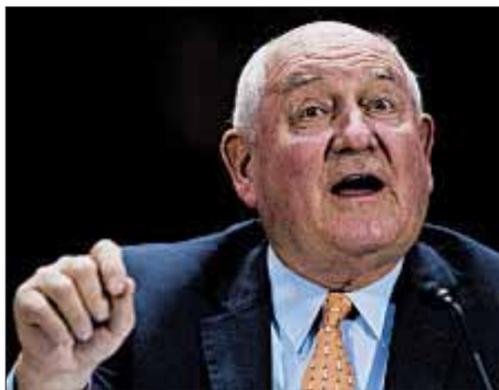
After years of encouraging more of its employees to telework, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue reversed course this year and said employees would be permitted to telework only one day a week — and no more than two days per pay period. Before, eligible employees could work remotely up to four days per week.

Perdue did not respond to requests for comment on the policy change, but in an emailed statement a spokesman said: "USDA's telework policy is designed to be responsible to the taxpayers and responsive to the customers who depend on our services. It is also respectful of our fellow employees who come to work each day."

The shift, which began last month, is part of Perdue's OneUSDA philosophy, which aims to promote "USDA as one family, working together as a single team to serve the American people," the spokesman added.

Case-by-case exceptions can be made by supervisors if there are space issues, officials said. Like many federal agencies, the USDA has downsized its office space as more workers opted to telework. Nationwide, one-third of USDA's 97,200 employees telework.

"We're just baffled by it,



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue wants the department's employees to spend more time at their offices.

said Jeff Streiffer, spokesman for the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1106.

Added Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., a co-sponsor of the 2010 legislation that increased the teleworking opportunity for federal workers: "This is a retrograde move by (Secretary) Perdue."

So far the change appears limited to the USDA. Officials with the Defense Department, the largest federal agency, said they do not plan to make changes to their telework programs. About 16 percent of the agency's 776,408 employees across the country telework.

According to an analysis by AAA-Mid Atlantic, about 5,200 USDA employees in the Washington region telecommute at least a portion of each week. And although the number is relatively small compared to other federal agencies, it will have an impact on commuters in the region, AAA spokesman John Townsend said.

The shift also could add nearly 42,000 additional trips weekly to roads, trains, buses and other transportation modes. Over the course of a year that could equal 2.1 million additional commuter trips.

USDA officials said that because the change is part of a nationwide shift, it did not conduct an assessment of its impact on local traffic patterns — which both Connolly and Townsend said was short-sighted.

"It affects every doggone commuter out there," Townsend said. "It puts more traffic back on our roads, buses and Metro."

The shift also runs counter to recent efforts to get more federal workers to telework.

In 2010, Congress passed legislation to encourage more federal workers to telework.

While the legislation requires that agencies develop policies allowing employees to work remotely, it leaves the decision of who and how many workers should telework to the individual agencies. The Washington region is home to 420,000 federal workers.

According to the 2016 report, released in December by the Office of Personnel Management, the number of those workers who telework has steadily increased.

Participation in fiscal 2016 grew from 20 percent to 22 percent of all employees; more than half of those eligible to telework do so.

What to expect next

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range of 1.5 to 1.75 percent — won't make a huge impact for most people right away, Kapfidge said, but it will add up for those who carry a balance and pay only the minimum required.

The average U.S. consumer's credit card balance is \$5,644, according to CreditCards.com, which would mean just \$14 extra in interest per year, on average. But it would mean an extra \$109 in interest until the balance is paid off if you paid only the minimum.

And the rate at which Americans are taking on more debt is rising across the board, according to a recent study from Chicago-based credit bureau TransUnion. While serious delinquencies are going down, average debt for car and personal loans, mortgages, and credit cards all rose between 2016 and 2017.

The next steps

Home equity loans and auto loans with adjustable rates — most likely those made with a lender outside of the automaker — will begin to see higher rates next, Kapfidge said. Personal loan providers will soon catch up as well. That's why this is a critical time to shop around for the best interest rate on any debt you can, he said, especially with rates set to go even higher later this year.

"You definitely have options; it really depends on who is giving out the loan," Kapfidge said.

Kapfidge also recommends consolidating debt through a fixed-rate per-

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— Lewis Jones, managing broker at Coldwell Banker

sonal loan to insulate yourself from future rate hikes.

It's also a good time to get a copy of your credit report and make sure you understand your total debt so you can make the best decisions in paying it off, he said.

Buyer's market?

Even though it may seem like a bad time to take on more debt, Lewis Jones, managing broker of Coldwell Banker's Lakeview office, said he's advising clients to buy sooner rather than later.

"We're advising clients to buy now — interest rates are still historically low," Jones said, noting that potential buyer activity has been rising in the Chicago area recently with the arrival of spring. "We say that a lot, but it's really true now."

"Whenever the Fed says interest rates are going up, (our clients) get a little nervous," he said. "But on a 30-year mortgage, (the higher rate) is really going to have a nominal effect."

Sage advice

Organizations that work with vulnerable sections of the population like low-income or older residents have the same, simple advice for their members in a time of rising interest rates: Save as much as you can,

work as much as you can, and get rid of debt.

Bob Gallo, AARP Illinois' state director, said that while the organization doesn't specifically counsel members or give financial advice, he thinks older Illinoisans would benefit from rebalancing their portfolios to lean more heavily toward bonds and money market accounts and away from stocks as interest rates go up. But he still would suggest that those who are working continue to work as long as possible in order not to dip into investments and run out of money in retirement.

LendingTree's Kapfidge notes that interest in savings accounts can vary widely as well because not all banks will raise rates at the same pace or by the same amount. It's best to do your research and ensure you're getting the most bang for your saved buck, he said.

Gallo said that in addition to making sound investments, he believes the best defense against financial surprises later on is prioritizing savings.

"I remember that old saying, 'The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, and the second-best time is now,'" he said. "The same is true with savings."

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

From news services

Existing home sales rise 3%; inventory falls

U.S. sales of existing homes rebounded in February after declining for the previous two months, a sign that many Americans are still looking to buy despite rising prices and a shrinking number of homes available on the market.

The National Association of Realtors said Wednesday that sales rose 3 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.54 million. This increase after declining sales in January and December suggests that competition will be heated during the traditional spring home-buying season.

The shortage of properties for sale is creating a challenge for would-be homebuyers. As sales listings have steadily declined, prices have been climbing at the same time as a stronger job market has elevated demand — and, also, competition — for purchasing homes. Higher mortgage rates this year might also cause even fewer people to list their homes for sale, which would make the current supply squeeze worse.

The median home sales price was \$241,700 in February, a 5.9 percent increase over the past year.

Prices are climbing, in part, because the number of sales listings has dropped. The supply of homes for sale declined 8.1 percent from a year ago to 1.59 million.



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Starbucks said it has committed \$10 million to develop a recyclable and compostable coffee cup.

Starbucks to make greener cup

Starbucks is making a \$10 million commitment to develop a greener coffee cup that is fully recyclable and compostable.

The company on Tuesday announced the NextGen Cup Challenge initiative in partnership with Closed Loop Partners' Center for the Circular Economy. The goal is to give cups a second life and keep them from landfills.

Inventors will receive grants.

Starbucks says its paper cups are currently manufactured with 10 percent post-consumer recycled fiber. The inside is coated with a thin liner designed to meet quality and safety standards.

The company's research and development team is testing a bio-liner, partly made from plant-based material.

Union official charged in scheme

A union official who helped negotiate a contract with Fiat Chrysler has been charged with accepting luxuries worth tens of thousands of dollars, including fancy shoes, air travel and lavish meals.

Nancy A. Johnson is the sixth person to be charged in a scheme to strip millions from a Detroit worker training cen-

ter financed by Fiat Chrysler, also known as FCA. The leader, former auto executive Al Iacubelli, has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence.

U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider said Wednesday that blue-collar workers were "betrayed." The government says Johnson spent \$1,100 on a pair of shoes and \$1,200 for spa services.

Privacy scandal tough to ignore

Facebook, from Page 1

Yet leaving Facebook, like ending a long marriage, isn't remotely simple. Starting with the little things.

Arvind Rajan, a tech executive from San Francisco who deactivated his account on Monday, suddenly discovered he needs to create new usernames and passwords for a variety of apps and websites. That's because he previously logged in with his Facebook ID.

It's a pain, he said, "but not the end of the world." And because he is bothered by Facebook's "ham-handed" response to recent problems, the inconvenience is worth it.

For other users looking to leave, it can feel as if there are no real alternatives. Twitter? Too flighty, too public. Instagram? Whoops, owned by Facebook. Snapchat? Please, unless you're under 25 — in which case you're probably not on Facebook to begin with.

Facebook connects 2.2 billion users and a host of communities that have sprung up on its network. No other company can match the breadth or depth of these connections — thanks in part to Facebook's proclivity for squashing or swallowing up its competition.

But it is precisely in Facebook's interest to make users feel Facebook is the only place to connect with others. Where else will grandmothers see photos of their far-flung grandkids? How will new mothers connect to other parents also up at 4 a.m. with a newborn?

"My only hesitation is that there are hundreds of pictures posted over 13 years of my life that I do not want to lose access to. If there was a way to recover these photos, I would deactivate immediately," Daniel Schwartz, who lives in Atlanta, said in an email.

People eager to delete their profiles may find unexpected problems that point to how integral Facebook is to many activities, said Ifeoma Ajunwa, a professor of organizational behavior at Cornell University.

"It is getting more and

more difficult for people to delete Facebook, since it's not just as a social media platform but also almost like a meeting square," she said.

Parents could soon realize that their child's soccer schedule with games and pickup times is only on a Facebook page, for example. Many businesses also schedule meetings via Facebook.

"It's more and more difficult for people to feel plugged in if you're not on Facebook," Ajunwa said.

There are no signs, so far, that users are leaving en masse — and advertisers go where the eyeballs are, so they aren't leaving either. Research firm eMarketer hasn't changed its estimate that worldwide ad spending on Facebook will climb 22 percent this year to nearly \$49 billion.

Still, if "Facebook were forced to change the way it uses data or the way its ad products work, then advertisers may become less enamored with it," said Debra Aho Williamson, an analyst with the firm.

Not surprisingly, Facebook doesn't make it easy to leave. To permanently delete your account, you need to make a request to the company. The process can take several days, and if you log in during this time, your request will be canceled. It can take up to 90 days to delete everything.

There's a less permanent way to leave, deactivation, which hides your profile from everyone but lets you return if you change your mind.

Lili Orozco, a 28-year-old office manager for her family's heating and cooling company in Watkinsville, Georgia, deleted her account in December. She was upset that every new app she downloaded would ask for her Facebook contacts.

And while she liked staying in touch with people, she was irritated by the conspiracy stories her high school friends would share.

"Falsehoods spread faster on Facebook than the truth does," she said. She now gets her news from Twitter.

Mae Anderson and DeAnn Durbin contributed to this story.

District being developed quickly

McDonald's, from Page 1

acres along the Chicago River on the North Side, a project it is calling Lincoln Yards — another proposed HQ site.

East Syracuse, N.Y.-based Aspen Dental Management recently announced plans to open a 250-employee office after Sterling Bay moves out.

The 12-year lease for the entire building begins in September, according to a Newmark Knight Frank flyer on the property.

The buyer eventually could expand or even replace the building with a taller one, according to the flyer. The site is zoned for a building more than four times the size of the current structure, which includes 45 underground parking spaces.

Sterling Bay managing principal Andy Gloor did not immediately respond Wednesday to requests for comment.

Madison Capital and Washington, D.C.-based partner ASB Real Estate Investments bought 328 N. Carpenter as part of a \$26 million, four-building deal in 2015. The venture has already begun redeveloping the other buildings, including plans for wellness company Vital Proteins' office headquarters and a shop at 939 W. Fulton Market.

Madison Capital partner J. Joseph Jacobson described the redevelopment of the other Fulton Market building as "a tremendous success," but he said the firm decided to sell the land because it has no experience with ground-up developments in Chicago. Jacobson said the parcel is valuable because of its location across the street from Google's building and its existing planned development.

"To our knowledge, this is the only prime development site available in Fulton Market with zoning and entitlement approvals," Jacobson said in an email.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

\$50B

person, who did not want to be identified because official vote results have not been released, says the approval was by a large margin. Final totals are expected in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The pay package that shareholders of electric car and solar panel maker Tesla Inc. have approved for CEO Elon Musk if he meets lofty milestones over the next decade, according to a person briefed on the vote. The

Nordstrom soldiers on as buyout deal fizzles

Retailer will move forward as publicly traded company

By **LINDSEY RUPP**
Bloomberg News

Nordstrom is moving ahead as a publicly traded company, abandoning an attempt by its founding family to take the retailer private and plot a comeback with less scrutiny.

A special committee of the board ended talks with the Nordstrom family when the two sides couldn't agree on a price. It had rejected a proposal earlier this month that would have valued Nordstrom at about \$8.4 billion, or \$50 a share.

Investors were disappointed by the move, sending the shares down as much as 4.1 percent to \$47.32 on Wednesday, eras-

ing much of its gains in 2018.

With the buyout discussions now over, the company is focusing on gaining market share by refining its product selection, improving service and capitalizing on its brand, the board said on Tuesday.

"Nordstrom is well positioned to capitalize on future opportunities," the board committee said in a statement.

The group representing the founding family included the retailer's co-presidents, Blake Nordstrom, Peter Nordstrom and Erik Nordstrom, a trio that operates in place of a traditional chief executive officer. On the other side of the table was Nordstrom's independent directors, such as JPMorgan Chase executive Gordon Smith and TaskRabbit CEO Stacy

Brown-Philpot.

The family had been working since June to take the 117-year-old retailer private. The idea was to remove Nordstrom from the glare of public markets and complete a turnaround of the business, which has been hurt by an industry-wide slump.

But members of the group struggled to get a deal done. They suspended the effort in October after failing to get favorable financing terms, then they picked up the campaign again after the holiday season was over.

The family members, who own about 31 percent of the shares, have argued that the bid was generous when compared with the stock price before they announced the buyout plan in June. At the time, the shares were trading at \$40.48, meaning a \$50 bid repre-



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The Nordstrom family had been working since June to take the 117-year-old retailer private but couldn't agree on a price.

presented a 24 percent premium.

The board committee disagreed. After rejecting

the bid earlier this month, it told advisers and management not to provide any more due-diligence infor-

mation to the family. Centerview Partners is serving as financial adviser to the directors, with Sidley Austin acting as legal counsel.

"The price proposed is inadequate," the retailer said at the time. "Unless the group can promptly and substantially improve the price it is proposing to pay for the company, the special committee intends to terminate discussions."

The question now is whether another bid may emerge, said Nordstrom investor Tony Scherrer, the director of research at Smead Capital Management.

"The family hasn't come back with anything that's materially attractive enough to shareholders, so they're shutting it down — at least for now," he said. "We don't know if the fat lady has sung yet."



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If CEO Elon Musk's 12 goals are reached, Tesla would be the fourth-most-valuable U.S. company.

Tesla CEO could see \$50B pay deal

Shareholders approve Musk's new compensation package, source says

By **TOM KRISHER**
Associated Press

DETROIT — Shareholders of electric car and solar panel maker Tesla Inc. have approved an ambitious pay package for iconic CEO Elon Musk that could net him more than \$50 billion if he meets lofty milestones over the next decade, according to a person briefed on the vote.

The person, who did not want to be identified because officials vote results have not been released yet, says the approval was by a large margin. Final totals are expected later Wednesday in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Tesla says the all-or-nothing package is worth \$2.6 billion at current stock values, but that would rise dramatically if Musk meets 12 incremental goals including raising the company's market capitalization tenfold to \$650 billion. Also included are targets to increase adjusted pretax income and revenue.

If the goals are reached, Tesla would be the fourth-most-valuable U.S. company and Musk would be among the richest people in the world.

Two firms that evaluate proxies for investors recommend that shareholders

vote against the pay plan, which they say is unprecedented in size for a U.S. public company. The firms, Institutional Shareholder Services and Glass Lewis, both peg the current value of Musk's package at \$3.7 billion. Tesla has yet to turn a full-year net profit even though it's been in business for 15 years.

At least two large shareholders and Tesla's board supported the plan, saying it's necessary to keep Musk in the fold and reach the goal of switching the world from burning oil for transportation to sustainable electric vehicles.

"We believe as a board and executive team that we can actually achieve these milestones," said board member Antonio Gracias, who points out that under a 2012 incentive package, Musk raised Tesla's market capitalization by 17 times to more than \$50 billion last year. "It's very important to think about the specifics of Tesla and what we have already achieved."

For each of 12 milestones Tesla achieves, Musk, who already owns over 20 percent of the company, will get stock worth 1 percent of Tesla. "The shareholders get 99 percent, Elon gets 1 percent," Gracias said.

To get there, Musk will have to expand Tesla's

product lineup to include previously announced semis, a new SUV and a pickup truck. Plus the company's solar roofs will have to be successfully integrated into its energy storage business.

There's also the issue of production delays, which have occurred on all of Tesla's current vehicles. The company currently is trying to raise production to meet demand of its Model 3, a mass-market electric car that starts at \$35,000.

Gracias says shareholders realize that Tesla is often optimistic about hitting production milestones and is working hard to achieve them. "We always hit our goals eventually. We are sometimes late," he said. "Sometimes the application of engineering takes longer than we think."

The package is an incentive for Musk to focus on Tesla, which has been a concern for investors. Musk also is the founder and CEO of rocket company SpaceX and co-founder of OpenAI, a nonprofit that researches artificial intelligence. He also recently started The Boring Co., a tunnel-building firm.

ISS, in recommending against the plan, wrote that Musk could get a substantial portion of the award even if Tesla doesn't reach sustained profitability. The plan would be suspended but not automatically forfeited if Musk takes a leave

of absence, the firm wrote in a note to investors. "These issues both potentially undermine the board's given objectives of retaining Musk and further aligning his interests with those of shareholders," ISS wrote.

But investment firm T. Rowe Price and others supported the package, saying the board addresses Tesla's challenges in the right way by thinking creatively. "We believe the final plan is well aligned with shareholders' long-term interests," the company said in a statement.

Young companies like Tesla usually experience incredible growth over short periods, then level off for a period as they regroup, said Todd Saxton, associate professor of strategy and entrepreneurship at Indiana University. That puts Musk's "stepwise goals that assume constant acceleration" at risk of not being met, Saxton said.

Such packages can encourage CEOs to take risks in order to meet the milestones, Saxton said. But he doesn't think Musk will do that. "I really do believe that Musk will act in the best interest of Tesla," he said. "He'll come as close to winning as he can."

The shareholders meeting took place Wednesday morning near San Francisco.

Tesla shares rose just under 3 percent to \$319.51 after the vote was made public.

Why the British soda tax might really work

By **CAITLIN DEWEY**
Washington Post

The great British soda tax doesn't begin for two more weeks, but some experts are already calling it a success.

That's because the graduated levy, which goes into effect April 6, has prompted some of the country's largest soda-makers to slash the sugar in their beverages.

Coca-Cola has changed the recipe for Fanta. San Pellegrino sodas in the United Kingdom now have 40 percent less sugar. The reduction has been so dramatic that the British Treasury has cut its revenue forecast for the levy almost in half to reflect the shrinking number of soft drinks with a taxable amount of sweetener.

Politicians and public health experts have cheered the news, which they say will reduce obesity and diabetes. And some are already promoting the British soda tax - which operates differently from the taxes in place elsewhere - as a model for other countries.

"Our Sugar Tax is even more effective than hoped," tweeted George Osborne, the former finance minister, noting the latest product changes.

"That means less sugar and better health," he added. "Progressive policy in action."

As Osborne and others have noted, the design of the British soda tax is unique. Other countries, such as Mexico and South Africa, and U.S. cities, including Philadelphia and Berkeley, created their taxes with the goal of decreasing consumption of sugary drinks. Cook County, Ill., which includes Chicago, enacted a tax on sugary drinks meant to shore up the county's coffers. The unpopular tax was repealed soon after.

But the British tax was designed to encourage soda-makers to cut the sugar in their products. It incentivizes these "reformulations," as they are known in the industry, by charging two separate rates based on total sugar content.

The lower rate, which applies to drinks with roughly 12 to 19 grams of sugar per eight-ounce can, works out to roughly 6 cents per serving. The higher rate, which applies to drinks with more than 19 grams of sugar per can, is

about 8 cents per serving.

The brilliance of this design, from a public health perspective, is that it simultaneously discourages soda consumption while nudging soda-makers to improve the nutrition of the beverages.

In Britain, that nudge appears to have worked: In addition to Coca-Cola and Nestle UK, which makes San Pellegrino, regional sodas such as Irn-Bru, Lucozade and Ribena have slashed their total sugars to amounts that fall right beneath the level of the lowest tax. Several companies, such as Nichols, the maker of popular soda Vimto, have also begun refocusing their product development efforts on low- and no-sugar beverages.

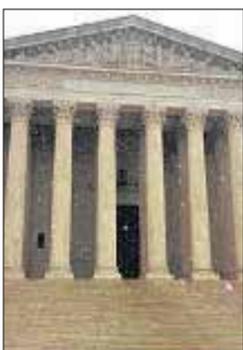
And restaurant chains, including Pizza Hut and TGI Fridays, have limited the availability of some drinks to avoid the tax, removing full-sugar sodas from self-serve fountains.

Of course, critics of the soda tax are not counting these industry moves as a victory — at least not yet.

In a recent op-ed for the Telegraph, Ryan Bourne, an economist at the libertarian Cato Institute, argued that it is far too soon to tell if the much-touted reformulations will reduce overall sugar consumption, or just the sugar amount in a handful of popular beverages. Consumers have other options for highly sweetened foods besides soda. This is part of the reason soda taxes alone have not been shown to dent obesity, even if they decrease soda sales.

Industry groups have also argued that the government did not need to resort to policy to force them to reduce sugar. According to the Union of European Soft Drink Associations, the calorie count of the average soda fell 12 percent between 2000 and 2015, because of voluntary industry action. And the soft drink industry, both in Europe and the United States, has made other, independent commitments to reduce the calories and sugar in their beverages.

Still, as the British Treasury has hinted in its reports, taxes can fuel faster and more dramatic reductions. And while it's still too soon to say whether those reductions will improve public health, researchers say they have some encouraging predictions.



JESSICA GRESKO/AP

The Supreme Court limited the IRS's use of a statute relating to obstruction of justice in tax cases.

Supreme Court limits reach of felony tax crime statute

By **JESSICA GRESKO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday to make it harder for the federal government to use a section of tax law to convict someone of obstruction.

The government had interpreted a section of the tax code to give it a broad ability to charge someone with obstructing or impeding the work of the Internal Revenue Service. It argued that someone could violate

the statute by doing something intended to obstruct the IRS' work, like shredding records, even if the person wasn't under investigation at the time or was under investigation but didn't know it.

But the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 to limit the application of the statute. The justices said that to convict someone, the government must show a connection between the obstructive action the person takes and a particular investigation or audit that was pending, or at

least reasonably foreseeable.

The court's majority opinion pointed out problems with reading the law broadly.

"Interpreted broadly, the provision could apply to a person who pays a babysitter \$41 per week in cash without withholding taxes, leaves a large cash tip in a restaurant, fails to keep donation receipts from every charity to which he or she contributes, or fails to provide every record to an accountant. Such an indi-

vidual may sometimes believe that, in doing so, he is running the risk of having violated an IRS rule, but he sincerely doubt he would believe he is facing a potential felony prosecution for tax obstruction," Justice Stephen Breyer wrote.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissented.

The case the justices ruled in involves New York resident Carlo J. Marinello II, who owned and managed a freight service that took items between the

United States and Canada. Marinello, now 71, was charged with failing to file personal or corporate tax returns for the years 2005 through 2008. Prosecutors alleged that during that time he shredded and discarded business records and hid business income in personal accounts.

Marinello challenged his felony conviction, arguing that he could only be convicted under the statute he'd been charged with violating if he knowingly inter-

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 24,977.65 Low: 24,655.40 Previous: 24,727.27



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-19.02 (-.26%)	-5.01 (-.18%)	+8.89 (+.57%)
Close: 7,345.29	Close: 2,711.93	Close: 1,579.30
High: 7,415.66	High: 2,739.14	High: 1,587.74
Low: 7,325.35	Low: 2,709.79	Low: 1,570.40
Previous: 7,364.31	Previous: 2,716.94	Previous: 1,570.41

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 2.88%	+9.60 to \$1,320.70	-0.36 to 106.10/\$1	-0.0052 to .8109/\$1	+1.77 to \$65.17

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-0.31	-2.02	-1.37	-0.47	+1.76	+0.39	+19.46	+26.17	+15.48

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	453.50	454.50	446.75	453.50	+50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	375	375.75	373.75	375	+50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1029.50	1037.25	1024.75	1029.75	+1.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.71	32.50	31.62	32.37	+63
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	362.50	368.80	361.20	364.50	+2.80
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	May 18	63.72	65.55	63.58	65.17	+1.63
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.677	2.708	2.634	2.638	-0.37
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	1.9723	2.0209	1.9666	2.0122	+0.463

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	62.42	-23	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	85.17	-18	McDonalds Corp	N	158.66	-72
AbbVie Inc	N	112.45	-20	Equity Residential	N	60.13	-14	Middleby Corp	O	128.25	-29
Allstate Corp	N	96.84	-55	Exelon Corp	N	38.07	-24	Mondelz Intl	O	42.03	-32
Aptargroup Inc	N	89.59	-19	First Indl RT	N	29.49	-21	Morningstar Inc	O	87.91	-30
Arch Dan Mid	N	62.62	-35	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	70.27	+19	Motorola Solutions	N	109.93	-30
Baxter Intl	N	66.46	-45	Gallagher AJ	N	285.47	-58	Navistar Intl	N	34.22	+41
Boeing Co	N	337.10	-53	Grainger WJ	N	285.47	-24	NiSource Inc	N	23.29	+11
Brunswick Corp	N	61.24	-04	GrubHub Inc	N	110.02	-46	Nthn Trust Cp	O	106.95	+60
CBOE Global Markets	O	117.33	-257	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	85.91	-127	Old Republic	N	21.53	+03
CDK Global Inc	O	66.89	-79	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	80.02	+14	Packaging Corp Am	N	117.65	+114
CDW Corp	O	74.79	-42	IDEX Corp	N	149.65	-72	Stericycle Inc	O	61.69	-60
CF Industries	N	38.66	+71	ITW	N	168.22	+42	TransUnion	N	59.21	+05
CME Group	O	164.50	+32	Ingredion Inc	N	130.25	-118	Tribune Media Co A	N	40.79	-16
CNA Financial	N	51.90	-26	John Bean Technol	N	119.45	-60	USG Corp	N	34.06	+48
Caterpillar Inc	N	155.80	+174	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	176.67	-63	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	213.00	-2.63
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	35.34	-107	KapStone Paper	N	34.86	+07	United Contl Hldgs	N	69.94	-54
Deere Co	N	158.05	-194	Kraft Heinz Co	O	61.99	-19	Ventas Inc	N	48.46	-54
Discover Fin Svcs	N	74.86	-50	LKQ Corporation	O	39.50	+10	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	66.27	+22
Dover Corp	N	103.07	-84	Littelfuse Inc	O	219.23	-20	Wintrust Financial	O	88.41	-20
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.47	+22	MB Financial	O	43.23	-13	Zebra Tech	O	143.46	+1.12

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	13.88	+24
Bank of America	31.87	-11
Twitter Inc	32.73	+1.38
Mulesoft Inc	44.24	+2.24
Ford Motor	11.10	+1.11
Oracle Corp	47.02	-03
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.46	-02
Chesapeake Engy	3.23	+12
Vale SA	12.99	+44
General Mills	45.51	-442
Ambev S.A.	7.26	+17
Transocean Ltd	10.41	+72
Snap Inc A	16.57	+57
Nokia Corp	5.71	-04
Kindier Morgan Inc	15.91	+30
Wells Fargo & Co	54.79	-11
Petrobras	14.48	+73
AT&T Inc	36.00	-34
Yamaha Gold Inc	2.77	+15
Cabot Oil & Gas	24.39	+32
Pfizer Inc	36.27	-06
Marathon Oil	16.32	+106
Freeport McMoran	19.18	+69
Kinross Gold	3.70	+10

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Facebook Inc	169.39	+1.24
Neovasc Inc	.11	-01
Micron Tech	61.07	-08
Adv Micro Dev	11.26	+15
Apple Inc	171.27	-3.97
Microsoft Corp	92.48	-65
Intel Corp	51.56	+01
Cisco Syst	44.31	-06
Comcast Corp A	34.49	-08
Geron Corporation	4.99	+80
Zynga Inc	3.94	+11
Applied Matls	60.78	+1.55
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.37	+05
Mondelz Intl	42.03	-32
JD.com Inc	43.51	-49
EV Energy Partners	.23	+10
Qualcomm Inc	56.81	-1.45
Marathon Patent Grp	1.61	+27
On Semiconductor	26.50	+55
Nvidia Corporation	248.56	-102
Precipio Inc	.61	-29
Jaguar Health Inc	.20	+01
VEON Ltd	2.74	+19
21st Century Fox A	36.86	+17

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3280.95	-9.7/-3
Stoxx600	374.96	-6/-2
Nikkei	21380.97	/...
MSCI-EAFE	2024.04	+1.1/+1
Bovespa	84976.59	+812.8/+1
FTSE 100	7038.97	-22.3/-3
CAC-40	5239.74	-12.7/-2

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	1090.88	-6.83
Alphabet Inc A	1094.00	-1.80
Amazon.com Inc	1581.86	-4.65
Apple Inc	171.27	-3.97
Bank of America	31.87	-11
Berkshire Hath A	307600	+500
Berkshire Hath B	204.83	+08
Chevron Corp	117.04	+2.54
Exxon Mobil Corp	75.04	+1.05
Facebook Inc	169.39	+1.24
Intel Corp	51.56	+01
JPMorgan Chase	114.74	+10
Johnson & Johnson	131.19	-02
Microsoft Corp	92.48	-65
Royal Dutch Shell A	63.48	+1.27
Source Cap	40.85	-20
Visa Inc	123.22	-1.69
WalMart Strs	88.18	+23
Wells Fargo & Co	54.79	-11

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.71	1.75
6-month disc	1.89	1.91
2-year	2.31	2.35
10-year	2.88	2.90
30-year	3.12	3.13

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1320.70	\$1311.10
Silver	\$16.357	\$16.125
Platinum	\$950.60	\$945.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.33

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...	
Argentina (Peso)	20.2655
Australia (Dollar)	1.2890
Brazil (Real)	3.2768
Britain (Pound)	.7077
Canada (Dollar)	1.2920
China (Yuan)	6.3229
Euro	.8109
India (Rupee)	65.125
Israel (Shekel)	3.4936
Japan (Yen)	106.10
Mexico (Peso)	18.4980
Poland (Zloty)	3.43
So. Korea (Won)	1067.63
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.12
Thailand (Baht)	31.17

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.66	+04	+24.2	
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	26.97	+02	+11.2	
American Funds CptWldGrInCA	152.35	+10	+19.6	
American Funds CptInclBldrA	60.96	+08	+7.0	
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	57.76	+21	+23.7	
American Funds FdmntInvSA m	63.12	+11	+19.2	
American Funds GfrAmrcA m	52.76	+04	+25.9	
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.87	+03	+8.4	
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	40.88	+01	+15.6	
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	45.35	+12	+24.9	
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	45.65	+05	+16.1	
DFA EMKtCorEq	23.96	+07	+23.8	
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.59	+01	+2.0	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	46.40	+20	+14.3	
Dodge & Cox Stk	206.13	+09	+15.7	
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.46	+01	+1.8	
Fidelity 500IdxIns	95.20	-17	+18.0	
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	95.20	-17	+18.0	
Fidelity 500IdxPrrm	95.20	-17	+17.9	
Fidelity Contrafund	129.52	-27	+30.8	
Fidelity ContrafundK	129.46	-28	+30.9	
Fidelity InvMGradeBdl	10.95	-01	+1.2	
Fidelity LowPrStk	54.87	+08	+18.0	
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.30	...	+3.0	
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.38	-01	+6	
Oakmark IntlInv	28.47	+10	+18.5	
PIMCO IncInsl	12.14	...	+5.0	
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.04	+01	+2.0	
Schwab SP500Idx	41.96	-07	+18.0	
T. Rowe Price BCGr	106.14	-61	+38.6	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	67.63	-30	+32.1	
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	251.45	-43	+18.0	
Vanguard DivGrInv	26.62	-05	+13.1	
Vanguard HCAmrl	88.29	+06	+11.2	
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	13.85	-01	+2.3	
Vanguard InsIdxIns	247.04	-43	+18.0	
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	247.05	-43	+18.0	
Vanguard InsTtSMInPls x	60.31	-45	+18.3	
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	101.70	-45	+16.6	
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl x	195.71	-38	+19.9	
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	140.51	-77	+22.7	
Vanguard STInMGrAdmrl	10.49	...	+6	
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl x	72.18	+10	+17.4	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.47	+02	+10.6	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.58	+01	+12.1	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.86	+02	+14.2	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.87	+01	+14.7	
Vanguard TtBMidAdmrl	10.46	...	+7	
Vanguard TtBMidIdxIns	10.46	...	+7	
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.74	...	+3.3	
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	30.69	+09	+18.7	
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	122.73	+37	+18.7	
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	122.76	+38	+18.8	
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GRAYSON MITCHELL 1950-2018

Harold Washington's 1st mayoral press chief

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Grayson Mitchell also was a journalist and a communications consultant.

Grayson Mitchell was a key member of Chicago Mayor Harold Washington's team during his successful 1983 campaign and as the administration's press secretary for two years.

Mitchell went on to work in public affairs and corporate communications for corporate clients and for government and nonprofit groups.

"Grayson was indispensable," said Chris Chandler, a deputy press secretary working alongside Mitchell at City Hall. "He led the mayor's press efforts, and he had this coolheadedness under stress."

Mitchell, 67, died Feb. 23 at his South Side home, said his daughter, Ayanna.

Born William Grayson Mitchell and raised in Mobile, Ala., Mitchell began attending Morehouse College while still in high school, his daughter said.

He worked as a reporting intern for the Chicago Sun-Times in 1970 and eventually transferred to the University of Illinois at Chicago, from which he received a bachelor's degree in 1971. Mitchell then worked as a reporter at The Washington Post from 1972 until 1973.

Mitchell was Jet and Ebony magazines' Washington editor from 1973 until 1974, a correspondent for the Los Angeles Times from 1975 until 1979 and also a contributor to Black Enterprise magazine in the late 1970s.

In 1980 he returned to Chicago to become the head of corporate communications for Johnson Products, the black-owned hair care and cosmetic products firm. Mitchell took a leave of absence from Johnson Products in 1983 to venture into the political world, working on Washington's mayoral campaign. Washington defeated incumbent Jane Byrne and future mayor Richard M. Daley in the February 1983 Democratic primary and took office after the April 1983 general election.

As Washington's press secretary, Mitchell developed a reputation for staying calm under pressure and providing rational, measured counsel to the mayor.

In his first year on the job, Washington assigned Mitchell a policy role, over and above solely dealing with the media.

"In the first meeting at City Hall, the mayor called

in Grayson and Bill Ware, who had been officially the campaign manager, and he told them, 'OK, you guys are going to run the government. I'll take care of the politics,'" Chandler recalled. "So obviously Grayson had more than a normal PR role. He was a close adviser to the mayor and was totally trusted and he did a remarkable job."

Brian Boyer, a speechwriter for Washington, said that despite the craziness of the "Council Wars" era brought on by opposition to Washington by a majority of aldermen, Mitchell stayed on course, calmly defending the mayor in interviews with reporters.

"Grayson was analytical, meaning he operated like a scientist, and he weighed the evidence and he recommended a course of action that he thought made the most sense," Boyer said. "I never saw Grayson make a decision based on the emotion of what was happening. And I think that everybody who knew him and had the pleasure of working with him had the same feeling. He had a rock-steady personality. And he liked the action, he liked to win. He was a steady hand, and the mayor listened to him."

Mitchell and Chandler ultimately came to be at odds with Ware, who was the mayor's chief of staff. Amid waning influence in the administration, Mitchell resigned in early 1985 to start North Star Communications, a strategic communications firm that handled public affairs, corporate communications and marketing work.

In 1991, Mitchell, Sean Murphy and Jennifer Eidson co-founded another strategic communications firm, Summit Consulting. Mitchell's firm had been affiliated with the public relations firm Hill & Knowlton, where Murphy and Eidson had worked, and the trio decided to strike out on their own. Mitchell was its

chairman and CEO, while Murphy was president and chief operating officer.

"We were both in the same meeting on a client matter, and I thought he was the smartest person in the room and the nicest person in the room," Murphy said.

At Summit, clients included Exelon, Quaker Oats, Northern Trust, JCDecaux, GE Capital, Texaco, United Airlines and Spiegel, Murphy said. Mitchell also worked to aid Exelon in promoting electricity deregulation, and on behalf of the horse racing and breeding industry in opposition to land-based casinos.

"Clients sought him out, because they saw he was a rare talent. He was someone who was very smart, very well-connected and very strategic and good at understanding how to solve a client's problem," Murphy said. "So from day one, we had a strong client roster because of what he brought to the firm."

Mitchell worked to promote organ and tissue donation on behalf of the United Network for Organ Sharing, Murphy said. Other clients included the city of Chicago, which hired Summit to provide assistance on housing redevelopment issues, and community hospitals, which wanted to see an end to a Medicaid tax on community hospitals.

In 1992, Mitchell worked as a consultant on the successful U.S. Senate campaign of Carol Moseley Braun. He told the Tribune in 1992 that she was one of "a new generation" of black politicians.

After Mitchell and Murphy sold Summit in 2004, the two continued to work for its acquirer, Global Consulting Group. They later left that firm but continued to work together on various communications and policy projects, and Mitchell never retired, Murphy said.

"He was a rare talent, and people knew it," Murphy said. "He was always busy with client engagements."

Mitchell had been a long-time director of the Illinois Humanities Council.

A marriage ended in divorce. Mitchell also is survived by a son, Jua; four grandchildren; and a sister, Cassandra.

A memorial service will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday at the DuSable Museum of African American History, 740 E. 56th Place, Chicago.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Ambut, David William

David W. Ambut, 61, husband of Amy Lynn Ambut, suddenly on March 12, 2018 on Anna Maria Island, Florida. Born in Chicago, in 1956. Preceded in death by his parents Anthony S. and Josephine. Survived by two children, Jeff (Amanda) and Chris; his wife Amy and step-children; Anthony and Ava from Woodbury, Minnesota; & brother Tony (Kathleen) Kona, Hawaii.
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Angel, Darin

Darin Angel; beloved husband of Ellen nee Kelly; loving son of Archie and Fannie; cherished brother of Darlene (Keith) Cranfield and David; dear brother-in-law of Neil (Charo) Kelly; fond uncle and friend to many; Visitation Saturday 9:00 AM until time of service, 11:00 AM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin). Interment Private. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com
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Bartz, Arthur F.

Arthur F. Bartz, age 91; beloved husband of the late Katherine M. nee Jarabek, and the late Helen E. nee Jarabek; loving father of Robert, William (Annette), Brett, and the late Brian. Memorial visitation at the **Skaja Terrace Funeral Home**, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles on Saturday from 12 Noon until Funeral Service 2 PM. Member of V.F.W. In lieu of flowers memorials to Austin Special Chicago, 5318 N. Elston Ave., Chicago IL 60630. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Berg, Roy Albert

September 25, 1927 - March 16, 2018
At the age of 90, after a full, productive life, Roy Albert Berg, passed peacefully away in Madison, WI. He is survived by his dearly beloved wife of 67 years, Dorothy Dahlberg Berg and his daughters from Maryland, Ellen Marie Berg and Christine Dorothy Berg. Additionally, he is survived by his son-in-law, Cyril W. Draffin, Jr. and his devoted grandchildren, Emelia and Mora Gold and William and Benjamin Draffin. Roy was born in Chicago and worked as an actuary and vice-president at Old Republic Insurance Company in Chicago and American Family Insurance in Madison. He valued his Norwegian roots. He learned Norwegian as an adult and obtained a Masters in Scandinavian Studies in his 70's. He belonged to the Ygdrasil Literary Society and the Torske Klubben in Madison. Another passion was chess which gained him membership in The Cliff Dwellers in Chicago at which he served a term as president. He also belonged to the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC and served as first board of their chess team. He traveled internationally for the club winning in Paris and London. Also, he was the only team member to have a draw while the others lost against the Capablanca Chess Club in Havana, Cuba.

He was predeceased by his son, Eric Martin Berg. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Eric Martin Berg Memorial Endowment at Knox College, Box K230, Galesburg, IL 61401 or www.knox.edu/berg
Visitation will be in the chapel from 10:30-11 am on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, WI 53703 with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 am. A light lunch will be served immediately following the service. Private burial will take place at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, IL.

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Brand, Ernest Anthony

Ernest Anthony (age 88). Beloved husband of Norma Jean nee: Tanner Loving father of Ernie, William, Ross, late Edward (Debbie) Brand. Cherished grandfather of Samantha (Frank) Stephens, Annie, Joe, Christina, Steffanie, Brand and Tanner Fleming. Great grandfather of Kylee and Francesca. Uncle to many and a friend to all. Everyone will remember Ernie truly as Cub's #1 lifelong fan. Funeral Chapel Service: 11am Saturday March 24, 2018 at **Zimmerman & Sandeman Funeral Home**. 5200 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn, IL. Visitation: Friday, 4pm- 9pm. Interment: Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials will be made to Ernie's favorite charities. Info: 708-424-0340 or www.zimmermansandeman.com

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Chudd Jr., Richard

Richard Chudd Jr., 72, loving brother of Dennis and Gary (Georgia), uncle to Courtney and Jeffrey, son of the late Richard Sr. and Francis nee Fait. Visitation 9-11:30 Monday at **Kristan Funeral Home** 219 W. Maple Ave. (Rt. 176, 2 blocks West of Rt. 45) Mundelein. Funeral Mass 11 AM Monday at Santa Maria del Popolo Chapel 116 N. Lake St. Mundelein. Interment Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville. Info www.kristanfuneralhome.com or 847-566-8020.
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Cleary, Ellen T.

Ellen T. Cleary nee Mara; native of Tourmekeady, Co. Mayo, Ireland; beloved wife of the late Martin; loving mother of Annie; dearest friend to many. Visitation Saturday 11 AM until time of service at 12:30 PM at **Gibbons Family Funeral Home**, 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (½ Block East of Austin). Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For info 773-777-3944 or www.gffh.com
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EPSTEIN, MD, SAMUEL S.

Samuel S. Epstein, MD, beloved husband of Catherine, nee Dollive; loving father of Mark, Julian, and Emily (Andrew) Perkins-Epstein; proud grandfather of Ethan and Calvin Perkins-Epstein; dear brother in law of Vincent (Melinda) and Peter (Patricia) Dollive; uncle of Raina Dollive. Service Thursday 1 PM in the chapel of Temple Sholom, 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Interment will follow at 2:30 PM at Rosehill Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621

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Everst, Mary Ann

Mary Ann Everst, 64, of Crystal Lake, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Mar. 18, 2018. Beloved wife & best friend to Jim Everst; loving mom of Heather (Jeremy) HERRIGES & Michelle Everst; cherished grandma of Autumn Rose; dear sister of Pat, Rick & the late Ed; aunt to many. Visitation will be Sat., Mar. 24 from 9 AM until the 12 PM service at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. (Rte. 176), Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family for Autumn Rose's education fund. For information, full obituary & condolences please visit, www.davenportfamily.com.

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Falzone, Marian M.

Marian M. Falzone; nee: Zarzana, age 88. Beloved wife of late Peter, former owner of Nardo's Pizzeria. Dear daughter to late Bernard and late Rose Zarzana. Loving mother of Roseanne (late Fred) Serpe, of Sorrentino & Co. Loving cousin and friend to many. Visitation Saturday 9:30am-12:15pm at **The Oaks FH**, 1201 E. Irving Park Rd., Itasca, IL 60143. Mass Saturday 1pm at St. Julian Eymard Church, 601 Biesterfield Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Entombment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. For info call (630)-250-8588 and online at: www.theoaksfh.com
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Farber, Harriett

Harriett Farber nee Benjamin, age 81. Beloved wife for 54 years of Joel H. Farber. Devoted mother of Beth (Steve) Laser and the late Shari Farber (Ira) Tritt. Cherished daughter of the late Selma and the late Ira Benjamin. Service Friday 1PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Westlawn. Harriett was a wonderful, dedicated and loving wife and mother. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation One East Wacker #1730, Chicago, IL 60601 www.dystonia-foundation.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Fenichel, Ina Jean

Ina Jean Fenichel, age 88, nee Luster, of Tamarac, FL, formerly of Highland Park; beloved wife of the late Robert Fenichel; loving mother of Amy (Joe) Bustamante, Stacy (Edward Gorgone) Baldasti, Missy (Robert) Thompson, Marc Wolfe, Bruce (Flora) Fenichel, and the late Michele Wolfe; adored grandmother of 6 and great grandmother of 2; dear sister of the late Melvin (late Rita) Luster; treasured aunt and friend of many. Ina will forever be in our hearts. Graveside service Thursday, 12:30 p.m. at Memorial Park, Section Menorah, 9900 Gross Point Rd., Skokie. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Flack, Claudia

Claudia Flack nee Eisen, age 60. Beloved wife of Stuart. Loving mother of Nathaniel and Caleb. Dear sister of Amy (Ken) Krupsky and Elizabeth Eisen. Devoted daughter of the late Charles and the late Sylvia. Fond aunt of Rachel Krupsky, Lydia Toppston, Eli Barr, and Leah Barr. Service Friday 10AM at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster Street, Skokie. Interment Westlawn. A celebration of Claudia's life and music will be held in May at Ganz Hall, Roosevelt University. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Merit School of Music, www.meritmusic.org where Claudia was a longtime piano teacher. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Giroux, Mary

Mary Cecelia Giroux (née Cawley) passed away March 15, 2018 at age 83. Beloved daughter of John and Marion Cawley (née Egan) and stepdaughter of June Cawley (née Woods), and dear sister of the late Joan Adams. Devoted wife of Charles Giroux, DDS, for 56 years; loving mother of June Rzepczynski (Mark), Barbara-Ann Gustafferro (Mark), and Mary Carroll Sincic; dotting grandmother of Mary, John, Mark, Joseph, and Henry; loving cousin of the late John ("Jack") Cawley and the late Kathryn (Wilson) Cook; fond aunt to many. The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 24, at 9 a.m. at St. Stephen Protomartyr Church, 1280 E. Prospect Ave., Des Plaines. A funeral Mass will start at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. For online tributes and condolences, please visit www.matzfuneralhome.com
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In 1963 the Beatles' first album, "Please Please Me," was released in Britain.

In 1972 Congress sent the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification. (It fell three states short of the 38 needed for approval.)

In 1987 a garbage barge carrying 3,200 tons of refuse left Islip, N.Y., on a 6-month journey in search of a place to unload. (The barge was turned away by several states and three

other countries until space was found back in Islip.)

In 1995 convicted Long Island Rail Road gunman Colin Ferguson was sentenced to life in prison for killing six people.

In 2002, after a five-year study commissioned by the Swiss government, a panel of historians concluded that Switzerland had shirked its moral responsibilities to the victims of the Nazis.

In 2005 a woman claimed to have found a fingertip while eating Wendy's chili at a restaurant in San Jose,

costing the fast-food chain millions in lost sales before she admitted it was a hoax.

In 2017 four people were killed and at least 40 others injured when a man went on a rampage in the heart of Britain's seat of power, plowing an SUV into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge before stabbing an armed police officer to death inside the gates of Parliament, leaving hundreds of lawmakers and workers in lockdown for several hours; the 52-year-old assailant, whom the Islamic State claimed as a soldier, was shot dead by police.

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ILLINOIS
March 21

Powerball	03 04 18 29 61 / 25
Powerball jackpot: \$40M	
Lotto jackpot: \$8M	
Pick 3 midday	218 / 4
Pick 4 midday	3594 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	17 32 36 37 43
Pick 3 evening	057 / 8
Pick 4 evening	0812 / 8
Lucky Day Lotto evening	05 15 24 37 44

March 23 Mega Millions: \$421M

INDIANA
March 21

Lotto	04 13 27 28 37 44
Daily 3 midday	412 / 9
Daily 4 midday	8648 / 9
Daily 3 evening	726 / 2
Daily 4 evening	7727 / 2
Cash 5	02 09 24 33 43

MICHIGAN
March 21

Lotto	03 08 12 24 29 40
Daily 3 midday	032
Daily 4 midday	0637
Daily 3 evening	513
Daily 4 evening	0715
Fantasy 5	03 08 12 24 29 40
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Groner, Jerald B. 'Jerry'

Jerald B. "Jerry" Groner, age 76, of Long Grove, beloved husband for 52 years of Natalie, nee Peck; loving father of Noreen (Bryan) Segal and Allen (Stacy) Groner; adored grandpa of Coby, Molly, Charlie, Casey and Lori; devoted son of the late Al and the late Sylvia; dear brother of the late Lynne (Dr. Mitchell) Weiss; cherished brother-in-law of Sharon (Dr. Michael) Shapiro; treasured uncle, cousin and friend to many. Service Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, www.myasthenia.org or Temple Chai, www.templechai.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Huber, Loretta D.

Loretta "Lorrie" D. Huber nee Dolan, 59 of Mount Prospect, beloved wife of Michael W. Huber; loving mother of Audrey Marie (Doug Tichenor) Huber and William L. (Lauren) Huber; dearest sister of Linda (Mike) Cunningham and Larry (Penny) Dolan; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, from 3 - 8 pm at the **Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd.**, 1520 North Arlington Heights Rd., (4 blocks south of Arlington Heights Rd.) Arlington Heights, IL 60004 where prayers will be said Saturday, 9:15 am proceeding to St. Emily Catholic Church, 1400 E. Central Rd., Mount Prospect for 10 am Funeral Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials in Lorrie's name may be made to your favorite charity. Funeral Info. & condolences www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Hutchings, William Linden

William Linden Hutchings, 74 of Wheeling, died March 19, 2018, in Arlington Heights. Arrangements by **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.** Funeral information, obituary, and condolences please visit www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Johnson, Suellen O'Keefe

Suellen Johnson, nee O'Keefe, of Glen Ellyn, IL passed away on March 11, 2018 at the age of 75. Loving wife of the late Ted Johnson; devoted mother of daughters Jessica (Scott) Hierbaum of Glen Ellyn IL, and Britt (Ken) Drews of Hingham MA; proud grandmother of Sydney Hierbaum and Wally, Henry and Cecilia Drews. In addition, Suellen is survived by her loyal and loving family members: mother Donna Fae O'Keefe; sisters Joaline (Bob) Stedman, Pat O'Keefe, Mary Lou (Ned) Lewandowski; brothers Jack (Cindy) O'Keefe, Jim O'Keefe, Tim O'Keefe and Bob (Christine) O'Keefe; sister-in-law Barb O'Keefe. Suellen is preceded in death by her husband Ted Johnson, father Donald O'Keefe and her brother Michael O'Keefe.

After graduating from the Univ. of Wisc. in 1965 with a degree in Political Science, Suellen worked as an editor for Science Research Associates. While working there, she met her husband Ted and they married in 1967. The family settled in Wheaton, IL and then Wilmette, IL before Suellen and Ted retired and built a farmhouse in Eagle, WI.

Suellen became a full-time volunteer for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) after daughter Jessica was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 1975. In 1979, she founded JDRF Chicago's Ron Santo Walk for Diabetes Research, which to date has raised nearly \$100 million for diabetes research. Suellen collaborated with Ron Santo for 31 years, with each of them participating in every Ron Santo walk from 1979 until his passing in 2010. Suellen served on JDRF's International Board of Directors from 1980-1983 and chaired the National Government Relations Committee from 1983-1988. She received JDRF's International Volunteer of the Year award in 1983.

In addition to her volunteer work for JDRF, Suellen was heavily involved in Democratic politics. In 1976, she was the Congressional District Director for Jimmy Carter, served on his IL State Steering Committee and was a delegate to the 1976 Democratic Convention. At that convention, she served as the Illinois delegation's Vice-Chair under Chairman Richard J. Daley. She ultimately was an elected delegate to five Democratic nominating conventions and served on several Illinois campaign staffs, including those of Adlai Stevenson, Paul Simon, and Al Gore. In 2008 and 2012, she volunteered tirelessly for Barack Obama's campaign.

After decades of heavy volunteer work, Suellen resumed her professional career in 1990, first as Administrative Director for the Junior League of Chicago until 1999, and then in a similar role at Northwestern University from 1999 to 2005. In her last years at Northwestern, she served as Associate Director of the Norris Student Center.

Throughout her busy life she was a warrior and a tireless advocate who left this world a better place than when she entered it. In lieu of flowers, please donate in her honor to either Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) www.foodallergy.org or the Illinois chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) www.jdrf.org/illinois.

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Karlen, Douglas M.

Douglas M. Karlen passed away March 19, 2018 in Chicago, IL. Born October 4, 1949, he was the beloved son of the late Harvey M. Karlen and the late Mollie, nee Bossen, Karlen and brother of David (Gail) Karlen. He was the stepson of June Atlas Karlen, stepbrother of Susan Atlas Kelley (Stephen) and Caron Atlas, and uncle of Aaron (Amanda) and Naomi (Darin) and Alex, Rachel (Zach), and Zoe. Doug thrived professionally for 40 years at Chicago Title Insurance Company, most recently as Vice President and Regional Counsel. His expertise made him a valued colleague and his interest in others and sense of humor made him a cherished friend. He loved his family and friends, opera and baseball. Doug received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Illinois and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Having overcome low vision to excel in education and work, he created the Douglas M. Karlen Fund for Accessible Learning Technology at the University of Illinois to support students with sensory impairments. Contributions may be made to the U of I Foundation earmarked to the fund. (https://uif.illinois.edu). Graveside services Friday, March 23, 10:00 AM at Waldheim Cemetery, Gate # 47 Des Plaines Ave, Forest Park. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-648-9824, or mitzvahfunerals.com.

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Klein, Edith R.

Edith R. Klein, nee Barnes, 92, longtime resident of Brookfield. Beloved wife of the late Harold. Loving Mother of Lynn (The late Robert) Zwierzynski, Mark (Sharon) Poczatek) Klein, and Susan (Scott) Thayer. Cherished Grandmother of Allison, Stephen, Collin, Mark, Shaun, Cayla, and Brenda. Fond sister of the late Helen Durgarian. Edith and her husband were very involved in the Shriner's, Mason's, and the First Congregational Church of Brookfield UCC. She especially enjoyed the Choir and was a longtime member of The Order of the Eastern Star. Funeral Services Saturday March 24, 2018 at 10 AM at **Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home** 17W201 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace. Visitation Friday 3 PM to 8 PM. Interment Elm Lawn Cemetery, Elmhurst. Info. (630) 941-5860 or www.chapelhillgardenswest.com.

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Kremkau, Martha Lillian

Martha, or Lil as she was known by her friends and family, passed away peacefully at home one month prior to her 96th birthday. She lived most of her life in Oak Lawn and was married for 60 years to Paul Sr., who she met in England and married in France while serving in the Women's Air Corp during WWII. She is survived by her three children: Paul Jr. (Mary) Kremkau, Sharon Kremkau and Judy Rollberg, four grandchildren: Nicole (Gary) Rebut, Keith (Rosemary) Kremkau, Amanda Kremkau and Carly Kremkau, and four great grandchildren. Visitation is at 10:30 Saturday morning, followed immediately by a memorial service at 11:00 am at **Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home**, 5200 West 95th Street, Oak Lawn. Interment private.

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Lauesen, James Allyn

Loving husband of Marilyn nee Demko. Son of the late Albert and the late Arlyn; dear nephew of the late Anne and Bill Cardinelli; fond brother in law of Arlene (the late William) Crosson, Nancy (the late Richard) Huber, Barbara (the late Emil J.) Demko; dearest uncle of Dan, John, Mary Kay, Maureen, Steve, Tom, Lori Anne, Jim, Matthew and Eric; great uncle of 13. Long time Coca-Cola employee. Proud 4-year veteran of the United States Navy. Visitation Friday from 3-9 PM at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday at 9:30 AM to Our Lady of Ransom Church for Mass at 10 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Our Lady of Ransom Church would be appreciated. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Linneman, Donald W.

Donald W. Linneman, 85, of Maple Park, passed away on March 15th 2018 at his home surrounded by his loved ones. Donald was born on November 27th, 1932, in Des Plaines, Illinois to William and Emma Linneman. Donald spent most of his life dedicated to farming. He was heavily involved in FFA, being vice-president, president and reporter, as well as state vice-president.

Donald served in the United States Army, from 1954 to 1956 where he was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas and Irwin, Pennsylvania. Donald had a great love for the Lord. He was one of the founders of Our Savior Lutheran Church in which he helped build from the ground up. At Our Savior he was both superintendent and teacher for Sunday School. He also served as an elder for many years.

His love for agriculture continued all throughout his life. He was President of the Farm Bureau and was heavily involved in 4-H. He was on the Dupage County Fair Board for many years and was a leader of his local 4-H club. His most recent accomplishment was being inducted into the National Hereford Hog Association which was a great accomplishment for him because he sure did love his hereford hogs. He was married to his wife, Emily, for 63 years and was survived by his 8 kids; Peggy Showalter, Monty Linneman, Jeff Linneman, Sandy (Joe) Murray, Mitch (Julie) Linneman, Scott (Jolene) Linneman, Angela (Mike) Panek, and Chris (Melody) Linneman, his 11 grandchildren; Liz (Dan) Schnell, Monty (Sheena) Linneman, Jamie (C.J.) Moxon, Jeff Linneman, Tyler Murray, Jacob Linneman, Kira (Jacob) Groh, Lucas (Raina) Haines, Alexi Linneman, Jaide Panek, Jacie Panek, and his 9 great-grandchildren; Kali, Bria, Brok, Aren, Travis, Drake, Audrey, Brantley, and Mykayla. He was preceded by his mother and father; William and Emma, his sister Lucille, and his two children Greg and Jeannie.

Don was a great man and accomplished a lot during his life. He will be missed by many but he is where he belongs which is with the Lord.

"The eyes of all wait upon thee oh Lord and give them their meat in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." Psalm 145:15-16

Lying in state Saturday, March 24, 10:00a.m. until time of service 1:00p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church 1244 Army Trail Road, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. Interment Private. **Countryside Funeral Homes and Crematory**, Bartlett, assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations to Our Savior Lutheran Church or Ronald McDonald House Appreciated. For information (630)289-7575 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com

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Majerick, Stephen

Stephen Majerick, 94; Proud WWII U.S. Air Force veteran; Beloved husband of the late Eleanor J. Majerick for 70 years; loving father of Stephen M. (Faith Barnes) Majerick and the late Susan L. Majerick; beloved son of the late Stefan Majerick and Elizabeth Potucek; loving grandfather of Alexander S. Majerick and Charlotte F. Majerick; dear brother of Ann Majerick; fond brother-in-law of Mildred (the late William) Bachik; dear uncle of William M. Bachik, Linda M. Skupas, Stephanie Sluka, Ellen Sluka, and Steven Sluka. Visitation Friday, March 23 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge. Funeral Services start at the funeral home Saturday at 10:30 a.m. until time of Chapel Service at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Lukes Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Veterans of Foreign Wars at <https://www.vfw.org>. For more info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapel.com



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Martinek, Harold J.

age 79, longtime resident of Lemont, passed away March 18, 2018. Previously married to the late Diane (Kamin), and Barbara Kay (Mays). He is survived by his daughters, Lynne (John) Rooney, and Barbara (Joe) Martin; as well as his step daughter, Naomi (McClelland) and her daughters, Marissa and Madison. Harold was a lifetime member of the Plumbers Local 130. In his early years, Harold was an avid fisherman, hunter, and played the accordion. In his later years, he enjoyed driving during vacations to Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan. He was always a huge sports fan favoring the Green Bay Packers. Visitation Friday, March 23, 2018, from 4 - 8 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 108 Illinois St. Lemont. Funeral services Saturday, March 24, 2018, 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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Mazzone, Albert R.

Albert R. Mazzone; Beloved husband of Rose, nee Costabile; Devoted father of Joanne (late Richard) (Phil) Burandt-Wood, Mary (Anthony) Amarino, Rose (late Eugene) Miglio and Nancy Mazzone; Loving son of the late Dominick and Nancy Mazzone; Fond grandfather of Ricky, Albert, Alison, Anthony, Dominic, late Vito, Gino, Joey, Marc, Lauren, Nicky and great grandfather of 3; Dear brother of John, Anna Marie and preceded in death by Alfonso, Ned and Donald; Dear uncle of many; Visitation Friday, March 23, 2018 at **Salerno's Galewood Chapels**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, March 24th Family and friends are asked to meet at St. Rene Goupil Church, 6949 W. 63rd Place, Chicago for a funeral mass to be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Interment in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. For info (773) 889-1700



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McCann, Maybelle N.

Maybelle N. McCann, nee Ponsetto, 100, born Spring Valley, IL; late 60 year's of Cicero, IL; at rest March 20, widow of Patrick J. McCann II; loving mother of Rosemary (Don) Januszky and Patrick J. McCann, Jr.; dearest grandma of Ryan, Scott, and Timothy Januszky; dear great-grandma of Maya, Emily, Owen, Addison, and Rylee Januszky; fond sister of the late Florence Wold and five others. Visitation Sat. March 24, 8:30 a.m. till time of services at 9:30 a.m. at **Ivins/Moravecek Funeral Home** 80 E. Burlington St. Riverside to Mary Queen of Heaven Church, Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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McCarthy, Donald Edward

Donald Edward McCarthy age 92, of St. Charles, died Wednesday March 21, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 7, 1925 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The son of the late Joseph and Irene (Haggerty) McCarthy.

Donald graduated from White Bear Lake, MN in 1943. He then went on to serve in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Therese. His children, Donna (the late Daniel) Neiler, Terrence (Rosemary) McCarthy, and the late Patrick (Barbara) McCarthy, Grandchildren, Kevin (Tara) McCarthy, Kelly (Brandon Allen) McCarthy. Also his great grandchildren, MaKayla, Alivia, Archer and Kynlee. Visitation will be held Saturday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the **Yurs Funeral Home** 1771 W. State Street (Rte 38) Geneva. Funeral Services will follow at 12:30 P.M. at the funeral home. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Disabled Veterans of America or Northwestern Medical Hospice.

To leave an online condolence or remembrance to the family, visit the funeral homes' obituary page at www.yursfuneralhomes.com. For more information, please call **Yurs Funeral Home** Geneva, 630-232-7337.

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Meneses, Marilyn T.

Marilyn T. Meneses nee Tarandij, 86. Beloved Wife of the late Luis. Loving Mother of Louis, Steven (Natalie), Alexandra and David (Elizabeth). Cherished Grandma of Annie, David Jr., Samantha, Madisen, Lauren, Isabella, Massimo and Stella. Dear Sister of the late Dennis (Diana) Tarandij. Lying in state Saturday 9:30am at Nativity BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church (8530 W. 131st St., Palos Park, IL) with services immediately following at 10:30am. Cremation Private. Visitation Friday 2-9pm at the **WOLNIAK FUNERAL HOME** 5700 S. Pulaski Rd. with Panachyda at 6:00pm. For Info: (773) 767-4500 or www.wolniakfuneralhome.com

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MORAVEK, FREDERICK J. 'RICK'

Rick, 73, died peacefully on March 15. He is survived by his only daughter Dina (Romito), adored Papa of Luke, 14, Kurt, 11, his "favorite sister" Joyce (Severino), and many great friends who will miss him dearly. A burst of life and laughs is how most will remember him as well as a life long Cubs fan and Yahtzee fanatic. Private memorial to follow.

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Ness, Kay E.

Kay E. Ness, 80 passed away on March 9, 2018, at Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital. She was born on December 12, 1937 in Aurora, IL. She grew up in Montgomery, IL and was a graduate of East Aurora High School. She left for the big city of Chicago, IL where she worked for IL Bell phone Co. for a few years, went on to work with the Chicago Tribune in the marketing department for another few years, and finally landed a position with the Archdiocese of Chicago where she retired in 2001. She was part of the Focolare Movement and Little Brothers and Friends of the Elderly in Chicago. She enjoyed singing and watching Turner Classic Movies along with reading her Bible. She lived in the Lakeview area for over 45 years where she enjoyed visiting Lincoln Park Zoo, sitting in the park, and meeting up with friends at local restaurants. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Kay is preceded in death by her parents Helen C. (Schneidt) Ness and Elmer T. Ness, sister to Niles and Gary Ness. She is survived by sisters; Anita Phillip, Judith Ness, Faith Morley, Beth Salemi, Nancy Collins and a brother Douglas E. Ness and many nieces and nephews. Family will be receiving guests on Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 10:00 AM until the time of service at 12:00 PM at **Dieterle Memorial Home**, 1120 S. Broadway Ave. Montgomery, IL 60538. Interment will follow at Lincoln Memorial Park. A reception will follow.

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Okal, Harry S

Harry S. Okal, age 95. Loving husband of Sylvia; Caring father of Tim (Nancy), Tom (Maria), Terry (the late Leo) Bartoski and John Okal; Dearest grandfather of Gregory and Anthony Okal, Sylvia, Thomas and Aleks Okal, Jennifer, Jack (Monica) and Julie Bartoski; Loving brother of the late Michael, Andrew, Morris and Alex; Caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Salvation Army. Visitation Friday 3-8:00 p.m. at **Peterson-Bassi Chapels**, 6938 W. North Ave. Chicago. Funeral Saturday Prayers at the funeral home at 9:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at St. Giles Church. Interment: St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info 773 637-4441 or www.petersonfuneralhome.com



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Ostman Jr., Albin J.

Albin J. Ostman Jr., 92, of Northbrook, at rest March 20, 2018. Beloved husband of 71 yrs. to the late Marguerite B. Ostman. Loving father of Steve (the late Rose), Richard (Sandy), Ted (Peggy), Chuck (Marci), John (Sandy), Mary (Jim) Bauer, Teresa Starr, and the late Bill (Liz). Proud grandfather of 22. Dear great grandfather of 14. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Al proudly served with the Coast Guard during WWII on the USS Mills. Visitation Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Norbert Catholic Church, 1809 Walters Ave, Northbrook IL 60062 Interment Sacred Heart. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the church. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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Pazik, Clifford T.

Clifford T. Pazik "Lonesome Cliff", age 61, loving father of Abbigale (fiance Christopher) Tyler, Cody and the late Clifford C. Pazik; loving son of the late Clifford C. and Priscilla Pazik; dear brother of James (Susan) Pazik, Liz (Diana) Pazik, Bob (Irene) Pazik, Victor (Lisa) Pazik, and the late Terry Pazik; devoted friend of Mary Kreller; fond uncle and friend of many. Visitation at the **SKAJA Terrace Funeral Home** 7812 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles on Friday from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 10:45 am to St. Juliana Church Mass 11:30 am. Interment private. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Picchietti, Pellegrino

Pellegrino C. Picchietti, 88, of Highland Park, passed away March 20, 2018. Beloved husband to the late Donna; loving father of Phillip (Pamela), Paul, Peter (Kristine), and Patrick (Barbara); cherished grandfather of 19, 2 of which are in heaven; adored great-grandfather of 4. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 9:00 am until

time of memorial mass 10:00 am at immaculate Conception Church, 770 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Immaculate Conception Church Soup Kitchen, 770 Deerfield Rd. Highland Park, IL 60035. Please indicate "soup kitchen" on the memo line of your check. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com



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RISKIN, PAULINE 'PESCHE'

Pauline "Pesche" Riskin, nee Sikora, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Allen "Pudgy" Riskin. Cherished mother of Gary Steven (Pamela) Riskin, Shaun Robin (Kevin) Kirsh and the late Jacqueline Riskin. Devoted grandmother of Justin

Scott Riskin, Micah Lawrence Riskin and Dana Rose Kirsh. Dear sister of Albert (Natalie) Sikora and David (the late Sue) Sikora. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Graveside services Friday 10 AM at Shalom Memorial Park, Rand Rd and Rte 53 in Arlington Heights. Contributions in Pauline's name to the JCC Chicago Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund - jccchicago.org/support would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Rychetsky, Charles A.

Rychetsky, Charles A. "Chuck" Age 82 of Plainfield passed away Friday, March 16, 2018. Veteran serving US Air Force 1955 to 1959. Beloved husband of the late Christine R. (nee Carey), loving father of Matthew (Amber) and Jillian (Ryan) Gillock, loving grandfather of Aidan, Andrew, Matthew, John and Connor. Brother of the late Arlene Spiros and Ronald Kadlec, uncle to several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Sunday from 3 to 7 pm at **Anderson Memorial Home**, 21131 W. Renwick Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403. Funeral Monday, March 26, 2018, 9:15 am from the funeral home chapel to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Romeoville for a 10 am Mass. Entombment to follow at Resurrection Mausoleum in Justice. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the St. Andrew Foundation for the Future Fund appreciated. (www.AndersonMemorialHomes.com) (815) 577-5250

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Shepstone, Jane Estelle (Impens)



Jane Estelle (Impens) Shepstone passed away peacefully in Northbrook on March 15, 2018 at the age of 90. Jane is survived by her three sons Ralph F. Shepstone of Glenview, Geoffrey W. Shepstone and wife Connie of Barrington Hills, and Keith S. Shepstone and wife Sharon of Houston Texas; by 4 grandchildren Ian, Alan, Julia, and Carter Shepstone; and by her brother Jack Impens and wife Patricia and family. Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Ralph Charles Shepstone, and by her brother William Impens. Jane was born on June 25, 1927 in River Forrest Illinois to her parents Frank and Estelle Curran Impens. Jane enjoyed a loving childhood with her brothers. She graduated from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in 1948 with a degree in Biology. She began a lifelong passion for education, global travel, and the study of humanities and worldwide cultures. Her career interests focused on public education, initially in Chicago Public Schools, then later in Department of Defense overseas school systems in Japan, Korea, and Italy, and later in her career in various northwest suburban school systems. Beginning in the 1950's, and every decade thereafter, she traveled extensively around the world visiting over 90 countries in the process. This travel provided her an opportunity to explore her interests in the people and cultures of the world. On one of these trips, Jane was introduced to her future husband (Ralph) during a stopover in a remote village in South India. Jane and Ralph married in July 1960, and she moved to India where Ralph had been living for 12 years. After starting a family in India, they returned to the Chicago area where Jane continued her career in education. Jane and Ralph traveled the world for the ensuing decades, preferring to go far off the beaten path. Jane and Ralph instilled in their sons a sense of confidence, curiosity, adventure, and passion for excellence that shaped their lives profoundly. A private remembrance will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) are suggested.

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Silberman, Howard

Howard Silberman, 90, beloved husband of Irene nee Korman for 66 years; loving father of Marlene (the late Louis) Grossman, Larry (Susan) Silberman and Randi (Glenn) Simon; cherished Grandpa of Seth (Brooke) Grossman, Michael (Charry) Grossman, Leah (Shrad) Shukla, Zachary (Michelle) Silberman, Kyle (Daryl) Silberman, Aaron Simon and Shira Simon; adored Zaide of Julie, Abe, Ruby, Bianca, Jason and William; dear brother of the late Daniel (Bea) Silberman; many beloved nieces and nephews. Chapel service, Friday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. For information or condolence, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Spirios, Bernice

Bernice Spirios nee Valos, beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Sandra (Gary) Schaaff, Diane (Tim) Savino and Thomas (the late Juliann) Spirios; dear grandmother of Kevin and Matthew Schaaff, Amy (Andy) Lambert, Lea (Chris) Knaub, Alexander and Sophia Spirios; great-grandmother of Ava, Oliver, Anna and Aria; fond sister of Jean Colias and the late Peter and Sam "Spiro" Valos. Visitation Monday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 10:30 a.m. at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd, Westchester. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com. May her memory be eternal.



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Stasek, William Robert 'Bill'

William Robert Stasek, 70, a resident of Inverness found peace on March 19th. Bill, as his friends knew him, was President and Owner of Bill Stasek Chevrolet in Wheeling for over 35 years. He died in the loving arms of his wife of 46 years, Linda, and family. William Stasek was born on August 19, 1947 in Franklin Park, Illinois and grew up in Villa Park, graduating from Willowbrook High School and the School of Engineering at the University of Illinois in 1970. Bill and Linda met and married while both working at 3M Company. Through their love, they adopted two children from The Cradle. Bill followed his father's footsteps and began a career in the automotive industry. He served as an officer of The Chicago Automobile Trade Association and Chairman of the Chicago Auto Show. He was a member of the Chevrolet Advertising Association, the National Dealer Council, and Illinois Attorney General's Advisory Board. Bill and Linda were supporters and promoters of The Cradle in Evanston, where Bill served on the Board of Directors. On behalf of The Cradle, they organized and attended "The First Look For Charity" for over 20 years. Bill was a devoted father to Jeremy (fiancé Marissa) and Monica (Chris) Sebring; cherished grandfather "Papa" to his six grandchildren, Audianna, Nathan, Alex, Tristen, Caroline, and Christopher; dear brother of Bob; and his in-laws Richard (Leah), Sandra (Rolly), William (late Lin), Mai (Steve); also survived by many nieces and nephews. He loved to spend time snowmobiling and boating in the Northwoods of Wisconsin with his dear family. Visitation from 2-9 pm, Thursday at the Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, (4 blocks south of Palatine Road) Arlington Heights, and Friday from 9:30 am until time of funeral service 10:30 am at Glueckert Funeral Home. Interment at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Cradle, 2049 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL, 60201 appreciated. Funeral information and condolences www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Tome, Carol A.



Carol A. Tome, age 80. Longtime resident of Chicago's Historic Pullman and Roseland neighborhood. Graduate of St. Catherine of Genoa Grammar School, St. Louis Academy - Class of 1955 and St. Xavier University - Class of 1959. Retired dietician and proprietor of a Mount Greenwood Deli, Carol worked for Stouffer's, Swift Independent Meats and Corfu Tasty Gyros. She was an active parishioner, eucharistic minister and lecturer for Holy Rosary and St. Anthony Church. Active volunteer for the St. Vincent DePaul Society Food Pantry and eucharistic minister at Metro South Hospital. Proud past president of the Pullman Civic Organization and Historic Pullman Foundation. Carol devoted most of her life to the Pullman community. Daughter of the late Louise Mary nee Kapel and Stanley Tome. Sister of Marie (Dennis) Panozzo and the late James (Sue) Tome. Aunt of Daniel (Tracy), Alan and Edward (Sarah) Panozzo, and Jeremy (Marisela) Tome. Great aunt of Nicholas, Grant and Eliana Panozzo, David and Kylie Tome, Beau and Kayla Bruecher. Resting at **Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home**, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Sunday March 25th from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Family and friends will meet on Monday at St. Anthony Church, 11533 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago. Visitation 9:00 AM until time of funeral mass at 10:00 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Worth. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Carol's name to the Historical Pullman Foundation (www.pullmanil.org) or St. Anthony's Church, would be appreciated by her family. For further service information please contact 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com.

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Van Dyk, Nathalia

Nathalia Van Dyk of Beach Park, Illinois passed on March 13, 2018, daughter of the late Maria Morosow. She will be greatly missed by her husband John Van Dyk, her sisters Anna Christina Nelson, Irena Paz (Marcelleno), Marcy Morosow-Kroma, her nieces Jori Ray (Angela), Taylor Kroma and nephews Andrew Kroma and Carter Ray. Church services will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 11:00am at the Our Lady of Humility Church 10655 W. Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park, Zion, Illinois 60099.

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VanHoutan, Laine Manning

Laine Manning VanHoutan, age 12, of Downers Grove passed away March 20, 2018 after a long battle with Batten disease. Beloved daughter of Tracy and Jennifer VanHoutan. Loving sister of Emily, Colette and the late Noah. Cherished granddaughter of Norb and Jacque Farnaus, Madilyn Abernathy, Jerry and Susan VanHoutan. Dear niece, cousin, friend and inspiration to many. Visitation 1-7pm Thursday March 22nd at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove. Funeral service will be held 11am Friday March 23rd at the church. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Noah's Hope (www.NoahsHope.com) for Batten disease research or the Noah VanHoutan Family Trust (for final expenses), PO Box 54, Downers Grove, IL 60515 would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home** 630-964-6500.

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Wierzbicki, Mary T

95, of Bolingbrook passed away March 20, 2018. Loving wife of the late Alex J; beloved mother of Alex "Larry" (Barbara) Wierzbicki, the late Patricia (Joel) Harms and the late Theresa Ouellette; cherished grandmother of Cheryl Wierzbicki, Angelo and Alina Ouellette. Arrangements entrusted to Mount Auburn Funeral. Services private. Interment Mount Auburn Cemetery, Stickney, IL. Info: (708)-749-2033 or www.mountauburnfuneralhome.com



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Wolf, Henry

Henry Wolf, 94 Loving husband of Lucille, nee Wollman. Cherished father of Daniel (Cindy) Wolf and Steven (Barbara) Wolf. Adored grandfather of Richard (Rebecca), Alex (Laury), Lauren, Aaron, Margaret and Carrie. Treasured great-grandfather of Dylan and Benjamin. Devoted son of the late Rabbi Albert and Emmy Wolf. Dear brother of his late twin Walter (the late Dorothea) Wolf and Margot (the late Kurt) David. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He enjoyed a long career as a Vice President at Merrill Lynch. Services Friday, 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, (one block north of Lake Cook road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory to B'nai Yehuda Beth Shalom, 1424 W. 183rd Street Homewood, IL 60430, www.bybs.org and URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute, (OSRUI) Capital Campaign, 1121 Lake Cook Road, Suite D, Deerfield, IL 60015 www.osrui.org would be appreciated.



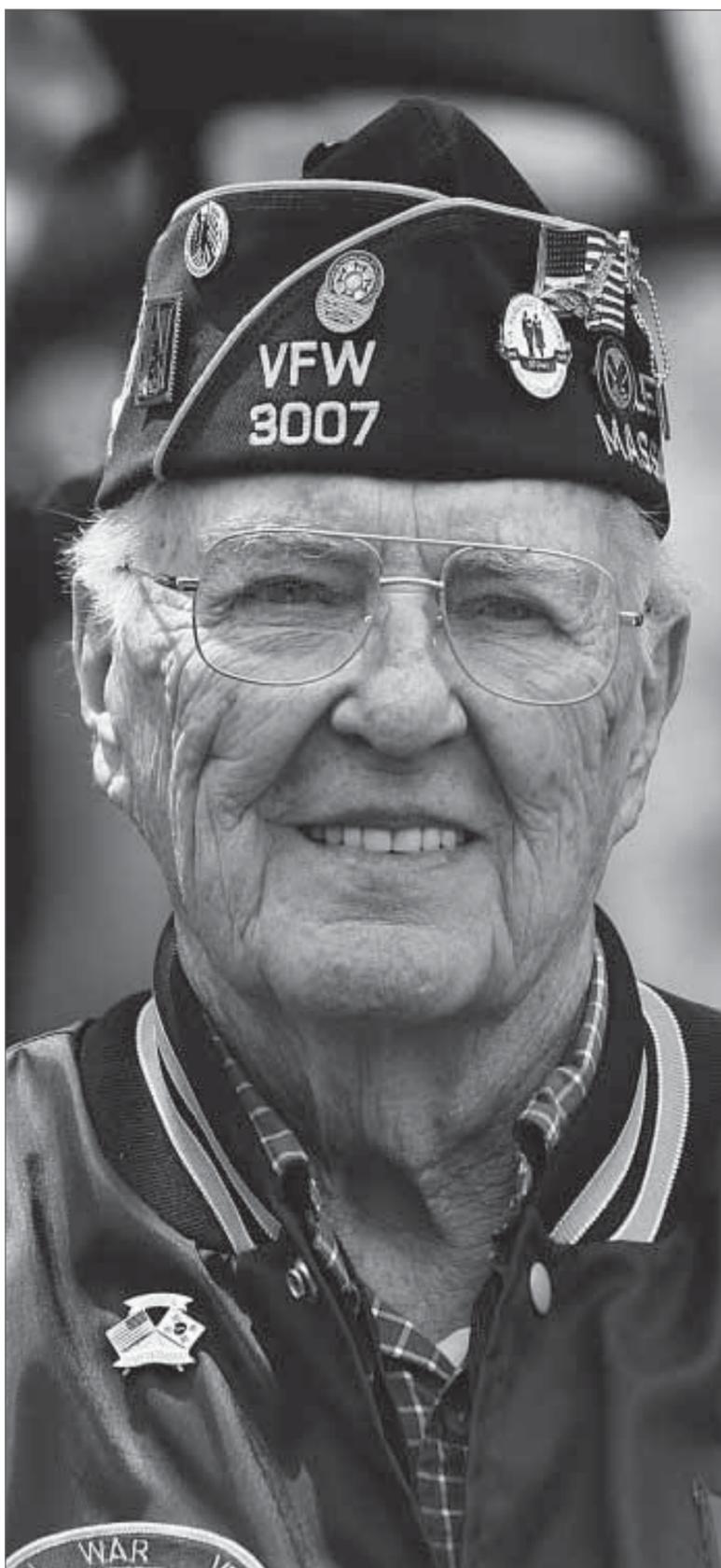
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Wydra, Michael F.

Michael F. Wydra, 67, beloved husband of Diane; loving father of Michael (Lisa), Jason and Brian (Kimberly) Wydra; dear grandfather of Delaney, Simone, Cameron, Cayli and Cassidy; fond brother of Paul (Karen), Stephen, Gary (Paula), Peter, Anne, Jean, Christopher, Linda (Ken) Koeppl, Sharon, David (Marianne), Philip (Carol) and Daniel (Jenny) Wydra; uncle of many. Visitation Friday 10:00 a.m. until time of service 12:00 Noon at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Jonathan Nettles

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Tasha Lofton (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00998

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom it May Concern, that on January 23, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/29/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM 1, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS March 22, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Tyreke Crawford

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mary Mischeaux (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01134

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Mary Mischeaux (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom it May Concern, that on October 30, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/26/2018, at 1:30 PM in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM 1, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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LEGAL NOTICES

SECTION 00003 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Cicero School 99 will accept sealed lump sum trade contractor bids for the following: Cicero School District 99 2018 Stone Replacement Cicero East Elementary School. Bid packages include the following: BP1 General Trades, BP 2 Masonry, BP 3 Glazing. The project consists of providing all work per Contract Documents prepared by FGM Architects Inc., 1211 W. 22nd St., Oakbrook, IL 60523, project No. 17-2268-01 dated 3/22/18, and Bid Manual prepared by Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc., 1733 N. 33rd Ave. Stone Park, IL 60165, project no. 17-130 dated 3/22/2018. Details pertaining to the construction project are set forth in the Bid Documents available on or after 3/22/18. All bidders must procure a current set of drawings, specifications and Bid Manual from Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. or from BHF Digital Imaging, 80 W. Seegers Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Please contact BHF# 47-593-3161. 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TO: OCCUPANT; OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MARIO E ANGELINI JR A/K/A MARIO ANGELINI; ANTHONY ANGELINI; DOROTHY MARCHIONNA; U.S. BANK, N.A. F/K/A PARK NATIONAL BANK F/K/A REGENCY SAVINGS BANK FSB; F/K/A REPUBLIC SAVINGS BANK FSB; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000110 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000572 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 216 23RD ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-28-112-001-0000 and 32-28-112-002-0000 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 5498209

TO: OCCUPANT; UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; WALTER WHITE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER; DYCK-O'NEAL, INC.; DAVID ALDRIDGE; STEVEN LEWIS; DARNELL MCKINLEY; LANDER COLEMAN; KELVIN HERBIN; TERRENCE LEWIS; W WHITE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD00057 FILED: 01/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000578 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 174 E. 25TH ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-28-119-052-0000 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 5498275

TO: OCCUPANT; LAURA BUFFINI; ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC.; City of Chicago Heights; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD00060 FILED: 01/04/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000593 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 1941 DARTMOUTH DR., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-29-111-017-0000 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 5501336

TO: OCCUPANT; LUIS RAMOS; ILLIANA FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION; NICHOLAS RAMOS; VICTOR RAMOS; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD00081 FILED: 01/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000605 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 87 24TH ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-29-214-021-0000 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 5501412

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TO: OCCUPANT; ELIZABETH CARBAJAL; LUIS VICTOR GUZMAN; OSCAR BARIAS; SAHAYRA CARBAJAL; NALLELY LIMON; ELIZABETH GUZMAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD00071 FILED: 03/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000607 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 47 24TH ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-29-215-028-0000 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 5501435

TO: OCCUPANT; LANESIA THORNTON; City of Chicago Heights; MARQUEL HOLLIDAY; FRANCIS HOLLIDAY; MELISSA THORNTON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000078 FILED: 01/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000604 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 1950 BEACON BLVD., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-30-102-040-0000 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 5501478

TO: OCCUPANT; VERNICE VANCE; LOUISE VANCE; Federal National Mortgage Association; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney; Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; V VANCE; VAN HARVEY VANCE; VANNESSE VANCE; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000081 FILED: 01/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000641 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 517 ARROWHEAD ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-30-107-068-0000 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 5501484

TO: OCCUPANT; DOMINGO CANTORAN; MARTISE DAVIS; SHANTAY DAVIS; ERIC JONES; DOMINQU CANTORAN; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000083 FILED: 01/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000646 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 563 BROOKLINE AVE., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-30-108-025-0000 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 5501490

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TO: OCCUPANT; GEORGE GOINGS; HOME OPPORTUNITY, LLC; Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services f/k/a Illinois Department of Public Aid; Lisa Madigan-Illinois Attorney General; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney; Cook County State's Attorney; CARL GOINGS; CHARLENE GOINGS; ELENCEO GOINGS; DEANGELO JACKSON; CRYSTAL JOHNSON; HOME OPPORTUNITY, LLC; Cook County Clerk; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD000089 FILED: 01/03/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 08/03/2015 Certificate No. 13-0000660 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 1946 DIVISION ST., CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No. 32-30-112-019-0000 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 5501598

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Kentucky Derby

The smart money might be on trainer John Calipari and his stable of thoroughbreds, but the 80th Run for the Final Four already has cashed a slew of long shots



BELMONT SNARK
Steve Rosenbloom
 Wait, the NCAA tournament is still going on? Seriously? But Loyola already has filled up "One Shining Moment." More Rosenbloom, Page 2

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Bovada odds

Hoops turns out to be right choice for Loyola's Townes

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — Marques Townes wrestled with the decision — almost too long. Football or basketball? The Edison, N.J., native was the rare modern athlete who not only dedicated himself to two sports, but also excelled at both.

Power Five football programs such as Penn State, Maryland and Rutgers showed strong interest. Akron, Ball State and Syracuse offered scholarships to the outside linebacker and running back.

In basketball, Townes played at St. Joseph alongside future NBA players Karl-Anthony Towns and Wade Baldwin IV and ranked second in school history in points (1,863) behind former Duke great and Bulls guard Jay Williams.

Townes didn't know which direction would be best. So he waited. As a result, he said, some schools rescinded their basketball scholarship offers as they filled their recruiting slots.

Turn to **Loyola**, Page 4

On tricky road to Final Four, Ramblers find their own way



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

ATLANTA — Welcome to the Kentucky Invitational, what some Southerners condescendingly have called the NCAA tournament field at Phillips Arena featuring three challengers and the heavily favored Wildcats.

A reporter referred to it that way Wednesday, politely asking Loyola coach Porter Moser what he thought about essentially being reduced to Kentucky's sparring partner.

"You know, I might have thought that with our problems getting here to the arena," Moser said sarcastically.

Disrespect can fuel a team better than a fancy energy drink, and Moser found an ample supply as Loyola arrived for its first Sweet 16 appearance since 1985. He can thank the hosts later for all the Southern inhospitality if the Ramblers take that sharpened edge onto the court Thursday against Nevada in the South Region semifinal. Even a team conditioned to enjoy the ride during March Madness has its limits.

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STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Bowman, Q deserve do-over

Just like that, on consecutive nights, the United Center was eliminated from the playoffs.

On Monday night, the Bulls lost to the Knicks. Bang, officially out. First goal officially met.

On Tuesday night, the Blackhawks lost to the Avalanche. Bang, officially out. Firing speculation season officially opens.

Since winning the Stanley Cup in 2015, their third in six years, the Hawks haven't won a playoff series. Geez, last year they didn't even win a game, a pantsing that came one postseason after losing a seven-game series to the evil, dreaded Blues.

Getting swept in a playoff series was deemed unacceptable last year. People lost jobs. Big verbal fingers were wagged. So, what does missing the playoffs altogether for the first time in 10 years bring?

The firing of general manager Stan Bowman?

The end of Joel Quenneville as coach? Both?

The argument for firing Bowman starts with Brent Seabrook's inexplicable contract that still has six years and more than \$41 million remaining with a no-movement clause that makes it less a playing contract than a prison sentence.

The argument also extends to the no-movement clauses given to former heroes such as Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith. Toews isn't the No. 1 center on a Cup winner anymore the way Keith isn't a No. 1 defenseman on a future champion.

And then there are such things as curiously big contracts for defensemen Jan Rutta and Erik Gustafsson while remaining a franchise strapped by the salary cap.

The argument for firing Quenneville starts with that awful team defense and the painfully regular inability to protect a lead. The loss of star goalie Corey Crawford in December mitigates some of that blame, but defensive responsibility team-wide has been hard to find.

The Hawks have allowed 227 goals, fourth-worst in the Western Conference. Blame Bowman for not having a backup goalie who can win. Blame Quenneville for not devising a system that protects clearly inferior goalies. And blame the players for not executing and for not scoring the way the Hawks must.

In goals for per 60 minutes, according to



ALEX GARCIA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Hawks GM Stan Bowman, left, and coach Joel Quenneville are under fire this season.

NaturalStatTrick.com, the Hawks rank 18th. They used to be the scariest team in the league. Now they're in the lottery.

If you're ranking causes of death this season, Crawford's injury is No. 1. Then comes the loss of Marian Hossa to a skin affliction. No. 3 is trading defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson. Then the loss of Brandon Saad — or at least the loss of his ability to play hockey, which came at the cost of Artemi Panarin, with whom Patrick Kane won a scoring title.

Crawford's injury is not on Quenneville or Bowman. Ditto, Hossa. Hjalmarsson is Bowman's fault, same as the Saad trade, although Saad gets a ton of blame, too, as do the core players with no-movement clauses.

You can blame Quenneville for the lousy power play, but look at the talent out there. I would blame the big names, too.

One knock on Quenneville is that he hates young players, something that goes back to Nick Leddy. But if he hated kids, how has Gustafsson gotten another chance after making the awful, series-deciding mistake in Game 7 against the Blues in 2016?

And look at Alex DeBrincat and Nick Schmaltz, youngsters showing they could play in the top six for years. Heck, DeBrincat

looks like he's threatening to become Kane 2.0.

And Bowman gets credit for the drafting and development of that talent. This is how the game works. It's tangled, the blame and the credit. And then there's this question: Who's available who's better?

Quenneville trails only Scotty Bowman in all-time regular-season victories. Since the start of the 1997 playoffs, Quenneville is tied with Scotty Bowman with three Cups. Nobody has won more.

Quenneville won those Cups with Stan Bowman, although both received help from Dale Tallon.

So, you can fire Bowman or Quenneville, or both, and you could convince yourself you have legitimate reasons.

But I wouldn't. I wouldn't fire either of them. Their resumes earn one more chance to return to Cup contention. I think the case to fire Bowman is stronger, but I would give both a do-over.

Here's the hard truth: If Crawford doesn't come back as Crawford next season, then this team is going nowhere and John McDonough might as well serve as President/GM/coach to save the organ-I-zation some cash.

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THE LINEUP

No fodder for web gems



Bob Uecker loves to make fun of himself on the air, and a run-in with a brown recluse spider — one of the most venomous house spiders in the U.S. — has provided the Brewers'

longtime radio voice with some fodder. "We were laughing about it on the air," Uecker told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "I said the spider didn't 'recluse' himself from biting me."

The spider bite actually was a pretty serious matter for Uecker, 84. It happened in October while he was changing a light bulb in his backyard.

"I didn't feel it bite me," he said. "The next day, I had a red mark on my leg, and it kept getting bigger."

He finally saw his doctor and needed surgery to remove the infected flesh and prevent necrosis and other side effects.

"I'm fine now," Uecker said. "What really bothered me is it kept me out of swimming for several weeks. Normally, I swim every day." *Los Angeles Times*

Losing plans; winning bid



What's the value of a 12-year-old Bills defensive playbook from the heart of the team's playoff drought?

Apparently \$70, according to eBay.

That's how much a playbook from the 2006 season sold for Monday on the internet auction site.

The thick playbook, according to photos, once belonged to defensive backs coach George Catavolos, who served under coaches **Dick Jauron** and Chan Gailey from 2006 to 2011. Catavolos, now retired, was not the seller.

Other items sold or due to be sold in the coming days included a binder of Bills college scouting reports in advance of the 2007 draft, a 1999 Colts playbook and a 2004 Lions defensive playbook (Catavolos worked for the Lions that year). *Buffalo News*

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BLACKHAWKS

'Humbled' Hawks already eyeing a resurgent season

By PAUL SKRBINA | Chicago Tribune

One thing the aftermath of being mathematically eliminated from the postseason lacked for the Blackhawks was shock.

A 5-1 loss to the Avalanche on Tuesday, the team's fourth in a row and sixth in seven games, put a permanent and appropriate seal on a season gone wrong.

"It sucks and it's kind of embarrassing," defenseman Connor Murphy said. "It's hard. You play to make the playoffs. Not making it is definitely a failure."

In a season full of them, several stand out as reasons the Hawks are going home for the playoffs for the first time in 10 years.

That the Hawks scored first again, and lost again Tuesday, was perhaps fitting considering they are 12-12-3 when doing so since Jan. 1. Furthermore, they are the fourth-worst team in the league when scoring first at 23-15-6.

They have allowed 12 power-play goals in their last nine games.

They have allowed at least five goals in each of those four consecutive defeats, and in seven of their last 11.

"One of those runs you want to keep going," Patrick Kane said of the playoff streak ending. "We had a disappointing second half of the season, to say the least. It seemed like a lot of the games throughout the year kind of went the way they did (Tuesday), where we score first and give up one, lost momentum and can't regain it."

The Hawks will have all summer to do that, which isn't necessarily a bad thing, in Kane's eyes.

"If anything, it has kind of humbled a lot of us in here and it could be a good thing," Kane said. "Come back with a little more of an edge next season."

And with some hope.

Tuesday's opponent, the Avalanche, are on top of the wild-card standings in the Western Conference, a year removed from having the worst record in the league.

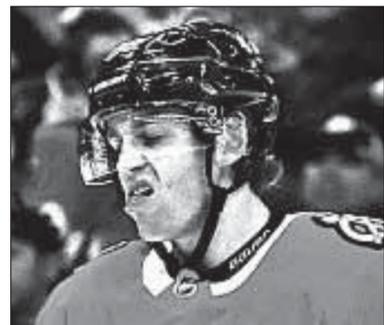
They won 22 games, lost 60 and had a .268 winning percentage.

The Hawks were 17-13-5 on Dec. 27, when Corey Crawford was put on injured reserve with an upper-body injury reportedly concussion related. The Avalanche were 17-16-3 the same day. Two days later they went on a 10-game winning streak.

"It's a situation we've never been in," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "For a long time, we've been in a good spot from start to finish. But what we're seeing is you can have an off year and next year can be right back at the top."

Kane also pointed to the Jets and the Kings as beacons of hope, too. Neither made the playoffs last year before bouncing back.

"You could look at a lot of different teams



NUCCIO DINUZZO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

All-Star winger Patrick Kane expects the Blackhawks to "come back with a little more of an edge next season."

CANUCKS AT HAWKS

TV/radio: 7:30 p.m. Thursday; NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720.

Storylines: The Canucks have the worst record in the Western Conference and second-worst behind the Sabres in the NHL. ... The Hawks have the seventh-worst record in the league.

Trending: The Canucks have seven goals in their last seven games, all losses. ... The Hawks have allowed at least five goals in their last four games, all losses.

that have struggled to make the playoffs in the past and have had some seasons this year where they're rebounding," Kane said. "You can look at Boston (too)."

"It's a tough league. ... We're in a tough division. You have to play well in the division and we haven't done that. It kind of showed in where we're at in the standings."

Last place, which is the last place Murphy expected to be when he was traded to the Hawks before this season in a deal that included Niklas Hjalmarsson.

Murphy figured after four years of losing with the Coyotes that he finally would experience the playoffs for the first time with the Blackhawks.

But he has known for a while that wasn't going to happen. Being officially eliminated was something for which he had been preparing.

"It has hit the last little while," he said. "It's not like it's one immediate day like this. ... I've experienced in the past it really hits you when you finish that last game, and you sit at home and see a few days later teams prepping for the playoffs and their excitement to try to win the Stanley Cup. That's the hardest part, I think."

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Nevada's Jordan Caroline, who grew up in Champaign as an Illini fan, takes his 17.7-point average into a Sweet 16 matchup with Loyola.

He's come this far

Illini had every chance to land Nevada's Caroline, who was in their backyard

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA — As a child in Champaign, Jordan Caroline's favorite player was just down the road at Assembly Hall.

"Dee Brown's my guy," Caroline said.

The Nevada junior is trying to replicate what Brown did in the 2005 tournament when he helped Illinois reach the NCAA tournament championship game. The seventh-seeded Wolf Pack face No. 11 seed Loyola on Thursday in the Sweet 16.

"Growing up, I went to all the (Illinois) basketball games," Caroline said.

Caroline's Illini ties run deep.

His father, Simeon Rice, was an All-America defensive end at Illinois in 1994 and '95 before being selected third in the NFL draft and making four All-Pro teams in 12 NFL seasons. His maternal grandfather, J.C. Caroline, was a College Football Hall of Fame running back for the Illini who led the nation in rushing as a sophomore in 1953 and played 10 seasons for the Bears, primarily as a defensive back.

"Everyone knows who you are (in Champaign)," Caroline said. "I couldn't get in trouble because my mom would've known."

He played his first two high school seasons at Champaign Central before transferring to Montverde Academy in Florida, where he played with Ben Simmons and D'Angelo Russell on teams that won back-to-back national titles in 2013 and 2014. Caroline played one season at Southern Illinois, averaging 9.2 points and 6.2 rebounds, before transferring to Nevada.

Cincinnati, Xavier and Minnesota offered him scholarships after he announced his plan to transfer.

But neither time did the Illini come calling.

"They never recruited me, and that was my dream school," Caroline said of Illinois, coached by John Groce at the time. "Out of high school, I really wanted to go there. But the second time (when he transferred), I was like, 'Whatever.' I thought I was going to get some (recruiting attention), but I was like, 'No big deal.'"

Caroline is in the spotlight now, especially after Nevada charged back from a 22-point deficit to beat No. 2 seed Cincinnati in the second round.

The 6-foot-7 wing, a first-team All-Mountain West selection who averages 17.7 points and 8.7 rebounds, is typical of the Wolf Pack system that values versatility. He's one of four starters, all 6-7, who average more than 13 points.

"They told me I was going to have offensive freedom to play on the perimeter and be a 3, 4, 5," Caroline said. Part of the reason he transferred from SIU, he said, was that the system limited him to playing mostly in the post.

When the Wolf Pack face Loyola, he will meet another childhood friend.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jordan Caroline works on keeping his shot sharp during the Wolf Pack's practice Wednesday at Philips Arena in Atlanta.

He and Loyola forward Donte Ingram — who grew up in Danville, Ill., about 30 minutes from Champaign — played in the same AAU program, Team Trouble, in middle school. Ingram moved to Chicago and played at Simeon his junior and senior seasons.

They reunited Wednesday at Philips Arena after their teams practiced — and they'll meet Thursday in the most important game of their lives.

"We hit it off," Caroline said. "That's been my boy ever since. ... It sounds like something you dream of as a kid, playing against one of your best friends in the tournament."

Caroline said he never felt pressured to play football like his father and grandfather. He called J.C. Caroline, who died last year at 84, his hero. Watching clips of him play "was the coolest thing in the world."

"He loved watching me do whatever, no matter what sport it was," he said. "He didn't care if I was playing football as long as it was what I loved."

Caroline, whose mother, Jayna Caroline, ran track in high school and graduated from Illinois, played almost every sport, from football to basketball to swimming.

"I was more basketball-oriented than other sports," he said. "Basketball was always my favorite. Early on when I was little, I liked football, but it was not my thing."

Caroline said his relationship with his father was distant growing up, but they reconnected when Caroline was in high school. Rice has attended some Nevada games and might be at the Sweet 16 game.

"It's been building," Caroline said. "It's been better (more recently)."

Caroline said he doesn't want another close game Thursday. The Wolf Pack beat Texas 87-83 in overtime in the first round and followed up with the 75-73 victory against Cincinnati. Loyola beat Miami 64-62 and Tennessee 63-62, both on shots in the closing seconds.

"You can't keep doing the same thing. It's not going to keep happening like that," Caroline said. "Hopefully not. I can't have another heart attack."

NO. 7 NEVADA (29-7) VS. NO. 11 LOYOLA (30-5)

6:07 p.m. Thursday, CBS-2 South Region, Atlanta

How they got here: The Ramblers, Missouri Valley Conference regular-season and tournament champions, beat Miami 64-62 on Donte Ingram's 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds left and followed up with a 63-62 victory against Tennessee on Clayton Custer's shot with 3.6 seconds remaining. The Mountain West regular-season champion Wolf Pack advanced with comeback wins against Texas (87-83 in overtime) and Cincinnati (75-73).

Key storyline: Does Loyola have another big win left in it? The Ramblers haven't been rattled by the more intense media spotlight or by playing higher-seeded teams. Nevada has won nine of 11 and can draw confidence from beating the second-seeded Bearcats.



Nevada key number: 6. Players in the Wolf Pack rotation. Four players — Caleb Martin, Jordan

Caroline, Cody Martin and Kendall Stephens — combine to average 63.8 of Nevada's 83 points per game.



Loyola key number: 7. Consecutive opponents Loyola has held to 62 points or fewer. Slowing the pace will be vital against a Nevada offense that thrives in transition. Only eight of the Ramblers' 35 opponents scored 70 points or more, and they rank first among the 16 surviving teams in scoring defense (62.2 ppg).

He said it: "It's going to be a really tough matchup as far as finding guys in transition. It's kind of unconventional in the sense that there's no conventional rim runner. Everyone is running to the 3-point line. They've got a ton of shooters. They can space the floor really well. ... It's got to take the whole team, all five guys on the court, to really slow them down." — Loyola guard Ben Richardson on the Nevada offense

Shannon Ryan's pick: No lead is safe against Nevada, and while the teams play very different styles, they're similar in their determination and ability to come back. Freshman center Cameron Krutwig could make the difference for the Ramblers against the Wolf Pack's guard-dominant team. This looks like another close one.

Loyola 67, Nevada 64.

NEVADA	Starters (with points per game)	LOYOLA
Hallie Cooke, 4.8	G	Clayton Custer, 13.3
Kendall Stephens, 13.4	G	Ben Richardson, 6.4
Jordan Caroline, 17.7	G	Marques Townes, 11.0
Caleb Martin, 18.8	F	Donte Ingram, 11.5
Cody Martin, 13.9	F/C	Cameron Krutwig, 10.4

NEVADA	Averages (with national rank)	LOYOLA
83.0 (16)	Scoring offense	71.9 (229)
73.2 (194)	Scoring defense	62.2 (5)
-0.6 (229)	Rebound margin	+1.5 (133)
+3.1 (24)	Turnover margin	+0.9 (115)
47.0 (55)	Field-goal pct.	50.6 (3)
39.6 (21)	3-point pct.	39.8 (19)
73.9 (76)	Free-throw pct.	71.8 (148)

New locale, but it's same old Weber

Former Illinois coach guides his 3rd program to Sweet 16



DAVID HAUGH

ATLANTA — The question was about heroes, and Kansas State coach Bruce Weber answered it by telling a tale about his father, Louis.

"My dad came over on a boat from Austria," Weber said Wednesday at Philips Arena. "And my grandparents, you just think about what they did, the sacrifice they made to give us a chance. My dad and mom said all five of the kids were going to be teachers and coaches, and we all are."

Weber smiled wistfully, recalling his childhood in Milwaukee with four siblings.

"We were afraid of my dad if we didn't do it, and he just said there was no better life than to help others," Weber said. "And what better way to do it than teach and coach?"

The topic changed to first jobs, and Weber suppressed a devilish grin remembering the story surrounding his days as a graduate assistant at Western Kentucky under Gene Keady.

"Coach Keady gets mad when I tell it," Weber began. "He said, 'Come down and meet me,' and I drove nine hours. I had never driven nine hours from Milwaukee to Bowling Green, and when I got there, I had my leisure suit, ready to go, and he wasn't there. And he was not only not in town, he was out of the country. He totally forgot about me."

Weber's face fell as if receiving the news for the first time.

"I was just heartbroken," he said.

"About a week later, I got on a pay phone (while I was) working camp at Marquette University High School. I put my quarters in because there were no cellphones yet and I got Coach Keady. I said, 'I came down there.'"

"Yeah, I'm sorry," he said. "Drive back down.' And I said, 'Hey, I can't do that, I'm running camp. You either hire me or not.'"

Keady hired Weber without having met him. They spent 19 compatible seasons together on the Purdue bench, teacher and pupil, before Weber left for Southern Illinois. That was 20 years ago.

Then and now, Weber proved he can coach. Of his 20 teams, only two have had losing records.

Success with the Salukis led Weber to Illinois, where he went to six NCAA tournaments — including the 2005 Final Four — in nine very unappreciated seasons.

After the Illini fired Weber on March 9, 2012, Kansas State needed only three weeks to hire him. In six seasons in Manhattan, Kan., Weber has evolved into one of the Big 12's most polarizing coaches despite leading the Wildcats to a 124-79 record and four NCAA tournaments — including their first Sweet 16 appearance since 2010.

So Weber, one of only 10 coaches to take three programs into the Sweet 16, has earned the right to reflect on what he has learned along the way.

At Illinois in 2004, Weber inherited a loaded roster from Bill Self.

"My first team at Illinois, I talked about getting to the Sweet 16," Weber said. "I didn't talk about getting to the Final Four, and I thought I capped them."

"That summer I said we're going to the Final Four. We gave out T-shirts and that's what happened. So I guess what's different is saying let's not just get there, let's get further and keep making that next step."

The next step at Kansas State came as a bit of a surprise given that its best player, 6-foot-10 forward Dean Wade, has missed the last three games because of injury. But Weber did what he often does, coaxing tremendous defensive efforts out of his team and going with a four-guard lineup to spread the floor offensively and shoot the 3.

"He's so experienced," sophomore forward Xavier Sneed said. "He knows what to do in any situation, and he's a great coach for us. He puts us in the right positions to succeed."

If Weber puts the Wildcats in position to upset Kentucky, a potential matchup with Loyola would pit Porter Moser against a man who can relate to everything the Missouri Valley Conference coaching star is going through.

"He's a good person," Weber said of Moser. "We've known each other a long time. He had a job, lost his job (at Illinois State), got a second chance."

"I know what we went through at Southern, the attention (we got). To get to the 16 as a mid-major, it's overwhelming. I'm happy for him. He can coach."

So can the guy with the distinctive voice whose return to the Sweet 16 with his third school speaks volumes about consistency.

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SOUTH REGION (5) Kentucky (26-10) vs. (9) Kansas State (24-11)

8:37 p.m. Thursday, CBS-2

Kentucky once had a 6-7 conference record but has won nine of 10, including the SEC tournament and Davidson and Buffalo in the NCAA tournament. Kansas State's leading scorer, Dean Wade, missed the first two games of the tournament with a stress fracture in his left foot but likely will play.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Bobblehead in demand

Loyola may do another run of highly sought Sister Jean collectible

By PHIL THOMPSON
Chicago Tribune

Loyola Ramblers merchandise has been selling briskly, with some fans scouring sites like Etsy and eBay to find vintage items, but there's one collectible that's the Holy Grail: the Sister Jean bobblehead.

And it's making a comeback. If you didn't get one at team chaplain Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt's bobblehead night in February 2011, you were probably out of luck.

"We're looking at doing another

run very soon," Tom Sorboro, senior associate athletic director for external operations, said via email from Atlanta, where the 11th-seeded Ramblers will face seventh-seeded Nevada Thursday night.

"At this point, everything Sister Jean-related is of tremendous interest. She essentially has become her own brand. ... When people hear about the bobbleheads ... they ask is, 'Where can I buy one?' ... We're hoping to be able to answer that question with something other than 'Nowhere, right now,' very soon."

Sorboro didn't specify a timeline. Meanwhile, Ramblers merchandise has seen a 500 percent spike in sales on Fanatics.com over the last week, outpacing the other

15 teams remaining in the NCAA tournament, the company announced. Fanatics is one of the NCAA's licensed apparel and product retailers and operates on-site retail for nearly 50 pro and college partners.

After Loyola upset Tennessee on a buzzer-beater in the second round Saturday, Fanatics sold more gear in the next 48 hours than the previous two weeks combined, according to a spokesman.

A Ramblers-themed "Bracket Buster" T-shirt has been the top-selling item on the site, and a "Sweet Sixteen" shirt has been seeing gains in the last few days.

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The Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt bobblehead was first made available at a Loyola game against Milwaukee in February 2011.

Gonzaga loves its 'Snacks'

Bulldogs getting big boost from Norvell

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

Zach Norvell Jr. earned the nickname "Snacks" while growing up in Chicago because of his affinity for candy and chocolate.

Gonzaga's coaches picked up on it when Norvell's father used the moniker during a recruiting visit, so Snacks followed the shooting guard from Simeon to Spokane, Wash.

Now Norvell is gobbling up opponents in the NCAA tournament. Gregarious and confident, he has provided the fire the low-key Bulldogs have needed and has them in position to make another Final Four run.

"He's got a persona that we really need in our program right now, quite frankly," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "We have an overabundance of introverts, and that's one thing he's not. I call him our spiritual leader. He gets us going every practice."

Entering the season, few outside Spokane thought the Bulldogs would be in this position: two wins from a return trip to the Final Four, starting with Thursday night's West Region semifinal against Florida State at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Gonzaga reached the Final Four for the first time last season, losing to North Carolina in the title game. The Bulldogs lost key players Przemek Karnowski, Jordan Mathews, Zach Collins and Nigel Williams-Goss from that team.

Picked to finish second in the West Coast Conference, Gonzaga swept the regular-season and tournament titles to reach the NCAA tournament for the 20th straight year.

From there, Norvell took over. The redshirt freshman averaged 12.3 points during the regular season but has upped his game under college basketball's brightest spotlight.

Norvell overcame a rough shooting day to hit the tiebreaking 3-pointer with 20.8 seconds left in Gonzaga's opening 68-64 victory over UNC Greensboro. He followed that up with 28 points, six 3-pointers and 12 rebounds in a second-round win over Ohio State.

"I'm a really confident guy, and the coaching staff and all the guys around me put the confidence in me," Norvell said.

The 6-foot-5 guard was a top-100 recruit who once scored 53 points and hit 14 3-pointers in an AAU game. But when he arrived in Spokane, Norvell was dealing with a lingering knee injury and joined a roster stacked with guard talent, so he was red-shirted.

Instead of pouting, Norvell observed and learned.

"Sitting last year was big," he said. "I learned a lot from those guys."

Norvell didn't become a starter this season until Corey Kispert injured an ankle in November. Once there, Norvell thrived.

"He's got a winning spirit about him," Few said. "He has an effervescence and charisma. He not only provides that stuff on the floor, but off the floor."

WEST REGION

(3) Michigan (30-7) vs.

(7) Texas A&M (22-12)

6:37 p.m. Thursday, TBS

Freshman Jordan Poole bailed out the Wolverines with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to top Houston. The Aggies were terrific in dismantling North Carolina in the second round. Texas A&M's athleticism, especially up front, made a difference.

(4) Gonzaga (32-4) vs.

(9) Florida State (22-11)

9:07 p.m. Thursday, TBS

The Bulldogs lost a lot of talent from last year's runner-up team, but here they are, playing on the tournament's second weekend again. Five players average in double figures, led by forward Johnathan Williams III's 13.6. Florida State point guard Terance Mann injured his groin in the first round against Missouri and didn't expect to play against Xavier. But he came off the bench and contributed some big buckets.

— Kansas City Star

Townes makes right call

Loyola, from Page 1

"It was a frustrating process because I didn't know what I wanted to do," said Townes, now a junior guard at Loyola. "I got to the point, I've got to sit down and think about what I've got to do. I talked to my dad, my mom, my AAU coach. I felt like it was my decision at the end of the day. My heart was with basketball, and I couldn't give up that passion."

He signed in April of his senior year with Fairleigh Dickinson, a Northeast Conference program not far from home, and he started every game as a sophomore, averaging 11.5 points as the Knights reached the 2016 NCAA tournament, losing a First Four game to Florida Gulf Coast. But after that season he decided to transfer.

Despite having never been to Chicago or having heard of Loyola, he visited the campus and ultimately transferred there.

Now he's back in the NCAA tournament with the 11th-seeded Ramblers, who advanced to the program's first Sweet 16 since 1985 with a pair of winning shots in the closing seconds. They'll face No. 7 seed Nevada on Thursday at Philips Arena in Atlanta in a South Region semifinal.

The Wolf Pack essentially play five guards with rare minutes from the bench and try to beat teams in transition. They rallied from a 14-point deficit against Texas in the first round and needed a 22-point comeback to take down No. 2 seed Cincinnati and its vaunted defense.

"This is going to be a game that comes down to defensive possessions and who wants it more," Townes said. "It's going to come down to grit."

Townes has plenty of that. After sitting out last season because of NCAA transfer rules, he's averaging 11 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.4 assists while shooting 51.6 percent from the field.

His football background isn't irrelevant to his success.

"We call him a bulldozer,"



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Marques Townes received plenty of interest as a football player, including a scholarship offer from Syracuse.

Loyola forward Aundre Jackson said. "He's always full speed."

"We call him a big guard," freshman guard Lucas Williamson said.

Townes' physical play is part of what attracted Loyola to the 6-foot-4, 210-pound guard when it worked to land him after his decision to transfer.

"I saw he could get to the basket," said assistant coach Bryan Mullins, who recruited Townes. "The (Missouri) Valley is such a physical conference. His body was ready to make an impact right away. That impressed us."

"He's got a good change of speed. He's a guard who can get to the basket and finish. He gave us a different look than we've had in the past. In transition he's great. He can get downhill so easily."

Townes initially quit football when he got to high school to focus on basketball. He missed the

sport watching from the stands, and St. Joseph football coach Casey Ransone urged him to play his senior season.

"He was just such a rare athlete," Ransone said. "It was my personal opinion if he had stayed with football, he would have become an NFL linebacker."

Ransone referred to basketball players who turned into NFL stars, such as Tony Gonzalez, Julius Peppers and Antonio Gates, to make his point about how Townes' toughness and athleticism could have translated to football.

Most college football programs wanted Townes to enroll in prep school for a year to develop further. Ransone said Townes easily could have added muscle to become a 230-pound linebacker.

He tried to tell Townes he would have more opportunities in football. Townes could have a shot

at the NBA but almost certainly would find a role on an overseas basketball team.

"He had so much invested in basketball," Ransone said. "It was tough. I told him his football ceiling is higher. It would have (gone) further in the end. But I see how it's worked out. In the end he's made the right decision."

Even after Townes announced his transfer from Fairleigh Dickinson, Ransone said Syracuse football coaches called him wondering if Townes had any interest in returning to the gridiron.

"I was like, 'No, I'm not coming back,'" Townes said. "I just wanted to play basketball."

Townes has no regrets. "Look where we are now," he said. "The Sweet 16. It doesn't get better than that."

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Ramblers might be able to find way to Final Four

Haugh, from Page 1

"Atlanta is beautiful, we got to see all the sights today," senior Ben Richardson kidded.

Loyola's odyssey began when a police escort failed to show up at the team's downtown hotel for the six-minute bus ride to practice at the arena less than a mile away. The bus eventually left anyway, only to circle the arena after the driver got lost, apparently confused over which entrance to use. Loyola players and coaches spent 35 minutes on the bus before it parked.

Is this any way to treat Cinderella?

"Some of us were starting to be like, 'What is going on right now?' So I knew Porter was not happy," guard Clayton Custer said. "We were driving around, and then when we finally made it, I knew that he wasn't. ... I knew he was going to say something to somebody. But I was proud of him. He kept his cool pretty good."

Moser wasn't so sure he agreed with Custer. Stepping off the bus, an agitated Moser gave an earful to a tournament official, waving his hands like he does when arguing with a referee. A Loyola staffer overheard Moser say, "We need to get to practice. We're not Kentucky." The workout started a few minutes late.

"Our guys handled it a lot better than me," Moser said. "I guess my immaturity came out. It

"This city has embraced us. It's great to see."

— Loyola coach Porter Moser

was frustrating. We couldn't get here. I told our guys, it's our first thing to overcome, and it's like getting a couple turnovers early. You've got to put it behind you."

Told that Custer expressed pride in his composure, Moser smiled.

"That shows you how mature our players are," he said.

The Ramblers will need all the maturity they can muster against a Nevada team as resilient as they are. Nevada overcame 14- and 22-point deficits last weekend to oust Texas and Cincinnati, feats as impressive as winning on back-to-back do-or-die shots the way Loyola did. The Wolf Pack have a maniacal coach, Eric Musselman, who would give the shirt off his back for victory. They have a balanced roster with four players averaging at least 13 points. They have depth and drive and chemistry, much like their mid-major opponent.

"Where we're different is the size of their interchangeable parts — they're 6-7 across the board," Moser said. "They have a bunch of guys that are mismatch nightmares,

somewhat positionless. They have interchangeable parts, a lot of guys who can bring it up and also shoot it. They'll have their point guard post up."

Added Richardson: "They've talked about how they only play six guys, but each one of those six guys can really hurt you."

Loyola looks ready for its close-up. Players enjoyed the increased attention, with reserve Carson Shanks cracking as cameras set up courtside to shoot practice, "I bet there's way less media when Kentucky comes out." Custer gave his high school, Blue Valley Northwest in Overland Park, Kan., a shoutout to a reporter from his hometown newspaper.

Richardson, Custer's longtime friend and classmate, relished breaking down the game publicly like a future coach or analyst. Donte Ingram took delight sharing how Chance the Rapper tweeted at him after his buzzer-beater against Miami.

"Icing on the cake," Ingram said.

The national platform gave Moser an opportunity to recruit, recognizing Loyola's Jesuit education and repeating some of the mantras that created his program's culture. *Respect is not a weakness. You can demand from kids if they know you love them. We put last weekend in the bank.*

Moser reveled in answering questions about Loyola's 30-win

season and 49-day span since the last loss. He again praised the influence of mentors Rick Majerus and Tony Barone and honored the influence of his father, James, a prominent Naperville businessman who died of cancer in 1998 at age 67.

"My father was a disciplinarian," Moser said. "He was on me, but there wasn't a day I didn't know he loved me. You can do that if there's a relationship there."

Nobody in Chicago will be surprised if the city's increasingly warm relationship with this likable Loyola team extends into Saturday, a realistic possibility. Rest assured the feeling is mutual.

"People always told me, 'Oh, Chicago is a pro sports town, you can't get a college team,'" Moser said. "No. Northwestern proved it last year, we're proving it this year. They love and respect hard work, toughness, togetherness, and this city has embraced us. It's great to see."

Sharing a dream, Moser described a picture on his office wall from 1963 when Loyola students and fans jammed Sheridan Road celebrating the NCAA championship.

"How cool would that be?" Moser asked.

For a moment Moser was lost again, this time in thought. But he didn't seem the least bit bothered.

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NUGGETS 135, BULLS 102



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Torrey Craig and the rest of the Nuggets had no trouble at all with the Bulls defense, shooting 61.4 percent.

Running clock

Bulls lose ugly, face possibility of LaVine being shut down

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

This Bulls season always has carried with it a feeling of what's next — how many pingpong ball combinations in the May draft lottery, which players will be added with two first-round picks in June.

And now it likely will be about what's next for Zach LaVine, whose left knee tendinitis will be re-evaluated in five to seven days. If it hasn't calmed, LaVine will be shut down for the season — a strong possibility.

If that happens, LaVine will finish the season, which continued Wednesday night with a 135-102 loss to the Nuggets, with averages of 16.7 points and 3 assists on 38.3 percent shooting in 24 games.

"This is going to be a huge offseason," LaVine said.

He meant in terms of playing basketball and adding to his game rather than rehabilitating a knee injury. But he also could have been talking about his restricted free agency.

On the one hand, LaVine shook some rust off to show the athleticism and scoring ease that made him the centerpiece acquisition from last June's Jimmy Butler trade. On the other hand, LaVine struggled to find chemistry with Kris Dunn and Lauri Markkanen, the other two major pieces acquired from the Timberwolves.

"I don't read too much into it just because of the fact that Zach really joined the team without many reps. Most of his live contact practices were with Windy City," coach Fred Hoiberg said, referring

THE BOX SCORE										
NUGGETS		MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS		
Chandler	29:17	6-9	2-2	1-5	3	1	19			
Millsap	26:50	8-9	5-6	1-8	3	2	22			
Jokic	23:50	9-11	1-1	2-7	5	1	21			
Barton	25:53	7-9	0-0	0-3	5	1	16			
Murray	29:25	5-14	3-3	1-5	7	1	16			
D.Harris	24:34	5-8	1-1	1-3	5	1	14			
Plumlee	19:01	2-2	0-1	0-3	1	1	4			
Craig	18:49	3-6	1-2	1-4	1	1	7			
Lyles	18:49	4-10	0-0	1-6	1	2	10			
Beasley	12:00	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	3			
Arthur	7:22	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	3			
Jefferson	4:08	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	0	0			
TOTALS		51-83	13-16	8-45	34	13	135			
Pts: FG 614, FT 813. 3-pointers: 20-35, 571 (Chandler 5-7, D.Harris 3-6, Murray 3-6, Jokic 2-2, Barton 2-3, Lyles 2-5, Millsap 1-1, Arthur 1-2, Beasley 1-2, Craig 0-1). Team rebs: 3. Team turnovers: 17 (12 PTS). Blocks: 6 (Arthur, Barton, Chandler, D.Harris, Millsap, Murray). Turnovers: 17 (Chandler 3, D.Harris 3, Millsap 3, Murray 3, Barton, Beasley, Craig, Jokic, Plumlee). Steals: 9 (Millsap 5, Murray 2, D.Harris, Plumlee). Technical fouls: None.										
BULLS		MIN	FG-A	FTA	REB	A	PF	PTS		
Valentine	24:01	4-13	0-2	1-2	3	1	10			
Zipser	17:46	2-9	0-0	0-1	2	3	6			
Felicio	28:06	7-9	2-2	2-5	1	1	16			
Holiday	22:46	1-5	0-0	0-2	1	1	3			
Payne	23:13	4-7	0-0	0-1	6	3	11			
Portis	26:18	5-11	4-4	2-8	2	3	15			
Nwaba	25:45	5-10	1-2	2-4	3	5	11			
Grant	24:47	3-7	4-4	0-0	7	2	10			
Vonleh	23:50	5-8	0-0	1-8	1	1	14			
Blakeney	23:28	3-10	0-0	1-3	2	0	6			
TOTALS		39-89	11-14	9-34	29	22	102			
Pts: FG 438, FT 786. 3-pointers: 13-38, 342 (Vonleh 4-6, Payne 3-4, Zipser 2-7, Valentine 2-8, Holiday 1-4, Portis 1-4, Blakeney 0-1, Grant 0-2, Nwaba 0-2). Team rebs: 6. Team turnovers: 15 (15 PTS). Blocks: 4 (Vonleh 2, Nwaba, Payne). Turnovers: 15 (Felicio 2, Grant 2, Holiday 2, Payne 2, Portis 2, Valentine 2, Blakeney, Vonleh, Zipser). Steals: 12 (Valentine 5, Nwaba 2, Payne 2, Felicio, Grant, Vonleh). Technical fouls: None.										
Denver	39	38	36	22	135					
BULLS	25	21	24	32	102					

Officials: Marc Davis, Jonathan Sterling, Bennie Adams. **T: 1:57. A: 20,671.**

to the Bulls' G League team. "I'm confident once we get all those guys together, especially this summer heading into training camp, we'll be a lot further ahead of where we are this year."

Anyone with any pride defensively could have been ahead of where the Bulls were Wednesday.

The Nuggets placed all five starters in double figures before halftime, led by as many as 46 and scored 77 points in the opening two quarters. It's the most first-half points the Bulls have allowed since February 1990.

The Nuggets' 113 points were the most allowed after three quarters in a home game in franchise history. Their 61.4 percent shooting marked an opponent's season high. They also shot 57.1 percent from 3-point range while tying an opponent franchise record with 20 3-pointers. And on

and on and on.

"We're not coming out with any type of edge whatsoever," Hoiberg said. "We're allowing teams to gain confidence early. And it just goes downhill from there. We jumped their ass at half and challenged them. We lost the second half by two; that's a positive.

"These guys are getting an unbelievable opportunity to prove they belong in this league and in the rotation and try to prove they belong long term with the organization. And we're way too inconsistent."

A large contingent of his fellow Serbs cheered Nikola Jokic at every turn. He sank his first seven shots and finished with 21 points in 24 minutes. Meanwhile, the inactive Robin Lopez's T-shirt game remained strong on the bench, rocking a Frasier and Niles Crane number from the TV show "Frasier."

Lopez's inactivity reminded all what the Bulls' main focus is — draft lottery positioning. Unfortunately, the Nets blew a huge second-half lead to lose to the Hornets, keeping the Nets 1½ games "ahead" of the Bulls for seventh in the lottery standings.

Those two remaining Bulls-Nets games will be epic.

"Like all coaches, I look at the box scores after every game," Hoiberg answered diplomatically when asked if it's unnatural to scoreboard-watch for pingpong balls instead of playoffs.

As for highlights, well, Denzel Valentine had his second career dunk. Bobby Portis extended his career-best streak to six games with 15-plus points. And the Bulls sank 13 3-pointers after going 3-for-30 Monday in New York.

That's about it.

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BULLS NOTES

Hoiberg: Dunn's future at PG 'bright'

By K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

As far as Fred Hoiberg is concerned, the Bulls have found their point guard of the future.

"Just looking at that (December) stretch where we were playing really good, as well as anybody in the Eastern Conference for that time period, Kris (Dunn) was as good as anybody on our roster," Hoiberg said. "So we really think he has a bright future with us."

How that affects how the Bulls view the draft remains to be seen, as impact guards project to be available in the Nos. 7-11 range. But Dunn, who missed his third straight game Wednesday night with turf toe that is protected by a walking boot, averaged 14.9 points and eight assists in December.

For the season, which the Bulls remain optimistic Dunn will continue, he's averaging 13.4 points, six assists and two steals, fourth in the NBA.

"I feel I've shown that," Dunn said of his being a long-term starter.

Similar to optimism for a Dunn return, Lauri Markkanen actually is close to returning from back spasms. Hoiberg ruled him out of playing in both of this weekend's back-to-back games. A logical plan would be for him to play Friday and avoid traveling to Detroit on Saturday.

"Lauri got a really good conditioning session in (Wednesday)," Hoiberg said. "It's the best he has felt since he (missed five games) with the back issue."

Giving back: The Bulls participated in some creative community service this week. On Tuesday, **Robin Lopez** took the Uristegua family grocery shopping with a scavenger hunt that concluded with a \$5,000 check for groceries for a year, courtesy of Jewel-Osco and Brita.

And before Wednesday's game, **David Nwaba** surprised two sen-

iors at Collins Academy who participate in the After School Matters Hoops High program. Nwaba will take **Tellys Davis** and **Demetrius Johnson** to Indochino, his preferred clothier, for custom suit fittings for their proms.

"It's a good opportunity to reach out to kids who may not be in the best situation," Nwaba said. "Just showing them a good time and telling them, 'Nice job succeeding in school and working hard for four years. Keep going.' Try to help out as best I can. It's not much, but making their prom day a little nicer is a good feeling. I'm happy to be a part of it."

Layups: With Dunn out, the Bulls recalled **Ryan Arcidiacono** from the G League. ... Fellow two-way signee **Antonio Blakeney** played through a sore wrist aggravated in the Knicks' game, when he spectacularly blocked **Kyle O'Quinn** and fell on it and later absorbed a flagrant foul from O'Quinn.

CUBS

Happ shows he's a top candidate

More patient at plate, 2nd-year player in mix to bat leadoff for Cubs

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Switch-hitter Ian Happ has convinced manager Joe Maddon he can handle the leadoff duties for the Cubs, at least to start the start of the regular season.

"You'll probably see him there a bit," Maddon said Wednesday. "I really haven't finalized anything."

The Cubs' master plan entering spring training was to conduct auditions involving Albert Almora, Ben Zobrist and Happ, who is batting .333 with a .417 on-base percentage this spring.

Maddon has been careful not to name a permanent leadoff hitter in the same manner he handled the closer's role in 2015, when Hector Rondon had those duties only to lose them briefly to Jason Motte before regaining them in the second half.

Maddon said he could employ a rotation at the top of the order, based on days off and the most favorable matchups.

"It's almost like not naming a closer, when you go back to closer by committee," Maddon said. "It's leadoff by committee as of right now. Let's just try to make our best choice and see where that plays us."

But Maddon hasn't overlooked the subtle changes made by the switch-hitting Happ, who batted .253 with 24 home runs and 68 RBIs in his rookie season but struck out 129 times in 364 at-bats.

Happ laid off two breaking pitches in the dirt before collecting a hit in the first inning of a victory over the Reds on Monday night.

"I think in the past you would have seen that 1-2 or 0-2 breaking ball in the dirt, or even if he laid off one, the other would have been chased," Maddon observed. "He laid off two, then came a line drive. That's the kind of stuff he has to do. And that's the kind of stuff I'm seeing."

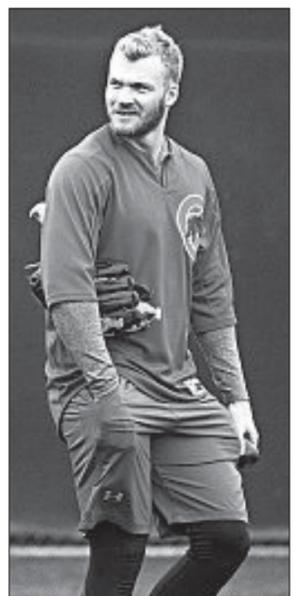
"He has answered he is capable of doing this. Furthermore, he wants to do this. He really likes to be able to do this."

Happ, naturally, is excited for the opportunity.

"I feel very comfortable there," he said. "I'm really enjoying the role, so I'm excited to get to the season and starting getting on base for these guys for real."

Could he earn the job more or less permanently?

"That's always your goal," Happ said. "Everybody wants to play every day. So your goal is to



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So far this spring, Ian Happ has a .417 on-base percentage, and he says he's "very comfortable" at the top of the Cubs lineup.

solidify yourself in any spot you can. If I can help the team the best way leading off, that's what I'll do."

Maddon has noticed Happ has been less vulnerable to strikeouts from the right side with a shorter swing, and he has become more engaged in subjects outside of baseball.

"When I'm talking to him about French wine, I can see where his confidence lies," Maddon said. "All that stuff is important. You can't talk just baseball. I've figured out it's about diversions."

"If you really want to do this well — 162 games, playoffs, World Series — you have to create some diversions in life."

Defensively, Happ as improved has the versatility Maddon likes being able to play in the infield and outfield.

"Being able to play multiple positions is good," Happ said. "Anyone who can nail down one spot kind of gets penciled in every day in that spot. For me, being able to play a very good center field definitely was a goal of mine coming in and I feel very good about what I've done out there."

Happ was at the top of a batting order Wednesday that could resemble their opening day lineup.

The only obvious exception was that shortstop Addison Russell was given the day off, with Javier Baez moving there with Zobrist starting at second base.

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CUBS NOTES

Darvish feeling strong, bonding with Contreras

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SURPRISE, Ariz. — **Yu Darvish** feels stronger now than he did before undergoing Tommy John surgery on his powerful right arm three years ago.

Darvish possessed a 96 mph fastball Wednesday that darted to both sides of the strike zone and his sharpness was evident as he watched several sliders produce strikeouts, starting with a whiff of **Delino DeShields** in the first inning.

"The hitters are reacting the way they did before my surgery (in 2015), so that's a good indication," Darvish said.

When asked if he could be stronger than before the surgery, Darvish replied, "I feel at my best currently."

He certainly was strong Wednesday in limiting his old team to three hits over six innings with seven strikeouts in a 5-1 victory over the Rangers.

Darvish personally made the 45-mile drive from Mesa to Surprise so he could reminisce at his former spring venue.

Possibly of more overall importance to the Cubs is the bond Darvish has fostered this spring with catcher **Wilson Contreras**.

"At first, he was kind of intimidating," Darvish said. "But as I got to know him, he's nice and polite. So I think we're in a good relationship."

Regardless of who wins the job as backup catcher, Contreras likely will handle nearly all of Darvish's starts.

Manager **Joe Maddon** said the only exceptions would be when Contreras is tired or injured, adding that Contreras would handle all of **Jon Lester's** starts as well.

Alvarez gone: The Cubs created a potential relief opening as the Mariners claimed left-hander **Dario Alvarez** on waivers.

The Cubs' 40-man roster stands at 38, which would pave the way for non-roster relievers **Justin Hancock** or **Anthony Bass**.

The Cubs likely will carry eight relievers, Maddon said, as insurance against the start of the season that features 11 games in the first 12 days.

They continue to take a cautious approach with **Pedro Strop**, who is scheduled to pitch Thursday night against the Giants in his spring debut after coping with a left calf injury and flu-like symptoms.

"We're going one outing at a time to figure out where he's at," Maddon said. "We'll talk to him about it, talk about it internally."

Closer **Brandon Morrow**, who has pitched in only four games, is to pitch in a minor-league game Thursday.

Hendricks' health: **Kyle Hendricks** remains on schedule to pitch the second game against the Marlins on March 30 in, Maddon said.

Hendricks threw 105 pitches in a bullpen session Tuesday after he was scratched from a start in a minor-league game because of strep throat.

BASEBALL

BASEBALL NOTES

Hall of Fame will end use of Chief Wahoo logo

Tribune news services

The baseball Hall of Fame says it no longer will use the Indians' Chief Wahoo logo for plaques of new members.

In a statement, the Hall said Wednesday that it "concur[s] with the commissioner's sentiment and acknowledges the shifting societal view of Native American logos in baseball."

Former Indians slugger **Jim Thome** was elected in January and said he wanted a block C logo on his plaque when it is unveiled in July. Thome said it was "the right thing to do."

Major League Baseball announced earlier this year the Chief Wahoo logo won't appear on Indians uniforms starting in the 2019 season. The decision came after discussions between Commissioner **Rob Manfred** and team owner **Paul Dolan**.

For years, groups of Native Americans and their supporters have protested outside Cleveland's stadium before the home opener, saying Chief Wahoo is an offensive depiction of their race.

The Hall said that while the Chief Wahoo logo appears on **Early Wynn's** 1972 bronze plaque and other exhibits in the

museum, it won't be used on future plaques.

Murphy won't be ready: Nationals second baseman **Daniel Murphy** won't be in the team's opening day lineup.

He finally admitted that Wednesday, when someone pointed out that it would be hard to see him advance from running only on a treadmill to playing in actual games in the eight days before the regular season begins.

"I think it's reasonable to expect I won't be in the opening day lineup," Murphy said, with a hint of sarcasm that implied he, like his team, had known that for quite some time.

Murphy underwent microfracture surgery on his right knee Oct. 20, almost exactly five months ago, a surgery he didn't know he would need until shortly before he had it.

Bright lights: Yankees outfielder **Giancarlo Stanton** said he is prepared for the scrutiny he will attract during his first season in New York.

"The good times will be magnified and so will the bad," he said. "The fans expect a lot. I expect a lot, too."



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP
The block C, on the cap of Terry Francona, and not Chief Wahoo, will be standard on any future Indians Hall of Fame plaques.

Stanton won the NL MVP last season after leading the majors with 59 homers and 132 RBIs for the Marlins. He was traded to the Yankees in December.

"Being in (New York) is a different feeling — greatest city in the world," Stanton said.

Extra innings: RHP **Alex Cobb** finalized a four-year, \$57 million contract with the Orioles, officially making the jump from the division rival Rays. Cobb gets \$14 million in each of the first three seasons and \$15 million in 2021, and he would earn a \$500,000 bonus in each year he pitches 180 innings. Cobb was 12-10 with a 3.66 ERA in 29 starts last season.

... **OF Rhys Hoskins** homered twice in the Phillies' 7-7 tie with the Blue Jays. ... **OF J.D. Martinez** doubled, singled and drove in three runs in the Red Sox's 8-3 victory over the Rays.

GOLF

WGC MATCH PLAY

McIlroy, Johnson falter in round-robin openers

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Rory McIlroy put together another flawless back nine, running off five straight birdies.

This time, it wasn't enough.

Former U.S. Amateur champion Peter Uihlein built a 5-up lead against McIlroy and held off his late charge in a 2-and-1 victory, one of several surprises Wednesday in the opening session of the World Golf Championship Match Play.

Defending champion Dustin Johnson hit two shots out-of-bounds on the same hole, another tee shot in the hazard and couldn't make the putts that he couldn't afford to miss on the back nine. He wound up losing on the 17th hole to Bernd Wiesberger.

Justin Thomas also got a scare, mainly because his opponent, Luke List, had to putt with a sand wedge over the last 12 holes after damaging his real putter.

McIlroy was coming off a victory in the Arnold Palmer Invitational just three days ago, when he birdied five of his last six holes to win by three shots.

"I felt it was going to go two

different ways," Uihlein said. "When a guy comes off a win, next week out they're either a little flat or still as hot as can be and they're just going to blitz it."

McIlroy was a little of both. He had a bogey, a double bogey and no birdies as Uihlein raced out to a 5-up lead through 10 holes. McIlroy began his run of five straight birdies on No. 12, and it might have been enough had Uihlein not matched him with a birdie at the 12th and another one on the 13th, when he laid up into the wind on the short par 4 over water and stuffed a wedge into 5 feet.

"I made him earn it at least," McIlroy said. "I just came away a little fat. I didn't really necessarily play badly. He didn't make a bogey all day, so it was hard to sort of claw my way back."

McIlroy, along with Johnson, Phil Mickelson and Tommy Fleetwood, now have to do some serious clawing to win their groups. All of them lost the opening match in their four-man groups and will need some help to advance to the weekend.

In the two years this round-robin format has been used, only four players have lost on Wednesday and won their group.

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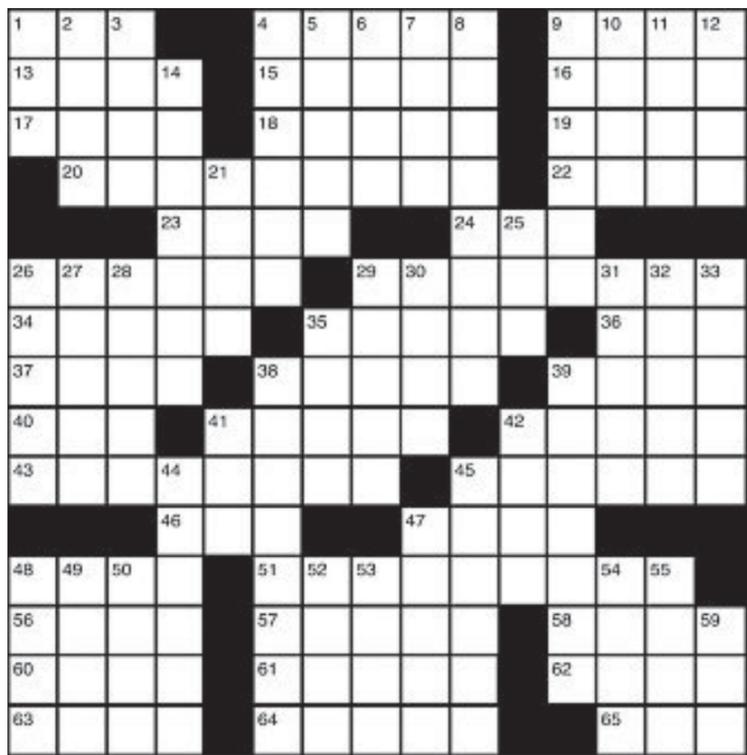
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Crossword



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ACROSS

- Prune stone
- Skater Lipinski and others
- Ship's pole
- On ___ own; independent
- "All ___"; Irving Berlin song
- Nostril's detection
- Part of a foot
- Virginia, for one
- Churchill Downs event
- Abbreviated
- Little child
- Swerve
- Mauna ___
- Plant lice
- Frying pans
- Detroit team
- Strong string
- Doggy doc
- Noise of an explosion
- Go back and forth
- Take on employees
- Family card game
- Squeeze water from a rag
- Ill-gotten gain
- Powerful pain medication

DOWN

- Luau dish
- Itinerary stopovers
- Texas ___; univ. in Lubbock
- Samples
- Change slightly
- Reddish horse
- Poker bet
- Very young tree
- Human being
- Call it ___; quit and go home
- Bootee
- Yew or palm
- Pushing
- Divided into categories
- Internet giggle
- Writer Bellow
- Smidgen
- Rising
- File drawer, perhaps
- Innocent
- Middy
- Worry
- Flying toys
- Actress Lolobrigida
- Strong desires
- On the ball
- Congressman's title: abbr.

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| 21 NL team | 41 Which person? |
| 25 Spanish cheer | 42 Earsplitting |
| 26 Scrapbook | 44 Braids hair |
| 27 Liberace's instrument | 45 Least bananas |
| 28 "___ thy father and thy mother" | 47 Cut off |
| 29 Pigs | 48 Uncertain |
| 30 Picture card | 49 Monster |
| 31 Kick out | 50 At that time |
| 32 ___ Haute, IN | 52 Set ___; leave shore |
| 33 Spirited horse | 53 Refer to |
| 35 Bed size | 54 Pinot ___; dry red wine |
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| 39 Flinging | 59 Short rest |

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THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB EXHIBITION	WCSN	ESPN2
Noon Yankees at Twins		ESPN2
3 p.m. Royals at Brewers	MLBN	
9:05 p.m. Cubs at Giants	WSCR-AM 670	

COLLEGE BASEBALL	ESPNU
7 p.m. Gonzaga at BYU	ESPNU

NBA	NBA TV
6 p.m. 76ers at Magic	NBA TV
9 p.m. Hawks at Kings	NBA TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
6:07 p.m. Loyola vs. Nevada	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
6:37 p.m. Michigan vs. Texas A&M	TBS
8:37 p.m. Kentucky vs. Kansas State	CBS-2, WMVP-AM 1000
9:07 p.m. Gonzaga vs. Florida State	TBS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: D2 SEMIFINALS	CBSSN
6 p.m. Ferris State vs. West Texas A&M	CBSSN
8:30 p.m. Queens (N.C.) vs. Northern State	CBSSN

BOXING	ESPN
8 p.m. Ryan Garcia vs. Fernando Vargas	ESPN

FIGURE SKATING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	NBCSN
2 p.m. Pairs' free program	NBCSN

GOLF	Golf Channel
9:30 a.m. PGA Corales Puntacana Championship	Golf Channel
1 p.m. WGC Dell Match Play	Golf Channel
7:30 p.m. LPGA Kia Classic	Golf Channel

NHL	NBCSN
6:30 p.m. Capitals at Red Wings	NBCSN
7:30 p.m. Canucks at Blackhawks	NBCSCH, WGN-AM 720
9 p.m. Golden Knights at Sharks	NBCSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE	BTN
6 p.m. Johns Hopkins at Penn State	BTN

TENNIS	ESPN
10 a.m. ATP/WTA Miami Open	ESPN

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS	SPRING TRAINING RESULTS, SCHEDULE	WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	QUICK HIT	*SPLIT SQUAD
AMERICAN LEAGUE	TEXAS 13-12	Cubs 5, Texas 1	Cubs Yu Darvish: 7Ks in 6 IP	
Baltimore	14-12	Cubs vs. San Francisco	Patrice Eric Hosmer: 2 HR, 4 RBIs	
Boston	17-8	White Sox 3, Boston 1	BoSox's J.D. Martinez: 2 HR, 3 RBIs	
Cleveland	16-12	Houston 8, Washington 3	Astros' Josh Reddick: 3-4 HR, 4 RBIs	
Detroit	9-16	St. Louis 13, Miami 6	Cards with six-run 2nd	
Houston	17-7	Philadelphia 7, Toronto 7	Phillies' Rhys Hoskins: 2 HR, 3 RBIs	
Kansas City	15-10	Milwaukee 4, Oakland 3	K.C.'s Hamel: 7Ks, 6 ER, 3 HR, 4 IP	
Los Angeles	13-15	Atlanta 3, Detroit 2	Braves' Preston Tucker: 2B, 2 RBIs	
Minnesota	12-12	Minnesota 3, Pittsburgh 1	Bucs' Trevor Williams: 8Ks in 5 1/2 IP	
New York	14-11	N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 4	Yanks' Aaron Judge: 2 HRs, 4 RBIs	
Oakland	12-14	Seattle 7, Milwaukee 4	Mike Zunino: 3 HRs, 5 RBIs for M's	
Seattle	12-14	Tampa Bay 2, Texas 1	San Fran. 14, Arizona 0	Giants' Brandon Belt: 3 H, 3 RBIs
Tampa Bay	11-13	Texas 7-13		
Toronto	7-18			

NATIONAL LEAGUE	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME
CUBS	White Sox vs. Arizona	Scottsdale, Ariz.	8:40
Arizona	Cubs vs. San Francisco	San Francisco	9:05
Atlanta	St. Louis vs. Atlanta	Jupiter, Fla.	12:05
Cincinnati	Baltimore vs. Cincinnati	Sarasota, Fla.	12:05
Colorado	Detroit vs. Philadelphia	Clearwater, Fla.	12:05
Los Angeles	Miami vs. Houston	West Palm Beach, Fla.	12:05
Los Angeles	Milwaukee vs. Minnesota	K.C.'s Hamel: 7Ks, 6 ER, 3 HR, 4 IP	12:05
Milwaukee	Tampa Bay vs. Toronto*	Dunedin, Fla.	12:07
New York	Colorado vs. Oakland	Mesa, Ariz.	3:05
Philadelphia	Kansas City vs. Milwaukee	Phoenix	3:05
Pittsburgh	San Diego vs. Cleveland	Goodyear, Ariz.	3:05
St. Louis	Toronto vs. Pittsburgh	Bradenton, Fla.	5:05
San Diego	Washington vs. N.Y. Mets	Port St. Lucie, Fla.	5:10
San Francisco	Cincinnati vs. Texas	Surprise, Ariz.	8:05
Washington	Texas vs. Seattle	Peoria, Ariz.	8:40

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Yates H 1	1	2	1	0	1	1
McGrath H 1	1	1	1	0	1	1
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SAN DIEGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
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Brewer H 1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Yates H 1	1	2	1	0	1	1
McGrath H 1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Matton S (2-3)	1	0	0	1	0	1
MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
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13 Citi Field Mets	2009
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL	MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
AMERICAN LEAGUE	FC Dallas: Traded F-M Shaft Brewer to Los Angeles FC for a 2019 4th-round draft pick and general allocation money.
Baltimore: Signed RHP Alex Cobb to a four-year contract. Designated RHP Jose Mescia Jr. for assignment. Optioned RHP Hunter Harvey to Bowie (EL).	Portland: Re-signed M Victor Vazquez to multiyear extension.
Kansas City: Assigned LHP Richard Lovelady; RHPs Kevin Keim, Glenn Sparkman and Josh Staumont; Cb Nick Dini and Parker Morin and INF Cody Asche, Erick Mejia and Ryan O'Flaherty to minor league camp.	Colorado: American Athletic Conference: Promoted chief financial officer Eric Ziady to senior associate commissioner/CFO.
N.Y. Yankees: Optioned INF-O'Flaherty to minors; OF Billy McKinney; and RHPs Ben Heller and Giovanni Gallegos to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (LH).	Arizona: Announced freshman C DeAndre Ayton will enter the NBA draft.
Seattle: Claimed LHP Darío Alvarez off waivers from the Cubs and optioned him to Tacoma (PCL).	Cincinnati: Fired women's basketball coach Jacquie Elliott.
Texas: Placed RHP Ronald Herrera on the 60-day DL.	Louisville: Fired men's basketball coach David Padgett.
NATIONAL LEAGUE	North Carolina: Named Robert Gillespie assistant football coach.
Philadelphia: Traded 2B Eleizer Alvarez to Texas for cash.	N.C. State: Granted release to men's basketball C Omer Yurtseven so he can pursue a professional career or transfer.
FRONTIER LEAGUE	Wake Forest: Men's basketball 6 Keyshawn Woods is leaving program.
Schaumburg: Sold the contract of RHP Garrett Kelly to the Cubs.	

BASKETBALL	COLLEGE HOCKEY
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	NCAA D1 TOURNAMENT
Atlanta: Signed G Jaylen Morris to a multi-year contract.	NORTHEAST REGION: Worcester, Mass.
Milwaukee: Signed G Brandon Jennings to a second 10-day contract.	Saturday's first round
FOOTBALL	Cornell (25-5-2) vs. Boston Univ. (21-13-4), noon
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	Michigan (20-14-3) vs. 3300 Ohio State (24-9-5) vs. 1
Atlanta: TE Logan Paulsen agreed to 1-year deal.	EAST REGION: Bridgeport, Conn.
Detroit: Signed TE Luke Willson and DT Sylvester Williams.	Friday's first round
Indianapolis: Re-signed CB Pierre Desir and OT G Jack Mewhort.	Notre Dame (25-9-2) vs. Michigan Tech (22-16-5), 2
Kansas City: Signed DT Xavier Williams.	Providence (23-11-4) vs. Gonzaga (33-7-4), 3
Minnesota: Signed LS Nick Dooley, K Kai Forbath and TE Josiah Price. Waived LB Shan Wabney to the Cubs.	Clarkson (23-10-6), 5
New England: Re-signed WR Matthew Slater.	MIDWEST REGION: Allentown, Pa.
HOCKEY	Saturday's first round
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE	Ohio State (24-9-5) vs. Princeton (19-12-4), 2:30
NHL: Fined Tampa Bay F Steven Stamkos \$5,000 for dangerous trip vs. Toronto D Morgan Rielly during March 20 game.	Denver (22-9-8) vs. Penn State (18-14-5), 6
Arizona: Named Mike Berry vice president, corporate partnerships.	WEST REGION: Sioux Falls, S.D.
	Friday's first round
	St. Cloud State (25-8-6) vs. Air Force (22-14-5), 3
	Minnesota St. Mark's (29-9-1) vs. Minn. Duluth (21-16-3), 6:30

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NBA	THURSDAY
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Philadelphia	off
at Orlando	off
at New Orleans	off
at Houston	off
at Sacramento	2 1/2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Kentucky 5 1/2	W. Virginia
Nevada 1 1/2	Texas Tech
Michigan 2 1/2	Syracuse
Gonzaga 2 1/2	Clemson
at UTSA	
at San Fran.	

NHL

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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Atlanta FC	2	1	0	6	7	6	6
Philadelphia	1	0	1	4	2	0	0
New York	1	1	0	3	4	1	1
Montreal	1	2	0	3	4	5	5
New England	1	1	0	3	4	1	1
D.C. United	0	1	2	2	4	6	6
Orlando City	0	2	1	2	5	0	3
FIRE	0	2	0	0	4	6	6
Toronto FC	0	2	0	0	3	3	3
WESTERN	W	L	T	P	PTS	GF	GA
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Liam Broady d.	Bjorn Fratangelo, 7-6 (5), 6-3
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Guido Pella, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2)	
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NFL

What's old may be new again

Legal catch could be determined by what's called a 'football move'

BY RICH CAMPBELL
Chicago Tribune

The NFL is going back in time to try to define and clarify a legal catch.

The league's competition committee next week will recommend restoring the "football-move" requirement for a reception, the same term it removed from the rule in 2015 in an attempt to make a catch less subjective and easier to officiate.

Al Riveron, the NFL's senior vice president of officiating, announced the recommendation Wednesday in a tweet. The competition committee will present to all 32 owners at the league meet-

ings, which begin Sunday evening in Orlando, Fla.

In March 2015, the league replaced the football-move criteria for a catch by attempting to clarify what constituted such a move. That led it to revise the rule's language to include more specific criteria for becoming a runner.

Dean Blandino, the NFL's vice president of officiating in 2015, explained eliminating the term "football move" by saying at the time: "Once you go down that path, it becomes more subjective: What is (or) isn't a football move?"

Under the current rule, which was again reworded in 2016, a pass is complete (or intercepted) if the player secures control of the ball, touches the ground with either both feet or a body part other than his hand and maintains control of the ball long enough to become a

runner. The rule defines becoming a runner as, after a player's two feet are on the ground, "he is capable of avoiding or warding off impending contact of an opponent, tucking the ball away, turning upfield or taking additional steps."

Also, Riveron has applied the term "survive the ground" to rule on catches during which a player goes to the ground — meaning the player is required to maintain control of the ball during and after hitting the ground.

Riveron's tweets Wednesday did not address the survive-the-ground element of the rule, other than implying that a football move constitutes a catch even if that move involves going to the ground, such as extending the ball for the line-to-gain.

However, the league is willing to relax the survive-the-ground

element, according to Troy Vincent, NFL executive vice president of football operations, who was quoted Tuesday by the Washington Post.

"Slight movement of the ball, it looks like we'll reverse that," Vincent told the Post. "Going to the ground, it looks like that's going to be eliminated. And we'll go back to the old replay standard of reverse the call on the field only when it's indisputable."

The NFL's catch rule — specifically, inconsistencies interpreting and applying it from game to game — have been problematic for years. The list of disputed decisions in high-profile games lengthened in 2017, most notably with Riveron's overturning of Steelers tight end Jesse James' touchdown reception in the decisive sequence of a Dec. 17 game against the Patriots.

On Oct. 29 in Chicago, the rule and Riveron's interpretation of it sparked outrage when Bears tight end Zach Miller's touchdown catch against the Saints was overturned. That Miller suffered a probable career-ending left knee dislocation on the play and the initial touchdown ruling had put the Bears ahead in the third quarter only added to the vitriol locally.

Riveron tweeted Wednesday that James' catch would have stood under the recommended reworded rule. He did not mention Miller's play. The difference between the two was that James caught the ball outside the end zone and extended it toward the goal line, while Miller caught his ball in the end zone.

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JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

John Fox had a track record of being less than up front with the media at critical junctures during his three-year tenure as Bears coach.

Crank call? Fox heads to TV

Does ESPN seriously expect grumpy ex-Bears coach to give viewers insightful, honest analysis?



PHIL ROSENTHAL
On media

John Fox is joining ESPN as an analyst, but it won't be official until Fox denies it.

If we learned nothing else during Fox's three last-place seasons as coach of the Bears, it is that much of what he says in public is suspect, or at least not to be taken at face value.

To paraphrase that trusty old Chicago journalism maxim: If John Fox says his mother loves him, check out Kevin White's shin.

ESPN has cast its lot with a man whose contempt for Bears fans and anyone else who might have second-guessed him and his 14-34 team bled through too many testy news conferences, too many cranky, dismissive and/or evasive sound bites, not to mention his talent for fiction.

Whatever endearing qualities Fox may evince privately too often vanishes before the cameras.

Which, you know, might be a problem for a guy paid to be an on-camera member of the media for which he has had so little use or tolerance.

Here's hoping Fox trots his greatest hits for ESPN, those insightful nuggets that made his postgame analysis so edifying. You know, stuff along the lines of: "I thought they all played well," "Everyone needs to play better" and that show-stopper "I'll have to look at the tape."

An NFL coach can afford to Bill Belichick his way through his dealings with the media only if he gives the public something of value in return, like Bill Belichick's success.

Again, let's repeat: The Bears were 14-34 in three last-place seasons under Fox.

Maybe ESPN has convinced itself it can present Fox as the coach who took the Panthers and Broncos to the Super Bowl while forgetting his time with the Bears the way ABC's revival of "Roseanne" looks to dismiss the death of John Goodman's character in the original series.

Shrug it off with a joke, then pretend it never happened.

The problem is Fox has conceded some people don't get his jokes.

That was Fox's excuse after he bristled to a reporter asking how then-Bears quarterback Brian Hoyer could have failed to spot how wide open receiver Alshon Jeffery was, ending a comeback bid at the end of one 2016 loss.

Prepare to bust a gut. Fox's answer: "It would have been an option that, had we had the coolness of the hot dog-laden press box, we might have gone there."

What's amusing is ESPN wants to make him one of those people who asks those very questions about missed opportunities, bad decisions and blown coverage.

And he apparently is happy to take a paycheck from one of those media outfits he desperately tried to keep from reporting what their journalists see and hear and limit what TV stations could air.

The crackdown began after some reporters tweeted about White, a receiver the Bears took seventh overall in the 2015 draft, and what seemed to be the lingering effects of a leg injury White suffered in a training session. Fox downplayed it as minor.

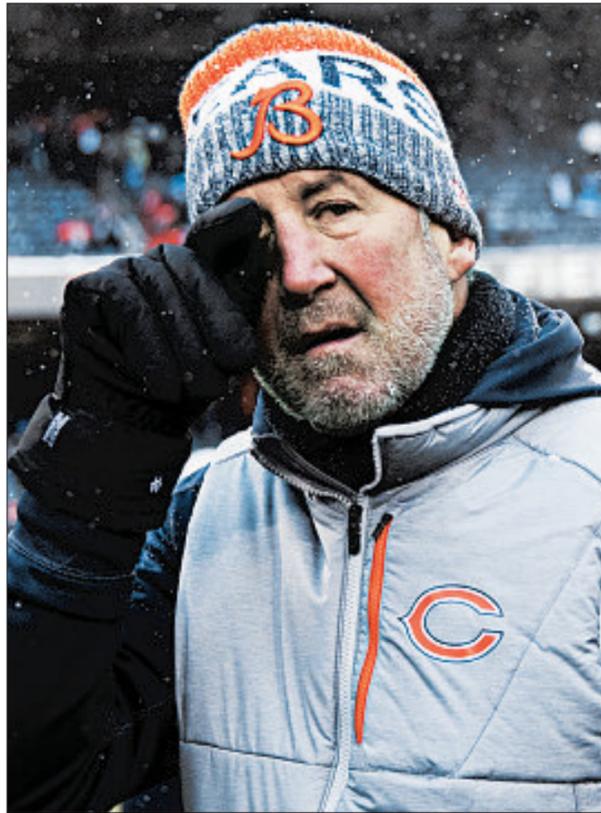
Then, in an interview with West Coast-based radio host Jim Rome, Fox said White might have shin splints. You know, minor.

It wound up being a stress fracture.

A minor steel rod needed to be inserted surgically in White's minor left tibia and he didn't play a game his whole rookie year, a prelude to playing four games the next season before breaking another bone in the same leg and a season-ending shoulder injury in last year's season opener.

Why the White lies? "You guys figure that out," Fox said during 2015 training camp. "I just know that, by league (rules), we're required to give you a body part, unless it's a quarterback or kicker, then we don't even have to tell you which side. I've been doing it for 14 years. That's the way we do it." No lie.

Peak Fox was on open display during the Bears quarterback follies of October 2016, when



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Hoyer was playing behind center while Jay Cutler recovered from a thumb injury.

Fox said the decision of who would play once Cutler healed would be "performance based," suggesting he was unlikely to pull Hoyer if the team was winning with him.

A week later, on the subject, Fox insisted, "We don't have a plan."

Two weeks after that, Hoyer broke his arm and Fox said Cutler "knew all along what our plan was" and "I don't know that there was a competition to speak of."

Said Cutler, "He doesn't have a choice, I guess, at this point."

So Bears fans may have been dismayed but resigned at the beginning of last season — Fox's last season — with Fox's explanation as to why quarterback Mike Glennon, who wowed no one in preseason, initially was named the starter ahead of rookie Mitch Trubisky.

Fox's explanation — "It's not something we handed him for any particular reason other than he earned it" — might well have sent the needle on a lie detector

Whatever endearing qualities Fox may evince privately too often vanishes before the cameras.

flying into a nearby room.

Ditto, after switching to Trubisky, when Fox said the rookie "probably arguably played his best game" in a three-interception late-season loss.

It was classic "Who are you going to believe, me or your eyes?" and Bears fans had become so used to being fed such nonsense that they barely could do more than grimace, knowing they were stuck with this guy just a few more weeks.

ESPN presumably has its pick of the litter. But is Fox really what its viewers want? Even if all of that stuff with the Bears was an act, isn't there a better act out there?

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Parkey reaching for Gould standard

New kicker wants to approach success of former Bears great

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

Cody Parkey has played at Soldier Field in just one exhibition game in his four-year NFL career, so he has much to learn about kicking in a place where the elements aren't always friendly.

But the newest Bears kicker, who signed a four-year, \$15 million contract last week, looks to a past example to show he can have success in Chicago.

"You see a guy like Robbie Gould who had so much success here, obviously it's possible to be a good kicker here," Parkey said. "I hope I'm here for a long time, and I hope I can have the success that someone like Robbie Gould had. He was an incredible kicker here."

After two seasons of shuffling kickers, the Bears hope Parkey, 26, is their long-term solution to filling the void after cutting Gould.

The Bears parted with Gould, the franchise's all-time leading scorer and kicker of 11 seasons, before the 2016 season in favor of Connor Barth. They cut Barth this year after he went 11-for-16 on field goals in 10 games. Cairo Santos then joined the team, but suffered a groin injury in his second game. Mike Nugent came on for the final four games of the season.

In the middle of all the uncertainty at the position, Gould returned to Soldier Field in December and made five field goals, including the game-winner, in the 49ers' 15-14 victory over the Bears.

The Bears are guaranteeing Parkey \$9 million to stop the cycle of disappointment.

"I don't see it as pressure," Parkey said. "I just look at it that I prepare all year for this and when I get out in the field, most of the time it takes care of itself. I'm human. Mistakes happen, but I just go out there and I do my best and I put my best foot forward."

Parkey, whose father grew up a Bears fan in Naperville, called himself a "well-rounded" kicker who has experience in tough weather conditions after playing two seasons with the Eagles and one season each with the Browns and Dolphins.

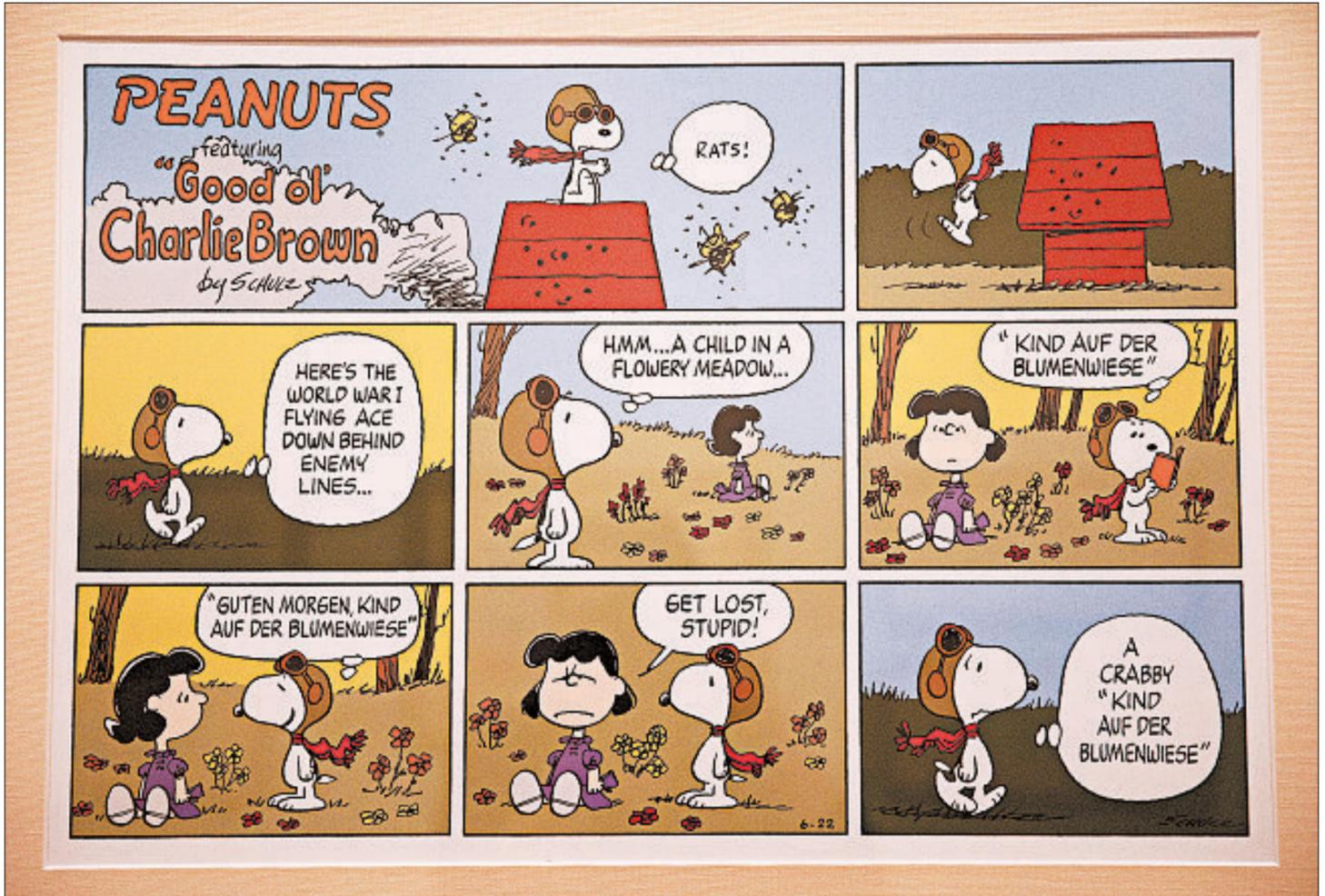
Perhaps his best season came as a rookie with the Eagles in 2014, when he was 32-for-36 on field-goal attempts, with a long of 54, and 54-for-54 on extra-point attempts. He was selected for the Pro Bowl that season. He went on injured reserve with a groin injury after just three games in 2015.

In 2017 with the Dolphins, he was 21-for-23 on field-goal attempts, with a long of 54, and 26-for-29 on extra-point attempts.

Bears general manager Ryan Pace called Parkey a "proven kicker" and pointed to the fact he has experience working with new special teams coordinator Chris Tabor. Parkey played for Tabor with the Browns and said he liked the idea of reuniting with him.

"In the back of my mind, when teams were calling, I knew I had a familiarity here," Parkey said. "He knows what I'm good at. He knows what I can improve on and stuff like that. Knowing he was here definitely added a sense of comfort for me."

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This Sunday "Peanuts" comic strip from 1980 is among the pieces in the "Snoopy and the Red Baron" exhibit, which opens Friday at the Elmhurst History Museum.

Slice of Schulz genius

Peanuts' Snoopy battles the Red Baron again in traveling exhibit at Elmhurst History Museum

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

It might be easy, from the perspective of someone who didn't grow up reading "Peanuts," to dismiss Charles M. Schulz's magnificent daily meditation on the temporary triumphs and the minor, often hilarious cruelties that come with being human.

"Peanuts," from the outside, was an industry based on simple line drawings, a marketing platform inked in Sunday color and then 3-D printed into any godawful tchotchke you could imagine and hundreds more that you wish somebody hadn't.

But pick up one of the approximately 3,000 available "Peanuts" collections — especially the series from Fantagraphics that simply presents the strips as they were originally put before the public, chronologically — and live in it for a time.

There, you'll encounter the peculiar genius of Schulz's creation, the consist-

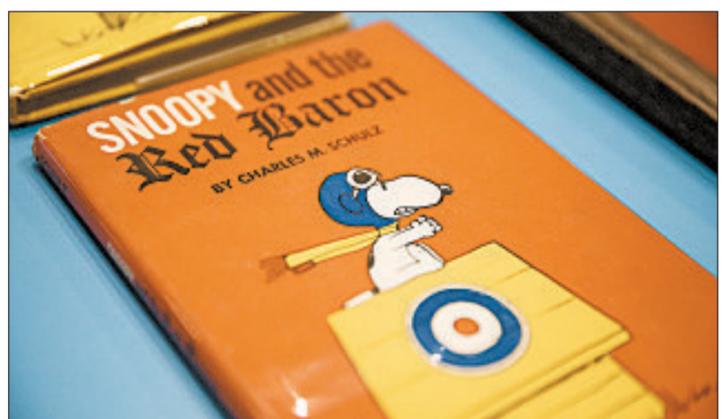
ent excellence as he and his characters tried to earn at least a draw in the daily wrestling match with melancholy. What might look like simple nostalgia for childhood was actually a deep, complex stew.

And it was that way from the start. The very first "Peanuts" strip, from 1950, set the tone, and it is still breathtaking.

"Well! Here comes ol' Charlie Brown!" says one child about another. "Good ol' Charlie Brown... Yes, sir!"

The boy in question walks by, smiling. And then our monologist delivers the punch line: "How I hate him!"

Kids say the darkest things. That an empire was able to grow from this is extraordinary. American culture hasn't been known for its embrace of nuance, but Schulz, a native Minnesotan who worked most of his life from Northern California, found a way, in thousands of daily newspapers at his peak, to sell us on the not very affirming idea that people can be jerks,



Also on display is a 1966 book featuring the beagle as his famous alter ego.

intentionally or otherwise. He reminded us that you could run toward it, full of expectation, but still the football might not be there at the end.

One of the aftershocks of his impact arrives Friday in the form of a museum exhibition. "Snoopy and the Red Baron," at the Elmhurst History Museum,

celebrates the enduring fantasy of Charlie Brown's beagle: that he was a World War I flying ace, his doghouse a Sopwith Camel airplane.

The little town museum in a vintage house typically punches far above its weight in ambition, producing or pre-

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Leading the pack at Lolla

The Weeknd, Bruno Mars, Jack White among headliners

BY GREG KOT
 Chicago Tribune

The Weeknd, Bruno Mars, Jack White, Arctic Monkeys, Travis Scott, the National, Vampire Weekend and Odesza will headline Lollapalooza.

The lineup, announced Wednesday for the festival Aug. 2 to 5 in Chicago's Grant Park, brings a strong hip-hop presence that includes Logic, Post Malone, Lil Uzi Vert, Tyler the Creator, Lizzo and Brockhampton.

Also on the bill: St. Vincent, Lykke Li and relative newcomers Greta Van Fleet, Rainbow Kitten Surprise, Daniel Caesar and Billie Eilish. Veteran acts include L.L. Cool J, Gucci Mane, Franz Ferdinand and Lollapalooza co-founder Perry Farrell, who will be debuting material from a forthcoming solo album with "an all-star lineup of guest musicians."

Four-day passes (\$335 plus fees) remain on sale at lollapalooza.com. Single-day tickets will become available once the four-day passes have sold out.

It's the first time in years that the festival had not sold out of



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The Weeknd will take the stage this year at the Lollapalooza festival.

weekend passes before announcing its lineup. The slower ticket sales could be attributed to a number of factors: the relatively high ticket price (fees push the four-day pass closer to \$400), the glut of summer music festivals, concerns over safety and security exacerbated by the mass killings at a concert in Las Vegas last year, and disappointment last year in the relatively lackluster lineup.

Will those doubts be quelled this year? All of the headliners, with the exception of Mars, have played Lollapalooza previously. And if the undercard makes or breaks a festival lineup that

includes more than 180 acts playing on eight stages over four days, there once again appears to be plenty of filler.

There are a few exceptions, including slots for Chicago up-and-comers Taylor Bennett (brother of Chance the Rapper), Knox Fortune and Valee. Also noteworthy are rising Australian band Gang of Youths, country singer Tyler Childers, soul singer Durand Jones, the feminist pop-punk Regrettes and multi-culti octet Superorganism.

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Jason Isaacs gets to use his comic chops in "The Death of Stalin."

MY WORST MOMENT

Jason Isaacs and case of the missing co-star

BY NINA METZ
 Chicago Tribune

Well-known in the U.K., British actor Jason Isaacs is probably best recognized in the U.S. as Lucius Malfoy in the "Harry Potter" films, or more recently as "Star Trek: Discovery's" Captain Gabriel Lorca. He's also currently filming the second season of Netflix's "The OA."

But his role as a puffed-up army general in the new 1953-

set comedy "The Death of Stalin" from "Veep" creator Armando Iannucci — a film that "somehow manages to acknowledge the murderous depths of Josef Stalin's regime while rising to the level of incisive, even invigorating political satire" per Tribune critic Michael Phillips — is something entirely unexpected: Isaacs being absurd and funny.

"My friends know that I'm

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Jimmy Kimmel had former "Today" host Katie Couric accompany him to his first colonoscopy last week.

Kimmel brings Couric along to colonoscopy

On Tuesday night's episode of "Jimmy Kimmel Live," the host made good on a promise he'd made to Katie Couric two years ago: that she could accompany him to his first colonoscopy.

In a taped segment filmed last week, Kimmel meets Couric at a bar, where she sets him up with a large glass of clear liquid to help prepare his colon for the procedure.



Couric

"How was it?" Couric asked after Kimmel downed the drink in one go.

"Vile," he replied.

The video then cuts to an excited Couric at 5:30 a.m. the next day, driving through the dark streets of Los Angeles on her way to pick up Kimmel for his appointment.

"You're going to get this done, and you're going to feel relieved, and you won't have to do it for another five or 10 years," Couric told Kimmel on the drive to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

"Oh, all right," he said. "It'll be like the Olympics." For Kimmel, a colonoscopy is just a matter of course; he turned 50 in November, hitting the recommended age to get screened for colorectal cancer.

But for Couric, it's a labor of love. The former "Today" show host had her own colonoscopy broadcast live on air in 2000 in an effort to raise awareness after she lost her husband to colorectal cancer two years prior.

— Libby Hill, Los Angeles Times



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

'This Is Us' star's memoir: "This Is Us" star Chrissy Metz, 37, above, writes about her early struggles with weight and poverty and her later success as an actress in her new memoir. In an excerpt from "This Is Me" appearing in the April 2 People magazine, she describes growing up poor and overweight in Florida. She writes about her first kiss, but says the boy would not acknowledge it in public. She moved to Los Angeles in 2003 to pursue her dream of becoming an actress. She says her role as Kate in the NBC drama has changed her life.

The Boss staying on Broadway: Bruce Springsteen will extend his "Springsteen on Broadway" one-man show until Dec. 15, he announced. Eighty-one additional shows will go on sale for performances July 10 through Dec. 15, marking the third time "Springsteen on Broadway" has been extended since its initial eight-week run. Tickets for the newly announced "Springsteen on Broadway" shows will go on sale March 28.

Poehler to direct: Netflix is sending Amy Poehler to "Wine Country" to make her feature directorial debut and also produce and star in a comedy about friends having a weekend celebration of a 50th birthday. The cast includes Rachel Dratch, Ana Gasteyer, Maya Rudolph and Tina Fey.

March 22 birthdays: Actor William Shatner is 87. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 70. Actor Keegan-Michael Key is 47. Actress Reese Witherspoon is 42.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Offensive list ranks female students

Dear Amy: I am part of an international MBA program at a well-known European university.

I just found out that the men in the program have put together a list, ranking all the women in the program by their looks. I'm furious and disappointed that the men who are supposed to be my peers, business partners, co-workers and friends have subjected the women in the program to this.

I have been told who started the list, and it has been talked about by a few people, but I haven't personally seen this list (I'm working on it).

I'm thinking about writing a letter to the faculty. Others have suggested asking for the expulsion of the men who have contributed to the list.

I feel as though this list is a slap in the face after everything that women have been going through, and I really don't want this sort of treatment or behavior to be normalized ever again. But I don't really know what to do or how to go about it.

— Disgusted

Dear Disgusted: You have every right to be angry. (And ... isn't this how Facebook got started — as a juvenile "hot or not" ranking of on-campus women at a prestigious university?)

The #MeToo movement is demonstrating that normalizing harassment creates toxic environments and havens for predatory behavior (which this list absolutely is).

This needs to stop.

Do not count on the university faculty or administration to handle it to

your satisfaction. Think of this challenge a bit like going into battle: You need to arm yourself with knowledge, and begin building an army. Connect with your fellow female candidates. Deploy some MBA-level networking to quickly form a coalition.

If you can obtain hard evidence that this list exists, you should publicize it, share it widely and use the list itself to expose the people behind it. When you do so, mask the identity of the women named, but display the identities of those who created and shared it.

If you aren't able to receive hard proof of the list, make an appointment with a faculty member and the dean. Insist that they investigate your allegation. Also consider sending an "open letter" to the university community.

Most importantly, save (and screenshot) everything: the list itself, any communication regarding the list or any references to it on social media.

Don't get discouraged: Speak up, be fearless and don't let anyone convince you that this isn't a big deal. This is a very big deal, and it should be taken seriously.

Dear Amy: I'm very indecisive about everything — especially relationships. I tend to run away when issues arise. I'm having doubts about my partner. For over two years he has had problems keeping a job, and this causes me stress about money. We can't plan for our future.

We also rarely have sex. I find him attractive, but I'm not sexually attracted to him. This might be

because of the job issue. He doesn't seem motivated. I don't know what to do?

— Unsure

Dear Unsure: If running from relationships is your problem, then take a stab at repairing this before you flee. Your partner sounds depressed. Your own aversions could be contributing to your problems as a couple — in fact, it sounds as if you have already actually left the relationship, even if you're physically present.

If he communicates well with you about his challenges, this might unite you as a couple. If not, you'll have to do the personal algebra to decide if you should (or want to) invest part of your own future in trying to shore up this relationship. Running isn't called for, but you might need to walk away. Counseling would definitely help.

Dear Amy: I'd like to add my own voice in complaining about "vocal fry." But don't look to England for answers. So many actors there are retaining their regional accents and not even bothering to speak properly. It is an assault on the ears.

— Distressed

Dear Distressed: Vocal fry is not an accent, per se, but a style of speaking. But I'd like to put a good word in for regional accents — in every country. I think they're fascinating and important markers of culture and identity, and I would hate to see them disappear.

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'Grey's' new firehouse spinoff lacks spark of original series

By VERNE GAY
Newsday

The series: "Station 19" is the Seattle firehouse that "Grey's Anatomy's" Ben Warren (Jason George) joined as a rookie earlier this season, and now it's got its own spinoff series (and so does Ben).

When, where: Premieres Thursday on ABC.

What it's about: This firehouse is run by Capt. Pruitt (Miguel Sandoval), whose daughter, Andy Herrera (Jaina Lee Ortiz), serves as a tough-as-nails firefighter under him. Her best friend is Maya Bishop (Danielle Savre), and her sometime love interest is Jack Gibson (Grey Damon), who is Station 19's lieutenant. A couple of other firefighters: Dean Miller (Okieriete Onaodowan), a

charmer and cutup, and Travis Montgomery (Jay Hayden), a by-the-book type who keeps Station 19's members focused.

My say: Ben joined "Grey's Anatomy" back in the sixth season, but after all these years, he never quite cracked the ranks of "Grey's" top characters, like Meredith (Ellen Pompeo), Karev (Justin Chambers), Bailey (Shandra Wilson) or Avery (Jesse Williams). He was popular, just not that popular.

There are reasons. Foremost, he existed somewhat in the shadow of the much stronger Bailey, his wife and boss. Ben also was a bit unfocused, even to himself. Should he be a surgeon or an anesthesiologist? Should he live in Los Angeles or Seattle? Should



ABC

Jason George stars as surgeon-turned-firefighter Ben Warren in "Station 19," a spinoff of "Grey's Anatomy."

he be a doctor or a firefighter?

At long last, Ben appears to have settled on a decision, but characteristically,

this wasn't an easy one. When ABC first laid the groundwork for this spinoff in the Season 13 finale — a typically wild one, with a

'Station 19'

8 p.m. Thursday, ABC

big explosion at Grey Sloan Hospital and lots of flames — Ben confided, "I'm not a big fan of fire. It's my worst nightmare, actually." Then when Andy — introduced on "Grey's Anatomy" a few weeks ago — asked why the job switch, Ben said, "I got into a lot of trouble" by operating on someone with a clipboard (seriously), and "now I get to do whatever it takes to save a life, and that's only a good thing." Hey, tell that to the next guy you cut open with a clipboard, Ben. And you are the one who gets a spinoff?

But as the "Station 19" launch makes abundantly clear, poor, befuddled, clipboard-wielding Ben is once again mostly on the sidelines. Another firefighter barks at him when he suggests the worst possible treatment for someone (no spoilers) whose heart just stopped beating. His new firehouse buddies tolerate him more than embrace him.

In fact, what — or who — "Station 19" is really about is Andy, or in the loving words of her father, "Baby Rambo." She's the perfect prototype of Shondaland hero: Tough but vulnerable, smart but not too full of herself, strong but ... well, strong. Period. She's in control of her head, her body and almost her life. No man is going to tell her what to do. He wouldn't dare. Think of Baby Rambo as three parts Bailey, two parts Mere.

Meanwhile, "Station 19" feels exactly like a Shondaland show, but far more like a crossover than a spinoff. There's perhaps a bigger problem: NBC's "Chicago Fire" already does this show and does it well.

Bottom line: Straight off the Shondaland assembly line, "Station 19" has a good lead and lots of energy, but not all that much else.

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Colorful magic in Glen Ellyn gallery

Art in Kool-Aid hues speaks in language of neighborhood, hushed tones of church



LORI WAXMAN

It takes some serious powers of transubstantiation to turn wood flakes and Kool-Aid into a wall of luminous colored glass, but Faheem Majeed has done it, or something like it, in "Unite," his solo show of new and recent work at the Cleve Carney Art Gallery in Glen Ellyn.

Majeed, who was born in 1976 and has lived in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago since 2003, is something of a specialist in the transformation of undervalued materials, places and objects. He has done this administratively and curatorially, at institutions including the South Side Community Art Center, where he was executive director from 2005-11, and as part of the Floating Museum collective, which over the past two years has installed exuberant temporary art spaces in South and West side parks and on a barge in the Chicago River.

He has done this in relational artworks, like the cedar-paneled meeting room constructed as part of his 2015 solo show at the Museum of Contemporary Art and the functional shacks he erects on vacant lots out of an eclectic array of found materials. Majeed has, unsurprisingly, been repeatedly tapped as artist-in-residence for community-minded programs city-wide.

The sculptures in "Unite" are both deeply

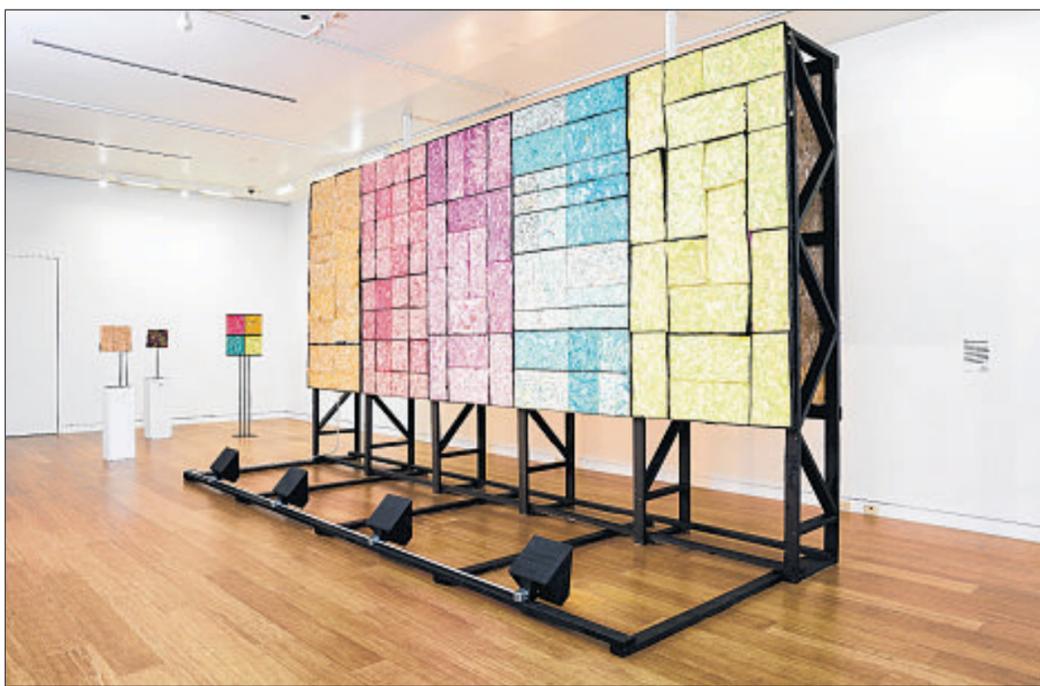
like and radically unlike the many other entries on Majeed's hardworking resume. Nine in total and ranging in size from intimate panels to a two-sided billboard, they name beloved but underappreciated institutions like the DuSable Museum of African American History and mimic the advertising displays left blank in socio-economically challenged areas.

They blazon a red "X" and a blue cross, which could be about health care but look much more to be cultural and religious. Made from oriented strand board, or OSB, a type of engineered wood commonly used to seal up vacant buildings and protect damaged ones, they stand for neighborhoods in transition or under duress.

Majeed, for whom OSB has become a go-to material, sources plenty of it on the streets of predominantly black, middle-class South Shore, which was especially hard hit when the housing market crashed a decade ago. He also laboriously and somewhat absurdly makes his own.

But OSB is machined by necessity; it requires immense pressure to achieve structural integrity. Majeed's handmade boards, built up from dumpster wood that he puts through a chipper, are irregular and warped, bursting their edges, as much part as whole. They're also dipped in vats of Kool-Aid, that ubiquitous drink of urban food deserts, which colors them glorious shades of orange, pink, purple, blue and green, depending on the flavor.

These are artworks that require being looked at — not sat on, communed



CLARE BRITT PHOTO

"Unite," a solo show by Faheem Majeed, is on display at the Cleve Carney Art Gallery in Glen Ellyn through April 7.

around, recontextualized or otherwise interacted with, as has so much of Majeed's past production. These new pieces are, for want of a better term, art objects, and they both behave and reward as modern art objects do. Viewers will stand still in front of some and circle others — many are two-sided, presented on elegant hand-forged steel armatures — and they will undoubtedly consider form and material, process and result. They may, as was I, be deeply moved by the transcendent beauty of panels saturated in a spectrum of jewel tones; by the all-over irregularity of randomly patterned OSB, accentuated by a coating of monochromatic black; by the labor of carving thick messages into the surfaces of gray boards, unearthing their light un-

weathered hue beneath.

As much as the works in "Unite" talk the language of the neighborhood and the street, the neglected and the underrepresented, they also speak in the hushed tones of the museum and the church. "ETINU," an 11-by-20-foot rainbow array of handmade OSB, complete with floodlights and a hefty wooden support structure, is part color field painting, part stained-glass church window, part disused billboard. "Victor," a midsize panorama of found OSB stained richly black above a weathered gray-green band into which the title letters have been carved in reverse, is an Ad Reinhardt black painting adapted as a sly critique of urban advertising infrastructure (the bitter joke's on the very real Victor Sign Corp., although it's hardly

the loser). Two petite untitled works, each of which showcases a formal experiment — the insertion of tinted wood strips perpendicular to the board, the matting together of six different Kool-Aid hues in one variegated panel — belong as much in the gallery of modern collage (think Kurt Schwitters) as in a chapel, icons of the new religion that art has become.

This bringing together of the undervalued and the overvalued, the everyday and the sacred, the street and the museum-church may be what Majeed had in mind when he titled his exhibition "Unite." United they try to be, here, though the challenges of the communion are everywhere acknowledged. Majeed's title design — which appears on the plate-glass

entrance, across a gallery wall, on the catalog cover, and in every single label — graphs it like a brand: the word in a box, backward, in all caps, the E reversed, the N straight, the other letters ambiguous in their orientation. Those letters are carved, too, into the backside of the billboard centerpiece. But though they're as tall and wide as a person, they're just barely legible.

It's hard work, unity.

"Faheem Majeed: Unite" runs through April 7 at the Cleve Carney Art Gallery, College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, 630-942-2321, www.clevecarneygallery.org.

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Delaying improv on stage goes bad

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funny," he said, "but I was stunned that Armando asked me to be in the film. I'd assumed it was just a predictive text mistake and he was trying to send it Jason Statham, but I said yes before he could change his mind."

When asked to share a worst moment from his career, he laughed. "I don't even know which to pick. It's just a waterfall of catastrophes and they're always on stage, those are the worst."

There was the time he was in a drama in London. "It was a very hot ticket and it exposed all kinds of corruption and collusion about the Irish peace process. And the whole thing led up to a very long pause and silence at the end when someone finally cracks and confesses. And the silence in the theater was electric, you could hear a spider blink. It was amazingly tense."

One night, a cellphone started ringing.

"And it rings quietly at first, and you think, 'Doesn't matter, we're going to hold the silence for two or three minutes anyway, the tension will build.' But whoever it is, they don't answer their phone! And the ring keeps getting louder and louder and louder. We'd spent two hours earning that silence and we're bristling with fury thinking, 'You've ruined this moment! You've ruined this play!'"

"And finally, it's this deafening ring — it doesn't sound like it's in somebody's bag or pocket, it feels like they're holding it up — and finally I realize it's in my pocket. On the stage. Everyone realized the same time I did. So I pull it out of my pocket and answer it and I just screamed, '(Expletive) off!' and put it back in the pocket and we finished the



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British actor Jason Isaacs is probably best known in the U.S. as Lucius Malfoy in the "Harry Potter" movies.

play. It was my wife, who else? She always calls at the most inappropriate moments. That is generally not the way our conversations go! But the reason we're still married after 30 years is that she literally has no interest in my work whatsoever and most of the time has no idea what I'm filming or what I'm doing."

But even that wasn't as bad as an early theater performance when he was still at university.

My worst moment ...

"I was a student, I think I was 21 or something like that. And I was in a play at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival (in Scotland) that was about a student actor, strangely enough. So the lights come up for the third act and it's myself and Beatie Edney, who's quite well-known in England, and somebody's meant to come bursting in — it's meant to be a young playwright furious about stolen money. The set was this apartment that's furnished lavishly with the money I've stolen.

"So anyway, the lights come up and — nothing. Beatie looks at me, and I look at her, and we're beginning to get a blind panic in our eyes. So I decide to start improvising. I

thought, if I start doing some weird dialogue, the stage manager is going to hear in the wings and realize that the other actor, who was also called Jason — Jason Griffiths — missed his entrance. So I say, 'What do you think of my new place?' I started walking around showing her the place and she just goes, 'What?' She went completely blank, her lips were stuck on her teeth and stuff. And then I said, 'Sit on the bed with me!' and the sweat really started to appear on her forehead. She was playing my girlfriend so I said, 'Let's christen the bed!' at which point she jumped up: 'Why don't I make us a cup of tea?' and she ran off the stage and left me there by myself.

"So the audience is there and I'm thinking, I'm (stuck), what am I going to do? But I'm playing a student actor and on the set was a little dresser with a mirror, so I look into it and start doing 'To be, or not to be' — I did 'Hamlet.' And I do it in a French accent. I do it in a Scottish accent. I do it very camp. I do it with a stutter. I start juggling things. I was doing Shakespeare with every single accent and trick up my belt and it starts to go really

well! It starts to get laughs! And I think, 'Do you know what? I could do this for hours! This is going great!'"

"And just at the point where I think I've cracked this, I hear Beatie in the wings screaming — loud enough for the entire audience to hear — 'Where's Jason Griffiths?!? Isaacs is out there making a (fool) of himself doing Shakespeare!'"

"And then the audience starts looking at each other like, 'I don't think he's supposed to be doing this.' At which point I just completely lost my mojo. I just prayed for the earth to swallow me whole. All the air went out of my sails and I kind of whimpered to a halt and laid on the bed for what seemed like an hour, but it was probably a minute until they burst on stage."

What was going through his mind ...

"When you're on stage and you die — we call it dying, like when a joke dies — the tumbleweeds stay with you for years afterward. You have some kind of PTSD. It's so terrifying and you're desperate to turn to the audience and say, 'Look, I'm really sorry, someone's meant to be on stage by now.' Your heart's

going, your throat's dry, my testicles have shrunk into raisins and shot back up into my throat.

"And then there was this little shred of hope when I started doing Shakespeare and I was standing on stage thinking, 'I can do anything!' In all truth I have no idea how long I was up there, but probably a good four or five minutes. I had never improvised before and that audience probably saw my whole repertoire, I was pulling everything out — every character I had played.

"But the only line I remember from that night is Beatie yelling: 'Where's Jason Griffiths, because Isaacs is out there making a (fool) of himself doing Shakespeare!'"

Where was the other Jason?

"He was out back having a cigarette outside the theater."

The takeaway ...

"Oh, God (laughs) don't trust Beatie Edney on stage! And just pray that it never happens again. And (laughs) try working with professionals!"

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A+E NOTES

Chen extends deal at Chicago Sinfonietta

Conductor Mei-Ann Chen has extended her contract as music director of the Chicago Sinfonietta another three years, through the 2020-21 season.

Chen, who also serves as conductor laureate of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, is widely credited for her innovative programming and concert formats at the sinfonietta, one of the nation's most ethnically diverse orchestras, now in its 31st year. — John von Rhein

'General Hospital' leads Daytime Emmy nominations

ABC's "General Hospital" tops the list of nominees for the 45th annual Daytime Emmy Awards. The veteran soap garnered 26 bids, followed closely by fellow daytime serials "Days of Our Lives" (NBC) and "The Young and the Restless" (CBS) with 25 apiece.

Those three shows and CBS' "The Bold and the Beautiful" round out the nominees for daytime drama series.

CBS and syndicated programming tied for the No. 1 ranking among networks with 66 mentions apiece. Netflix weighed in with 51 bids.

CBS landed two shows in the category of best morning show: "CBS Sunday Morning" and "CBS This Morning." ABC's "Good Morning America" and NBC's "Today" are also contenders.

The race for entertainment talk show is paced by familiar faces: syndicated series "Live With Kelly and Ryan," "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," "The Real" and CBS' "The Talk" and ABC's "The View."

Mario Lopez and Sheryl Underwood will host the ceremony, set for April 29. — Variety

Snoopy, Red Baron duel in Elmhurst

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senting exhibits on popular culture topics in addition to the expected history of Elmhurst upstairs.

It will be augmenting “Snoopy” with all manner of activities, especially kid-friendly stuff during many schools’ spring break next week. For adults, there’ll be a lecture on “The Real Red Baron” (April 22) and a bus trip to the World War I First Division Museum at Cantigny (May 16). (Full schedule at www.elmhursthistory.org.)

“Snoopy and the Red Baron” is a simpler exhibition than the big 2012 “Charlie Brown and the Great Exhibit” at the Museum of Science and Industry. That one was a survey course. “Snoopy” is a chapter or two.

But what they have in common is that both were developed by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, Calif. And both, alas, left me wishing that museum were more analytical about its principal subject matter, more ambitious about the business of making museum shows.

“Snoopy and the Red Baron” is a collection of strips on the wall — all reproductions, it looked like — supplemented by materials explaining the historical context for the cartoonist coming up with the dog’s fantasy. He was influenced by World War I movies that romanticized those early fighter pilots, we learn, and by his teen son building model airplanes.

In the center of the museum’s main galleries is a sampling of the aforementioned tchotchkes, represented most heavily by Snoopy-themed music boxes, for some reason.

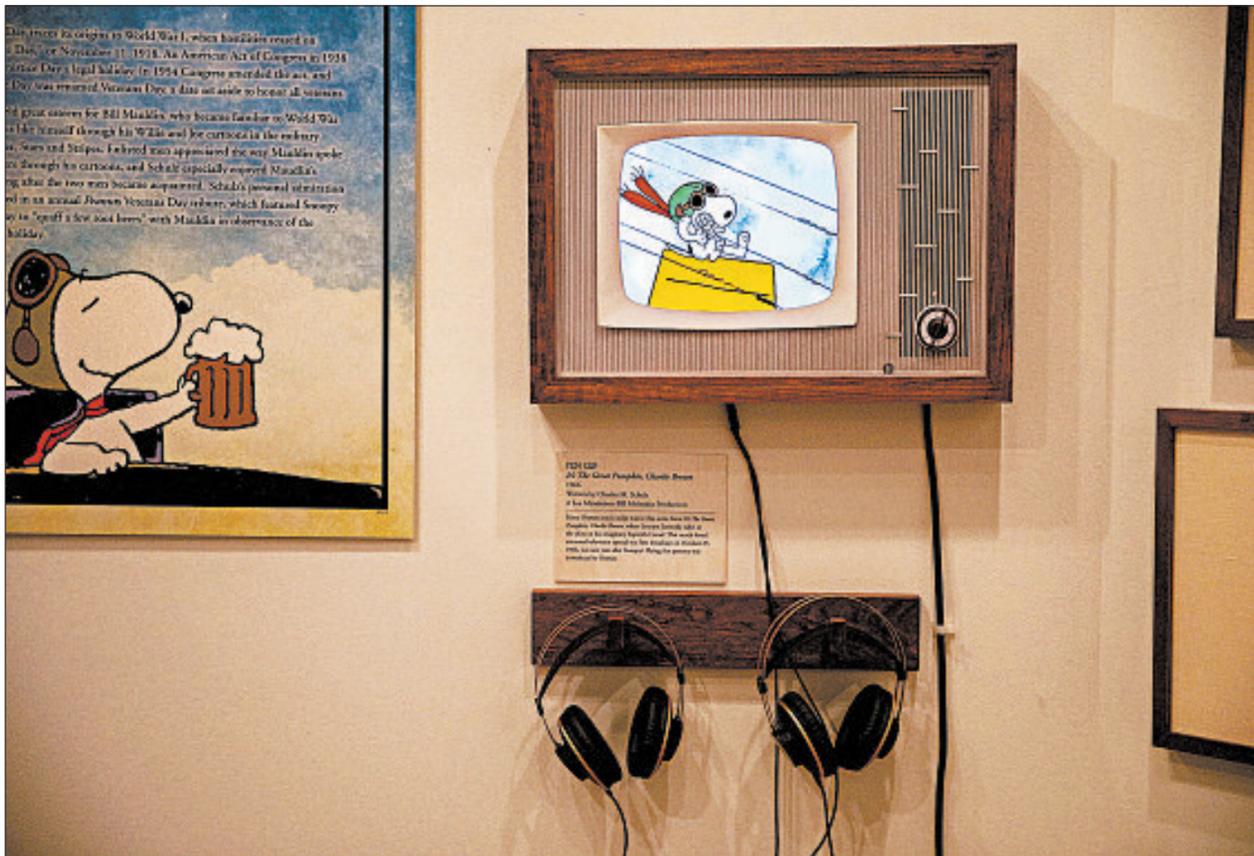
Nonetheless, there is much good material here because it is a “Peanuts” collection. Snoopy was the most overtly “cute” aspect of “Peanuts,” a sly, anthropomorphic dog. But even he had an inner life that begged — and was presented — for analysis.

For sheer humor by one of Snoopy’s alter egos, I’ll take Schulz’s imagining of Snoopy imagining himself as a vulture over the flying ace material. For Schulz in commercial mode, there was Snoopy packaging himself as “Joe Cool,” the college student.

But the Snoopy and the Red Baron series, which began in 1965 and would continue pretty much until Schulz stopped drawing new “Peanuts” strips just before he died in 2000, was surely the richest of the dog’s personas.

You can see it in the strips presented in Elmhurst. Snoopy pictures himself flying sorties against the Red Baron — the nickname of real-life German ace Baron Manfred von Richthofen, who gets a biographical blurb — and then he imagines himself downed behind enemy lines or romancing French women in sidewalk cafes.

But, true to the spirit of the strip, it’s an inglorious sort of fantasy. Snoopy’s rudimentary French (“un root beer, s’il vous plait”) doesn’t get him very far. He imagines his “faithful me-



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A clip from the 1966 animated film “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” is among the “Snoopy and the Red Baron” exhibit pieces.



Many Snoopy-themed music boxes are in the Elmhurst History Museum exhibit, among them this one featuring Snoopy in a Sopwith Camel.



The exhibit also features a signed 1917 postcard of Manfred von Richthofen, the real-life WWI ace who was nicknamed the Red Baron.

‘Snoopy and the Red Baron’

When: March 23-June 17

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chanics” on pins and needles until his return from a mission; Schulz in the last panel depicts the men blithely playing cards. And, most telling, his “plane” is always getting shot down, always riddled with bullet holes. It’s no wonder that “Curse you, Red Baron!” became his (post-) battle cry.

Then there is the constant theme of collision between Snoopy’s second life and the real

one, which Schulz manipulated masterfully. In one particularly strong strip, the dog is in an aerial combat reverie. The character Marcie stands beside the doghouse and quotes a line of Thomas Gray poetry associated with World War I: “The paths of glory lead but to the grave.”

“Rats,” says Snoopy, the spell broken.

Elsewhere, we see Snoopy imagining himself speaking flirty German to the “fraulein” he spies, who is Lucy. “Move, beagle, or I’ll break your arms!” she says.

There are some very good Snoopy and the Red Baron cartoons here. There are even some great ones.

There is not, inexplicably, the first one. How do you make a museum exhibit about something that would prove to have lasting

impact and not include its origin?

So I looked it up. It came in 1965, as the show does mention, Oct. 10, to be precise. It’s a world-collide strip and from a Sunday, allowing more detail than the dailies.

Snoopy is full-on in the fantasy, just about to engage the Red Baron. Linus walks up to the doghouse and notices its occupant in battle pose. “Rat A Tat Tat Tat Tat Tat Tat!” he yells, and Snoopy falls off.

“Maybe I can get a job with a good commercial airline,” he thinks in the last panel.

Superb. Important. Precisely true to Schulz’s themes for the Snoopy character and the series as a whole. But it’s not in the show.

I had to look outside, too, to learn explicitly that the tone of Snoopy as flying ace changed over

the years.

“Eventually, (Schulz) shifted the flying ace subject from battling wars to battling love and loneliness,” says the online “Peanuts Wiki.” “As he confided to writer Rheta Grimsley Johnson in her 1988 book, *Good Grief*: ‘It reached a point where war just didn’t seem funny.’”

That’s a fascinating detail. Maybe the Schulz Museum thinks that keeping it light is the key to keeping “Peanuts” popular, especially in traveling museum exhibitions. But one of Charles Schulz’s great achievements was to show that people could handle a more complex, less perky truth. He deserves to be represented in that same spirit.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Looking for the next hot comic? Get to know Calvin Evans

BY ZACH FREEMAN
Chicago Tribune

“I wanna leave y’all with a good joke, but it’s hard for me to choose,” says comedian Calvin Evans as he closes out a 45-minute set Tuesday night at Zanies. “Because all of my jokes are good.”

He’s not lying. A Chicago native, Evans has been doing stand-up for more than a decade. He’s opened for Tracy Morgan, Tommy Davidson and Lil Rel Howery. He was featured on Kevin Hart’s Comedy Central show “Hart of the City.” And just this past weekend he opened for fellow Chicagoan Hannibal Buress at Loyola’s Gentile Arena (where, unlike Buress, he performed his set without getting his mic cut).

He’s got the credits and the talent to headline a stand-up stalwart like Zanies — celebrating its 40th year of continuous operation in 2018 — but he can be seen at any number of clubs around town any other day of the week.

I wouldn’t wait any longer: Catch him now.

He’s put in the time. And on Tuesday night, after four opening comics, Evans went to work. Casually pacing the stage in a black hoodie promoting A Tribe Called Quest and black jeans, holding the

mic in his right hand and gesturing with his left, he unraveled a wide-ranging set that touched on — among other things — Febreze, white privilege, airports, Oprah and, of course, the president.

Evans has a laid-back style that helps his jokes really dig in, especially when he’s voicing an unexpected opinion. It might seem like it at times, but he doesn’t traffic in contrarian opining just to get a reaction. He’s much subtler than that. Like comic Bill Burr, he knows how to put forth a potentially divisive proposition, wait for the response and then flip it around. Just when the audience thinks they’ve nailed down his point of view, he flips it again.

“The hardest thing to be in America in 2018 is a straight white male,” he said confidently at one point, with a hint of pity in his voice. After a contemplative pause he followed it up with: “Because it’s your fault,” leading an audience member who appeared to meet that description to yell, “Why?”

“I don’t know, man,” Evans replied calmly. “It’s just your fault. All you can do is just shut ... up and just take it.”

Audience participation aside, it’s already a solid setup and reversal, but Evans dug a bit deeper, muddying the waters by simulta-



MIKE SANSONE PHOTO

Calvin Evans, who has been doing stand-up for more than a decade, performed Tuesday at Zanies.

neously agreeing with the idea of privilege but mocking the idea of telling white men to check theirs. “That’s like telling Shaq in his prime to tone it down and stop dunking.”

Later, after a similar multilevel joke that explored Evans’ theory about why Magic Johnson appeared in a Michael Jackson music video earned a few gasps from the crowd, he looked around serenely before leaning forward for a reveal, and an unpacking of the joke’s premise: “That’s the cool (thing) about my comedy,” he

said. “It’s got layers to it.”

Those layers were on display again at the end of a lengthy bit on airports where he started out talking about picking up your bags after a flight: “Baggage claim is like picking your kids up from school,” he said. “You know they’re supposed to be there, but you don’t know when.” From there, he expanded the analogy to explore how people react if you touch their bag instead of your own.

Throughout his set, even during a few audience outbursts,

Evans remained unflappable, reacting to the crowd without losing his innate stillness, at one point quieting the room and coolly tackling an especially verbose heckler, “I’m not about to have a conversation with you.”

The thing is, he seems like just the guy you’d want to have a conversation with. Just wait till he gets offstage.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Fred Armisen

“Portlandia” (9 p.m., IFC): Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein bid farewell to their unforgettable (and nearly inexhaustible) gallery of quirky characters as their eighth and final season draws to a close with the series finale “Rose Route.” Vignettes find the Mayor cutting deals all over Portland to guarantee the best-possible route for the Portland Marathon, which Fred and Carrie have decided to enter to break their addiction to news alerts.

“Grey’s Anatomy” (7 p.m., ABC): Although Maggie and Jackson (Kelly McCrea, Jesse Williams) have been enjoying their time together, he must shift his attention to an important upcoming procedure: a groundbreaking vaginoplasty surgery for a transgender patient (guest star Candis Cayne) that he has scheduled with Richard and Catherine (James Pickens Jr., guest star Debbie Allen). Elsewhere, Jo helps Bailey with an incoming trauma patient who used to be an astronaut.

“Beyond” (7 p.m., FREE): Holden and Charlie (Burkely Duffield, Eden Brolin) are forced to calm a freaked-out Tom and Diane (Michael McGrady, Romy Rosemont) after Diego’s (Oscar Camacho) latest attack hits terrifyingly close to the Matthews home in “There’s No Home for You Here,” the Season 2 finale. Elsewhere, Luke and Willa (Jonathan Whitesell, Dilan Gwyn) take drastic steps of their own, while Agent Borden moves forward with her scheme to take down Hollow Sky.

“Arrow” (8 p.m., CW): New information about the Green Arrow (Stephen Amell) intensifies Cayden James’ (guest star Michael Emerson) sinister plans in “The Devil’s Greatest Trick.” As a result, Oliver is concerned enough to consider enlisting extra help — including some faces from his past — to keep those closest to him safe. William (guest star Jack Moore) gives him additional worries.

“Chicago Fire” (9 p.m., NBC): While responding to a residential fire call, Otis and Kidd (Yuri Sardarov, Miranda Rae Mayo) abruptly find themselves in deadly jeopardy as gunfire begins going off inside the burning house in the new episode “The Chance to Forgive.” Dawson (Monica Raymund) offers what comfort she can as Brett (Kara Killmer) goes through an unusually challenging time.

“60 Days In” (9 p.m., AE): The season itself may have wrapped, but now all nine participants sit down with news journalist Soledad O’Brien and Col. Mark Adger, chief jailer at the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, to talk about their harrowing experiences in the facility in the season finale “The Aftermath.”

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Will Smith; author Fran Lebowitz; Billie Eilish performs.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Roseanne Barr; actor John Goodman; Chloe x Halle performs.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (11:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Sharon Stone; actor Rob Riggle; Fall Out Boy performs.*

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BOOK REVIEW

‘Flight Attendant’ delivers a memorable thrill ride

BY MAUREEN CORRIGAN
Special to The Washington Post

“The Flight Attendant” opens with a doozy — dare I say a killer? — of a hang-over scene.

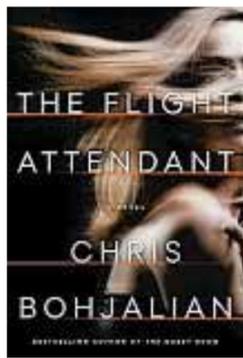
Cassandra “Cassie” Bowden is a seasoned survivor when it comes to the aftereffects of binge drinking and random hookups. A gorgeous single woman in her late 30s, Cassie enjoys the off-duty perks of her job as a flight attendant. A fistful of Advil and a shower and she’s ready to step back into her slightly crumpled uniform. But one fateful morning in a hotel room in Dubai puts a dead stop to Cassie’s fancy-free lifestyle.

The scene teasingly unfolds over the first five pages of the novel: the harsh morning light, the parched sourness of Cassie’s mouth, the dizzy recollections of a passionate night spent with the hedge fund manager named Alex she met on the flight from New York. Cassie turns to look at the man in the bed beside her:

“For a split second, her mind registered only the idea that something was wrong. It may have been the body’s utter stillness, but it may also have been the way she could sense the amphibian cold. But then she saw the blood. ... She saw his neck ... how the blood had geysered onto his chest and up against the bottom of his chin, smothering the black stubble like honey.”

The slow-motion get-away that plays out over the next five chapters is excruciating, but anxiety-prone readers will have to remind themselves to breathe for pretty much the entirety of this novel.

For starters, a blood-stained Cassie has to figure out how to unobtrusively



‘The Flight Attendant’

By Chris Bohjalian,
Doubleday, 368 pages,
\$26.95

exit that room and walk back to the hotel where her flight crew will be assembling for the shuttle ride to the airport. (Step One: Place a “Do Not Disturb” sign on the hotel room door and take a quick shower. Step Two: Exit hotel and toss remains of the possible murder weapon — a broken Stolichnaya bottle — into trash cans along the way.) Reaching her hotel room, Cassie begins scrambling into her uniform when there’s a knock at the door. She freezes. False alarm. Fast-forward a couple of hours when her plane is delayed on the runway. She freezes. Another false alarm. All through the multileg flight back to New York, Cassie is tormented by a question she can’t answer because of her blackout: Did she cut Alex’s throat with that broken vodka bottle?

“The Flight Attendant” is a rare thriller whose penultimate chapter made me think to myself, “I didn’t see that coming.” The novel — Bohjalian’s 20th — is also enhanced by

his deftness in sketching out characters and locales and by his research into airline work. Here’s Cassie mulling her choice to keep her expensive apartment in Manhattan, a taxi ride from her home base of Kennedy Airport:

“She knew lots of flight attendants who would waste a valuable day off or have to get up early commuting ... and then spend a half day or an overnight in some squalid crash pad near the airport. She’d lived in one once, the bottom bunk in a basement bedroom in a ramshackle townhouse in Ozone Park, Queens.”

Inevitably, Alex’s body is discovered and his one-night stand with Cassie becomes public. Cassie becomes the FBI’s prime suspect and is dubbed the “Cart Tart Killer” by the tabloids. But Cassie has more to fear than nasty nicknames or even jail time. As her memory of that misbegotten night improves, Cassie remembers details about another woman — some kind of business associate of Alex’s — who visited the hotel room and knocked back vodka while remaining unnervingly sober. Working a flight to Rome, Cassie is certain she spots that woman in an airport line.

“The Flight Attendant” is the ultimate airplane book, and not just because of its name: entertaining and filled with inside info on the less glamorous aspect of flight crews’ lives, it may even make you more politely attentive the next time you’re asked to listen to that in-flight lecture on emergency water landings.

Maureen Corrigan, who teaches literature at Georgetown University, is the book critic for the NPR program “Fresh Air.”

THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 22

		MOVIES							
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	♦ 2018 NCAA Basketball Tournament: Regional, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)			2018 NCAA Basketball Tournament: Regional, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) ©			♦
	NBC	5	Superstore: “A.P. Bio” (N) ©	Chicago Fire: “Looking for a Lifeline.” (N) ©	Chicago Fire: “The Chance to Forgive.” (N) ©			NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
	ABC	7	Grey’s Anatomy: “Caught Somewhere in Time.” (N)	Station 19: “Stuck; Invisible to Me.” (Series Premiere) (N) ©				News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN	9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna	9.2	3’s Comp.	Soap ©	Benson	Wings ©	Murphy	Becker ©	Coach ©
	This TV	9.3	Beach Party (NR, ’63) ***	Bob Cummings. ©			Beach Blanket Bingo (NR, ’65) *** ©		
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Driehaus 2018 (N)	The Jewish Journey: America ©			Magic-Diary ♦	
	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	Daddy’s Little Girls (PG-13, ’07) **	Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba.				
FOX	32	Gotham (N) ©		Showtime at the Apollo: “Week 4.” (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine	Modern Family ©		
Ion	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♦		
Telem	44	José José, el príncipe (N)		Al otro lado del muro (N)		Enemigo íntimo (N) ©	Chicago (N)		
CW	50	Supernatural ©		Arrow ©		Law Order: CI	Law CI ♦		
UniMas	60	La niña		La tierra prometida		Reto 4 elementos ♦			
WJYS	62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
Univ	66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		Papá a toda madre (N)		Por amar sin ley (N)	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE		The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©		60 Days In: “Time to Come Clean.” (Season Finale) (N) ♦		
	AMC		Open Range (R, ’03) ***	Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner. ©			Bronx Tale ♦		
	ANIM		Lone Star Law ©		Lone Star Law (N)		Lone Star Law ©	Lone Star ♦	
	BBCA		♦ (6) Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (’11) **		Thursday Night Darts (N)				
	BET		♦ (5:55) Set It Off (R, ’96) ***	Jada Pinkett.		Black (N)	Mancave (N)	Rundown (N)	
	BIGTEN		♦ Wm. Lacrosse (N)		Big Ten Programming ©				
	BRAVO		Sex and the City 2 (R, ’10) **	Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall. ©				Watch (N)	
	CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics	
	CNBC		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Jay Leno’s Garage ©	Jay Leno’s ♦	
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
	COM		The Office	The Office	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Daily (N) ♦	
	DISC		Naked and Afraid Pop-Up		Naked and Afraid Pop-Up		Naked and Afraid (N)	Afraid ♦	
	DISN		Bunk’d ©	Bunk’d ©	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Stuck
	E!		What Happens in Vegas (NR, ’08) *	Cameron Diaz.			Hollywood Medium	E! News ♦	
	ESPN		Athletes (N)	30/30 Shorts	Boxing: Ryan García vs. Fernando Vargas. (N) (Live)		Fernando Vargas. (N) (Live)	SportCtr (N)	
	ESPN2		♦ American Cornhole League (N)		Most Dominant Athletes		NFL Live ©	♦	
	FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	FOOD		Chopped ©		Chopped ©		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby	
	FREE		Beyond (Season Finale) (N) ©	(8:01) National Lampoon’s	Vacation (R, ’83) ** *			700 Club ♦	
	FX		♦ (5:30) Pacific Rim (PG-13, ’13) ***	Charlie Hunnam.		Atlanta (N)	Atlanta ©	Atlanta ♦	
	HALL		Full House	Full House	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	
	HGTV		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip/Flop (N)	Flip/Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	
	HIST		Swamp People (N)		Swamp People (N)		Truck Night (N)	Swamp ♦	
	HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	IFC		Portlandia	Portlandia	Portlandia	Portlandia	Brockmire	Brockmire	
	LIFE		Project Runway (N)		Project Runway (N)		Love at First Flight ©	All Stars ♦	
	MSNBC		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	MTV		Jersey Shore (N)		Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out (N)	
	NBCSCH		♦ Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) ©				Postgame	
	NICK		Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG, ’11) *	©		Full House	Full House	Friends ©	
Ovation		♦ (6) Fools Rush In (PG-13, ’97) ** *	©	Big (PG, ’88) ***	Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. ©		♦		
OWN		20/20 on ID ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 ♦		
OXY		NCIS: “Lt. Jane Doe.” ©		NCIS: “The Bone Yard.”		Menendez Brothers: Snapped ♦			
PARMT		Friends ©	Friends ©	Lip Sync (N)		Lip Sync (N)	(9:32) Rush Hour 3 ** ♦		
SYFY		Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13, ’11) **	Johnny Depp. ©				Magicians ♦		
TBS		♦ 2018 NCAA Basketball Tournament (N)		2018 NCAA Basketball Tournament (N) ♦					
TCM		Sunset Boulevard (NR, ’50) ****	William Holden. ©		Gone With the Wind (G, ’39) **** *				
TLC		My 600-Lb. Life: “Supersized: Renee’s Story.” (N)			Skin Tight (N)		My 600-Lb ♦		
TLN		IMPACT	Wretched	TLN Presents		Following	Tru News		
TNT		London Has Fallen (R, ’16) **	Gerard Butler. ©			Tron: Legacy (PG, ’10) **	Jeff Bridges. ♦		
TOON		King of Hill	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers		
TRAV		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries-Museum (Season Finale) (N)		Mysteries-Museum (Season Premiere) (N)	Mysteries ♦		
TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Mom ©	Mom ©		
USA		Law & Order: SVU		Ninja vs. Ninja (N)		Law & Order: SVU	Unsolved ♦		
VH1		RuPaul’s Drag Race: “10s Across the Board.” (N) ©				RuPaul’s Drag Race ©			
WE		Tamar & Vince ©		Braxton Family Values (Season Premiere) (N)		Hustle & Soul (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Braxton ♦		
WGN America		Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		
PREMIUM	HBO		Hidden Figures (PG, ’16) ***	Taraji P. Henson.		(9:10) Here and Now ©	High Main. ♦		
	HBO2		The Beguiled (R, ’17) ***	Colin Farrell.	(8:35) Mechanic: Resurrection (’16) **		Zookeeper ♦		
	MAX		Murder by Numbers (R, ’02) **	Sandra Bullock.		Hard Candy (R, ’05) **	Patrick Wilson. ♦		
	SHO		(7:15) Hell or High Water (R, ’16) ***	Jeff Bridges.		The Chi ©	Toon Pres.		
	STARZ		♦ Ash vs Evil (’17) Rough Night (R, ’17) **			Ash vs Evil	Underworld ♦		
STZNC		♦ (6:31) Black Sheep *		Tommy Boy (PG-13, ’95) **	Chris Farley.	Escape From L.A. ♦			

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Horoscopes

Today's birthday (March 22): Your collaboration gets lucrative this year. Focus on your career for long-term gain. Household growth this summer leads naturally to family fun and romance. Team changes or challenges come together for a winter victory. Love is the bottom line. Share and give thanks.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Communication glitches could arise. Note what gets said and keep written records. Stick to simple plans rather than elaborate schemes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Track income and expenses. Don't get sidetracked; distractions could get expensive. Figure out the numbers before compromising. Save up for something you've been wanting.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Expect energy surges. You may fluctuate between feeling confident and sensitive. Keep your feet on the ground. Pamper yourself with hot water and bubbles.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 6. Pull into your shell to sort out your feelings. Peace and privacy soothe and comfort. Consider what your spirit and heart want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Teamwork lightens everyone's load. Strengthen your friendship networks and connections. Contribute your talents and invite participation and collaboration. Thrive in a healthy hive.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Travel and studies offer new opportunities. Expand your boundaries and understanding of another's views. Take a step toward an educational goal.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Plan and budget for the future. Steady savings adds up over time. Don't waste money on stuff you don't need. Prioritize your family's health.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Invest in your family's future. Don't lose what you've got to get more. Wait for nebulous opportunities to solidify. Scrutinize options and plans.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Compromise with your partner for practical objectives. Keep your patience and your sense of humor. Don't spend until you're certain what you want.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. The workload increases. Practice your moves for increased speed and performance. Learn a valuable trick. Nurture your health and well-being with good food.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Have fun with friends, family and your sweetheart. Avoid expense or hassle and stick to simple pursuits. Play with someone whose talents you respect.

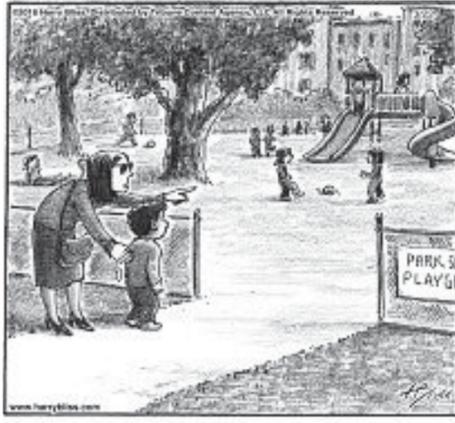
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Domestic matters have your attention. Simplify renovation plans down to basic elements. Strip away elaborate options that you don't need. Less is more.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



"Go tell that girl in the yellow dress that her mom doesn't deserve Rick."

Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ A J 4	♥ 10	♠ 7 6 2	♥ 9 8 4
♦ A J 10 7	♣ A K 9 7 4	♦ K Q 9 8 3	♣ Q 6
South		West	
♠ K 3	♥ A K Q J 5 3 2	♠ Q 10 9 8 5	♥ 7 6
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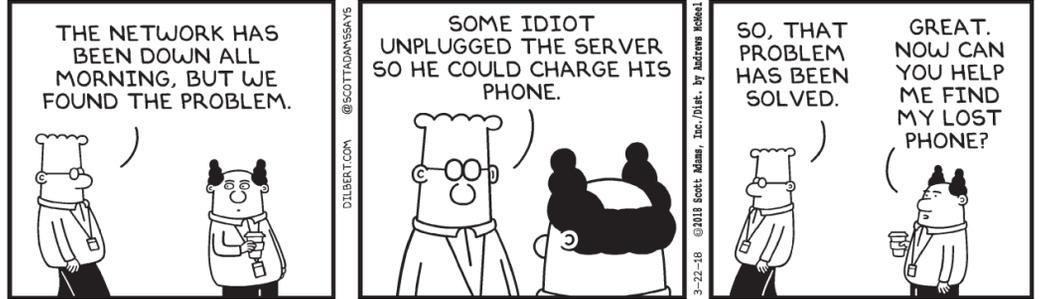
Today's deal is from a recent match in the Camrose Trophy series contested annually in Great Britain. North-South were using Key Card Blackwood and the five spade response showed two key cards, among the four aces and the king of hearts, plus the queen of hearts. North expected South to have an eight-card suit, vulnerable, so he continued by asking for kings. South's six-spade response showed specifically the king of spades and the grand slam was reached.

South took stock when the dummy came down and decided that he'd been in worse contracts. It might come down to a spade finesse, but there were plenty of extra chances and he set out to try them all before risking the finesse.

South won the opening heart lead with dummy's 10, cashed the ace of diamonds, and ruffed a diamond high in his hand. Two high hearts drew the outstanding trumps and South crossed back to dummy with the ace of clubs. He cashed the king of clubs before ruffing another diamond. The jack of clubs was still out and the king-queen of diamonds had not appeared, so declarer cashed the rest of his hearts, discarding all of dummy's minor suit cards. In the three-card end position, South had the king-four of spades and the 10 of clubs opposite dummy's ace-jack-three of spades. Resigned to taking the spade finesse, he cashed the king of spades and led a low spade. West had discarded a spade in order to keep the jack of clubs, so, to South's delight, the queen appeared and South had his contract.

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Dilbert



Baby Blues



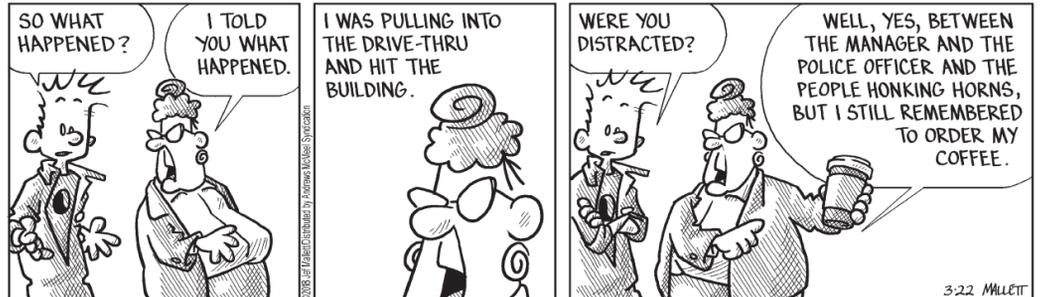
Zits



Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



Pickles



Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



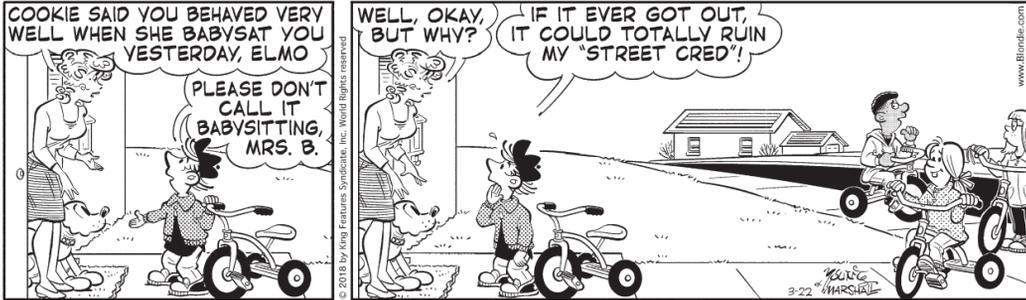
Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



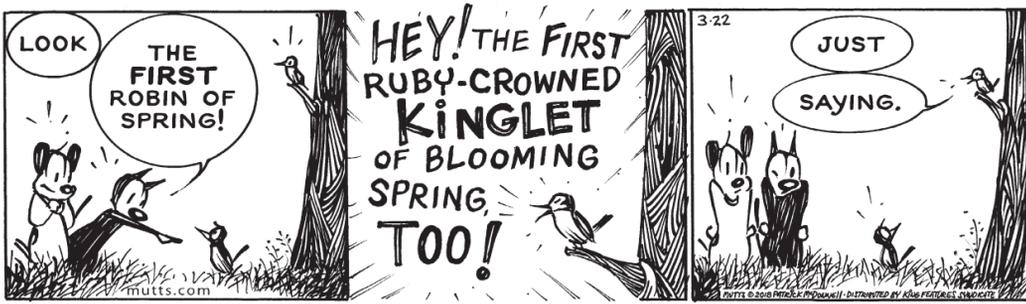
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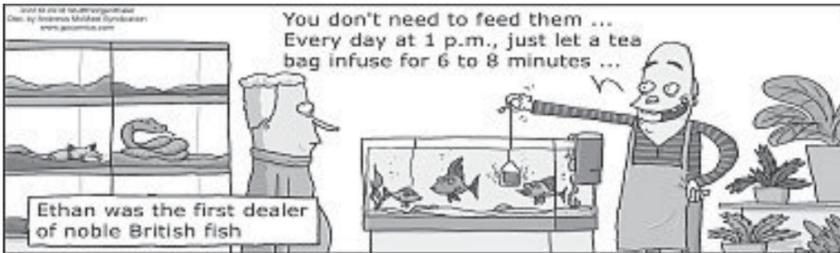
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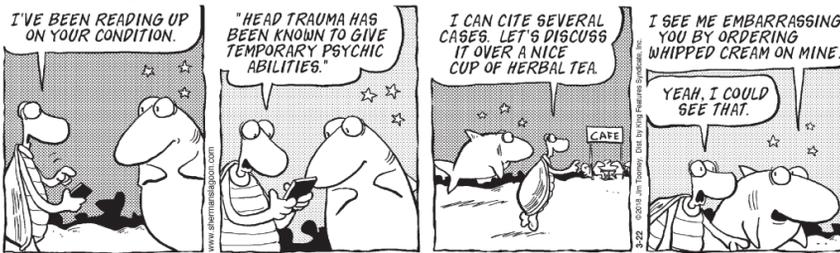
Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey



Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard



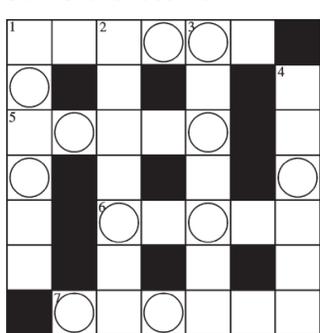
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

More than 16.8 million people follow @Pontifex, the Twitter handle of what individual?
 A) Warren Buffett
 B) Pope Francis
 C) Richard Petty
 D) Jean-Luc Ponty
 Wednesday's answer: "Het Wilhelmus" (or "Wilhelmus van Nassouwe") is the national anthem of the Netherlands.
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Jumble Crossword

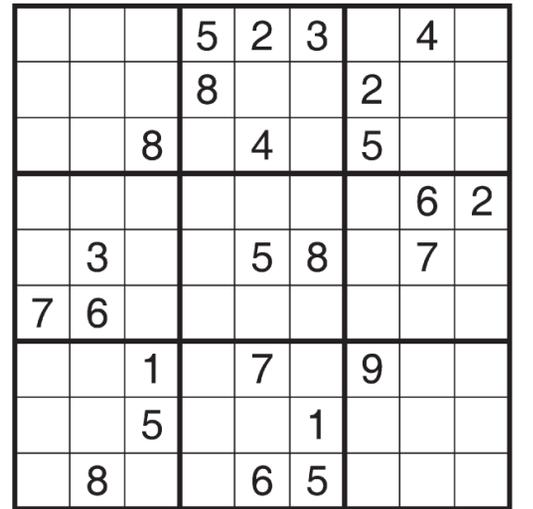


CLUE ACROSS
 1. Outburst, rant
 5. Come next
 6. ___ beam
 7. ___ party
ANSWER
 REITDA
 SNUEE
 RAELS
 HESRCA
CLUE DOWN
 1. Shake, quiver
 2. Determination
 3. ___ drawer
 4. Pressing need
ANSWER
 ORMTR
 VERESLO
 ESRESDR
 TCSHRA

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
 3-22-18
CLUE: There are 16 species of ____.
BONUS ○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○
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 ANSWERS: 1-A-Trouble 2-C-Freeze 3-D-Tremor 4-D-Terrace 5-B-Beam 6-A-Laser 7-A-Laser 8-A-Beam 9-B-Beam 10-B-Beam 11-B-Beam 12-B-Beam 13-B-Beam 14-B-Beam 15-B-Beam 16-B-Beam 17-B-Beam 18-B-Beam 19-B-Beam 20-B-Beam 21-B-Beam 22-B-Beam 23-B-Beam 24-B-Beam 25-B-Beam 26-B-Beam 27-B-Beam 28-B-Beam 29-B-Beam 30-B-Beam 31-B-Beam 32-B-Beam 33-B-Beam 34-B-Beam 35-B-Beam 36-B-Beam 37-B-Beam 38-B-Beam 39-B-Beam 40-B-Beam 41-B-Beam 42-B-Beam 43-B-Beam 44-B-Beam 45-B-Beam 46-B-Beam 47-B-Beam 48-B-Beam 49-B-Beam 50-B-Beam 51-B-Beam 52-B-Beam 53-B-Beam 54-B-Beam 55-B-Beam 56-B-Beam 57-B-Beam 58-B-Beam 59-B-Beam 60-B-Beam 61-B-Beam 62-B-Beam 63-B-Beam 64-B-Beam
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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4	7	9	5	3	8	6	1	2
5	8	2	6	9	1	7	3	4
1	6	3	4	2	7	8	9	5
6	1	7	2	5	9	4	8	3
3	4	5	8	1	6	9	2	7
9	2	8	7	4	3	5	6	1
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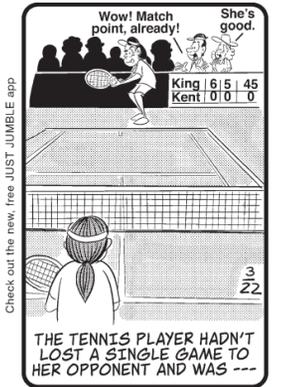
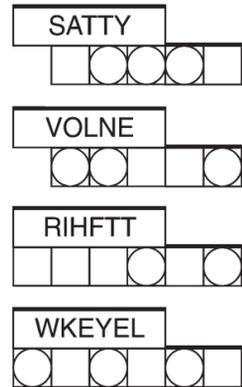
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



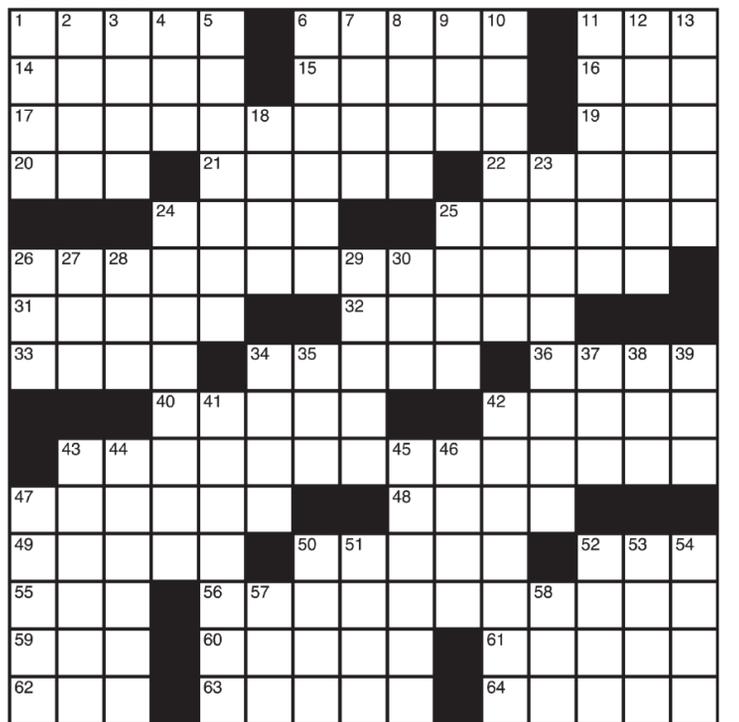
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: WACKY GLADE HUNGRY SHREWD
 Answer: To get his tools where they needed to be, the auto mechanic had to — LUG WRENCHES

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Crossword

3/22



Across

- 1 Fall face first while skiing, say
- 6 Mighty silly
- 11 Part of ROM: Abbr.
- 14 Longest-serving prime minister of India
- 15 Austrian actress Berger
- 16 Kanye West's "I ___ God"
- 17 Soda fountain come-on?
- 19 Monarch catcher
- 20 Brooklyn Dodgers legend Campanella
- 21 In questionable taste
- 22 All excited
- 24 Radiant glow
- 25 Italian cheese
- 26 Earthquake coverage?
- 31 Aids in illegal activity
- 32 Roberts of "That '70s Show"
- 33 Comic Martha
- 34 One-named singer with 15 Grammys

- 36 Neeson of "Love Actually"
- 40 Continue gabbing
- 42 Ship's seepage
- 43 List in a quiz program recap?
- 47 Latin ballroom dances
- 48 Berlin octet
- 49 One of a Dumas trio
- 50 Civil rights leader Chavez
- 52 ___-tip steak
- 55 Barnyard sound
- 56 Lower hulls fortified?
- 59 Directional suffix
- 60 Missouri tribe
- 61 Not-giving-up phrase
- 62 Completed
- 63 Fishing boot
- 64 Taboos, and a hint to the four longest puzzle answers

- 18 Asian dress
- 23 Contender for the crown
- 24 Steve Rogers, for Captain America
- 25 Composer of the opera "Alfred"
- 26 At a distance
- 27 Chicago-based law org.
- 28 Illegal fwy. maneuver
- 29 Court worker
- 30 Co. that merged with Continental
- 34 Queen's subjects
- 35 "And how!"
- 37 Sort
- 38 Sit in a cellar, maybe
- 39 Club ___
- 41 Base entertainment
- 42 Persian Gulf monarchy
- 43 Persian Gulf native
- 44 Release
- 45 Egyptian leader for whom a lake is named
- 46 Union foe
- 47 Gained control of
- 50 Dressed
- 51 Advantage
- 52 1982 sci-fi film
- 53 Defaulter's risk
- 54 Time to beware
- 57 Spanish she-bear
- 58 Frat letter

Down

- 1 Career for a sci. major
- 2 Flight-related prefix
- 3 Unspecified folks
- 4 Sportswriter Berkow
- 5 Clucks of disapproval
- 6 ___ School: art movement featuring NYC scenes
- 7 Top out
- 8 Very dark
- 9 Abbr. in some Québec addresses
- 10 Contributes
- 11 Oscar-nominated "Flashdance" song
- 12 Arise
- 13 San ___, California

Wednesday's solution



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Glam it up with touches of velvet and gold **PAGE 2**

Utility sinks are getting an upgrade **PAGE 5**



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Go glam without going too far with velvet, leather, gold

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

New York interior designer Young Huh has always added touches of glamour to the rooms she designs. Lately, she says, clients are asking for even more of it.

"I think it's a backlash from the years of midcentury modern and minimalist leanings," she says. "People want lush fabrics, over-the-top finishes, and gold and silver touches. Clients are looking for a little fantasy and magic in their homes."

Los Angeles designer Jessica McClendon hears similar requests. Her work has always been infused with "casual glamour," she says. But now she sees a movement away from simplicity and toward bolder looks inspired by the rich fabrics and intricate embellishments on fashion runways.

"The incredible popularity of Gucci and other maximalist looks in fashion showcase how people are ready to let loose and indulge in fun and luxury," Huh says.

With HGTV calling 2018 "the year of glamour," homeowners may be drawn to this trend but also worry about going too far.

We asked Huh, McClendon and Massachusetts-based interior designer Kristina Crestin for tips on ramping up a room's glamour with a careful and delicate touch.

If you're craving glamorous elements like velvet, silk and jewel tones, the classic approach always works: "You can add glamour to a room with rich colors, dramatic color contrasts, moody tones, and over-the-top flourishes such as overscale mirrors and gold-tone accessories or furniture legs," Huh says.

She advises clients who truly love glamour to embrace it.

"You need to take a bold point of view and not be apologetic," she says. "Imagine what it's like to wear a sexy red-carpet gown. You have to love it and you have to want to flaunt it a bit."

But there is another way to add a measure of luxury while maintaining an otherwise casual, low-key room. Crestin uses elements traditionally considered "glamorous," like velvets and metals with a shimmery finish. But she's not aiming for anything sexy or glitzy.

She chooses velvet seat cushions in soft, flattering shades for window seats or kitchen island stools to add "a bit of lushness and



MARY COSTA

The richness of a royal blue sofa and gold-tone accessories is balanced by the softness of neutral walls in this living room designed by Jessica McClendon.

a plush feel." The luxury fabric adds an attractive sheen, but it's "still casual and clean," she says. "With all the hard, sleeker surfaces in a kitchen, the velvet tone and variability in the sheen really add depth and warmth to the room."

Velvet may sound like a surprising choice for kitchen seating, but it's actually a durable and practical fabric, Huh says. "A good-quality cotton or mohair velvet will last you forever and is very child-friendly," she says.

McClendon adds just the right amount of glamour by using sharp contrasts: She chose lush velvet upholstery in a bold shade of teal for her living room sofa. But she opted for an angular, modern shape, rather than a sofa with a tufted back and rolled arms. The clean lines keep the Hollywood glam fabric from

feeling overpowering.

If you use velvet on one piece of furniture, Huh says, use leather, chintz or linen on others. "What I wouldn't do is upholster every single piece of furniture in velvet."

Even for glamour lovers, Huh advises using the same restraint you'd use when dressing for a black tie event. "If you have the sexy dress and blingy necklace, rings, bracelets, big hair, and lots of makeup and a tiara," she says, "you probably need to take one or two things off or take it down a notch. So keep in mind to add some classic pieces to the mix."

She suggests choosing a traditional wood cabinet or a chair upholstered in a good, simple linen.

"Anything clean and classic," Huh says, "will keep the room looking both real and truly glamorous."

FINDS

If stainless feels stale, look to brass

BY MEGAN MCDONOUGH | The Washington Post

Bored with the same old stainless steel and chrome fixtures? Brass can add a splash of color and luxury and help modernize an outdated kitchen.

"The resurgence of brass in home design is bringing a new level of warmth back to kitchens," says kitchen designer Jennifer Howard of JWH Design & Cabinetry.

The soft, rich and sleek material can provide a subtle contrast of color with kitchen appliances, and it especially shines in all-white and neutral surroundings.



Splurge: Hicks large pendant in bronze with antique brass, left (circalighting.com). Save: Hudson Valley Lambert aged-brass mini pendant (bellacor.com).



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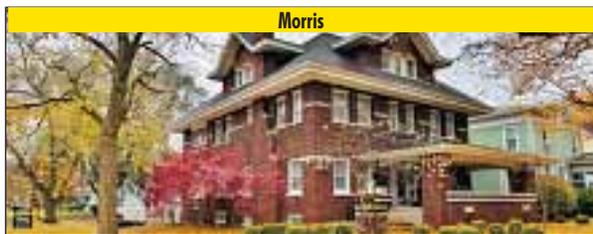
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Designer Rx: Mix heritage, love of music

Collaborative result incorporates Indian culture, family art

BY TATE GUNNERSON
Chicago Tribune

Getting to know her patients is crucial for Dr. Avanti Kumar-Singh, a physician who practices Ayurveda, a traditional healing system from India that dates back thousands of years. So perhaps it's not too surprising that she was so appreciative of interior designer Jen Talbot's diagnostic approach to the design of the three-level townhome in Chicago's Lakeshore East neighborhood that Kumar-Singh shares with her husband, Kanwar Singh, 50, an asset manager, and their two teenage daughters, Zara, 19, and Isha, 16.

"Jen spent a lot of time in our home looking at our things and asking us questions about them," says Kumar-Singh, 46. "She had a very clear sense of what we liked."

Eager to return to the city after raising their daughters in Oak Brook, the couple found the perfect dwelling in the form of the three-bedroom, 3½-bath abode within walking distance of the lake, shopping, dining and parks. Although the home's aesthetic was unremarkable, its layout, soaring living room ceilings and separate loft area spoke to them.

It didn't take long for Talbot to prescribe the right vibe for her new clients.

"They are a wonderful family of Indian descent, who wanted to incorporate their culture and love of music," the designer ex-

plains, comparing herself to a private detective. "I go into a space and see what I can draw from. They had some interesting pieces to use as a jumping-off point."

In the lofted great room, white walls create a gallery-like background on which to display those pieces, which include many paintings by Kumar-Singh's mother, Nilima Kumar.

"When my mom came here, she didn't know anybody and hardly spoke English, so she passed the time painting and drawing," Kumar-Singh says. "The dining table was always covered with her canvases, paints and charcoals."

The bright and spacious living area opens to the kitchen, even more so now that Talbot eliminated the half-walls with glass along the top that formerly obstructed the flow between the spaces.

"We touched almost everything," Talbot says, noting that she also gutted all four bathrooms, and added built-in cabinetry and decorative moldings in strategic locations throughout the spacious town home.

Although the owners decided to keep the existing kitchen cabinets, Talbot incorporated a new Calacatta gold marble backsplash and matching countertops, including a far more contemporary waterfall style for the island, which is illuminated by a pair of sculptural glass fixtures.

In the adjacent dining area, Talbot worked in a square table surrounded by tufted upholstered dining chairs. A spherical metal and glass chandelier makes a statement while built-in cabinetry creates a hand-



DUSTIN HALLECK/JEN TALBOT DESIGN PHOTOS

The home's lofted great room has space for a baby grand piano and displays a variety of art, including paintings by Avanti Kumar-Singh's mother, Nilima Kumar. Interior designer Jen Talbot eliminated half-walls that once blocked off the kitchen.



Built-in cabinetry and custom ceiling molding, all painted dark gray, create a cozy feeling in the lofted library, which has brass library lights and is furnished with a leather Chesterton-style sofa and a pair of leather club chairs.

some display for glassware and also includes concealed storage.

"Built-ins add warmth and make the space feel more permanent, like it has some history," Talbot explains.

The open space is ideal for the family's many

soirees, which include client dinners, large family affairs and more intimate evenings when the parents and their daughters play the baby grand piano and sing, or head upstairs to the library — a clubby space in the loft overlooking the living room where they

have enjoyed many a jam session.

"Our entire family loves to read and there's a lot of music, so we really wanted a space with a library feel," Kumar-Singh explains.

Aware that the library area received so much light from tall windows in the great room below, Talbot painted the walls in a deep gray hue, and designed floor-to-ceiling built-in bookshelves with brass library lights. There are nods to the family's heritage throughout, such as a prayer cabinet with an upholstered stool covered in a hand-embroidered cloth that Kumar-Singh bought in India. In the corner, vintage copper bells dangle from the ceiling, suspended with twine.

"That's one of our favorite things," Kumar-Singh says.

Beyond the bells, Talbot, who got her start as an installation designer for clients like the Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel

— there, using 40,000 golf pencils, she created a 12-by-14-foot mural installation of a taxi that makes a grand statement in the lobby — had many other artful ideas.

"I think of spaces a little differently," Talbot says. Take the whimsical installation she created for the older daughter's bedroom — a branch suspended with gold-wrapped ostrich feathers and lights, a cool twist on something that Zara saw at her cousin's house in India.

"She's a really wonderful kid, and I wanted to make it very magical for her," Talbot says of Zara. "It's bittersweet when a project like this ends."

Indeed, there are good feelings all around.

"This was a very collaborative process, and a lot of fun," Kumar-Singh says. "Every room is pretty special."

Tate Gunnerson is a freelance writer.



DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

Utility sinks ready for prime time

BY ED DEL GRANDE
Tribune News Service

Dear Ed: We're planning a new home, and for the first time I'll have my laundry room in the living area of our home. This will be a finished area with cabinets, shelving and countertops. I don't want a laundry tub with legs. Any recommendations on the type of sink I should install?

— Mona, New Jersey

A: Living area laundry rooms are fast becoming standard installs in many homes. Not only are these rooms convenient; if designed properly, they can add extra value to your home.

No matter how nice you make your new laundry area, keep in mind this will still be a working utility room. So, I recommend installing a top-mount cast-iron utility sink in the counter area.

A utility sink is a deep single-bowl sink designed to handle laundry and cleanup tasks. While available in different materials, enameled cast iron can give you beautiful color choices and great strength.

Bottom line: A high-end residential utility sink for your laundry room can work like a mule and show off like a peacock.

Hello, Ed: I installed a beautiful kitchen faucet and it got me thinking about solving an existing plumbing issue. We're on a concrete slab with the water heater located in the garage. The kitchen is on the other side of the house and we have to run the faucet a long time to get hot water. I'm tired of the wait. Any ideas?

— Paul, Georgia

A: Once hot water cools off, it needs to be cleared out of the line to get new hot water to the faucet. The longer the water line, the longer the wait for hot water.

Basically, you have a couple of choices to help you with this issue. First, look into installing a point-of-use water heater under the kitchen sink. These small electric water heaters supply hot water quickly to the faucet while waiting for the house hot water to catch up.

Second, a residential recirculating hot water system can be installed. The system keeps hot water moving around the house and cuts down on the wait time. A plumber can guide you on which one of these hot ideas can work best for your home.

Dear Ed: My proposed kitchen remodel will

include new appliances, countertops, a sink and a faucet. Since I plan to use efficient appliances, I also want an efficient kitchen faucet. Can you please go over some water-saving kitchen faucet information?

— Sasha, Mississippi

A: In past years, water-saving kitchen faucets have not received as much attention as water-saving bathroom faucets. The thinking was in the kitchen a lot of the water use was to fill things like pots for cooking and cups for drinking. What difference would it make if the faucet used less gallons per minute (gpm), since the end goal was to fill up the pot or cup? However, even with a dishwasher, pots, pans, cups and dishes do get washed in the sink as well.

So, since every drop counts, there is a new push to start installing water-saving kitchen faucets. Usually an efficient kitchen faucet uses less than 1.9 gpm. But, don't be a drip. Check local codes and choose an approved water-saving kitchen faucet for your area.

Master contractor/plumber Ed Del Grande is the author of "Ed Del Grande's House Call."

Why are my evergreen shrubs turning brown?

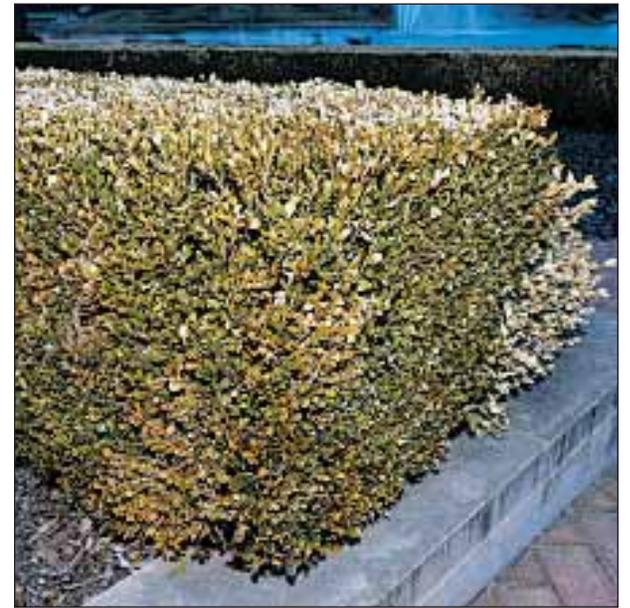
BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I noticed that a section of my boxwood hedge and some other evergreen shrubs are turning brown. This seems to have happened over the last couple of weeks. Some shrubs have brown areas just on the outside leaves, while others are brown all over and throughout the plant. Is there anything I should do now?

— Bob Smith, Evanston

I have been observing a variety of evergreens that are showing winter burn now in home gardens and at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Evergreens are usually among the earlier plants to show visible signs of winter injury in the spring. Signs of winter burn include golden or brown needles as well as foliage that has developed an overall yellowish or off-green color. Leaves may appear bleached. The damage commonly occurs on the south or southwest side of the plant or on the windward side of a plant that is exposed. I have also recently seen winter burn on a boxwood hedge with an east exposure.

During the cold winter months, evergreens continue to lose water vapor through their leaves (or needles, which are modified leaves). The leaves must replace the water by pulling it up from the roots. But when the ground is frozen, the plants' roots cannot absorb water to supply it to the leaves. If the weather turns warm and sunny while the ground still is frozen, evaporation from the leaves increases, and the water cannot be replaced. Discolored or "burned" foliage will start to appear on the plants in spring as the weather begins warming up. The symptoms tend to show up quickly in



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Evergreens, such as this boxwood hedge, can show winter damage from harsh conditions or lack of moisture.

spring when days are sunny and warm.

De-icing salts also can damage plants, with the degree of damage varying from year to year depending on the frequency and duration of snowstorms that affect the amount of salt used. The salt will impact plants through the soil as well as from spray kicked up by passing cars or from salt-laden snow shoveled onto plants that comes into contact with the foliage. The faster the speed limit on the road, the further the spray can carry. Evergreens damaged by salt spray develop brown or scorched foliage that is usually worse on the sides facing the road. Evergreens that are at the edge of their hardiness zone or out of it completely can also be damaged or killed after a difficult winter.

You can simply trim off any brown tips of evergreens that are showing minimal damage. If you are unsure as to whether the plant is still alive, give it more time to see what happens. Scratch a few branches to see whether there is any green. If the

entire plant is brown and you do not see any life in the lower stems, it is likely your shrub is dead. Some evergreens may be green below the snow line, with the foliage above completely killed. If your evergreen has an off-green or yellowish color, give it more time with an extended period of warm weather. It will likely green up. Look for new buds swelling along the stems; if you see them, it is a good sign that your plant will recover with time.

The final decision about replacing any of your plants depends on the kind of plant, the extent of the damage and how long you are willing to wait for it to recover. For example, a winter-burned yew is more likely to recover than a broad-leaved rhododendron that's more difficult to grow. A boxwood with a yellowish cast to its foliage will probably be OK once the weather warms up.

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Border makes hardwood repair less conspicuous

If there's a leak, only flooring inside strip needs to be replaced

BY **TIM CARTER**
Tribune Content Agency

My wife, Kathy, thinks I'm nuts. I talk to people on elevators. Talking to strangers is interesting to me, and I believe that's one reason I jumped at the chance in 1994 to host a two-hour call-in radio show about home improvement in Cincinnati.

Each week homeowners would call in and ask me for help. I thrived on the friendly back-and-forth and the challenge of answering their questions live on the radio. The show lasted for 12 years before I hung up the headphones.

A month ago, a good friend of mine reached out and said that I should get back in front of the microphone but offer the helpful service to homeowners all over the USA. "Tim, it's time for you to start your own Ask the Builder podcast," he said.

Podcasts are on-demand radio. You get to listen to whatever audio content you want on your own terms. There are thousands of free shows about every possible topic out there. You can download them to your smartphone, tablet or computer.

I launched my podcast last week, and it was a blast. It's only about 30 to 40 minutes long, and the first one included two calls

and a story about a mistake I made years ago and how I learned from it. You'll discover how to save time and money with each story, no doubt.

The first call on the podcast was with Jill. She had a throw rug in her kitchen in front of her dishwasher. That's fairly common. My wife and I have one in front of our kitchen sink, and it's wide enough that part of it extends in front of the dishwasher.

Jill's dishwasher developed a very tiny leak. The rug, however, kept the leak hidden from her because she wears shoes in the house and never felt the slightly damp rug. When she picked up the rug to wash it as she normally does, Jill saw the damaged hardwood floor.

The problem was made worse by the fact that Jill's hardwood floor extends into other rooms of the house, and she didn't want to replace the entire floor. What a job that would be! Jill wanted to know whether there was an easier fix.

I recommended that she might think about cutting out part of the kitchen floor in front of the dishwasher and cabinets and installing a decorative border back away from the cabinets about 18 inches.

A simple strip of wood of a different species would look fantastic to outline this area. It's a design that reminds me of my youth. My aunt was a nun, and I remember as a small child going to visit her at the convent each Sunday. In the magnificent old



TIM CARTER PHOTO

A leaking dishwasher can damage a hardwood floor and cause problems if the floor extends into other rooms. A homeowner could install a border strip so only a smaller area would need to be replaced.

home where the nuns lived, the hardwood floors all had borders at the edges of the rooms.

One benefit of installing a border, and then new flooring between the border and the cabinets, is that if there's a leak again, just the flooring inside the border has to be replaced. I say this assuming the leak is caught in time.

You may be interested in my second conversation. Greg and his wife are building a new home in San Tan Valley, Ariz., a suburb southeast of Phoenix. They both love the look and feel of hardwood flooring, but the builders in Arizona discourage it. The houses there are built on concrete slabs, and installing tradi-

tional ³/₄-inch-thick hardwood presents significant challenges. The builders promote large-format porcelain ceramic tile.

Greg wanted to talk through his options, and I laid out the pros and cons of each kind of flooring. Not only is the extra cost of hardwood an issue in that marketplace, but the probable lack of skilled labor to install hardwood is also a reason the builders don't like to offer it.

Their new home is going to have an open floor plan, a change from their current layout, and Greg thought they had to stick with one tile design across the entire home.

I recommended that he visit some large tile showrooms that

have large areas of tile installed where you can see the flooring. I know of at least two stores like this where he'd be able to see tile floors that have borders, medallions and complementary tile touching one another.

My thought was he could introduce stunning border tile to set off different sitting areas in the rooms. Different types of tile can create certain moods or complement furniture or cabinetry in a room.

If you want to hear these discussions — plus the personal anecdote, which I refer to as "Humidity and the Black Goo" — go to my podcast page at www.askthebuilder.com/podcast.

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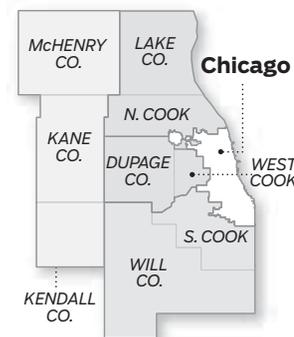
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Algonquin*	107	\$230,000	121	\$225,000
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Barrington Hills*	0	\$0	1	\$130,000
Cary	97	\$203,500	124	\$226,500
Crystal Lake	291	\$200,000	273	\$205,000
Fox River Grove	23	\$220,000	14	\$230,000
Harvard	41	\$122,000	48	\$137,500
Hebron	6	\$154,250	11	\$152,000
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Island Lake	29	\$180,000	27	\$131,000
Johnsburg	32	\$264,000	37	\$223,000
Lake In The Hills	122	\$205,500	173	\$215,000
Lakemoor*	7	\$125,000	17	\$147,500
Marengo	22	\$368,750	27	\$395,000
Mccullom Lake	37	\$178,000	68	\$182,000
Mchenry	0	\$0	4	\$173,750
Oakwood Hills	207	\$162,000	250	\$175,000
Prairie Grove	14	\$206,000	7	\$186,500
Richmond	0	\$0	4	\$242,500
Ringwood	19	\$202,500	19	\$230,000
Spring Grove	6	\$292,250	5	\$285,000
Union	32	\$272,250	34	\$296,750
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Montgomery*	132	\$171,750	131	\$183,000
Newark	14	\$205,500	14	\$177,000
Oswego	273	\$240,000	240	\$235,750
Plainfield	61	\$245,000	65	\$265,000
Plano	52	\$154,250	80	\$142,500
Yorkville	189	\$228,000	196	\$240,250

Kane County

COMMUNITY AREA	Aug 2016 - Oct 2016		Aug 2017 - Oct 2017	
	UNITS	MEDIAN	UNITS	MEDIAN
Algonquin*	50	\$260,250	51	\$287,000
Aurora*	355	\$159,500	394	\$165,000
Batavia	107	\$274,500	119	\$290,000
Big Rock	6	\$189,750	8	\$223,000
Burlington	3	\$144,000	2	\$275,500
Carpentersville	106	\$146,750	154	\$159,500
Dundee	10	\$257,500	3	\$314,000
East Dundee	20	\$165,000	20	\$182,500
Elburn	68	\$271,500	62	\$302,500
Elgin*	335	\$188,000	368	\$196,750
Geneva	144	\$318,750	185	\$330,000
Gilberts	48	\$252,000	46	\$267,500
Hampshire	76	\$229,500	75	\$240,000
Huntley*	57	\$230,000	52	\$243,750
Kaneville	0	\$0	0	\$0
LaFox	2	\$270,500	0	\$0
Maple Park	16	\$231,000	10	\$238,000
Montgomery*	43	\$202,000	49	\$185,500
North Aurora	81	\$224,000	103	\$235,000
Pingree Grove	90	\$204,500	138	\$220,750
Plato Center	2	\$243,500	2	\$173,750
Saint Charles	245	\$287,500	256	\$328,750
Sleepy Hollow	12	\$276,000	18	\$289,250
South Elgin	112	\$219,250	154	\$235,500
Sugar Grove	62	\$263,250	80	\$255,000
Virgil	1	\$159,000	0	\$0
Wasco	2	\$157,500	2	\$199,250
Wayne	3	\$585,000	3	\$350,000
West Dundee	20	\$254,000	40	\$290,500



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- Top Rated Schools
- Lower Taxes



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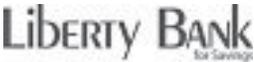
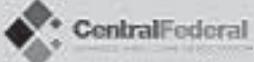
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		Fees: \$999	10 yr fixed	3.500	0.000	\$999	20%	3.775		
		% Down: 20%	7 yr fixed	3.250	0.000	\$999	20%	3.633		
			5/1 ARM	3.250	0.000	\$999	20%	3.919		
			7/1 ARM	3.750	0.000	\$999	20%	4.055		
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	5/1 jumbo ARM	3.250	0.000	\$999	20%	4.171	www.libertybankmortgage.com			
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		Points: 0.000	15 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$755	20%	3.935		
		Fees: \$755	10 yr fixed	3.625	0.000	\$755	20%	3.891		
		% Down: 20%	7/1 ARM (30yr)	3.875	0.000	\$755	20%	4.437		
			30 yr jumbo	4.375	0.000	\$755	20%	4.424		
			20 yr jumbo	4.125	0.000	\$755	20%	4.191		
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		Fees: \$695	5/1 ARM	3.125	0.000	\$25	5%	3.655		
		% Down: 5%	7/1 ARM	3.250	0.000	\$55	5%	3.658		
			30 yr jumbo	4.000	0.000	\$50	20%	4.100		
			5/1 jumbo ARM	4.250	0.000	\$50	20%	4.256		
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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



Islands, roll-out shelves and cabinet-style pantries (left) such as this one offered by Shodeen Homes are popular ways to maximize storage, including adding storage in a mud room (right).

Today's new homes reflect buyer needs for smarter storage

It is no secret that in today's sophisticated world, people have more belongings.

With innovations continually appearing on store shelves, a wealth of gadgets to make our lives more convenient and the explosion of technology, homebuyers are increasingly interested in the amount of storage in new construction homes.

Walk-in closets and pantries, mud rooms and basements have become increasingly popular, especially with larger families and pet owners. Chicagoland homebuilders are responding with innovative solutions to fill storage needs.

"Families today can never have too much storage," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager for Shodeen Homes. "Evidence of this can be seen in features like pantries, especially large walk-in types that reflect the popularity of shopping at big box stores where products are sold in bulk.

"Kitchen islands are in demand for a variety of reasons, and their potential for additional storage space makes them even more desirable. We're also finding that buyers are seeking larger garages for storage as well as parking cars," he says.

The space with the most potential for

both additional living space and storage is the basement.

"Everyone wants a big basement that can include a large entertainment area plus storage space where residents can craft whatever types of storage they may need. Pet owners can also equip an area with a bathtub, grooming table and space for other pet needs.

"On the upstairs bedroom level, walk-in closets are a must in master bedrooms and are also popular in secondary bedrooms," he says. "Double-deep closets are an alternative to a walk-in closet that can add storage in secondary bedrooms."

"The more storage the better" is a theme that is emphasized by Danielle Slutzky, Design Consultant for Toll Brothers.

"Many buyers today want a place for everything to ensure a harmonious look in open concept areas and other rooms as well," Slutzky says. "Custom built-in closet shelving, mud rooms with cubbies and hooks, kitchens with islands that include cabinets with convenient roll-out shelves as well as cabinet-type pantries or walk-in pantries help to keep heavily-used spaces well-organized. Butler's pantries are very popular in our larger homes, especially with those buyers who entertain frequently. A

variation that is increasing in popularity is the breakfast buffet, a built-in cabinet with a countertop that adds more serving and storage space.

"Another place where clutter can accumulate is the tech center, where storage cabinets can provide space for school supplies, book bags and other items that can be tucked away when not in use. Finished basements with built-ins are popular, and storage rooms with wire shelving can hold a variety of larger items, craft supplies, sports equipment and more," she says. "Another interesting trend is an attractive cabinet on top of the vanity countertop to add storage in this high-use room."

Because Toll Brothers offers extensive customization, built-in bookcases and other space organizers can be a decorative solution for plentiful storage and displays.

Today's kitchens have the potential to gather the most clutter in the living area of the home, with large and small appliances, dishes, glasses and cookbooks.

"Our buyers appreciate walk-in pantries and islands with open shelving at one end for cookbooks," says Christine Smith, sales manager at Ashcroft Place and The Townes of Ashcroft Walk in Oswego. "Cabinets with countertop space in laundry rooms and

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— Danielle Slutzky,
Design Consultant for Toll Brothers

benches with cubbies in mud rooms work well for storage as the family transitions from the garage to the living area. Also in demand are extra-large 2.5 or three-car garages and full basements. Full basements are included in both of our single-family homes and townhomes. Rooms used for home offices and studies provide ample opportunities for storage, with built-ins or other types of cabinets."

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Shodeen offers three home styles at Elburn Station

Buyers looking to get the most for their home buying dollar are choosing Elburn Station, a Shodeen Homes' master-planned community offering three distinct series of ranch and two-story homes priced from the \$220s.

According to Anna Harmon, director of marketing and public relations for Shodeen Homes, Elburn Station is appealing to a cross-section of buyers.

"Our low maintenance Village Homes have been popular with professional couples and singles who can own a home for the same as they've been paying in rent and utilize the Metra train to be in the city within an hour," she says. "Our Settlements and Crossings Series offer traditional single-family homes from the \$260s. The ranch plans have been popular with buyers who want to downsize and enjoy the convenience of one-level living while staying close to friends and family, while our two-story homes are attracting young couples and families who appreciate the great schools and ability to get more home for their money."

Located just west of the Randall Road corridor and east of Route 47, Elburn Station is a 505-acre community that will include a variety of homes including single-family residences, townhomes, rowhomes, apartments and condominiums when complete. A decorated model home is open for touring and special preconstruction savings that include \$10,000 off the price of the home, only a \$10,000 down payment and an additional \$10,000 off structural changes are being offered.

"We have homes under construction in each series for buyers who have immediate move-in needs," Harmon says. "Ranch and two-story open-concept homes are available and include some of today's most popular features such as wide-plank wood flooring, 42-inch white kitchen cabinets with granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, flex rooms, offices with French doors, master bedroom suites with private baths and more."

The low maintenance Village Homes include five floor plans, with a ranch plan and four two-story homes, ranging in size from 1,097 to 2,300 square feet of space, with two or three bedrooms, one or two baths, full basements and 2- or 2.5-car garages.



A kitchen plan at Shodeen Homes' master-planned community at Elburn Station.

Optional finished basements are available.

One of the most popular Village Homes has been the 2,076-square-foot Charlotte, which is shown as a decorated model. Priced from \$282,963, the Charlotte features a living room and adjoining dining room, family room open to the island kitchen and breakfast area, concrete patio and two-car garage.

The Settlements Series offers ranch and two-story homes ranging from 1,547 to 2,230 square feet in size with two to four bedrooms, 1.5 to 2.5 baths, spacious kitchens open to family rooms, private master bedrooms with private baths and two-car garages as standard.

Priced at \$324,900, the 2,440-square-foot, two-story Chesterfield is available for quick move in and features four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, wide-plank wood flooring throughout the first floor, kitchen with 42-inch upgraded cabinets, granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances, spacious family room, formal dining room, flex room, master bedroom with walk-in closet and private luxury bath, convenient second-floor laundry, finished basement and attached two-car garage.

The largest of the home designs can be found in the Crossing Series with ranch and two-story plans ranging from 1,868 to 2,688 square feet in size. These homes include three to four bedrooms, two or 2.5 baths and attached 2-car garages as standard.

The Elburn Station sales center is located west of Randall Road at the corner of Anderson Road and Elburn Station Boulevard. The sales center is open 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, and Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment. Call 630-232-1122 or visit shodeenhomes.com.



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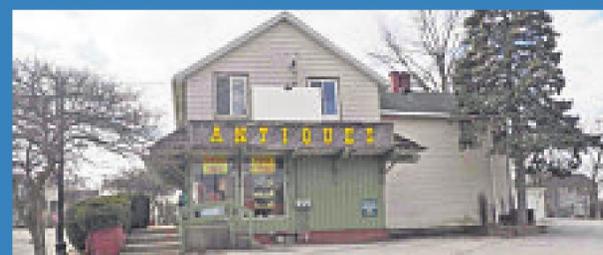
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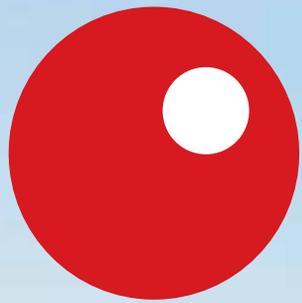
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Run, run, run! With the Shamrock Shuffle happening this weekend, we're officially kicking off Chicago's running season. With so many races happening all over the city, it's only fitting that we gather them in one place to help you plan out your fitness goals. We've got all the info you need to keep moving from now through October.



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WHERE BUNNIES BRUNCH » PAGE 10

Don't let Easter sneak up on you! The holiday is next weekend, meaning you'll want to make brunch reservations ASAP. Allow us to help you pick the best spot.

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Hidden behind a laundromat in Andersonville, Chicago Magic in Andersonville, Chicago Magic in Andersonville, Chicago Magic in Andersonville. From themed cocktails to tricks performed right at your table. Sorry, illusions.



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Gina Rodriguez.

GINA DOES CHICAGO PROUD » PAGE 16

Gina Rodriguez is having a moment as a star in "Annihilation" and having just directed her first episode of "Jane the Virgin." So what's next?

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Our new feature from Atlas Obscura showcases hidden wonders of Chicago. This week's piece is all about the International Museum of Surgical Science.



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Matcha chai, masala chai with saffron and pink kashmiri chai from Chiya Chai.

DIY chai

Check it out, chai lovers: Chiya Chai (2770 N. Milwaukee Ave.) will host a **make-your-own chai workshop** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, including a chai demonstration, hands-on activity and a lunch buffet. Husband and wife owners Swadesh Shrestha and Rajee Aryal will speak about the history and culture and demonstrate the creation process before guests get a chance to make their own, either masala chai, ginger cardamom or vanilla nutmeg chai. The buffet is included in the ticket price, while additional drinks will be available for purchase. Guests also get to take home a packet of their chai blend. Tickets: \$30. eventbrite.com.

Ring ring, royalty

Originally Destiny Nicole Frasqueri, the New-York-City-born-and-raised **Princess Nokia** is on her second musical lifetime. She first broke through as Wavy Spice in 2012 before changing her moniker to Princess Nokia in 2014. She makes some off-the-wall, experimental-esque hip-hop and R&B, and her identity as an Afro-Puerto Rican queer women strongly informs her lyrics. She will play at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Metro (3730 N. Clark St.). Tickets: \$26 advance, \$29 day of. metrochicago.com.



Dining in La Piazza at Eataly.

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All-you-can-Eataly

An evening of all-you-can-eat at Eataly (43 E. Ohio St.) either sounds like paradise or torture, or maybe a little bit of both. The bi-level culinary behemoth hosts these “all-access parties” twice per year, allowing guests to enjoy unlimited food and drink from all of Eataly’s stations. **SpringFest** is the spring edition of the party, beginning at 8 p.m. Friday and running until midnight. Beyond its usual offerings, Eataly will also have live music from Chicago-based La Tosca and a gardening workshop, along with other ephemeral eating and drinking experiences. Tickets: \$75. eataly.com.

Whisky weekends

Another weekend, another whisky festival, and this one is serious: **WhiskyFest** comes from Whisky Advocate magazine, has stops across the country and boasts more than 300 different types of whisky, including aged options. There are also seminars and plenty of other festivities during the 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday schedule at the Hyatt Regency (151 E. Upper Wacker Drive), so if you’re serious about your whisky, this one could be for you. Tickets: \$325. whiskyfest.com.

Museum of Suds and Imbibing

The Museum of Science and Industry is in the middle of its Spring Make Festival — essentially an IRL episode of “How It’s Made” — and its upcoming edition of MSI After Hours will reflect that, with a theme dubbed **Science on Tap**. The Museum invites the 21+ crowd to come learn about beer from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, including a homebrewing workshop, a lesson from Empirical Brewery on how science affects beer flavor and the physics behind a perfect beer-pong toss. Tickets include snacks, one beer or cocktail, parking and access to most exhibits. Tickets: \$30. msichicago.org.



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Museum of Science and Industry.

happy hour

Here’s where to drink on a budget this week.

THURSDAY

Slurping Turtle (116 W. Hubbard St. 312-464-0466) celebrates National Noodle Month by offering \$10 shoyu or red miso ramen from 3 to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Lady Gregory’s Old Town (1525 N. Wells St. 312-888-9368) offers \$5 Jameson shots, \$4 Effen mixed drinks, \$7 cheddar artichoke dip and \$9 flatbreads from 5 to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Country Club (3462 N. Clark St. 773-975-2010) offers \$2 mimosas, \$3 Busch Light and \$5 bombs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

Urbanbelly (1542 N. Damen Ave. 773-904-8606) offers \$5 Kirin pitchers, spiked lemonade, sake and wine from 4 to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

The Gwen Hotel (521 N. Rush St. 312-645-1500) offers \$9 craft cocktails and glasses of wine, \$6 craft beer, \$9 burrata flatbread and \$6 edamame hummus from 4 to 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

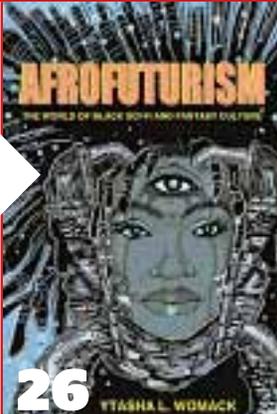
Streterville Pizzeria (355 E. Ohio St. 312-631-3877) offers \$5 well drinks and half-price appetizers from 4 to 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Beatrix (834 W. Fulton Market 312-733-0370) hosts a Sip Into Spring patio party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. featuring cocktails and appetizers for \$30.

SAVE THE DATE

By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
march	18	19	20 MARGOT MCMAHON 	21 	22 COMIC BOOK CHICAGO: A PANEL DISCUSSION AT CHICAGO LITERARY ALLIANCE 641 W. Lake St. 312-690-4227 A discussion about the evolution of the city's comic book scene with comic book artists and a cultural anthropologist from Institute for Comics Studies. 7-8 p.m. Free.	23 WALK UP CLASSIC OPENING RECEPTION AT GREAT LAKES TATTOO 1148 W. Grand Ave. 312-870-0458 Get a first look at the designs artists from around the country will be inking over the weekend along with enjoying complimentary drinks from Dark Matter Coffee and Virtue Cider. 7-10 p.m. Free.	24 GOOD FOOD FESTIVAL & MARKETPLACE AT UIC FORUM 725 W. Roosevelt Road 312-874-7360 More than 150 farmers, artisanal food producers and other vendors sell their wares at the 14th annual event, which features tastings and demos. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. RSVP: eventbrite.com
	25 'AFROFUTURISM' WITH YTASHA WOMACK AT BUCKET O'BLOOD BOOKS AND RECORDS 3182 N. Elston Ave. 312-890-3860 If watching "Black Panther" left you seeking more black fantasy and sci-fi, head to this BYOB discussion and signing of Womack's book. 4-6 p.m. Free. eventbrite.com	26 	27	28 	29 FEMALE MAKER PANEL AT SAINT LOU'S ASSEMBLY 664 W. Lake St. 312-600-0600 Imbibe Magazine writer Emma Janzen leads a discussion on what it's like to be a woman in the beverage world with ladies from Eris Brewery and Cider House and more. 7-9 p.m. \$25. eventbrite.com	30 'THE GENTLEMAN CALLER' AT RAVEN THEATRE 6157 N. Clark St. 773-338-2177 Catch a preview of Philip Dawkins' drama based on the true story of a 1944 sexual tryst between playwright Tennessee Williams and newspaper critic William Inge. 8 p.m. \$29-\$32. Tickets: raventheatre.com	31 CHICAGO WINE FEST AT MOE'S CANTINA 155 W. Kinzie St. 312-245-2000 Sample 35 wines from all over the world paired with a cheese plate. Noon-4 p.m. \$25+. Tickets: eventbrite.com
1 april	2 	3 LARRY BROUTMAN AT CITY LIT BOOKS 2523 N. Kedzie Blvd. 773-235-2523 The author and photographer shares stories about the making of "Chicago Eternal," his illustrated book exploring 32 local cemeteries and the notable people buried there. 6:30 p.m. Free.	4 	5 'WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?' AT DAVIS THEATER 4614 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-769-3999 The DOC10 film festival opens with a screening of Morgan Neville's documentary about Fred Rogers followed by a celebration of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." 7-9:30 p.m. \$12-\$16. Tickets: doc10.org	6 	7 NO LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL AT LOGAN SQUARE AUDITORIUM 2539 N. Kedzie Blvd. 773-252-6179 Local bands Cherry Glazerr, Bruce and Bronte Fall perform at a benefit for Over the Rainbow Association. 6 p.m.-midnight. \$30. Tickets: otrnoimits.com	
	8 WELLNESS EXPO AND REJUVENATION CRAWL AT A.N. PRITZKER SCHOOL 2009 W. Schiller St. 773-384-2672 Check out fitness, nutrition and beauty products and services then visit businesses throughout Wicker Park and Bucktown for more. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$5-\$10. wickerparkbucktown.com	9 	10 	11 BEER DINNER AT FORBIDDEN ROOT BREWERY 1746 W. Chicago Ave. 312-929-2202 The West Town brewery shows off its food and beer pairings by offering a new four-course menu every month. 5-10 p.m. \$45.	12 CHEF NIGHT AT KIZUKI RAMEN & IZAKAYA 1482 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-270-4150 Chef Kevin Yu pays tribute to Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish and his hometown of Osaka, Japan by making 50 bowls of a special Darvish Ramen (\$15) and pairing it with Osaka sake. 6 p.m.	13 	14



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Your ultimate guide to Chicago race season

By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

Spring is here, which means it's time to lace up your running shoes and support your favorite cause while putting your personal record to the test at one of Chicago's many races. Whether you're looking to plan just how many 5Ks you can pack in or just want to get together a group for a fun run with beer at the finish line, we've put together a guide to keep you moving into the fall.

Shamrock Shuffle at Grant Park *Columbus Drive and Monroe Street* 312-904-9814

Keep your St. Patrick's Day celebration going at the 39th annual 8K race and two-mile walk that brings more than 20,000 green-clad runners through the streets of Chicago. Stick around after for a party at Buckingham Fountain with performances from Sixteen Candles and the Shannon Rovers.

When: 8:30 a.m. March 25
Entry fee: \$35-\$55 at shamrockshuffle.com

Bunny Rock 5K at Montrose Harbor *601 W. Montrose Ave.*

Don a pair of bunny ears and get pumped up by '80s rock music at this lakefront race, which also features an Easter egg hunt and petting zoo for kids.

When: 9 a.m. March 31
Entry fee: \$40-\$45 at bunnyrock5k.com

World Health Run at Lincoln Park *1650 N. Stockton Drive*

The first-time 5K race and one-mile walk raises money for health initiatives around the world from the Rotary Club, National Peace Corps Association, the

Consortium of Universities for Global Health and Peace Care.

When: 8:30 a.m. April 7

Entry fee: \$37-\$45 at worldhealthrun.org

Chi Town Half Marathon at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave. 224-757-5425

Run a 10K or half-marathon to raise money for Special Olympics and then celebrate at the finish line with a Portillo's hot dog, beer and live music.

When: 7 a.m. April 7

Entry fee: \$80-\$100 at allcommunityevents.com

Chicago Lakefront 50K George Cheung Memorial Race at Jackson Park

6300 S. Lake Shore Drive 847-648-8843

Run three loops along the Lakefront Bike Path at the South Side race, which finishes with a meal of red beans and rice.

When: 7:30 a.m. April 14

Entry fee: \$55-\$65 at chicagoultra.org

Runners for Research 5K Run/Walk at the Chicago Fallen Firefighter and Paramedic Memorial Park

2301 S. Lake Shore Drive

The fifth annual race supports the American Association for Cancer Research.

When: 7:30 a.m. April 14

Entry fee: \$25-\$50 at aacr.donordrive.com

5Kto1K Neighborhood Run

1000 W. Fulton Market

Run through the Fulton Market and West Loop neighborhoods at the fourth annual race, which ends with a party at Federales.

When: 9 a.m. April 15

Entry fee: \$50 at eventbrite.com

Wintrust Lakefront 10 Miler & 5K at Montrose Beach

Wilson and Lake Shore drives

Choose your distance and run, walk or jog before celebrating with Lagunitas beer, food and music.

When: 9 a.m. April 21

Entry fee: \$39-\$65 at caralakefront10.com

Walk & Roll Chicago at Soldier Field Stadium Green

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Run or walk 5K, skate 10K or bike 15K at the fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Bring lunch, grills and games to picnic after the event.

When: 8:30 a.m. April 21

Entry fee: \$15-\$20 at chicagoevents.com

Quid Pro Run at Washington Park Refectory

5531 W. Russell Drive

Run or walk 5K to raise money for the Cook County Bar Association Foundation's Legal Clinic.

When: 9 a.m. April 21

Entry fee: \$40 at runsignup.com

Race Against Extinction Earth Day 5K at Lincoln Park

2430 N. Cannon Drive 617-312-6268

Run, walk or skate at the second annual pet-friendly benefit for the World Wildlife Fund.

When: 10 a.m. April 22

Entry fee: \$30 at active.com

Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Run & Walk at Soldier Field Stadium Green

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Running in nine cities across the country, the 5K raises money for the American Brain Tumor Association.

When: 9:30 a.m. April 22

Entry fee: \$30-\$40 at abta.org

Wildwood PAC Earth Day 5K and 2K Fun Run/Walk at Wildwood Park Field House

6950 N. Hiawatha Ave.

Explore the neighborhood and then stick around to help clean up the park and mulch trees.

When: 8:30 a.m. April 22

Entry fee: \$10-\$30 at active.com



Breakthrough for Brain Tumors Run & Walk.

AMERICAN BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION



Race to Wrigley Charity Run.

STEPHEN GREEN

Ravenswood Run 5K

4550 N. Hermitage Ave.

The bells at All Saints Episcopal Church signal the start of this 5K neighborhood run, which raises money for the Ravenswood Community Services food pantry. Food samplings follow the race.

When: 8 a.m. April 29

Entry fee: \$45-\$49 at ravenswoodrun.com

Cinco de Miler at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with live mariachi music, piñatas and breakfast tacos, Dos Equis and other Mexican food and drinks at the finish line of the five-mile race.

When: 8:30 a.m. May 5

Entry fee: \$44-\$49 at cincodemiler.com

Don't Tell Me to 'Slow Down' at Northwestern University

1841 Sheridan Road, Evanston 704-654-5611

The first-time fun run and walk celebrates National Stuttering Awareness Week by raising money for the National Stuttering Association Scholarship Fund.

When: 8 a.m. May 5

Entry fee: \$25-\$30 at westutter.org

Run to Remember at Gold Star Families Memorial & Park

1410 S. Museum Campus Drive 312-499-8899

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's 14th annual 5K run and walk kicks off with a helicopter flyover.

When: 8 a.m. May 5

Entry fee: \$35-\$45 at give.classy.org/run2remember2018

Be The Match Walk + Run at Grant Park

Balbo and Columbus drives

The annual 5K and 1K run and walk, which has timed and untimed versions, raises money for bone marrow transplants for people with blood cancer.

When: 8:30 a.m. May 6

Entry fee: \$30-\$35 at bethematchfoundation.org

Race to Wrigley at Wrigley Field

1060 W. Addison St.

Run through Lakeview and end up at the Wrigley Field marquee at the 13th annual benefit for Cubs Charities, which includes a post-race beer.

When: 8 a.m. May 6



Move for the Kids.

JIM PRISCHING

Entry fee: \$44-\$53 at race-cubs.com

Near North Health Mother's Day 5K Run/Walk at Komed Holmen Health Center

4259 S. Berkley Ave.

Follow the route along the lakefront through the Kenwood, Oakland and Bronzeville neighborhoods to raise money to help uninsured patients at the Near North Health Service Corporation.

When: 8 a.m. May 12

Entry fee: \$20 suggested donation at runsignup.com

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave. 773-444-0061

Celebrate Mother's Day at the 21st annual benefit for breast cancer research that features a survivor parade and 5K fun run and walk.

When: 9 a.m. May 13

Entry fee: \$35-\$50 at komenchicago.org

Universal Sole Four Mile Classic at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave. 773-868-0893

Run or walk along the lakefront to raise money for Chicago Run and then celebrate with a rooftop party at Lakeshore Sport & Fitness including food and beer.

When: 7 p.m. May 17

Entry fee: \$35-\$45 at universalsole.com

World Vision's Global 6K for Water at Montrose Harbor

4400 N. Lake Shore Drive 888-511-6548

Run or walk the distance most people in the developing world must travel to get water to raise money to improve water access.

When: 9 a.m. May 19

Entry fee: \$50 at teamworldvision.org

Night Nation Run at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive

The running music festival features DJs, dancers, glow gear giveaways, lights shows and selfie stations along the course along with a dance parties before and after the event.



Lincoln Park Zoo's Run for the Zoo 5K/10K.

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When: 8 p.m. May 19

Entry fee: \$60 at nighnationrun.com/chicago

StemStep5K at Humboldt Park

1301 N. Humboldt Drive

The fundraiser for community science, technology, engineering, math and athletics program is expected to draw 1,000 runners. The event features a breakfast tent and coffee station.

When: 8 a.m. May 19

Entry fee: \$27-\$30 at stemstep5k.com

Move for the Kids at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Run or walk 5K along the lakefront at the 14th annual benefit for the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

When: 11 a.m. May 20

Entry fee: \$40 at luriechildrens.org

Chicago Spring Half Marathon & 10K at Maggie Daley Park

337 E. Randolph St.

Take in views of the skyline and Lake Michigan on your run, which ends with a breakfast buffet, Lagunitas beer, live music and flowers to take home.

When: 7 a.m. May 20

Entry fee: \$65-\$115 at chicagospringhalf.com

Soldier Field 10 Mile at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Three waves makes the race perfect for

runners of all levels along with walkers. The event ends with a party featuring music and food.

When: 7 a.m. May 26

Entry fee: \$79-\$89 at soldierfield10.com

Ridge Run at Ridge Park

9625 S. Longwood Drive

Celebrate Memorial Day at the 41st annual 5K and 10K run through the Ridge Historic District, which features Chicago's highest hill. Beverly and Morgan Park residents set up along the route to cheer and play music and local vendors sell food and drinks.

When: 8 a.m. May 28

Entry fee: \$15-\$60 at bapa.org

Gospel Run at Oakwood Beach in Burnham Park

1099 E. Oakwood Blvd.

Gospel music plays throughout the course of the 10K race and 5K run or walk, which ends with a concert and festival.

When: 7 a.m. June 2

Entry fee: \$35-\$50 at gospelrun.com

Comeback Trail at DuSable Harbor

111 N. Lake Shore Drive 303-754-0946

The 5K run and walk is one of six fundraisers the National Stroke Association is running across the country this spring.

When: 8 a.m. June 2

Entry fee: Free with a \$250 suggested fundraising goal at stroke.org

Miles for Melanoma at Diversey Harbor

2601 N. Cannon Drive

Run or walk 5K to raise money for the Melanoma Research Foundation.

When: 8:30 a.m. June 2

Entry fee: \$20-\$55 at melanoma.org

I Know a Fighter 5K at Lincoln Park Grove 13

300 W. Wellington Ave.

The race and finish line festival is part of a 10-city tour benefiting the Children's Tumor Foundation.

When: 10:30 a.m. June 2

Entry fee: \$25 at ctf.org

PAWS Chicago 5K Run/Walk at Montrose Harbor

600 W. Montrose Harbor Drive

More than 4,000 people and 1,200 dogs are expected at the 18th annual fundraiser for homeless pets, which is billed as the city's largest dog-friendly event.

When: 7:30 a.m. June 3

Entry fee: \$30-\$60 at pawschicago.org

Run for the Zoo at Lincoln Park Zoo

2001 N. Clark St. 312-742-2000

Race through the zoo's grounds at the 40th annual 5K run/walk and 10K run, which ends with snacks and beer.

When: 7:30 a.m. June 3

Entry fee: \$34-\$59 at lpzoo.org/run

Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K at Grant Park

Columbus and Balbo drives

Cancer survivors and their family and

friends join with doctors, scientists and health professionals for the 25th annual lakefront run benefiting the Lurie Cancer Center.

When: 9:30 a.m. June 3

Entry fee: \$20-\$60 at cancer.northwestern.edu

Strides for Peace at Upper Hutchinson Field in Grant Park
200 E. Balbo Drive

Join an 8K or 5K run or a 2K walk to raise money for nonprofit organizations dedicated to reducing gun violence.

When: 6:30 p.m. June 7

Entry fee: \$35-\$45 at stridesforpeace.org

Immerman Angels Brunch Run 5K & Walk at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave. 312-273-1305

Have bites and fauxmosas on the course then finish with brunch, beer, cold-brew coffee and a mimosa bar.

When: 8:30 a.m. June 9

Entry fee: \$40-\$50 at brunchrun5k.com

Your Next Step Is the Cure at Lincoln Park Zoo

Stockton and LaSalle drives

Decorate and fly kites to honor lung cancer patients and those who have died from the disease at the ninth annual 5K fun run benefiting the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation.

When: 8:30 a.m. June 10

Entry fee: \$30-\$35 at chicago2018.yournextstepisthecure.org

Divine Nine 5K at Jackson Park

5700 E. Hayes Drive

The lakefront run benefiting the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Chicago ends with a party featuring a DJ and vendors.

When: 8 a.m. June 16

Entry fee: \$25-\$30 at divinenine5k.com

Summer Dash 5K for Community Schools at Marquette Park

6743 S. Kedzie Ave.

Run or walk through the Chicago Lawn park at the fourth annual benefit for Metropolitan Family Services.

When: 8 a.m. June 16

Entry fee: \$30-\$40 at metrofamily.org

ABC7 Gibbons 5K Run and 3K Walk at Grant Park

Balbo and Columbus drives

More than 2,000 are expected to attend the fundraiser for the Leukemia Research Foundation, which ends with a party featuring beer, food and music.

When: 6:25 p.m. June 21

Entry fee: \$40-\$49 at gibbons5k.com

Proud to Run at Montrose Harbor

600 W. Montrose Harbor Drive

Part of Pride Week, the 37th annual 10K run and 5K walk and run along the lakefront raises money for Care2Prevent, Illinois Safe Schools Alliance, Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative and Test Positive Aware Network.

When: 8:04 a.m. June 23

Entry fee: \$40 at proudtorun.org



Crypt 5K at Rosehill Cemetery.

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Chicago Bears 5K at Soldier Field

1410 S. Museum Campus Drive

Run along the lake to benefit Bears Care then celebrate with a Miller Lite. Friends and family can cheer runners on from the South End Zone.

When: 8 a.m. June 23

Entry fee: \$39 at chicagobears.com/5k

Chicago 10K at Avery Field at Grant Park

1501 S. Lake Shore Drive

The race benefiting Special Olympics sold out the past two years, so make sure to register soon.

When: 8 a.m. June 24

Entry fee: \$40-\$55 at runmfg.com

PurpleStride at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive

Hear about pancreatic cancer research from doctors and professors and walk or run 5K along the lake to raise money for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

When: 10:30 a.m. June 24

Entry fee: \$30-\$40 at purplestride.org

Stars & Stripes 5K Run at Wentworth Park

5700 S. Narragansett Ave.

The second annual Garfield Ridge run honoring first responders and military personnel opens with an honor guard ceremony.

When: 8 a.m. June 30

Entry fee: \$25-\$35 at tri-builders.org

5K Run to End Homelessness at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave.

The eighth annual lakefront event raises money for A Safe Haven Foundation.

When: 8:30 a.m. July 14

Entry fee: \$30-\$50 at asafehaven.org

Universal Sole Burgers & Beer 5K at Soldier Field

1410 Museum Campus Drive 773-868-0893

Reward yourself with the run's name-sakes after participating in the seventh annual race, which benefits Girls in the Game.

When: 7 p.m. July 16

Entry fee: \$40-\$55 at universalsole.com

Rock 'n' Roll Chicago

Columbus Drive and Monroe Street (half-marathon and 10K) or Columbus Drive and Jackson Drive (5K)

Join a 5K Saturday or Sunday's 10K and half-marathon.

When: 7:30 a.m. July 21 and 6:30 a.m. July 22

Entry fee: \$49.99-\$89.99 at runrocknroll.com/Chicago

Stan's Donut 5K at Montrose Harbor

601 W. Montrose Ave.

Enjoy doughnuts along the 5K course and at the finish line.

When: 8 a.m. Aug. 11

Entry fee: \$40-\$50 donut5k.com

Chicago Lung Run at Montrose Harbor

4400 N. Lake Shore Drive

More than 1,000 people, including lung cancer survivors and representatives of Chicago hospitals, are expected to join the 14th annual benefit for the Lung Cancer Research Foundation, which features 10K and 5K races and a one-mile walk.

When: 8:30 a.m. Aug. 26

Entry fee: \$35-\$45 at lungrun.org

Race Judicata at Arvey Field - Grant Park

1501 S. Lake Shore Drive

The 24th annual 5K run and walk benefiting Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation loops along Lake Michigan and finishes with live music, beer, wine and snacks.

When: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13

Entry fee: \$34-\$39 at cvls.org/judicata

Run Mag Mile at Grant Park

Columbus and Balbo drives

Run a 5K or 10K along Michigan Avenue past luxury shops and some of the city's most iconic buildings to raise money for Teen Living Programs.

When: 7 a.m. Sept. 8

Entry fee: \$39-\$59 at runmagemile.com

Faith and Fitness 5K/10K at Jackson Park

6300 S. Lake Shore Drive

Religious runners gather in Hyde Park for a lakefront run and post-race health fair.

When: 9 a.m. Sept. 15

Entry fee: \$40-\$50 at faithandfitnessrace.com

Chicago Half Marathon & 5K at Jackson Park

Richards and Hayes drives

Run around Hyde Park and the Museum of Science and Industry before continuing onto Lake Shore Drive and ending with a festival featuring live music and Lagunitas beer.

When: 7 a.m. Sept. 23

Entry fee: \$40-\$135 at chicagohalfmarathon.com

Bucktown 5K at Burr Elementary School

1621 W. Wabansia Ave.

The 20th annual neighborhood run raises money for 100 Club of Chicago.

When: 8:30 a.m. Sept. 30

Entry fee: \$39-\$54 at bucktown5k.com

Crypt 5K at Rosehill Cemetery

5800 N. Ravenswood Ave.

Run or walk through the 350-acre Victorian-era cemetery at the seventh annual race, which ends with a party at Fireside Tavern & Grill.

When: 7 p.m. Oct. 6

Entry fee: \$29-\$43 at chicagoevents.com

Bank of America Chicago Marathon at Grant Park

Columbus and Jackson drives

The city's biggest race brings together runners from all 50 states and 100 countries to run through 29 neighborhoods before ending back at Grant Park for a party featuring massages, live music, food and drinks.

When: 7:20 a.m. Oct. 7

Entry fee: Registration closed in November, but charity teams are still open.

Pumpkins in the Park 5K at Lincoln Park - South Fieldhouse

1650 N. Stockton Drive

Celebrate Halloween with a run benefitting Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks that ends with a party featuring pumpkin pie, a costume contest, pumpkin decorating and a pie-eating contest.

When: 4 p.m. Oct. 20

Entry fee: \$34-\$49 at pumpkins5k.com

Samantha Nelson is a RedEye freelancer.

Easter brunchin'

BOOK A TABLE AT ONE OF THESE CITY SPOTS

By Grace Wong | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Easter is celebrated with egg hunts, church services, chocolate bunnies, candy-filled baskets and family meals, which makes for a big, busy day. Save time on cooking by dining at one of these restaurants around Chicago instead. Beyond the religious holiday, you can celebrate the coming of spring and finally putting away that puffy winter jacket — and in many cases, the kids can visit with the Easter Bunny. All of these brunch promotions (and several dinners too) are on April 1 unless otherwise noted, and reservations are recommended.

Band of Bohemia: Brunch will feature caviar crepe cake, chicken and biscuits, bohemian creme doughnut and the house specialty foie-sicle. *Prices are a la carte. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710, bandofbohemia.com.*

Baptiste & Bottle: A mimosa per person kicks off brunch, which also features a Peeps brownie skillet and an entree from the regular brunch menu. An Easter Bunny Cart will offer assorted Easter candy table-side, and patrons will have unlimited access to stations, including Maker's Mark bourbon-glazed ham and a sweet and savory boozy waffle bar. *\$65, with the option to add the bottomless Baptiste bloody bar for \$26. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 101 E. Erie St., 312-667-6793, baptisteandbottle.com.*

Bar Roma: A bubbly brunch celebrates Easter, with food items including spring split pea and ham soup, spiral honey-baked ham and eggs, cacio e pepe ravioli and carrot cake. *Prices are a la carte; unlimited sparkling wine is \$24. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5101 N. Clark St., 773-942-7572, barroma.chicago.com.*

Benny's Chop House: Lunch and dinner specials like Alaskan king crab legs and dry-aged steaks with seasonal desserts, such as hot cross buns, carrot cake and banana cream pie. *Prices a la carte. Noon to 9 p.m. 444 N. Wabash Ave., 312-626-2444, bennyschophouse.com.*

Bernie's Lunch & Supper: Brunch specials include pimiento-cheese deviled eggs, Scotch egg in the hole, fried ham chop and chocolate pot de creme. *Prices are a la carte. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 660 N. Orleans St., 312-624-9892, bernieslunchandsupper.com.*

Bistronomic: A three-course brunch features chef Martial Noguier's mother's country pate with spring salad, cornichons and roasted hazelnuts; eggs Benedict with



Cochon Volant Brasserie will have Easter specials in addition to its normal brunch items.

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salmon gravlax, poached eggs and lemon hollandaise; and cherry brioche bread pudding with pistachio, butterscotch and creme anglaise. *\$42, \$56 with bottomless mimosas. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 840 N. Wabash Ave., 312-944-8400, bistronomic.net.*

The Bristol: Prix fixe brunch with savory starters to share, an entree like a smoked pork hash with roasted vegetables and bacon hollandaise, and coffee, tea or juice. Other brunch items include a soft shell crab BLT and cinnamon and wildflower Greek yogurt with fruit and granola. *\$35 adults, \$19 children 9 and younger. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2152 N. Damen Ave., 773-862-5555, thebristolchicago.com.*

Cafe des Architectes: A three-course Easter brunch includes Parmesan and tomato quiche appetizer, roasted duck breast with smoked asparagus, morels and fava beans as an entree, and access to a dessert table laden with macarons, eclairs, tarts and chocolate eggs for kids to decorate. *\$62 adults, \$19 children. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., 20 E. Chestnut St., 312-324-4063, cafesdesarchitectes.com.*

The Chicago Athletic Association Hotel: A Peter Cottontail Easter Affair in the

White City Ballroom decorated with 167 stalactite lights will feature omelets, cheese and charcuterie, smoked salmon, shrimp cocktail, meats from a carving station, and bottomless bloody marys and mimosas. *\$100 adults, \$45 children, children under 5 free. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-940-3552, easteratcaa.com.*

City Mouse: Brunch and dinner specials with items like lobster cakes Florentine with soft-boiled eggs and Creole mustard butter for brunch and a cumin and a chile dusted lamb rack with roasted spring radishes and green onions for dinner. Pro tip: Ask about the carrot cake old-fashioned doughnut. *Prices are a la carte. 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908, citymousechicago.com.*

Cochon Volant Brasserie: Maine lobster Benedict and a lobster roll star as special, off-menu items for Easter, in addition to the regular brunch items. *Prices are a la carte. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 100 W. Monroe St., 773-772-4322, thecochonvolantchicago.com.*

The Dearborn: Brunch the week before and on Easter with items like a chanterelle mushroom and fontina omelet, salmon Florentine Benedict and lemon ricotta pancakes. *Prices are a la carte. 10 a.m. to 3*

p.m. March 31 and Easter, 145 N. Dearborn St., 312-384-1242, thedearborntavern.com.

Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse: Brunch special items like prime rib, lobster Benedict and filet Benedict. The full menu will also be available. *Prices are a la carte. Noon to 9 p.m., 58 E. Oak St., 312-888-2499, delfriscos.com/steakhouse/chicago.*

Eden: Easter Sunday brunch with items like grilled skirt steak and eggs, quinoa cakes, grilled avocado eggs Benedict, doughnuts and drinks like bloody marys, mimosas and bellinis. The Easter Bunny will also be handing out treats to kids. *Prices a la carte. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1748 W. Lake St., 312-366-2294, edeninchicago.com.*

The Florentine: A holiday buffet will feature items like almond brioche French toast, pastas and unlimited bloody marys and mimosas. *\$75 adults, \$25 children 12 and under. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 151 W. Adams St., 312-660-8866, the-florentine.net.*

Frasca Pizzeria and Wine Bar: Brunch highlights will include frittatas, braised ham hock hash, salmon cake Benedict and blueberry muffin French toast. *A la carte. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 3358 N. Paulina St., 773-248-5222, frascapizzeria.com.*

Frontier: A brunch buffet will boast house-cured ham, an omelet station, a garden frittata, fresh oysters, butter biscuits, pastries and more. \$28. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1072 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-772-4322, thefrontierchicago.com.

GT Fish & Oyster: A three-course, family-style brunch includes fried chicken and waffles, crab Benedict and shrimp and grits, plus brioche satine, Paris-Brest, bacon and potatoes. \$55 adults, \$25 children 12 and under, children 3 and under free. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 531 N. Wells St., 312-929-3501, gtoyster.com.

Hard Rock Cafe: Breakfast with the Bunny features an egg hunt, photo opportunities and a breakfast buffet with waffles, pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage. \$16.95 adults, \$10.95 children 12 and under. 10 a.m. to noon., 63 W. Ontario St., 312-943-2252, hardrock.com/chicago.

Harry Caray's: Champagne brunch will include an appearance by the Easter Bunny, plus buffets, carving stations, omelets and waffles, in addition to regular menu favorites like chicken Vesuvio. Prices vary by location: a la carte at the River North location, 33 W. Kinzie St., 312-828-0966; harrycarays.com.

Howells & Hood: A buffet brunch will feature stations for charcuterie and cheese, meat carving and omelets, plus fruit, croissants, chilaquiles, French toast sticks, deviled Easter eggs and assorted sweets like mini red velvet cupcakes and coconut key lime tartlets. \$39. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 435 N. Michigan Ave., 312-262-5310, howellsandhood.com.

I/O Godfrey: Buffet brunch with omelets, carving stations and waffles. For the kids: an Easter face-painting station, an egg hunt, a dedicated play room and a meet and greet with the Easter Bunny. \$39 adults, \$12 children. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 127 W. Huron St., 312-374-1830, godfreyeaster.com.

The Langham: Meet the Easter Bunny at brunch, which will have buffet stations, a magician, a balloon animal artist, a DIY cupcake station and candy art. Listen to live music while enjoying items like eggs Benedict, caramel pecan French toast, chilled jumbo shrimp, king crab, oysters, garlic butter tomahawk rib-eye steak, and omelet and crepe stations. \$155 adults, \$50 children 12 to 5, children 4 and under free. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 330 N. Wabash Ave., 312-923-7705, langhamhotels.com/chicago.

Longman & Eagle: The annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt will have two-person teams competing to find the most eggs hidden in Logan Square. The contest will end with a block party at the restaurant with food and games. All proceeds will be donated to One Tail at a Time. \$5 per person or \$10 per two-person team; attendees must be 21 and over. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2657 N. Kedzie Ave., 772-276-7110, longmanandegle.com.

Maple & Ash: Brunch will feature slow-



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Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse will feature special brunch items like lobster Benedict, as well as its full menu.

roasted lamb, fire-roasted seafood towers, pancake and carving stations, and an Easter sweets table. \$90. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888, mapleandash.com.

Margeaux Brasserie: An Easter egg hunt kicks things off, with prizes tucked in the eggs: candy, caramels and sweets by the chef as well as certificates for a room at the Waldorf Astoria Chicago and Margeaux Brasserie. Brunch and dinner menus feature items like escargot, gnocchi, spring pea and asparagus salad and desserts. Brunch, \$95; dinner, a la carte. Brunch, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner, 5-8 p.m., 11 E. Walton St., 312-625-1324, michaelmina.net/restaurants/chicago/margeaux-brasserie.

Mercat a la Planxa: Specials will include lamb paella with bomba rice, paella d' mariscos with scallops and clams, roasted leg of lamb, sponge cake filled with cream and chocolate fondant on mocha ice cream. A la carte. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., 638 S. Michigan Ave., 312-765-0524, mercatchicago.com.

Morton's: Surf and turf special with steak and lobster for \$57. Prices a la carte. 5-10 p.m. Multiple locations, 1050 N. State St., 312-266-4820, mortons.com.

Nico Osteria: A four-course menu will feature Leigh Omilinsky's Easter pastries, such as strawberry cream cheese breakfast buns and olive oil cake, and savory options like king crab scramble and spaghetti carbonara. \$70. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 1015 N. Rush

St., 312-994-7100, nicoosteria.com.

Prime & Provisions: Brunch will feature eggs Benedict, cinnamon French toast, slow-roasted meats, seafood bars, green side dishes, fresh fruit and pastries. \$65 adults, \$25 children. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 222 N. LaSalle St., 312-726-7777, primeandprovisions.com.

The Promontory: A lamb feast allows guests to share a hearth-roasted leg of lamb, baked beans, truffled mashed potatoes, cornbread and a trio of sauces. The meal can serve up to 15 people. \$45 per person. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5-11 p.m., 5311 S. Lake Park Ave., 312-801-2100, promontorychicago.com.

River Roast: A prix fixe menu includes roasted strip loin with red bordelaise, whole cedar plank salmon, endive salad with fennel, apple radish and lemon vinaigrette, and strawberry rhubarb tart. \$55 adults, \$18 children, children under 5 free. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100, riverroastchi.com.

Saint Lou's Assembly: An egg hunt with an egg decorating station and photo opportunities. Every group that makes a reservation in advance for brunch will receive a complimentary basket of signature biscuits. Prices are a la carte. Brunch begins at 9 a.m. and the egg hunt is at 1 p.m.; 664 W. Lake St., 312-600-0600, saintlouschicago.com.

Sepia: Prix fixe menu with pastries, family-

style starters and an entree like shakshuka, crunchy brioche French toast or smoked salmon, before closing out with something sweet. \$57 adults, \$32 children. 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., 123 N. Jefferson St., 312-441-1920, sepiachicago.com.

Seven Lions: Two-course prix fixe brunch menu starts with a complimentary cinnamon roll and has items like Easter ham and avocado toast with smoked salmon. The regular brunch menu is also available. \$24. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 130 S. Michigan Ave., 312-880-0130, sevenlionschicago.com.

Signature Room: Meet the Easter Bunny and nosh on a brunch buffet of seafood, salad, charcuterie, fresh fruit, soup, roasted leg of lam, customized omelets, steak and eggs and vegetable Parmesan lasagna. \$80 adults, \$35 children, children under 3 free. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 875 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280, 0465, signatureroom.com.

Sixteen: Brunch standouts include eggs Benedict with prosciutto, frisee, Gruyere, poached egg and hollandaise; seared scallops with parsnip puree and a cherry glaze; and a banana and hazelnut financier with strawberry tart and Grand Marnier cream, in addition to omelet, smoked salmon and carving stations. There will also be a petting zoo, a visit from the Easter Bunny and live music. \$165 adults, \$50 children ages 5 to 12. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 401 N. Wabash Ave., 312-588-8030, sixteenchicago.com.

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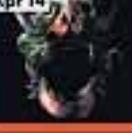
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The seafood tower at Swift & Sons.

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Smoke Daddy BBQ: Apple and cherry wood smoked ham (\$69) with a sweet mojo glaze will be the Easter standout, as well as side dishes like beans, mac and cheese, cornbread and coleslaw. *A la carte.* Orders are pick-up only and must be placed before 5 p.m. March 30. 1804 W. Division St., 773-772-1697, thesmokedaddy.com

Spiaggia: A four-course shared and individual brunch menu features frittata, roasted lamb, swordfish and seadas, a Sardinian dessert of deep-fried semolina dumplings with a pecorino cheese filling. \$65 per person. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 980 N. Michigan Ave., 312-280, 2750, spiaggia-restaurant.com.

Steak 48: Easter brunch will feature filet mignon and fried egg, Alaskan king crab and rock shrimp mac and cheese, corn creme brulee and iced Alaska king crab legs in addition to appetizers, salads, Champagne, fresh juices and other sides. Prices are a la carte. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 615 N. Wabash Ave., 312-266-4848, steak48.com/steakhouses/chicago.

Swift & Sons: Family-style Easter brunch with items like chocolate-chocolate chip scones, a smoked whitefish and salmon platter, king crab stuffed crepes, cheddar biscuits, applewood smoked bacon and double fried red potatoes. \$55 adults, children 12 and under free. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1000 W. Fulton Market, 312-733-9420, swiftandsonschicago.com.

Tanta: Specials highlight Tanta's Peruvian cooking with choros escabechados with pickled mussels in an aji amarillo sauce with olive oil and chalaca, aji de scallops y

garbanzos (seared scallops, aji amarillo sauce, chickpeas and chard stew), and la chuleta de cordero y carapulcra, an Easter specialty of grilled lamb chops in a rosemary and wine reduction with a sun-dried potato stew. *A la carte.* 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., 118 W. Grand Ave., 312-222-9700, tanta-chicago.com.

Torali Italian-Steak: Multiple stations will greet you at brunch, including a fruits de mer station with snow crab claws and Gulf shrimp, Asia dishes with sushi, artisanal cheeses, omelets, desserts and carving stations with dry-rubbed whole spring lamb, Cuban-style whole pork loin and whole roasted fish. \$155 adults, \$52 children. Seatings at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., 160 E. Pearson St., 312-573-5169, toralichicago.com.

Tortoise Supper Club: A buffet will feature a waffle and crepe station, a carving station with prime rib and salmon, a seafood tower with oysters, shrimp and ahi tuna poke, and a rabbit rilette. There will also be salads and sides to pair with the entree items. \$65 adults, \$25 children 11 to 4, children under 4 free. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 350 N. State St., 312-755-1700, tortoisesupperclub.com.

Upstairs at the Gwen: Specialty items include lamb tartare, lamb porterhouse and merguez sausage, lamb ragu and butterscotch pot de creme. *A la carte.* 11-12 a.m., 521 N. Rush St., 312-645-1500, thegwenchicago.com/dining/upstairs-at-the-gwen.

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First you walk into the laundromat.

Someone hits the spin-cycle button, a panel gives way and then you head into the room for the magic. A very nice 1930s-style, 120-seat salon. Replete with a mezzanine, little cocktail tables for such concoctions as Sleight of Hand, Smoke and Mirrors and How Houdini Died, a mini-proscenium and a mechanical curtain that recalls the odeons of yore. The Blackstone Cabaret room is named for magic royalty: Harry Blackstone — the junior and the senior — who put Chicago on the illusionistic map and, together, pulled tens of thousands of rabbits from their hats.

For the Chicago Magic Lounge, which officially opened late last month with its first main stage show, is all about the history.

This new venue — pinning down the cost is tricky, but we'll pick a card somewhere between 5 and 10 million bucks — is located at 5050 N. Clark Street, a former commercial laundry space located a block south of the Andersonville high-rent district. The two men who own the for-profit joint, Joey Cranford and Don Clark, said that they craved a certain level of you-have-to-know-to-get-in chic, but also that they wanted to be in a neighborhood (as distinct from, say, tourist-heavy River North) in order to pay homage to the Chicago-style tradition of magic bars that once dotted the city. Such taverns as Schulien's,

where the bartenders kept cards in their pockets to break out at 3 in the morning for two drunks and a pooch, specialized in so-called Chicago-style, or close-up, magic. Yup. A case can be made that improv was not the only performance style invented here.

The trifurcated Magic Lounge is doing the personal stuff, too: You can walk in off the street and watch magic in the bar, very crowded when I went, or arrive early at the Blackstone room and find a magician doing tricks right at your table (I was visited by the terrific Ryan Plunkett). For a small extra fee — \$10 or so on top of the \$35-\$55



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The speakeasy-style entrance with hidden doors in this disguised coin Laundromat.

cover in the main room — you also have access to the 654 Club, a muted, theater-style studio designed for hard-core, close-up encounters with cards and ropes. When I visited it was occupied by Alba, an internationally known illusionist from South America, replete with her grandmother's bag of tricks and volunteers displaying various levels of happiness at their appropriation. You can't bring the kids to any of this, except for the Sunday matinees.

The first main stage headliner is Max Maven, a quirky and impressive fellow with a voice somewhere between classic rock and NPR. The featured act — magic generally has a similar host/featured act/headliner hierarchy to stand-up

— is the chipper, dapper Arthur Trace, whose best stuff involves auditory illusion in that you don't see stuff move as if by magic, but rather hear its trajectory.

He's a cool, bizarre and intimidating customer of the old school and skill set, but Maven seemed delighted with the room. It's the kind of place that magicians like, since they spend much of their time performing in bars and auditoriums where only half the audience hears or cares. Here will be different. There will be people on dates and magic geeks in sweater vests.

These sacred-to-some rooms are rare — the only comparables, really, are the Magic Castle in Los Angeles, which is much larger, and the Magic Circle in London, where you have to know a member to get through the door. So this memorabilia-



The Chicago Magic Lounge located in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood.

filled complex is a big upgrade in magic-dom for our town. Weekend shows will change each week, although the Chicago illusionist David Parr has a regular Wednesday gig (a review will be forthcoming). Mondays and Tuesday will feature jazz music and vocalists, in a retro grab for an early-in-the-week, Mister Kelly's-style date night, although the close-up magicians still will be lurking, for good or ill.

This is, after all, the Chicago Magic Lounge. And as the ebullient Cranford observed, it is opening at an ideal moment for some misdirection in our lives, the real sights and sounds being so painful to watch.

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'Annihilation' star a fierce Chicagoan on screen, in life

By Michael Phillips | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

"You know what, Mike?" Gina Rodriguez is on the line from Los Angeles, on speakerphone. She's driving her producing partner's car from an interview on one side of town to another interview on another. "It's a beautiful BMW. She's a blessed woman." I hear a "hi there!" from the car's owner, also in the car. "I'm driving very slow, Mike, I promise you. I'm CRAWLING along the 101."

Chicago native Rodriguez made her name on "Jane the Virgin" and recently directed her first episode of the CW series. In "Annihilation" the actress, now 33, plays a battle-scarred veteran who joins a five-woman mission inside an extraterrestrial phenomenon known as The Shimmer, a wondrous, mutating being that threatens the planet, while steering the characters in starkly different ways.

Writer-director Alex Garland's ruminative science fiction film didn't do the opening-week business Paramount had hoped. Then again, Paramount didn't have a lot of hope for its commercial prospects; the studio offloaded the international distribution to Netflix. "Annihilation" bypassed theaters outside North America entirely and began streaming in various markets March 12.

This was all in the future when I talked to Rodriguez. She says she went into her first meeting with Garland a serious fan, as are many, of his writing and of his film "Ex Machina."

"I had no idea what the story was," she says, "but there was a role of a badass paramedic from Chicago. And he had no idea I was from Chicago! But he was aware that I was a badass. Nah, I'm kidding. He just wanted to get a sense of who I was. Then I went to London to test for the movie, and the rest is history."

The movie, she says, "just happens to be about five women. There's no 'Yay! Women are just as strong as men!' thing going on. I'm not playing the 'strong Latina woman' in the story. I'm playing a human being with her own agenda, and these characters are using their skills and their intelligence to get through their journey. As a brown woman, I seldom get to say this kind of dialogue. I get to step out of the damn box for once."

She was born and raised here, on Chicago's Northwest Side, attending Andrew



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Gina Rodriguez on 'Annihilation': "I'm not playing the 'strong Latina woman.' ... I'm playing a human being."

Jackson Language Academy and St. Ignatius College Prep before taking off for NYU and her future.

"From womb to 17 I was in Chicago. I danced in Humboldt Park, and danced in every Puerto Rican parade. I was a professional salsa dancer." Today, she says, "I have a lot of cousins in Chicago, and my brother, but my immediate family is in LA, sisters, parents. I haven't been back in three years. I'm the kind of person, Mike, that lives in the present. My upbringing made me strong and independent. Taking the 'L,' running around Boystown, going to Humboldt Park ... I really feel like I soaked it up in Chicago. I used to do graffiti! I was a little crazy. I ran around that city like I owned it."

Now she's on the hunt for her first feature to direct. For years, she says, "I've been jackhammering acting, trying to solidify myself as an actress people want to work with. Now it's time to follow my heart and my passion in a new direction. I've been studying every director I admired on the 'Jane' set, for years. It's time."

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Rodriguez is known for 'Jane the Virgin,' and she recently directed her first episode of the show. She says she's looking for a film to direct.

Bar Biscay's goal: 'A great party'

OWNERS CHANNEL COASTAL SPAIN AND FRANCE INTO NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT

By Grace Wong | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

There's something special about Bar Biscay — at least that's what co-owner Scott Worsham hopes patrons will feel.

Between the airy space and the coastal plates meant to fuel a nightly gathering of friends and family, Worsham, who co-owns mfk with his wife, Sari Zernich Worsham, said their newest endeavor will treat food the way people in Spain and France do.

"Their approach to cooking is kind of classic and timeless, but in the modern world, it seems new and different," Scott Worsham said. "It's a very simple approach. We're not being all chef-y and trying to put your signature on something. It's the opposite of that. 'Did you cook it right? Is it delicious?' Then move on. That's the part of it that we're embracing."

Scott Worsham said they hope Bar Biscay will be a larger extension of what they do at mfk, heavily influenced by the Bay of Biscay and Basque region in Spain with influence from French bistro cooking.

Bar Biscay opened last month with Johnny Anderes (formerly of The Kitchen, Telegraph and Honey's) as executive chef.

"We're taking the less-is-more approach, making things quick and less fussy," Anderes said.

The menu features pintxos, small bites traditionally taken from and eaten at the bar in northern Spain, with items like grilled chicken livers and white anchovy with grilled asparagus and haricots verts. These small plates, meant to be eaten with a glass of wine, will be served from 3 to 6 p.m., dressed up for dinner service and then served again late at night.

Bar Biscay will also serve seafood, such as oysters on the half shell, cockles, head-on prawns with avocado and a paprika chile, and Spanish conservas, which are tinned seafood.

Other shareable staples include a shaved Brussels sprouts salad with Manchego crisp, pine nuts, grapefruit and lemon, and a whole oxtail on a watercress salad with orange gremolata, a condiment made with garlic, parsley and anchovy.

The restaurant's Basque influences extend to its beverage program, which boasts five beers, a Basque vermouth, a Basque cider, and a Spanish-style house gin and tonic on draft.

"We just want to throw a great party every night and have people feeling so much better than when they walked in," Scott Worsham said.



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Bar Biscay in Noble Square is owned by Scott Worsham and Sari Zernich Worsham, the husband-and-wife team behind mfk.



The Agricole Daisy cocktail at Bar Biscay.



Above: The menu features small bites, such as grilled chicken livers.

Left: Piquillo peppers with pork sausage.



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LOW-ALCOHOL BEERS AT MOUSETRAP

By Adam Lukach | REDEYE

I like to drink. Not getting drunk, mind you, but the act, the ritual of drinking. Few things offer a better time than sitting at a bar with friends and enjoying a tasty beverage, or two or three, depending on the length of your stay.

Less fun is getting tanked when you didn't intend to.

At Off Color Brewing's Mousetrap taproom in Lincoln Park, co-founder/brewer John Laffler and Co. solve the problem simply: with a selection of low-ABV beers — as in, less-than-4-percent-alcohol-by-volume low.

While more than half of the tap handles at Off Color feature beers below 5 percent ABV, there are currently a trio of brews crossing an even lower threshold. Two regular options are the Little Friend, a Belgian-style table beer at 3.8 percent, and Wari, a chicha-de-molle-inspired ale originally brewed for the Field Museum.

The Russian serf stout Myshka also

checks in at 3.5 percent, but that handle will be rotated soon. At any given time, Laffler said, the Mousetrap taproom will have three or four beers under 4 percent.

Despite the low alcoholic content, these aren't Miller Lite. The body and mouthfeel on all three beers are impressive, thanks to some "brewer tricks" as Laffler puts it.

"One of the dangers with super-low ABV beers is that it can taste really watery or washed out," he said. "And we don't want to avoid that by just dumping a bunch of hops in there."

Mission accomplished. The Little Friend is a worthy Saison imitator, sweet, yeasty and super drinkable, with a bit of a peppery finish. Its body is slightly heavier than the Wari, which is close to a lambic with its tangy, tart flavor. It will make you pucker at first, but you'll soon get used to it.

The Little Friend and Wari are available most of the year, which is good news for summer drinking enthusiasts. Laffler said Off Color has several options for sub-4-percent suds, so check back to see what succeeds the Myshka, and maybe stick around a bit.

"I enjoy the camaraderie. I enjoy the



Off Color Brewing's taproom offers low-alcohol beers.

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London, you go to more of the rural U.K., it's still a very strong thing. The pub is a center of life. It's the living room outside of your house. ... So it's nice to have something you can drink a lot of, but not get snookered."

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fellowship, kind of like the old pub atmosphere, the old tavern atmosphere," Laffler said of his tasting pub. "That's something we don't really have in the U.S.? You go to



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Visitors view an exhibit at the International Museum of Surgical Sciences.

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Atlas Obscura

Surgery has a sordid past. Through the 16th century, barbers also served the role of surgeon, wielding the amputation saw. Before antiseptics, many patients perished at the hands of their surgeon. In modern times surgery remains a scary, but illustrious, discipline of medicine, requiring years of additional study beyond medical school.

Operated by the International College of Surgeons, the International Museum of Surgical Science in Chicago reveals the intricate history of this curious field. In 1935, Dr. Max Thorek founded the International College of Surgeons in Geneva to promote exchange between surgeons. In 1954, he founded the museum in Chicago (his childhood home). The museum also was a useful tool for educating the public about advancements in the surgery.

The museum has rotating exhibits focusing on medical issues of the past and present. Exhibits cover everything from practical subjects like plastic surgery and diabetes to more creative pieces that happen to be related to the medical sciences, such as sculptures made from bones and machine parts.

Though the museum's mission is unchanged, they have embraced new methods. In 1990, the museum began curating exhibitions around historical

themes and surgical disciplines. Then in 1993, they began displaying contemporary art that dealt with medical themes.

In addition to rotating exhibits, the museum houses four permanent collections: medical artifacts, fine art, the Museum Library, and the manuscript collection. Over 7,000 objects — from acupuncture needles to X-ray machines — are on display. The fine art section primarily offers portraits of influential medical figures. The library contains many early, rare medical books. The manuscript collection includes letters and journals from such notables as Florence Nightingale, Christian Bergmann, and Thomas Guy.

The museum is housed in a unique building in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood. Built in 1917, the building was styled on a chateau in Versailles of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. With Italian marble and a gilded grand staircase, the home is an exhibition in itself. (The heart valves are cooler than the moulding, though.) In the gift shop, you can find everything from a model of the jaw to a giant microbe plush toy.

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By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Volunteers who work with The Chicago Lighthouse may read stories to pre-schoolers one month and help senior citizens plant a garden the next. The organization, which has been serving the Chicagoland area for more than 112 years, supports people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired through programs ranging from medical clinics to employment readiness training. According to Lighthouse COO Pamela Tully, it's one of the most comprehensive nonprofits of its kind.

"A lot of what we do up there is helping people who have low vision issues or are maybe legally blind get the tools they need to perform the everyday tasks that keep us all connected," Tully said.

Participants in Lighthouse's programs can take part in book clubs, fitness classes, school if they're unable to attend CPS, art therapy, psychological and practical support for the newly blind and even employment opportunities at one of the group's in-house call centers. At the Lighthouse's Assistive Technology Center, people can use iPads or FaceTime with family members. Via the Lighthouse radio station, blind residents throughout the metropolitan area can listen to daily newspapers, magazine articles and book excerpts read aloud.

Opportunities for volunteers include voicing that radio content, as well as help-

ing out at regular group activities and one-time special events. Tully said organizers always need an extra hand at big occasions like the group's Jazz Night at Buddy Guy's Legends in April, or the annual gala in June. More information and volunteer applications are available at chicagolighthouse.org.

Noticing a lot of overlap in their employment services about five years ago, the Lighthouse team decided to open up their programs to people with other disabilities and veterans as well, Tully said, though the blind still make up the majority of their population served. That employment support is one of the ways Tully feels the Lighthouse makes its biggest impact. Employers who

may not have experience working with the blind or visually impaired often have reservations, but with the training the group provides, participants learn how to put their best selves forward.

"We spend a lot of time providing the right support and services and training so that people can go and get employed because that's really the key," Tully said. "All of us want to be able to be self-sufficient, and without the work that we do here at the Lighthouse, there are a number of people who wouldn't have that opportunity."

Gwendolyn Purdom is a RedEye freelancer.

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MOVIE NIGHT AT QUEEN MARY TAVERN THEN BITES AT PUB ROYALE

By Gwendolyn Purdom | FOR REDEYE

Rather than putting a ton of effort into an outing and then only hitting one spot, why not extend the adventure? This week, we're pairing classic movies at Queen Mary Tavern with a late dinner at Pub Royale.

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Oscar season has come to an end, but that's no reason to stop celebrating movies—particularly when they're free and there's specialty complimentary popcorn involved. Wicker Park's cozy, timber-lined Queen Mary Tavern recently started turning its Tuesdays into movie nights, and the bar's initial cinematic lineup offers classics for cult fans and casual viewers alike. Attendees can snack on their choice of flavored popcorn (think options like Thai green chili or white cheddar and scallion) and wash it down with one-night-only themed cocktails (\$12-\$13). The weekly event kicked off with a Coen Brothers salute, complete with Ketel One White Russians to sip with "The Big Lebowski," for example. Queen Mary's warm wood setting and retro vibe are an upgrade, date-wise, from a dark, sticky theater; and with picks like "Mean Girls," "High Fidelity," "Point Break" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on the schedule, plus monthly double features ("The Breakfast Club" and "Weird Science" in April for a John Hughes' Chicago theme) you can set whatever mood you want. Screenings start at 7 p.m. Check Queen Mary's Instagram @queenmarytavern for the full schedule.

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5 MUST-SEE CONCERTS IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK

By **Efrain Dorado** | FOR REDEYE

This week in live music includes inventive pop, ambient, electronic and modern classical and a talented rapper-activist.

THURSDAY

Stella Donnelly **The Empty Bottle**

1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600

Internationally, the young Stella Donnelly has inched into the spotlight with her harsh yet hushed melodies. Now, with the reissue of her 2017 EP "Thrush Metal," everyone in the U.S. can please their ears with the part-Amy Winehouse, part-Courtney Barnett sound the Australian Donnelly has established in just a few short years. \$10-\$12. 8:30 p.m., 21+. Tickets: emptybottle.com

FRIDAY

Curtis Harding **Lincoln Hall**

2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2501

Having moved around the U.S. throughout his upbringing, Curtis Harding's influences are representative of his travels. His mother's life as a gospel singer shines bright in his music, but Harding further infuses his work with blues, country, soul, rock and psychedelia. His latest, 2017's "Face Your Fear," showcases this, as well as the artist's ambition. \$18-\$20. 9 p.m., 18+. lh-st.com

SATURDAY

Princess Nokia **Metro**

3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140

Afro-Latinx rapper and activist Princess Nokia is a name that has quickly spread throughout the music scene. People are recognizing both her unmitigated talent and the power of her voice as an advocate

for the queer community, women and people of color. Her stellar singles and mixtapes attracted buzz, but her prowess was solidified with her full length debut, last year's "1992 Deluxe." \$25. 6 p.m. Tickets: metrochicago.com

SUNDAY

Nils Frahm **Thalia Hall**

1807 S. Allport St. 312-526-3851

German composer Nils Frahm's repertoire is a rich assemblage of innovative ideas, which makes sense because he's had his fingers in every corner of ambient, electronic and modern classical. He brings his latest, "All Melody," to Thalia Hall where he'll play the record in full and attempt to entrance the audience with atmospheric resonance. \$35. 8 p.m., 17+. Tickets: thaliahallchicago.com

TUESDAY

Lorde **Allstate Arena**

6920 Mannheim Road 847-635-6601

Lorde, born Ella Yelich-O'Connor, has become one of the world's most creative voices. She seemingly materialized out of thin air in 2013 with the runaway hit "Royals," which is still one of mainstream pop music's most inventive and authentic expressions. Following a bout of silence after her debut album, Lorde returned with a new sense of maturity and a greater sense of creativity. "Melodrama" improved on its predecessor in nearly every way. \$40+. 7 p.m. Tickets: rosemont.com/allstate

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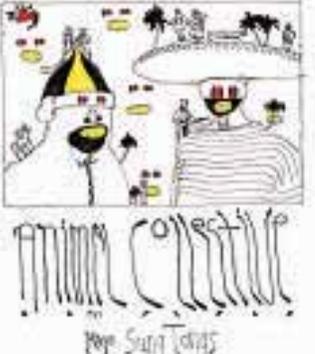


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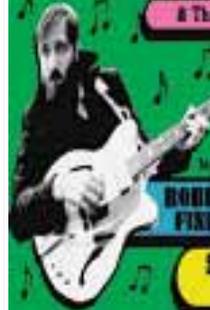


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Quick and dirty spring advice: Couple sex, exes and orgasms



ASK ANNA

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What are the pros and cons of having sex with another couple on the same bed in the same room?

Pros: More people to high-five. Extra visual stimuli/eye candy. Variety. More bodies/activity to distract you. Sexual adventure. It's kinky. The possible realization of a fantasy. You're kinda having an

orgy but your risk level is still pretty low (assuming y'all don't cross the streams). Another couple is watching you.

Cons: More chances to be elbowed in the eye. More bodies/activity to distract you. Unless your bed is a California King, space will be an issue. (It still might be even with a King.) One or all of you may experience performance anxiety. If you interact with this couple regularly, it may change your relationship. Jealousy. Possible hurt feelings. More laundry. All of you have to be at least mild exhibitionists. Another couple is watching you.

My boyfriend is friends with his exes. Can these relationships exist where neither party is still wanting each other? I don't like it.

Of course it's possible! But even if they do still "want" each other, it doesn't mean they'll ever act on it. Being on friendly

terms with one's exes is generally a GOOD sign, however. It means their exes consider them worth keeping around, and that they behaved with integrity and composure even in the wake of a breakup (not always an easy thing to do).

How about orgasms for a 73-year-old widow who has just returned to being sexual? It seems to be impossible for me with a partner.

How about them, indeed! I myself am a fan of you getting all the orgasms. Be patient and compassionate toward yourself and your partner(s). As I said last week, the more pressure and expectations you place on yourself, the harder it will be to reach the big O. Focus instead on pleasure — giving it and getting it. Along the way, don't be afraid to tell your partner how you like (and don't like) to be touched. If you're not totally sure (or it's changed), masturbation is great for figuring this out. And for getting yourself off, in the meantime.

Madly in love with this guy, but his jealousy is driving me crazy. He doesn't even like that I interact with guys — any guys! — on Facebook. What can I do?

Tell him (once, simply and directly) that you can and will interact with whoever the hell you want, and if he can't hack it, then send him a GIF of 'N SYNC waving "bye bye bye."

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Restaurant reviews

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. No stars indicates a restaurant has been profiled but not reviewed, and does not reflect on quality of dining.

Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★ good.

GOLD COAST

Maple & Ash ★★★ This steakhouse knows how to cook *and* how to have fun. Standards such as French onion soup are nicely rendered, and pastry chef Aya Fukai offers some of the most beautiful (and delicious) desserts you've ever seen. *Open: Dinner daily; downstairs bar open lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$18-\$54. 8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888. — Phil Vettel*

Margeaux Brasserie ★★ Chef/restaurateur Michael Mina has landed in Chicago at last with this glamorous, 1920s-inspired brasserie inside the Waldorf Astoria. It's as pricey as the Gold Coast address would have you expect, but superb quality and generous portions ease the sting, as do the more casual bar menu and its bargain happy-hour specials. Look to cooked seafood appetizers (roasted oysters, moules frites) to start, and make room in the budget for the splendid lobster bouillabaisse. *Open: Breakfast and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$28-\$59. 11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1300. — P.V.*

Somerset ★★★ Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal, more rustic touch in this Gold Coast newcomer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen's work at Boka know to look for signature ingredients such as octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with two side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare, tossed in a mayo mixed with its rendered fat. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts, such as caramel-apple tart with burnt-cinnamon ice cream. *Open: Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. Entrees \$23-\$55. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — P.V.*

HUMBOLDT PARK

Café Marie-Jeanne ★★ Run by husband-wife partners Michael Simmons (chef) and Val Szafranski (front-of-house), Café Marie-Jeanne is an intensely personal



Osso bucco lasagna with quark and marjoram at the A10 restaurant.

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operation, one whose easygoing attitude and excellent kitchen work make the Humboldt Park spot a neighborhood treasure. Don't miss the duck frites dish, which mixes sliced duck breast and roasted leg pieces with duck pate and plenty of duck-fat fries. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Main courses \$12-\$35. 1001 N. California Ave. 773-904-7660. — P.V.*

HYDE PARK

A10 ★★★ Named for a motorway that connects Italy to France, A10 offers tradi-

tional-with-a-twist Italian and French dishes from Yusho chef Matthias Merges. Small plates include bar-food riffs; large plates shine with interesting accompaniments. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$30. 1462 E. 53rd St., 773-288-1010. — P.V.*

LAKEVIEW

Ceres' Table★★ This accomplished restaurant is respectful of Italian regional cuisine without being tradition-bound. The all-Italian wine list is budget-sensitive when it needs to be; that and the under-\$9

cocktails make this an attractive place to imbibe. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$32. 3124 N. Broadway, 773-922-4020. — P.V.*

Ella Elli ★★ This restaurant is a sexy space filled with curvy pendant lamps and handsome couches, but it's not all looks: Chef Nolan Narut is putting out some destination-worthy plates, including ricotta gnocchi, sourdough slathered with avocado and everything seasoning, and baby carrots drizzled with harissa-spiked lemon vinaigrette. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Main dishes \$14-\$27. 1349 W. Cornelia Ave., 773-*

935-3552. — *Michael Nagrant*

mfk ★★★ With just 28 seats, mfk is tough to get into but worth the effort. Brequerones with shaved fennel should be part of any meal you assemble, and the platters — a notable fish stew starring cobia collar and a surprisingly painstaking chicken ballotine — are superb. *Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$24. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — P.V.*

Sal's Trattoria ★ Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer, so popular with young families in the neighborhood it will need a stroller valet long before it needs one for cars. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus efforts such as calamari under a profusion of tomatoes, lemon and capers; offbeat daily crostini (blueberry-sage jam with goat cheese, for instance); and a gorgeous spinach-arugula salad with pear, pancetta and gorgonzola. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$15-\$25. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — P.V.*

LINCOLN PARK

Boka ★★★ Chef Lee Wolen (ex-Eleven Madison Park) brings an exciting menu to a restaurant that's been a Chicago mainstay for more than a decade. While the ingredients are familiar, the execution is beautifully complex. Cocktails are first-rate, too. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$33. 1729 N. Halsted St., 312-337-6070. — P.V.*

Chopo Chicken Chopo Chicken in Lincoln Park looks similar to dozens of other quick-service joints popping up around town that hope to mimic the success of Chipotle (at least before all the health scares). The shtick: a short, Peruvian menu of four or five proteins that you can endlessly customize with toppings to your liking. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: \$11-\$13. 2460 N. Clark St., 773-666-5925. — Nick Kindelsperger*

Naoki Sushi ★ Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot. The menu provides the sushi basics, all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — P.V.*

LOGAN SQUARE

Daisies ★★½ Chef Joe Frillman has succeeded in creating simple, satisfying fare from local produce. You will want to order all the pastas, including stracci, tiny napkin-like noodle shreds strewn with perfectly toothsome peas and tender lamb. There is also a cornflake chicken, which is sort of like a Japanese chicken katsu or a German schnitzel, where the cornflake crust acts like a panko breading and makes



BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE FILE

Roasted pork loin with crispy belly, spring onion, sorrel and sour cherry at Boka.

for a superior and epic chicken nugget. Daisies is the ultimate in dad food — simple dishes made great. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$19. 2523 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-661-1671. — M.N.*

Giant ★★★ Jason Vincent (ex-Nightwood) is operating an eclectic 44-seater with co-chef Ben Lustbader and partner Josh Perlman (beverage honcho). The only common element in a menu that embraces liquefied sea urchin in fried pasta, sweet-and-sour eggplant and pecan-smoked ribs is that everything's delicious. The dining room is cheerfully noisy and unpretentious. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Main courses \$16-\$19. 3209 W. Armitage Ave., 773-252-0997. — P.V.*

Quiote ★★ This bilevel Logan Square

Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination — your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal bar is a great place to drink. *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Tacos \$4; tortas and entrees \$11-\$24. 2456 N. California Ave., 312-878-8571. — N.K.*

Ugo's Kitchen and Bar ★ On a stretch of Armitage Avenue in Logan Square increasingly populated with some of the hottest restaurants in town (Osteria Langhe, Dos Urban Cantina and Table, Donkey and Stick), Ugo's is wonderfully

untrendy. Highlights of the vaguely Italian menu include the chicken liver mousse, the spreadable pork rillettes and anything fried. Build a meal out of these appetizers, and you'll leave happy. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Monday. Prices: \$8-\$15. 2833 W. Armitage Ave., 773-698-8984. — N.K.*

THE LOOP

Acanto ★★ A redesign gives Acanto a more casual look than its former life as Henri, and the pasta-heavy menu is more budget-friendly, though pricier dishes, such as veal breast, are worth the money. A heavily Italian wine list and good cocktails make this a fine place to bend an elbow. *Open: Dinner and lunch daily. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$38. 18 S. Michigan Ave., 312-578-0763. — P.V.*

Cherry Circle Room ★★ A quiet alternative to the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's relentlessly crowded rooftop bar, Cherry Circle Room is also one of the most handsome dining spaces in the city, with leather, wood and clubby good looks. Executive chef Peter Coenen's menu recalls steakhouse classics in his refined takes on Caesar salad and tuna tartare, even though there's just one steak on the menu. Roasted leg of lamb for two and duck for one are highlights, and Kristine Antonian's superb desserts deliver an exciting finish. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$38. 12 S. Michigan Ave., 312-792-3515. — P.V.*

Gayle's Best Ever Grilled Cheese Farmers market favorite Gayle Voss panini presses grilled cheese sandwiches at her new permanent home in the Block 37 pedway. Follow your nose to find butter-browned slabs of sourdough stuffed with fatty farm cheese and seasonal ingredients, plus lobster grilled cheese on Fridays only. Dunk them all in a fragrant tomato pesto soup. *Open: Breakfast and lunch weekdays. Prices: Sandwiches \$6 and up. 108 N. State St., pedway level, 312-285-2202. — Louisa Chu*

Revival Food Hall Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. *Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — N.K.*

Steadfast ★★ The most ambitious restaurant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There's a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. *Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Entrees \$24-\$39. 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — P.V.*

MAGNIFICENT MILE

The Albert ★ Just off the lobby of the Hotel EMC2, the Albert has yet to achieve

the genius of Einstein, but is a worthy addition to the dining scene. The arts-meets-science decor is highlighted by a collection of thousands of science books in high-mounted bookcases. Similarly dramatic are the plates from chef Brandon Brumbach's kitchen (look for the aguachile-style kampachi crudo, quinoa-coated octopus and dry-aged duck), and Vanarin Kuch's gorgeous desserts. *Open: Dinner daily, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$44. 228 E. Ontario St., 312-471-3883. — P.V.*

NEAR NORTH SIDE

Blue Door Kitchen ★★ Art Smith's Table Fifty-Two has been transformed with a revamped decor and a remade menu under chef Rey Villalobos. You'll still find such T52 staples as fried chicken and hummingbird cake, but new dishes, including an excellent Brussels-kale salad, reflect a Midwestern slant (and are a little more health-focused). *Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$44. 52 W. Elm St., 312-573-4000. — P.V.*

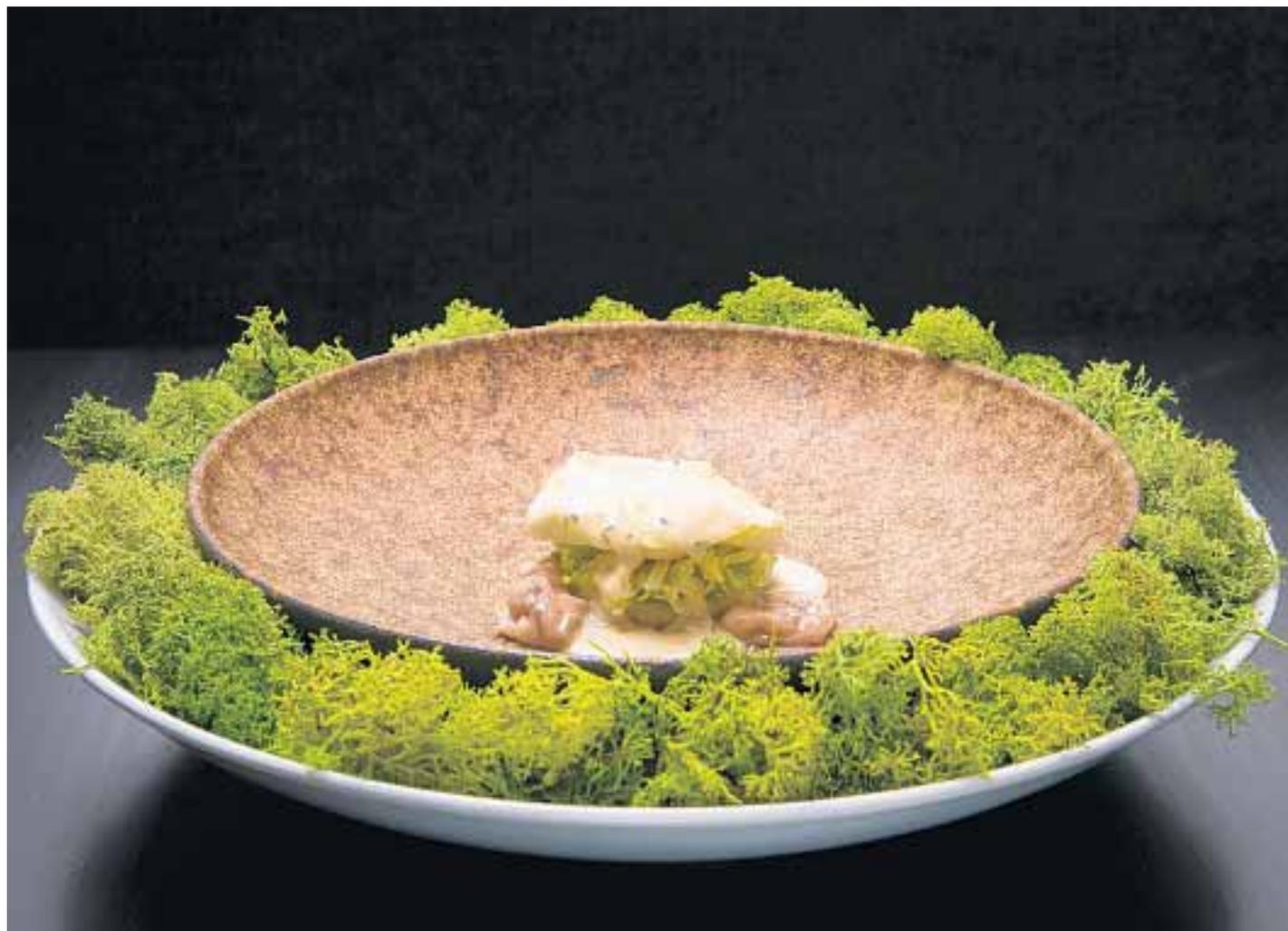
Il Porcellino ★ Take Italian-American food, make it with top-notch ingredients and finish with bargain prices (for the neighborhood, at least). That's the recipe for the latest from Melman siblings RJ, Jerrod and Molly, overseen by chef Doug Psaltis. Housemade pastas, \$17 or less, are the stars, particularly the gnocchi Bolognese. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Pastas \$15-\$17, entrees \$22-\$30. 59 W. Hubbard St., 312-595-0800. — P.V.*

NOBLE SQUARE

Temporis ★★★ Two young veterans of Les Nomades run this 20-seat dining room in Noble Square. From the outside, it's barely noticeable as a restaurant; inside, you'll be delighted by courses like rabbit three ways (rack, tandoori-spiced loin, confit leg) and foie gras ice cream domes sprinkled with guava salt, all part of a 10-course, \$125 menu. Hidden downstairs, a hydroponic garden supplies chefs with microgreens and other basement-to-table goodies. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 933 N. Ashland Ave., 773-697-4961. — P.V.*

NORTH CENTER

Kitsune ★★★ This latest effort from Elizabeth chef/owner Iliana Regan is, like every other concept she's opened, intimate, highly personal and as adorably precious as the cartoon-y figurines she employs as decoration. The 24-seat spot offers dishes rooted in Japanese flavors, but incorporating the local, foraged ingredients Regan is known for. For example, chawanmushi, a savory Japanese custard, comes with shredded Jonah crabmeat and overlapping coins of local radish. Don't miss the thickly sliced porridge bread served with house-cultured butter. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday, brunch Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$26. 4229 N. Lincoln Ave., no phone. — P.V.*



Cod cheek with 'chowder' at Acadia.

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PILSEN

HaiSous ★★★ It may seem odd to travel to Pilsen to experience Chicago's best Vietnamese restaurant. You'll get over it. At the brilliant HaiSous, Thai and Danielle Dang offer a pleasant (if occasionally noisy) 115-seat dining room with excellent service and price-conscious drinks, all in service to Thai Dang's skillful cooking and appealing, cliché-free menu. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Large plates \$16-\$25. 1800 S. Carpenter St., 312-702-1303. — P.V.*

RAVENSWOOD

Band of Bohemia ★★★ In a sprawling brewery loaded with offbeat furnishings, find a menu so focused on suds that appetizers are listed by beer match. Yet there is also a great wine list to browse, not to mention forward-thinking dishes (vegetables get exceptionally good care here). This place does a lot of things well. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 4710 N. Ravenswood Ave., 773-271-4710. — P.V.*

RIVER NORTH

Arbella Drinks reign at the latest project from the team behind Peruvian powerhouse Tanta. The menu is divided by country or region; mezcal plays heavily into

drinks in the Mexico section, while you'll find pisco and rum in Cuba. The short list of food hops around the globe, too. But beware: Cobbling together enough small plates for a meal can be deceptively expensive. *Open: Dinner and late night daily. Prices: \$8-\$15. 112 W. Grand Ave., 312-846-6654. — N.K.*

Dolce Italian ★★ A little bit of South Beach shows up in River North with the opening of Dolce Italian, a concept that originated in Miami. Thin, Roman-style pizzas are a strength, along with pastas (such as a sweet-pea tortelli). *Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$19-\$39. 127 W. Huron St., 312-754-0700. — P.V.*

Katana ★★★ A concept that originated on LA's Sunset Strip, Katana combines nightclubby visuals with ambitious, high-level cooking, highlighted by the dishes emerging from the sushi and robata bars. The a la carte menu offers a dizzying array of choices, and one can opt for an omakase (chef's choice) menu for \$175. Beverage options are long and deep, including an impressive sake selection curated by manager (and "sake sommelier") Dila Lee. General manager and veteran Chicago restaurateur Jason Chan puts a local face on what might otherwise seem like an

imported operation. *Open: Dinner daily. 339 N. Dearborn St., 312-877-5544. — P.V.*

SOUTH LOOP

Acadia ★★★ Chef Ryan McCaskey has quietly turned his South Loop restaurant into one of the finest in Chicago. The five- and 10-course tasting menus include homages to McCaskey's beloved Maine; in the front lounge, a bar menu includes oysters, chicken wings and a seriously good burger. *Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Five-course menu \$115, 10-course \$175. 1639 S. Wabash Ave., 312-360-9500. — P.V.*

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Jade Court ★★★ The restaurant is home to arguably the best Chinese food in town. The owners are Eddy Cheung and his daughter, Carol, who owned and operated Phoenix restaurant for 20 years. The menu is typical of most Chinese menus — dozens of poultry, pork, beef, seafood and noodle dishes — but the way to order, as it was for in-the-know Phoenix regulars, is to ask what the kitchen is up to that evening. Typhoon lobster, one of many Hong Kong specials available here, is stir-fried and briefly deep-fried, the seafood redolent of garlic, aromatic chiles and fish

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flakes. *Open: Lunch and dinner Wednesday to Monday. Prices: Main courses \$13.95-\$26.95. 626 S. Racine Ave. 312-929-4828. — P.V.*

WEST LOOP

Bad Hunter ★★ Greens and grains rule at this almost-vegetarian restaurant, though skewers of chicken thigh or charred sirloin will keep any carnivore companions happy. The drink list is notable for its clever cocktails and painstakingly sourced wines. *Open: Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends. Prices: Main courses \$14-\$20. 802 W. Randolph St., 312-265-1745. — P.V.*

Bonci ★★★ This Roman import serves pizza with a light-as-air crust that's topped with hundreds of different high quality toppings, from traditional tomato sauce and cheese to 'nduja, burrata, potato and fresh mint. While serving some of the best pizza in Chicago, this is mostly a to-go operation, with no tables and only a few counter seats. *Open: Lunch and dinner seven days a week. 161 N. Sangamon St., 312-243-4016. — N.K.*

City Mouse ★★ From the team that created Giant, in Logan Square, comes this casual, brunch and dinner restaurant in the Ace Hotel in the Fulton Market District. Executive chef Patrick Sheerin oversees the eclectic menu, ranging from seriously good pastas to offbeat dishes such as fried artichokes buried under pork ragu and fried cheddar bites topped with caviar. During daytime hours, the brunch menu features griddle cakes, a double-patty burger and a "gas station" breakfast sandwich. The open-to-the-lobby is lively and loud, and there's a delightful outdoor patio equipped with fire pits. *Open: Brunch and dinner daily. 311 N. Morgan St., 312-764-1908. — P.V.*

Duck Duck Goat ★★★ Reservations stretch months in advance for a shot at Stephanie Izard's sometimes playful, always balanced Chinese plates. Noodle dishes are a must, and the Peking duck is among the city's best. Cocktails are excellent, which is fortunate, because you'll have one or two if you walk in without a reservation (not a bad strategy). *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$16-\$58. 857 W. Fulton Market, 312-902-3825. — P.V.*

Elske ★★★ Danish is more a state of mind than of menu at David and Anna Posey's West Loop restaurant, named for the Danish word for "love" and as warm as a lingering hug. Fans of David Posey's work at Blackbird will find his creativity flowing freely. Choose the six-course tasting menu or order a la carte, save room for Anna Posey's desserts and prepare to be wowed. *Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Tasting menu \$80; a la carte dishes \$15-\$22. 1350 W. Randolph St., 312-733-1314. — P.V.*

La Josie ★★ The kitchen is led by executive Saul Chavez, a Mercadito vet. He and



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his crew dish up supple, house-made tortillas that waft splendid corn perfume. The fillings include a silky veal cheek barbacoa and tender cochinita pibil, featuring a sinus-clearing habanero salsa that gives you a serious chile high. The carbon-flecked al pastor is crispy, juicy and riddled with smoky pineapple. It has a serious case for best al pastor in Chicago. Guacamole, too, is inspired. Chef/owner Pepe Barajas is not yet a big star just yet, but his vision and execution of a gourmet Mexican experience on Randolph means he's about to be a household name. *Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday, weekend brunch. Prices: Entrees \$14-\$35. 740 W. Randolph St., 312-929-2900. — M.N.*

WEST TOWN

Arami ★★★ The reverence with which sushi chefs handle rice here is reason enough to visit, but this is one of the rare Japanese restaurants in which the hot dishes are even better than the sushi. Pay attention to the cocktail list, and don't skip the black-sesame shortbread and salted-miso ice cream sandwich. *Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Maki rolls and entrees \$15-\$17. 1829 W. Chicago Ave., 312-243-1535. — P.V.*

Boeufhaus ★★ Five of the seven entrees involve slab beef cooked in cast iron pans,

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Tempesta ★★ Everything about Tempesta Market in West Town packs a punch. The shop has room for only a deli counter, a couple of refrigerated cases of food and a few tables, but the owners have stuffed it to the breaking point with a staggering amount of meat, cheese, gelato and other goods. Tempesta is taking 'nduja — a spreadable spicy sausage made by the other family business, 'Nduja Artisans in Franklin Park — along with other fine cured meats at its disposal, and crafting some of the best sandwiches in Chicago, like the Dante, which features six different kinds of meat. *Open: Daily, lunch and dinner. Prices: Sandwiches \$10-\$13. 1372 W. Grand Ave., 312-929-2551. — N.K.*

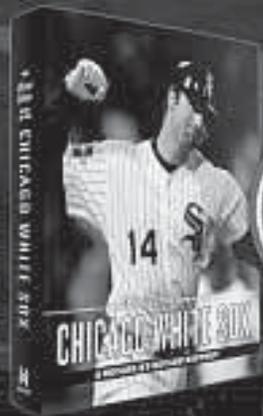
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Animale Conceived by Italian-trained chef Cameron Grant and owner Aldo

Zaninotto (both of Logan Square's Osteria Langhe), Animale traffics in meat. You'll find so-called "off cuts"—sweetbreads, tripe and oxtail, for example—next to a smattering of lovely pastas and sandwiches. *Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$11-\$44. 1904 N. Western Ave., 872-315-3912. — Joseph Hernandez*

The Delta Chicago abounds with tamales, but The Delta manages to set itself apart by serving Mississippi Delta tamales, a distinct style that, if it weren't completely obvious by now, originated in the Mississippi Delta (basically, the northwest part of that state). They differ from ubiquitous Mexican tamales in that they are constructed from cornmeal instead of masa (nixtamalized corn), and cooked in a liquid instead of being steamed. The regular red hot tamales (\$5) come three to an order and are astoundingly tender, all without a trace of grittiness, each morsel soaked in a spicy red tomato and chile broth. Also checkout the catfish (grilled not fried), which is finished with coriander, parsley, dill, tarragon, chives and marjoram. *Open dinner and late night, daily. Prices: Entrees \$5 to \$18. 1745 W. North Ave., 773-360-1793. — N.K.*

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THURSDAY

How I Learned to Drive This Pulitzer Prize winner and pioneering drama examines pedophilia and sexual abuse of women. It follows a young woman named L'il Bit from age 11 to age 18 and her friendship and sexually abusive relationship with her uncle. This production is directed by Kayla Adams and features Elizabeth Birnkrant and John Mossman. Regular prices are \$28 for Thursday or Sunday (seniors and students \$20), \$32 for Friday or Saturday. 8 p.m., *The Artistic Home, 1376 W. Grand Ave., \$20-\$32, 866-811-4111*

Ken Turetzky Ken Turetzky has featured and headlined at comedy clubs, music venues and festivals around the country, including the SXSW Music Festival, Laughingstock: The Chicago Comedy Music Festival and more. His ironic, edgy and likable folk- and blues-based acoustic comedy and Borscht Belt-tinged stand-up consistently amuse and entertain. Ken is an Oglio Records recording artist and his music is featured on such outlets as the Sirius/XM Howard Stern and Raw Dog Comedy channels and the Dr. Demento Show. 8 p.m., *Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave., \$5, 773-549-5549*

54th Chicago International Television Festival The Television Festival features emerging talent from Chicago, as well as critically hailed audience favorites from the United States, Germany and Israel. The lineup includes a look at ambitious and diverse Chicago-made web series; episodes of an award-winning international series never before seen in the U.S.; and a celebration of the finest in international television commercials. 6 p.m., *AMC River East 21, 322 E. Illinois St., \$10-\$50, 312-683-0122*

FRIDAY

Janeane Garofalo Live original stand-up performed by comedian Janeane Garofalo. 8 p.m., *Thalia Hall, 1807 South Allport St., \$24, 312-526-3851*

Smut - A Live Comedy Experience SMUT is a live comedy experience and aims to celebrate sexuality in every form. This late-night variety show is a kinky, campy, over-the-top spectacle, with Alex Seligsohn and Clare Austen-Smith hosting. Age restriction: 18 years and over, with two drink minimum per person (can be non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverage). 11:30 p.m., *Laugh Factory, 3175 N. Broadway, Chicago, \$17 and two items, 773-327-3175*

Hubbard Street Dance Spring marks Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's return to the Auditorium Theatre for the first time in 20 years. This special two-night engagement, dedicated to Hubbard Street's beloved resident choreographer, Alejandro



Comedian Janeane Garofalo.

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Cerrudo, will feature a full evening of Cerrudo's work, weaving together both audience favorites from his past 10 years choreographing for the company as well as exciting new work. 7:30 p.m., *Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway, \$29-\$110, 312-850-9744*

With This I Will Take Over the World: The diabolical plot of this new puppet show follows the story of two puppet supervillains (Professor Von Destructus and F.R.O.D.O.K) and the their human Henchman (Hench). 7 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$12, 773-697-9693*

SATURDAY

Timeless Magic Sean Masterson's Timeless Magic is a magic show interwoven with the story of the souvenir coin that Sean's great uncle received from a magician at Chicago's Columbian Exposition of 1893. 2 p.m., *Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., \$15, 773-975-8150*

Cyrano A sharp, lean, nine-person translation of the classic of the classic French love story keeps the poetry, but ditches the pretension to create a work full of energy. In 17th century France, a great swordsman with a beautiful soul has a huge nose that makes him feel too unattractive to be loved. He enlists a handsome soldier to speak his words of love to Roxane, the beautiful woman Cyrano loves. 8 p.m., *Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., \$30, 773-975-8150*

As You Like It Lovers meet and find their true selves in this new take on a Shakespearean classic. Join cousins Rosalind and Celia as they flee the restrictive rule of Duke Fredrick to find freedom and love in the magical and transformative forest of Arden. A romantic romp filled with laughter and affectionate rumination on the nature of human identity. 8 p.m., *Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., \$22-\$32, 773-935-6875*

Shred America - Documentary Film Premiere "Shred America" premieres in Chicago after a long 10 years in the making. Four 20-year-olds travel from Chicago to New York on skateboards. Fueled by youthful ignorance, the four navigate America's landscape through a maze of wrong turns and unfortunate circumstances. Visit: www.shredamericafilm.com. 7 p.m., *The Patio Theater, 6008 Irving Park Road, \$10, 773-283-7244*

SUNDAY

Hot, Pink, or Ready to Blow Pompeii meets "Heathers" in this '80s-themed comedy by the New American Folk Theatre. New Pompeii sacrifices three virgins to the local volcano, but it fails to satisfy — that's when three teenage girls from the '80s come in. Watch as they attempt to save themselves with the idea of get laid or die trying. 6 p.m., *The Den Theatre, 1331 N Milwaukee Ave., \$10-\$25, 773-697-3830*

Organic Theater - Why Do You Always Wear Black? This original work weaves together the women of Anton Chekhov's plays who confront the joy, despair and absurdity of being a woman in 19th century Russia and the modern backwardness of contemporary America. This production is directed by company member Anna H. Gelman, and devised by the ensemble. 3 p.m., *The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., \$25; \$18 students and seniors, 773-404-7336*

Animales Nocturnos When a new law gives citizens the power to turn in anyone they suspect is an undocumented foreigner, that pesky upstairs neighbor thinks he's found the cure to his troubles. This is playwright Juan Mayorga's enigmatic piece on immigration, skewed power structures and the inherent loneliness of big cities. In Spanish with English supertitles. 6 p.m., *Aguijon Theater, 2707 N. Laramie Ave., \$10-\$25, 773-637-5899*

The Generals Generals is improv duo Antoine McKay ("Empire," "Patriot," "Sense8") and Christy Bonstell ("Shameless," "Chicago Med," "APB"). Each week they host one performer from the acting world (Steppenwolf, Goodman, Jeff Award Winners...) to join them and perform their favorite General audition monologues. They then improvise off of that material. This Reader Recommended show combines the best of both worlds into one high-energy, big-hearted joyfest. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693*

Prime Day! An Amazonian Musical The citizens of the small town of Centerville, Ohio, only want what the rest of us want: the quick delivery of their packages — a weakening desire that Alexa knows all too well. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$12, \$10 students, 773-697-9693*

MONDAY

We're Gonna Die A singer takes the stage, backed by her rock band compatriots, to share Young Jean Lee's life-affirming show about the one thing we all have in common: "we're gonna die." Drawing from true stories of people's experiences with tragedy, despair and loneliness, this personal and rejuvenating play with live music reminds us that in our darkest, most isolated moments, we are not alone. 8 p.m., *1700 Theatre, 1700 N Halsted St., \$18, 312-335-1650*

The Black Angels 7:30 p.m., *Thalia Hall, 1807 South Allport St., \$28-\$45, 312-526-3851*

Music of the Baroque - St. John Passion 1:30 p.m., *Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive, free, 312-551-1414*

Student Jam A night for Annoyance students to jam. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., free, 773-697-9693*



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TUESDAY

Olivia Jean 8:30 p.m., *Empty Bottle*, 1035 N. Western Ave., \$10, 773-276-3600

Justin Timberlake 8 p.m., *United Center*, 1901 W. Madison St., \$55-\$275, 312-455-4500

The Second City's Fast, Loud & Funny: Second City is proud to present Millennial social media dilemmas, D-bags on dates and auto-tuned relationships. 7 p.m., *Up Comedy Club*, 230 W. North Ave., *General Admission: \$26, Premium Rail Seat: \$36, 312-662-4562*

Ratas de Dos Patas Ratas de Dos Patas is a variety comedy show with opening acts ranging from improv, sketch, stand-up, and musical acts. The main team, Ratas, is composed of four spicy Latinas who will be doing a sketch/improv set in which they will poll the audience in a word or phrase that they'd like to learn before the show is up. Las Ratas will then use that word/phrase in their improv set repeatedly so that the world is retained by the end. Helping the public assimilate with Latino culture one show at a time! 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693

WEDNESDAY

Weedeater 8:30 p.m., *Empty Bottle*, 1035 N. Western Ave., \$20, 773-276-3600

Lightning Bolt 6:30 p.m., *Thalia Hall*, 1807 South Allport St., \$15, 312-526-3851

Tenx9 Chicago Tenx9 is a monthly community storytelling night where nine people have up to 10 minutes each to tell a real story from their lives. 7 p.m., *Kibbitznest's Books, Brews & Blarney*, 2212 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, free

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale Join us on the hunt for your dearest stuffed animal, Knuffle Bunny, in this comedic musical adaptation of the Caldecott Honor book by Mo Willems. After losing the beloved rabbit at the laundromat, a desperate dad, a merry mom and toddler Trixie learn the power in communicating, even when there are no words. With stage design inspired by illustrations from the book, this tale is an ECT audience favorite. 10:15 a.m., *Apollo Theater Chicago*, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Tickets start at \$19, 773-935-6100

War Kids At this eye-opening storytelling and sketch show, Firas Alexander and Suz Ballout tell their experiences as youths during times of volatile conflict and how they developed their sense of humor. 8 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693

The SFN Stuff Show Stir Friday Night presents "The SFN Stuff Show!" The 23-year-old Asian-American comedy troupe features a crazy eclectic myriad of scripted materials ranging from sketches, stand-up, storytelling, plays and a bunch of stuff. Each week is a brand new show. 9:30 p.m., *The Annoyance Theatre*, 851 W. Belmont Ave., \$8, 773-697-9693



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Movie listings

Want to catch something on the big screen this weekend? Here's what's in theaters from blockbusters to independent films.

Ratings key: ★★★★★ excellent; ★★★ good; ★★ fair; ★ poor.

OPENING

I Kill Giants A girl escapes her difficult life by fantasizing about assassinating evil giants. Based on the graphic novel. Zoe Saldana, Imogen Poots co-star.

Isle of Dogs Wes Anderson's latest adventure follows a boy searching for his dog on an island inhabited by canines. With the voices of Bryan Cranston, Tilda Swinton and Courtney B. Vance.

Pacific Rim Uprising Mako Mori (Rinko Kikuchi) and Jake Pentecost (John Boyega) lead their frenemy Lambert (Scott Eastwood) and new Jaeger pilots in the fight against a young hacker.

NOW PLAYING

Annihilation ★★½ The plot sounds like a straight-ahead "Predator" scenario, but with a weirder variety of predators and a predominantly female ensemble. An extraterrestrial life form crash-lands by a lighthouse somewhere along the Florida coast. The resulting, amorphous phenomenon, called "The Shimmer" ("Area X" in VanderMeer's novel) invites exploration and human intervention, since it may well destroy Earth as we know it. A dozen separate teams on a dozen separate missions, however, have gone missing once inside the translucent Shimmer. It doesn't quite fall together in that transporting way of top-flight science fiction. The occasional jolts are jolting, all right, as the mission encounters a speedy, hungry albino alligator and, later, a mutated bear-beast (the latter makes for a particularly grueling attack sequence). But the movie feels torn between styles and intentions. It's trippier than "Ex Machina," and writer-director Alex Garland makes a valiant go of its concerns, but "Annihilation" feels like a short-story amount of story pulled and twisted into feature length. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

Black Panther ★★½ "Black Panther" in brief: Wakanda was blessed by a magical substance called vibranium. The metal provides superhuman ability, and turns the king of the moment into Black Panther. King T'Chaka expires and his son, T'Challa, is crowned. There are two antagonists: Andy Serkis is vibranium fanatic Ulysses Klaue, and Michael B. Jordan is the American black ops ace known as Killmonger. He's got ambitions for the throne, and a belief in getting stunningly advanced weaponry in the hands of oppressed people of color throughout the world. May Marvel learn its lesson from "Black Panther": When a movie like this ends up feeling both personal and vital,

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you've done something right. — *M.P.*

Game Night ★★½ Most of the truly great action pictures (this isn't trying to be one of them) are spiced with wit. A lot of our best comedies (and “Game Night” is not trying to be one of those, either) move like crazy and take the pursuits and evasions seriously, or at least mock-seriously, so that the audience can, too. So where does this ensemble effort, led by two extremely adroit leading performers (Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams), fit into the equation? “Game Night” itself is not a long night; it's reasonably snappy. But co-directors John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein place a misjudged emphasis on keeping the violence and the action “real,” so at its most routine and generic, the movie forgets it's supposed to be a comedy. — *M.P.*

Gringo ★½ A mild-mannered middle-management stooge gets lost, only to find himself, south of the border, in the mostly middling action-comedy “Gringo,” directed by Nash Edgerton (brother of Joel). David Oyelowo tests out his comedy chops as Harold, a nice-guy Nigerian immigrant scraping by and scrapping for his slice of the American Dream, which involves an inattentive wife (Thandie Newton), a tiny dog, a mountain of debt and a couple of truly abusive, criminal individuals as bosses. Living the dream. — *K.W.*

The Leisure Seeker ★½ There are Alzheimer's movies that cut to the quick, like “Still Alice,” and then there are Alzheimer's movies that pander to the worst sort of cheaply manipulative old-folks cutesiness, like “The Leisure Seeker.” Maybe if there were one crumb of genuine flavor in this stale cheese, it could have passed muster, but this is ersatz curd, dressed up by the presence of Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland without doing credit to either. — *Jay Weissberg, Variety*

Love, Simon ★★½ “Love, Simon” is a universal story, even if you're not a gay teenager. The challenge of figuring out who we are and standing comfortably in that identity might begin in high school, but often lasts a lifetime. As Simon so aptly says: “No matter what, announcing who you are to the world is pretty terrifying.” — *Sandy Cohen, Associated Press*

Red Sparrow ★½ Rising ballerina Dominika (Jennifer Lawrence) suffers an onstage injury. Her incestuous-minded uncle (Matthias Schoenaerts) has a new career in mind for her: He blackmails her into attending “Sparrow” school, which trains a new generation of sexually manipulative spies. The faculty head trains her young women and men in the art of seduction. Much of “Red Sparrow” concerns Dominika's primary assignment: Cozying up to an American agent and learning the identity of the apparent double agent in his employ. Half of the “Red Sparrow” audience will spend part of the running time fighting off memories of



LEGENDARY PICTURES

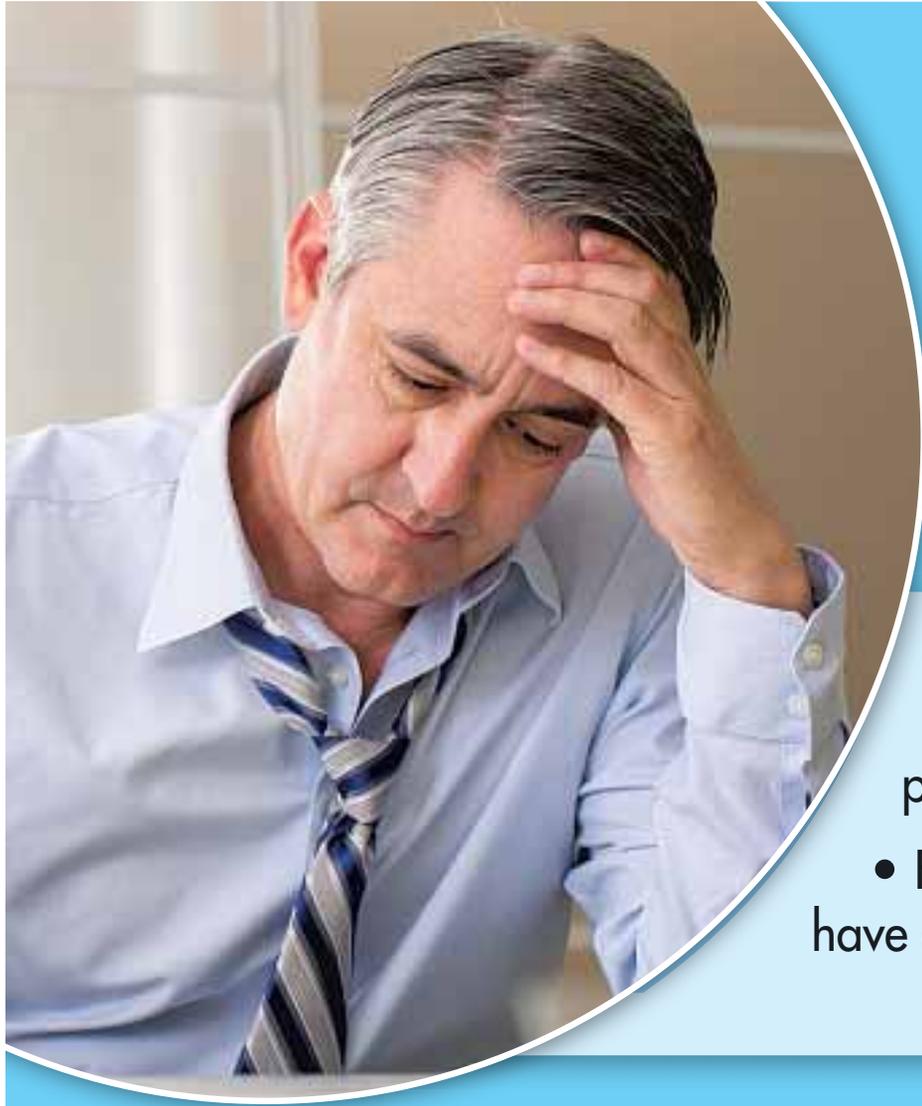
'Pacific Rim Uprising.'

“Salt” and “Atomic Blonde” and the Black Widow storyline from “The Avengers.” The other half, meantime, will wonder when spy movies became quite so punishing. — *M.P.*

The Strangers: Prey at Night ★½ Teenage Luke (Lewis Pullman) and his younger sister, Kinsey (Bailee Madison), aren't so much people as pawns. During a stopover on the way to drop Kinsey off at boarding school, they're stalked by the same trio of psychopaths we met 10 years ago. Mom and Dad, played by Christina Hendricks and Martin Henderson, get dispatched fairly quickly. One sequence takes place in and around a neon-lit swimming pool, where the Man in the Mask goes after Luke, injuring him. The whole thing has the air of a knockoff of something that wasn't very good to begin with. — *Michael O'Sullivan, The Washington Post*

Tomb Raider ★★ “Tomb Raider” turns Lara into a punching bag and an onlooker. Moviemakers may believe such grueling violence to be obligatory, a natural prelude to the usual digital fakery. Here it has the condescending effect of telling the main character to shut up and take it like a man. Here's hoping the sequel tries something a little more enlightened. Alicia Vikander is a fine Lara Croft. Movie-wise, however, she could use a better set of clues. — *M.P.*

A Wrinkle in Time ★★½ Meg and her younger, “different” brother, Charles Wallace (Deric McCabe), live with their physicist mother (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) in Los Angeles. Meg's father (Chris Pine), a NASA scientist, has been missing for four years. Mr. and Mrs. Murry had been on the verge of cracking the secret of the tesseract, enabling humans to magically zwoop to other planets, new dimensions. Megan learns the ropes with the guidance of Mrs. Whatsit (Reese Witherspoon), Mrs. Who (Mindy Kaling) and Mrs. Which (Oprah Winfrey). Zach Galifianakis pops up as the Happy Medium, a seer who points the way to the missing father. — *M.P.*



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Aries March 21-April 19

You might feel as if your love life has taken two giant steps backward this week. You have so much that you want to say and you might do your best to express yourself. Unfortunately, the way you intend your words to come out and the way they actually do will be two different things.



Taurus April 20-May 20

Secrets from the past might come back to haunt you, or it's possible that skeletons you have tried your best to keep buried will come barreling out. Your greatest challenge this week lies in your ability to reconcile a mistake from your romantic past where you might not have acted as ethically as you could have. It's never too late to choose the high road, even if it's bumpy at first.



Gemini May 21-June 20

You might become seriously confused about whether or not to begin a romantic relationship with one of your friends. If this pal of yours approaches you for the first time this week with an actual proposition, then the best course of action might be to delay any decision. If your friend is the right one for your next great romance, then he or she will surely understand. After all, timing is everything.



Cancer June 21-July 22

Tension is mounting between you and your partner, and this week it might all come to a head. If your partner makes any unkind remarks to you about your personal goals, then it'll be time to call him or her out on it. Don't allow yourself to be manipulated simply because your lover is feeling insecure. You'll only resent it, and eventually it could erode your relationship.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

If you and your current partner are not like-minded — either spiritually, morally or intellectually — then all of a sudden you might find yourself questioning the future of your relationship. Don't make any rash decisions just yet. Instead, have a discussion about this with your sweetheart and see where it takes you.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You and your partner might begin to take an honest look at your finances. If, for example, you are considering purchasing a home together, it's possible that one of you will feel it's worth spending more for a neighborhood in an excellent school district while the other feels it's not as important. Talk things through, and then talk it through some more.



Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Take a deep breath and resign yourself to the fact that for the next few weeks, you and your partner might be navigating murky waters when it comes to communication. The good news is that this will be a time to consider going back to an old argument or decision you had to make together and try sorting it out again. This time, you might be able to compromise.



Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You might become more confused than ever about a health matter. If you think that speaking to your partner about it this will offer you the clarity you seek, think again. Not only is this unlikely, but your partner will probably add to your confusion by offering you more choices, more to consider and more to worry about. Talk about this with someone else.



Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your love life is about to get interesting ... and confusing. You might reconsider whether or not a current relationship is working for you any longer — especially if this person is not entirely meeting your needs or seeing you for who you are. Another possibility is that you'll reconcile with an ex or entertain the possibility of doing so.



Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

There might be some trouble in paradise this week between you and your mate. Arguments over family matters are likely, and the more you try to take control of the situation, the more it'll just blow up in your face. If you push the issue now, you'll only cause further dissension as a couple. You might be able to come to an agreement later, but for now, it's impossible.



Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The more you struggle to keep secrets from your lover, the more it's going to hurt you in the end. If you refuse to take responsibility for something you've said or done, or if you try to bury the situation altogether, you're only cheating yourself out of personal integrity. Ultimately, that approach will cheat you out of love.

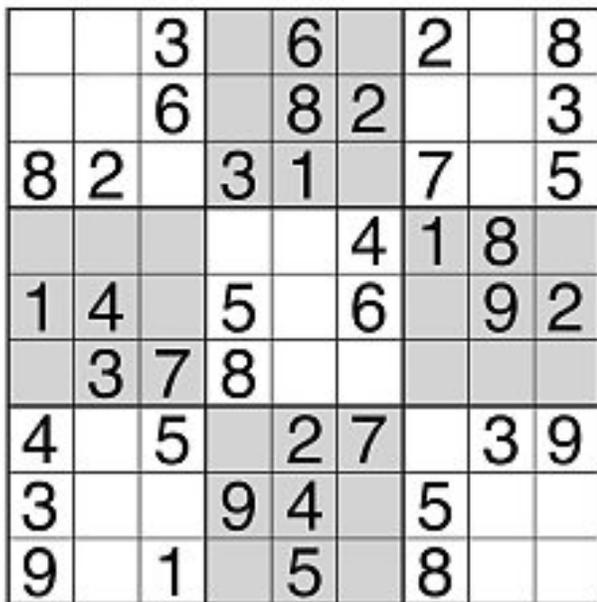


Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You might have to address a situation where you've shown financial indiscretion and come clean to your mate about it. This doesn't have to be anything too terrible, but the more you go out of your way to hide it, the more it will erode your relationship once your partner finds out.

PUZZLES FOR THE WEEK

PUZZLES FOR MONDAY, MARCH 19



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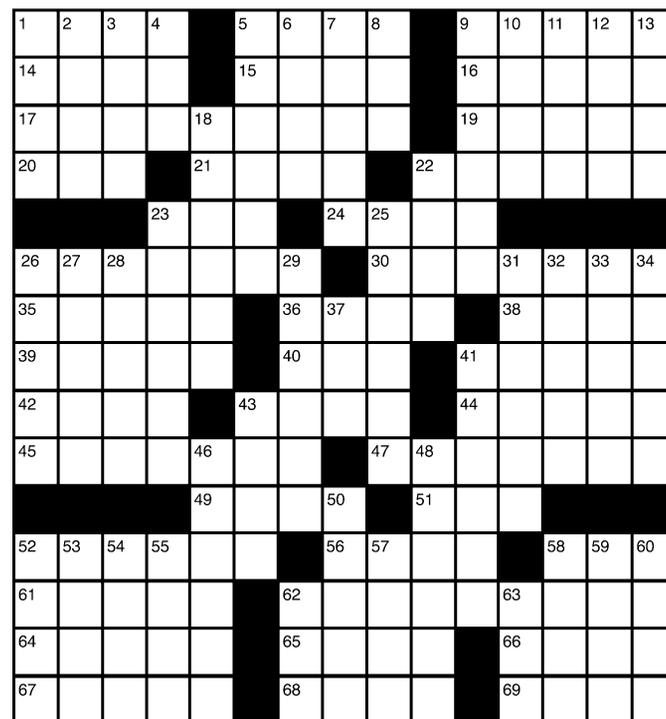
- 1931:** Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling.
- 1953:** The Oscar ceremonies in Los Angeles were televised for the first time.
- 1983:** A federal jury in Denver found Procter & Gamble negligent in putting Rely tampons — blamed by some for toxic shock syndrome — on the market.

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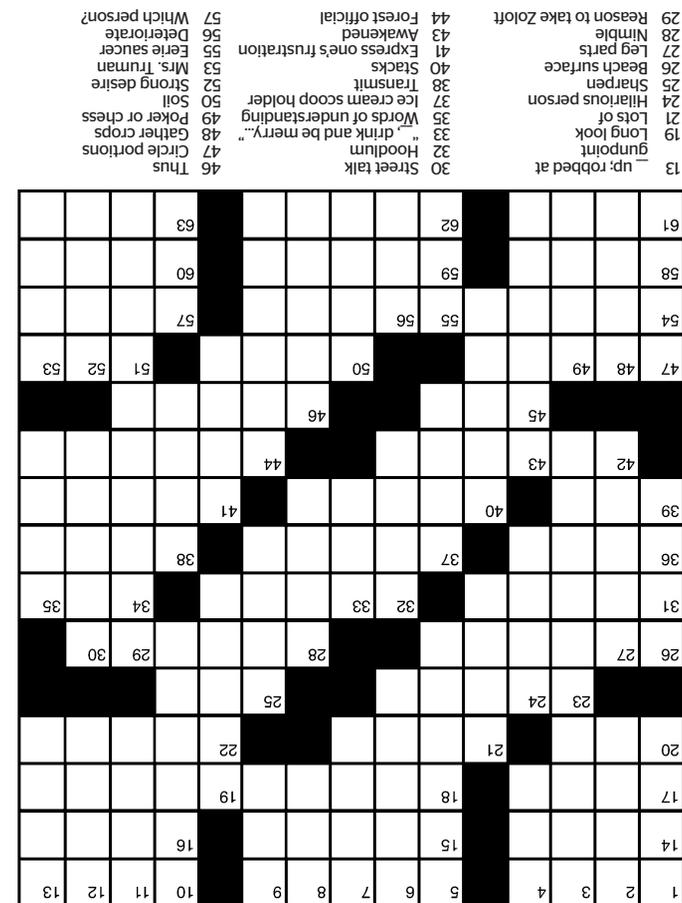
- 1 Necklace piece
- 5 ... aside; move out of the way
- 9 Main artery
- 14 "Penny", Beatles hit
- 15 Hired vehicle
- 16 Salesman's pitch
- 17 Something spoken
- 19 Ride a bike
- 20 Ending for baron or heir
- 21 "So what... is new?"
- 22 Building near a vineyard
- 23 Inquire
- 24 Hideaway
- 26 Sprig of parsley on a plate, e.g.
- 30 Joyous
- 35 Straighten
- 36 Sore
- 38 Sulk
- 39 Actress Vera
- 40 Pasture cry
- 41 Rudely brief
- 42 Shopping area
- 43 White lies
- 44 Encouraged
- 45 Attack
- 47 Dartboards
- 49 Front of a plane
- 51 ... off; start a round of golf
- 52 Spread rumors
- 56 Learn by ...; memorize
- 58 Naughty
- 61 Change to make fit
- 62 List of goods on hand
- 64 Scoundrel
- 65 Claim against property
- 66 ... in a while; occasionally
- 67 Pitt and Garrett
- 68 Give for a time
- 69 Disarray

DOWN

- 1 In a funk
- 2 Dines
- 3 Crawling bugs
- 4 Actress Ruby
- 5 Celery pieces
- 6 Sunbathes
- 7 Surpass others
- 8 Dessert choice
- 9 Have ambitions
- 10 Unwrap
- 11 Hitchhiker's hope
- 12 Drop of sorrow



- 13 Actress Sheedy
- 18 Varnish components
- 22 Sly
- 23 Actress Lansbury
- 25 Shocked
- 26 Sorority letter
- 27 Assumed name
- 28 Small brooks
- 29 Items in a nun's closet
- 31 Come forth
- 32 Blacksmith's furnace
- 33 Rattled
- 34 City in England
- 37 Truck driver's compartment
- 41 Big soup dish
- 43 Failure
- 46 Brings together
- 48 Be present at
- 50 Comedian _ Kovacs
- 52 Clothing
- 53 Smell
- 54 Long story
- 55 Potato
- 57 Kiln
- 58 Scapula or rib
- 59 Rainbows
- 60 Coloring liquids
- 62 Ailing
- 63 Male turkey



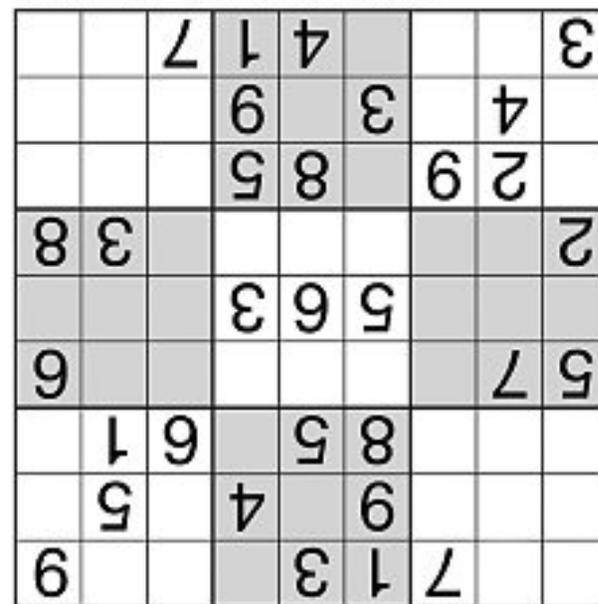
- 1 Explorer Marco
- 5 Walking stick
- 10 Prefix for angel or enemy
- 14 Gung ho
- 15 firm: solid ground
- 16 Contemptible
- 17 In ... poor
- 18 Very sorry
- 20 Wildest
- 21 "A... home is his castle"
- 22 Covered with pines
- 23 Ensnared
- 25 "Old King Cole" a merry...
- 26 Coils of yarn
- 28 In ... tattered
- 31 Bother
- 32 Traditional Sioux home
- 34 Cotton gin man
- 36 Whiney
- 37 Tidy
- 38 Diagram
- 39 Hot tubs
- 40 Extra bedroom, often
- 41 Sulk
- 42 Author Jules
- 44 Time
- 45 Go back on a promise
- 46 Vauderlilien
- 47 Olsen
- 48 Quater
- 49 Car body
- 50 Boat for one
- 51 Contorting
- 54 Metal thread
- 57 Arrived
- 58 Part of USAF
- 60 Large pigs
- 61 Raced
- 62 Weasel's cousin
- 63 Small bills
- 1 Hunger pain
- 2 Jenn-Air appliance
- 3 Naval officer
- 4 Bizarre
- 5 Seat belts, e.g.
- 6 Adolescents
- 7 Upper limbs
- 8 To and ...
- 9 So ... up until now
- 10 Reluctant
- 11 Abundant
- 12 Classic board game

DOWN

- 1969:** Beatles singer John Lennon married artist Yoko Ono in Gibraltar.
- 1985:** Libby Riddles became the first woman to win the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, traveling from Anchorage to Nome in 18 days 20 minutes 17 seconds.
- 2010:** The volcano Eyjafjallajökull in southern Iceland erupted for the first time in 200 years.
- 2017:** The University of Illinois announced that new men's basketball coach Brad Underwood had signed a six-year \$18 million contract to revitalize the dormant program.

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

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PUZZLES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20



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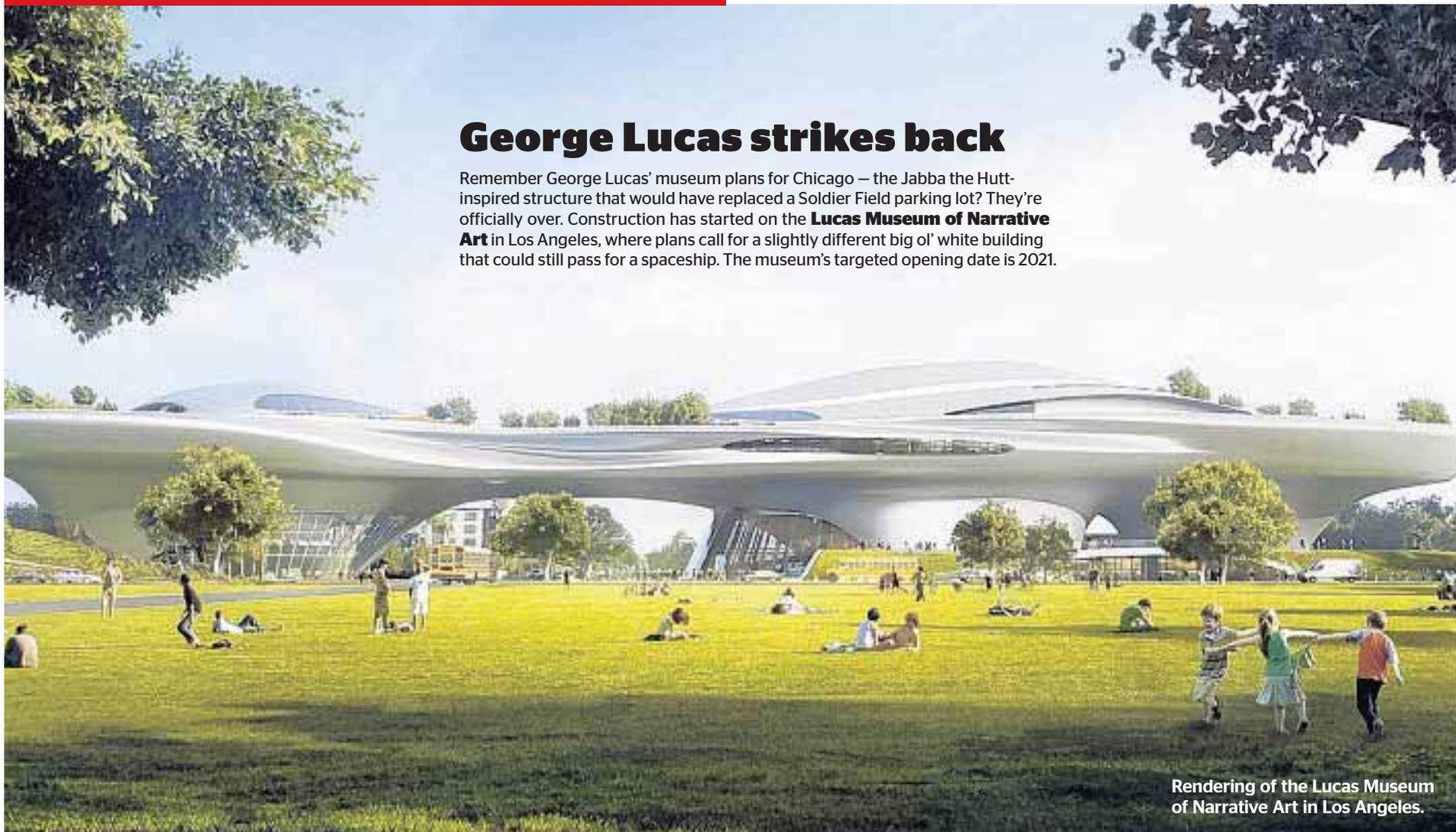
cheat sheet

By Ben Meyerson | FOR REDEYE

Quick! Think of something interesting to say at dinner Friday night. If nothing's coming to you, here are your conversation starters for the weekend.

George Lucas strikes back

Remember George Lucas' museum plans for Chicago — the Jabba the Hutt-inspired structure that would have replaced a Soldier Field parking lot? They're officially over. Construction has started on the **Lucas Museum of Narrative Art** in Los Angeles, where plans call for a slightly different big ol' white building that could still pass for a spaceship. The museum's targeted opening date is 2021.



Rendering of the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art in Los Angeles.

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Peeps.

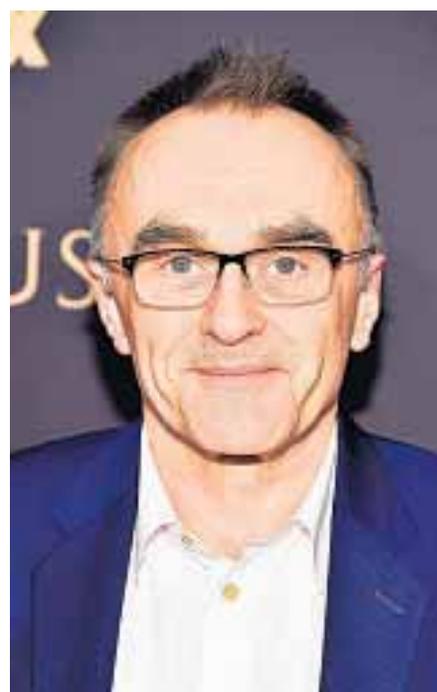
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The digit: 8

That's how many new flavors of **Peeps** have been released for Easter this year, Fortune reports, and each sounds uniquely disgusting. They include sour cherry, pancakes and syrup, and three more unidentified "mystery flavors." There are also three "filled delight" Peeps: a Neapolitan Peep with both chocolate and strawberry filling, one filled with lemon sherbet and a third with orange sherbet. All three are then coated in chocolate. Pass.

Bond meets Boyle

The next James Bond movie will be the 25th in the series. Calls for a big name behind the camera, right? **Danny Boyle**, the renowned director of "Slumdog Millionaire" and "Trainspotting" says he's on it — and told the newspaper Metro that he's currently working on a script. Oh, and despite earlier reluctance, it seems Daniel Craig will be back for one more turn as Bond. The movie is currently planned for release in late 2019.



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Writer-director Danny Boyle.

Spotify goes public

Music-streaming leader **Spotify** is growing up: The startup is planning to go public the week of April 2, selling its stock on the New York Stock Exchange. It's unclear how much the stock will cost, because the company is using an unusual process called a direct listing. But remember — don't make an investment just because you like the company. As the great financial minds of the Wu-Tang Clan once said, "diversify your bonds ... protect your goddamn neck."

A Tater Tot bar on every corner

7-Eleven is adding a new canvas to paint with cheese, chili, onions and jalapenos: **Tater Tots**. The convenience store chain is now selling tots, which you can top to your heart's delight with the same accouterments available for hot dogs and nachos — a win for fans of potato-based products and warm, gelatinous cheese. Adults and stoned high schoolers alike can buy 10 tots for \$1 or 25 tots for \$2, Foodbeast reports.