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## Top cop says no to firing officer

### Rejects watchdog's findings in fatal shooting of 2 in 2015

BY DAN HINKEL  
Chicago Tribune

Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson has rejected a recommendation from the city's police disciplinary agency that he seek to fire an officer in a controversial 2015 shooting that killed two people, according to a letter obtained by the Tribune.

Three months after disciplinary officials called for Officer Robert Rialmo's firing, Johnson has determined that



the officer was justified in shooting Quintonio LeGrier, 19, as he carried a baseball bat during a domestic incident, according to Johnson's letter to the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. Rialmo also accidentally shot and killed a bystander, Bettie Jones, 55.

Johnson's ruling, however, is not the final word, and his decision could set up a rare clash with police disciplinary officials. The case presents an early test for a police disciplinary system that was revamped over the last two years amid a political firestorm in response to shootings and alleged misconduct by officers.

Johnson must now work with COPA's leaders to see whether they can reach agreement on the case. If Johnson and COPA officials cannot agree, the matter goes to one member of the Chicago Police Board, who can either accept the superintendent's position, ending the proceedings, or side with the disciplinary agency, sending the case to the full

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*"It's a little weird to hear, 'Oh, this is the first time that I'm doing this.' It makes you feel very unimportant."* — Kaite O'Brien



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Kaite O'Brien, an assault survivor, is an advocate for sexual assault nurse examiner training.

## Few nurses trained to treat rape victims

### AG's office pushing for specialty providers to be present at hospitals

BY ALISON BOWEN  
Chicago Tribune

When she woke up, she was naked in a stranger's apartment. Her body numb, she didn't know how she'd gotten there, but she knew enough to feel fear.

Kaite O'Brien realized she wasn't having a nightmare but waking up into one. She feared she had been assaulted.

In a Chicago emergency room that morning in 2009, her attending nurse was kind, she recalled, but clearly nervous as she opened the evidence collection box known as a rape kit.

"It's a little weird to hear, 'Oh, this is the first time that I'm doing this,'" said O'Brien, 34. "It makes you feel very unimportant. Like what had happened to me wasn't a big deal, so it doesn't require someone who really



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Nurse Erin Frodin tests a light that's used to identify bodily fluids on a rape victim's body during training at West Suburban hospital.

knows what they're doing?"

O'Brien's experience in the emergency room isn't unusual.

There are more than 196,000 registered nurses in Illinois. Only 32 nurses in the state are certified by the International Association of Forensic Nurses to work with adult sexual assault patients. Twelve of these

sexual assault nurse examiners, known as SANE or forensic nurses, are certified to treat children.

Nearly 4,500 patients were seen in emergency rooms in the state for alleged, suspected or confirmed sexual abuse or rape

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## Census question raises hackles

### Democrats object to citizenship query as states vow to join suit

BY KEVIN FREKING  
AND HOPE YEN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration's decision to ask people about their citizenship in the 2020 census set off worries among Democrats on Tuesday that immigrants will dodge the survey altogether, diluting political representation for states that tend to vote Democratic and robbing many communities of federal dollars.

Not since 1950 has the census collected citizenship data from the whole population, rather than just a population sample, says the Congressional Research Service. The decision to restore the question after decades prompted an immediate lawsuit from California — already tangling with Washington over immigration — and moves by other states with large immigrant populations to engage in a legal fight.

The population count, a massive effort taken every 10 years, is far more than an academic exercise. It's required by the Constitution and used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House as well as how federal money is distributed to local communities. Communities and businesses depend on it in deciding where to build schools, hospitals, grocery stores and more.

The political stakes of undercounting segments of the population are high.

Several states that have slowing population growth or high numbers of immigrants, such as California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York and Ohio, are typically at risk of losing U.S. House seats when their congressional districts are redrawn every 10 years —

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Loyola staffer Julie Jacobi, right, checks out a Sister Jean T-shirt Monday at the campus bookstore. Demand for Loyola merchandise is huge.

## Loyola fans, Sister Jean gear is here

### School OKs licensing of T-shirts, bobbleheads featuring sideline star

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

As the Loyola Ramblers prepare for Saturday's Final Four game against Michigan, makers of fan apparel are scrambling to release merchandise featuring the breakout star of the men's basketball team's Cinderella run: Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt.

Interest in licensing the 98-year-old team chaplain's name and image picked up once the

DAVID HAUGH

Two decisions made this Final Four run possible: hiring Porter Moser and joining the Missouri Valley Conference. **Chicago Sports**

Ramblers made it to the NCAA Tournament's Final Four, Tom Sorboro of the Loyola University Chicago athletic department said in an emailed statement.

Fanatics, a licensed professional and college sports apparel-maker, sells T-shirts with Schmidt's image and trademark phrase — "Worship, work and win!"

The quote is on a wall in Loyola's athletic center "so all of our student-athletes know exactly what we stand for at Loyola," said Sorboro, who is senior associate athletic director for external operations. "She is excited to see it now available for our fans to wear and share."

Sports apparel-makers like Fanatics are used to rapidly rolling out merchandise to respond to twists in playoff storylines. Fanatics had Loyola Final Four gear for sale on its website moments after the team beat Kansas State on Saturday, despite the fact that

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## JOHN KASS

# Loyola's '63 legacy: Take excellence, ignore race

With Chicago's Loyola Ramblers in the Final Four, giving us America's new sweetheart, 98-year-old Sister Jean, and an amazing David vs. The Goliaths sports story, what is Loyola's true legacy?

It was written 55 years ago, when the Ramblers last made it to the Final Four.

That season, George Ireland, the Catholic school's legendary coach, rejected racial preference in sport. He defied the unwritten rule that limited the number of black players on a court.

Instead he started his best players in the pursuit of excellence. Four were black. One was white.

And Loyola made history by winning the NCAA tournament of 1963.

"When I told my grandchildren about how other teams wouldn't start black players, they didn't believe it," Ron Miller, a guard on that historic Loyola team, told me in an interview.

"Oh come on Grandpa, they wouldn't start black players, you've got to be kidding," they'd say. "But they grew up here in Berkeley (in California) and it's like a different country.

"But there's no way to really understate it. What happened in 1963 was beginning to happen all over the country. We were part of the change, we all were, at Loyola," said Miller, who received a postgraduate degree in business and went on to a long and successful career in the corporate world.

That 1963 team played a completely different style than the 2018 Ramblers. There was no 3-point arc then and that team pressed up and down the court, averaging more than 90 points per game.

But the Ramblers wouldn't have been able to do so if they decided playing time by skin color.

Back when pigment decided things, it was easier to think of trips to the moon than believing that a black man like Barack Obama would ever be elected president of the United States.

What made the prejudice worse was that the entire institutional infrastructure of college basketball was in on it; coaches, athletic directors and alumni.

And much of mainstream media guarded the prerogatives of establishment power, just as it does today.

Back then, the unwritten rule in college basketball was that no team would start four black players. Ireland decided otherwise.

"I remember a game in Houston, the screaming, the racism, fans calling the guys 'jungle bunnies' and worse," said John Egan, the guard and lone white starter, now a criminal defense attorney in Chicago. "They screamed, they threw things. It was so bad that their coach came into our locker room after the game to apologize for their fans."

Egan grew up on the Southwest Side of Chicago and attended St. Rita High School, in a neighborhood not known for racial tolerance as the city's infamous color line was breaking. When black high schools came to St. Rita, they'd play on Sunday afternoons to minimize negative community reaction.

"As the white guy, I never felt the



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

1963 Ramblers national champions Jerry Harkness, from left, Les Hunter, John Egan and Rich Rochelle watch Loyola's victory last week against Nevada.

## "To have four black players starting, winning the championship, it started a new thing."

— Les Hunter, starting center on the 1963 Loyola basketball team

responsibility of having to explain the neighborhood to my team," he said. "They knew. I didn't feel a burden to explain attitudes I disagreed with. We were teammates, friends, and we've stayed close for all these years."

But they all knew of the unwritten rule.

"In college basketball, then, some teams might start two black players at home, so the alumni wouldn't react," Egan said. "And on the road, maybe three on a rare occasion. But four? That was unheard of. That was a big step."

In 1963, African-Americans were still not allowed to sit at lunch counters in the South. The city of Birmingham, Ala., unleashed police dogs on civil rights marchers. It was the year the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, dreaming of an America that wouldn't judge people by the color of their skin, only by the content of their character and their talent.

"You can't overstate it," said Les Hunter, Loyola's starting center. "What was done by starting four black players was a forerunner of things to come."

Several of the players, black and white, were from the North.

But not Hunter and Loyola All-American Vic Rouse. They grew up in Nashville, Tenn., and attended Pearl High School near Fisk University. At Fisk, a student had already begun organizing demonstrations against segregation. His name? John Lewis, now U.S. congressman from Georgia and civil rights icon. Hunter took part in some of those marches.

"Fisk was right there, and some of the Freedom Riders," Hunter said. "And John Lewis. That was our neighborhood. So we were aware of

the movement, maybe more so than some of the other guys on the Loyola team. We were aware. We were from the South."

In the NCAA national championship game that year, against the two-time defending champion University of Cincinnati Bearcats, Hunter went up for the last shot, missed, and Rouse got the rebound and scored for a 60-58 overtime victory.

Rouse didn't play in the NBA. He earned three master's degrees and a Ph.D., started his own consulting firm and taught at the University of Maryland.

"To have four black players starting, winning the championship, it started a new thing," Hunter said. "It was nationally televised, and for America to see this, it was really something."

President Obama understood the team importance and honored the players at a White House ceremony in 2013. That same year, the '63 Ramblers were inducted — as a team — into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. At one event, Hunter and Miller met NBA Hall of Fame forward Elvin Hayes, who confessed to them that as a youngster he dreamed of going to Loyola, but Ireland chose another player.

"I didn't even think about approaching Elvin Hayes," said Hunter. "Here's this Hall of Fame great, who knew everything about us, how we played, who we were. I guess you could say we inspired people. Unfortunately, he didn't go to Loyola."

So what is Loyola's legacy? The 1963 championship team taught by example, and showed the country that using skin color to block merit was fundamentally unfair and fundamentally un-American.

Like denying a person a seat at a lunch counter; like denying athletes a chance to pursue excellence and a championship dream.

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By Kim Janssen, Tracy Swartz and Phil Thompson



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Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens at a Chicago event a month before he retired in June 2010.

## Retired Supreme Court justice: Repeal the Second Amendment

Retired Supreme Court Justice **John Paul Stevens** says it's time to repeal the Second Amendment.

The Chicago-born Northwestern University grad, 97, wrote in an op-ed published in *The New York Times* on Tuesday that the constitutional right to bear arms is "a relic of the 18th century."

Stevens urged schoolchildren and their supporters who are demanding a ban on semi-automatic weapons, more comprehensive background checks on firearm purchasers and increasing the minimum age to buy a gun from 18 to 21 to "seek a more effective and more lasting reform."

"They should demand a repeal of the Second Amendment," Stevens wrote, arguing that the amendment was designed to counter the threat that a national

standing army was once thought to pose to free states — a concern he said no longer applies.

The provocative column, even from a retired, liberal justice, is likely to make waves. No candidate for the court who expressed such a view would currently have a chance of being confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

But Stevens, who retired in 2010 as the third-longest-serving justice in U.S. history, wrote that the court's 2008 ruling that there is an individual right to bear arms overturned 200 years of legal history during which the Second Amendment "was uniformly understood as not placing any limit on either federal or state authority to enact gun control legislation."

**Chris W. Cox**, the National Rifle Association's chief lobbyist, responded in a statement, "The

97-year-old retired justice has long held the opinion that American citizens do not have the individual right to own a firearm for self-protection. Emboldened by the mainstream media, the gun-control lobby is no longer distancing themselves from the radical idea of repealing the Second Amendment and banning all firearms."

Stevens was born and raised in Hyde Park (his family owned a department store and two hotels).

He is one of a handful of living Chicagoans to have been at Wrigley Field for the 1932 World Series game at which New York Yankees legend **Babe Ruth** famously called his shot, pointing to the centerfield scoreboard before hitting a home run.

— Kim Janssen

## Rossum shoutout sweetened things for 'Top Chef' winner

Spiaggia executive chef **Joseph Flamm** received well wishes from former classmates, celebrity chefs and even **Mayor Rahm Emanuel** after winning Season 15 of "Top Chef" — but a mention from "Shameless" star **Emmy Rossum** stood out among the congratulatory messages.

"She was watching the finale live, and I guess she was rooting for Adrienne, but there was a really funny video of her being like, 'Joe Flamm? Are you kidding me?'" Flamm said. "Emmy Rossum saying my name was like overwhelming, even if she wasn't rooting for me."

Flamm, who grew up in Chicago's Ashburn neighborhood and now lives in the Humboldt Park area, visited the Tribune recently to demonstrate how to make agnolotti stuffed with Parmesan fonduta filling. While he rolled out the fermented ramp and spinach dough, the gregarious and occasionally foulmouthed chef reflected on his "Top Chef" win.

Flamm, 31, defeated fellow South Side native **Adrienne Cheatham** on the March 8 finale by serving a four-course Italian-inspired menu that head judge **Tom Colicchio** said was "executed really, really well."

Flamm watched the finale live with friends, family, "Top Chef" castmates and Spiaggia staff at the Gold Coast restaurant. Season 4



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Joseph Flamm, executive chef at Spiaggia, said he might invest his prize money in a house.

winner **Stephanie Izard** even made red "Team Flamm" shirts. Flamm was Izard's sous chef at her *Girl* and the *Goat* restaurant.

As of earlier this month, Flamm said he had not received the \$125,000 "Top Chef" prize furnished by S.Pellegrino. He said he is considering using the money to buy a house in Chicago with his wife, **Hillary**.

"I'm hoping they'll just show up at the house one of these days with a briefcase full of cash, just Padma and Tom," Flamm said of Colicchio and host **Padma Lakshmi**.

— Tracy Swartz

## Chicagoan new Louis Vuitton artistic director

**Virgil Abloh**, **Kanye West** collaborator and designer of *Off White*, the haute streetwear label that launched him into high fashion's spotlight, has been named artistic director of menswear at the Paris-based fashion house **Louis Vuitton**.

"I find the heritage and creative integrity of the house are key inspirations and will look to reference them both while drawing parallels to modern times," Abloh

said in a statement, according to *The Associated Press*.

The move puts the 37-year-old Abloh — one of only two black designers in charge at a top fashion house — at the center of the fashion world at one of the most recognizable names in luxury fashion. Abloh's first collection for Louis Vuitton will be shown in Paris in June.

— David Syrek

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## No, Stormy Daniels didn't 'deserve' that



MARY SCHMICH

The saddest part of Stephanie Clifford's interview Sunday night on "60 Minutes" was not the suggestion of nefarious acts by Donald Trump or his minions. It was her use of the word "deserve."

What Clifford, better known as Stormy Daniels, had to say about the alleged payoff and intimidation designed to keep her quiet about her relationship with Trump was plenty troubling, sure, but that wasn't the part that struck me and many other women as sad.

According to her story, Trump invited Clifford to dinner during a celebrity golf tournament in 2006 — reality TV star meets porn star — and she went to his hotel suite. She asked to use the bathroom and when she emerged, she found him on the bed.

"Perched," she said on "60 Minutes," imitating his spread arms and squinty eyes, a Trump impression so deft that as I sat watching her Sunday night, with several other women, I laughed. We all did. It's possible to laugh even when you're grossed-out.

"And when you saw that," Anderson Cooper, the interviewer, asked, "what went through your mind?"

"I realized exactly what I'd gotten myself into," she answered. "And I was like, 'Ugh, here we go.'"

As she told her story, Clifford laughed, sighed, grimaced.

"And I just felt like maybe — (laugh) it was sort of — I had it coming for making a bad decision for going to someone's room alone and I just heard the voice in my head, 'Well, you put yourself in a bad situation and bad things happen, so you deserve this.'"

It's a shame-and-blame formulation as old as sex itself: You put yourself in a bad situation, honey, so you deserve this, this sex you don't want to have, that you find repulsive, invasive, regrettable and yet mysteriously unavoidable.

Clifford did put herself in a bad situation. But no woman — no person — "deserves" to feel obligated to have sex, regardless of the circumstances. The fact that many women do is the sad part.

In the interview, Clifford came across as tart and smart, believable and likable, a good storyteller. She was emphatic when she said that sex with Trump was consensual, even though he was 60 and she was 27 and she didn't find him attractive.

"This is not a 'Me Too,'" she told Cooper. "I was not a victim. I've never said I was a victim. I think trying to use me to — to further someone else's agenda — does horrible damage to people who are true victims."

Clifford's willingness to take responsibility for putting herself in a bad situation is admirable. So are her stated desire not to be used for a political agenda and her rejection of the easy "victim" label.

But whether she wants it or not, Clifford's depiction of her thought process in that hotel suite is a "Me Too" moment, even if not for her.

"Me Too" is a movement that's pushing us — male, female, other — to think about our ingrained attitudes and behaviors toward sex and power.

What are the ways, obvious and subtle, that men exercise sexual power over women? What are the forces that lead so many women to accept that domination? What attitudes and behaviors have we taken for granted for so long that we can't even see the pervasiveness and the harm?

We've all heard it: She got what she deserved. She had it coming. She asked for it. She dressed like a tramp, went to his room, led him on.

In the parlance of my high school days, sex was like baseball. First base, second base, third base and home. A girl who "let" a boy get to third had only herself to blame if he couldn't control himself after that.

In that model of sexual relationship, boys are beasts that girls must either tame or oblige — and in a world that trains too many women to oblige, sexually and otherwise, that's bad news.

In the past few months, as the "Me Too" movement has flowered, we've all been called upon to examine the voices in our heads, the ones involving sex and power, that we obey without fully hearing them. Once we can hear them clearly, we can begin to change them. That's true for men as well as women.

Some people dismiss the Stormy Daniels story as a titillating sideshow that distracts from the important questions of Trump's political corruption and incompetence. Others see it as proof of those very things.

But it's also this, a significant story of sex, gender and power, and until we understand the intersection of those forces, we won't get the world we deserve.

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Former Chicago top cop Garry McCarthy announced his mayoral bid March 21, the same day he got some sizable campaign contributions.

## McCarthy's top campaign donor: Lawyer with a checkered past

Ethics record includes license suspensions, \$3.3M settlement

BY BILL RUTHHART  
Chicago Tribune

The top donor to Garry McCarthy's fledgling mayoral campaign is a Chicago personal injury attorney who has had his law license suspended three times, including for paying a funeral director and a morgue worker for steering him business from grieving families.

The former police superintendent has accepted more than \$25,000 in contributions tied to Joseph Dombrowski, an attorney whose ethics record also is marked by agreeing to a \$3.3 million settlement in an insurance fraud lawsuit in which he was accused of staging traffic accidents.

State campaign finance records show Dombrowski and two companies he controls made the campaign contributions on March 21. That's the same day McCarthy told the Chicago Tribune in an exclusive interview that he would run against Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who fired him as the city's top cop in 2015. The campaign cash from Dombrowski accounts for more than 20 percent of the \$122,985 McCarthy has raised to date, records show.

A McCarthy spokesman said the candidate was traveling and unavailable to discuss the political contributions. A representative for Dombrowski said the attorney was unavailable.

In a statement, McCarthy spokesman Bryan Biggs defended the career lawyerman accepting the contributions. "Mr. Dombrowski is a self-made Chicagoan who also actively supports local charities and has paid for any transgressions," Biggs said in a statement.

Biggs did not respond to questions about how McCarthy knows Dombrowski or how the campaign contributions were solicited. In a sign that the February 2019 mayor's race already has taken a combative tone, the rest of the McCarthy campaign's statement attacked Emanuel.

Dombrowski, 75, has had several run-ins

with the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission, which has suspended his law license three times for a total of four years and one month, records show.

The stiffest penalty was a three-year suspension from January 2004 through January 2007. In that case, Dombrowski agreed to the punishment after admitting he had paid more than \$30,000 to a West Side funeral director and a Cook County medical examiner's office employee to drum up business for his personal injury practice. The payoffs helped Dombrowski and a lawyer who worked for him recruit more than a dozen clients for wrongful death lawsuits, earning Dombrowski more than \$180,000 in fees, the state commission found.

As part of a settlement the Illinois Supreme Court approved, Dombrowski acknowledged he broke ethics rules that prohibit lawyers from paying a "chaser" to recruit clients, advancing money to clients and from soliciting clients who are in a vulnerable mental state. Some of Dombrowski's grieving clients during the mid-to late 1990s were given limousine rides to his office, including the parents of a 7-year-old girl who died in a fire at the Cabrini-Green public housing complex.

Dombrowski's three-year suspension stemmed from a fraud suit State Farm filed against him in 1996, alleging he and others staged traffic accidents. The insurance giant hired a private investigator who recovered unrelated documents in a garbage bin behind Dombrowski's office showing the attorney had made more than \$30,000 in payments to the funeral director and morgue worker.

The State Farm fraud case eventually was settled, with Dombrowski agreeing to pay the company \$3.3 million, though he admitted to no wrongdoing. The documents found by the insurance company's investigators, however, led to Dombrowski losing his law license for three years.

The attorney disciplinary commission concluded the county worker handed out Dombrowski's business cards at the morgue when families arrived to identify loved

ones. It also found the funeral director received referral payments, including \$10,000 for the case of the 7-year-old girl after Dombrowski won a \$100,000 settlement after suing the Chicago Housing Authority.

Records show Dombrowski also had his law license suspended for one year in 1978 for "flagrantly disregarding" a client's wishes and falsely signing the client's name to various documents that approved a court settlement. His license was suspended again for a month in 1998 for representing one client in a way that adversely affected a second client without receiving proper approval from both, records show.

McCarthy has accepted a total of \$25,500 tied to Dombrowski, including \$10,000 from Amber Services Inc. and another \$10,000 from G.D.T.C. Inc. Illinois Secretary of State incorporation records for both companies list Dombrowski as the president with the same address as his River North law firm, Dombrowski, Sorensen & Gigac.

McCarthy recorded a third \$5,500 contribution from a donor simply listed as "Dombrowski." State rules require the full names of donors, their addresses and employment to be listed with a contribution, which McCarthy's campaign did not do in this case.

The "Dombrowski" contribution, however, listed the same River North address as his law firm, and an employee there confirmed Tuesday that Joseph Dombrowski is the only Dombrowski employed at that address.

All told, the three contributions make Dombrowski the largest donor to McCarthy's campaign. State campaign contribution limits apply to the mayor's race, preventing an individual from giving more than \$5,600 to a single campaign and a business from giving more than \$11,100.

Accepting three contributions from different entities tied to Dombrowski allowed McCarthy to work around those limits, a practice deployed at times by other Illinois candidates, including Emanuel.

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## Panel taps law enforcement veteran to lead COPA

Choice to run police watchdog agency could rankle critics

BY JEREMY GORNER  
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A panel of civic and community leaders co-chaired by a City Council ally to Mayor Rahm Emanuel tapped a veteran state law enforcement official to lead Chicago's police oversight agency, city officials announced Tuesday.

Sydney Roberts, who has been director of the Illinois Secretary of State Police since 2010, was chosen to lead the Civilian Office of Police Accountability by the search committee formed in November by Emanuel.

The selection of a law enforcement official to run the city's primary police watchdog group could rankle critics of the police disciplinary system.

"I'm not excited to hear that this nominee is a person with an extensive background in Illinois law enforcement," said Locke Bowman, a Northwestern University law professor who specializes in police misconduct issues. Bowman said he does not know Roberts and is not passing judgment on her specifically.

The mayor has accepted the committee's recommendation of Roberts, but her appointment still must go before aldermen for approval during Wednesday's City Council

meeting. If approved, she would serve the remainder of former Chief Administrator Sharon Fairley's four-year term, which began with the launch of COPA on Sept. 15.

Roberts replaces an interim leader, retired Cook County Judge Patricia Banks, who took over when Fairley left in October to run for state attorney general. Fairley was defeated in the Democratic primary earlier this month.

The panel of some 20 members that chose Roberts was chaired by Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th, a trusted Emanuel ally who leads the City Council's Public Safety Committee, and Paula Wolff, director of the nonprofit Illinois Justice Project.

Its members were a mix of academics, lawyers, clergy and other community leaders. Among them were Mecole Jordan, who was part of the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability, or GAPA, a separate group that had been charged with helping design a community oversight board that would monitor law enforcement.

Also on the panel was Rev. Johnny Miller, a pastor who once served on the Chicago Police Board, and Emmett Farmer, whose son Flint Farmer was carrying only a cellphone when he was fatally shot in 2011 by a Chicago officer who had been involved in two previous shootings that same year.

COPA was created following the controversy sparked in November 2015 by the court-ordered release of video showing a white police officer fatally shooting Afri-

can-American teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times. Emanuel vowed to reform policing and oversight, and city officials have promoted COPA as an improvement over its predecessor, the Independent Police Review Authority, which was slow to act and prone to clearing officers even when evidence indicated misconduct.

In April 2016, Emanuel's hand-picked Police Accountability Task Force recommended that the city create a community oversight board to monitor law enforcement and pick COPA's leader. In October 2016, the City Council passed the Emanuel-backed ordinance establishing a better-funded COPA to replace IPRA. The ordinance also put in place a new deputy inspector general for public safety in the city inspector general's office.

The ordinance did not, however, include the community oversight board. Emanuel vowed to create the board but deferred to community groups' requests that they help design it. Those groups have spent nearly two years crafting a proposal.

Before heading the Secretary of State Police, Roberts served for five years as first deputy and chief operating officer for the Illinois Office of Executive Inspector General, leading investigations of fraud, waste, abuse and misconduct.

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Zachary Buchta, center, of Fallston, Md., leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago in October 2016.

## 'Hacker-for-hire' sentenced to 3 months for online attacks

Man apologizes in court: 'I have a lot to offer the world'

BY JASON MEISNER  
Chicago Tribune

A Maryland man sobbed in court Tuesday as a federal judge sentenced him to three months in prison for his role in a "hacker-for-hire" service that shut down company websites and harassed thousands of unsuspecting people around the world.

U.S. District Judge Manish Shah said online attacks like the ones orchestrated by Zachary Buchta's hacker groups are "not a fantasy that doesn't have real-world consequences."

"They are crimes against real things and people," Shah said. "Like other crimes, this is just lashing out and hurting people."

Buchta, 20, pleaded guilty in December to one count of conspiracy to commit damage to protected computers, a charge that can carry a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

Prosecutors had asked for a term of 2½ years, citing Buchta's cooperation with authorities that led to the arrests of at least two of his former associates. Buchta's lawyer requested probation.

Before he was sentenced, Buchta read a brief statement to the court apologizing to his victims and laying out the steps he's taken to be a "better man," including earning a high school degree, holding a job and addressing long-standing issues of

anxiety and depression. "I feel like I'm a productive member of society," said Buchta, reading from prepared remarks. "I have a lot to offer the world."

Minutes later, when Shah announced that his sentence would include prison time, Buchta burst into tears as his lawyer, Jay Leiderman, rubbed his back and consoled him.

Buchta, who has been allowed to live with his mother, Patricia, in Fallston, Md., while the case was pending, was ordered to surrender by May 22. As part of his plea deal, he also must pay \$350,000 in restitution to two online gambling companies that were victimized by his schemes.

Buchta was just 17 when he came under FBI scrutiny as a founding member of the prolific hacker groups Lizard Squad and PoodleCorp, which charged a \$20 fee to target anyone for online harassment.

Agents confronted Buchta at his home in 2014, but no charges were filed at the time. In fact, Buchta taunted authorities after he was questioned, even adopting the Twitter handle @fbiarelosers, according to court records.

In October 2016, Buchta was arrested and charged in a criminal complaint with launching a wide range of attacks over a two-year period, including shutting down the web networks of gaming companies and initiating so-called phone-bombing schemes that inundated victims with harassing phone calls.

One of his first victims, who lived in the Chicago area, started receiving explosive-laden phone calls every hour, according to a criminal complaint. The calls went on for 30 straight days.

"Your target will be left with only 3 options," the hackers allegedly boasted on their webpage, phoneBomber.net.

"Change their number, Bend to your whim, deal with a ringing phone for the length of our attack:)"

The loosely based crew also sold stolen payment card account information on thousands of victims, prosecutors said.

The charges stemmed from an international investigation and were among the first brought in the U.S. against alleged members of Lizard Squad. Although the hacker group has been known in the security industry for some time, it rose to prominence during the 2014 Christmas season when it launched a crippling attack on Sony PlayStation and Microsoft Xbox Live gaming networks, according to news reports.

In January 2015, Lizard Squad made headlines by hijacking social media accounts of Grammy-winning pop singer Taylor Swift. The group sent tweets from Swift's account instructing her millions of fans to follow two Lizard Squad-related Twitter accounts, then threatened to release nude photos of the superstar in exchange for bitcoins.

Swift shut down the extortion attempt, howev-

er, by announcing to fans that there were no nude photos.

"My twitter got hacked but don't worry," she wrote to fans on Tumblr, according to one news account. "Twitter is deleting the hacker tweets and locking my account until they can figure out how this happened and get me new passwords. Never a dull moment"

The 61-page complaint alleged Buchta and a co-defendant who lived in the Netherlands operated websites that enabled paying customers to select victims to receive repeated harassing phone calls from spoofed numbers. In October 2015, they boasted online that the person in Illinois had become their "first victim," according to the complaint.

That day, the victim, identified in the complaint only as Victim O, started receiving hourly phone calls with the same recorded message.

"When you walk the (expletive) streets, (expletive), you better look over your (expletive) back because I don't fly (expletive) if we have to burn your (expletive) house down," the message said, according to the complaint. "If we have to (expletive) track your (expletive) family down, we will (expletive) your (expletive) up (expletive)."

Buchta's co-defendant wound up being prosecuted by Dutch authorities, records show.

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## Armor, bump stock bans go forward in city

House Dems hope to flip veto on gun dealer licensing bill

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Chicago Tribune

Bans on bump stocks and civilian use of body armor were advanced by Chicago aldermen Tuesday as they reacted to last year's mass shooting on the Las Vegas Strip and the recent killing of a police commander in the Loop.

City lawyers believe the Chicago assault weapons ban already prohibits the possession of bump stocks like those used in the Vegas shooting, but the City Council Public Safety Committee approved adding a specific reference to the devices.

The panel also approved a ban on the sale, purchase or possession of body armor, like bulletproof vests, by people other than members of the military, police officers or other emergency responders like firefighters acting in their official capacities.

After the Oct. 1 shooting on the Vegas Strip during a music festival left 58 dead and hundreds more wounded, authorities found a dozen bump stocks the shooter had used to make his semi-automatic assault weapons fire faster. And the man accused of fatally shooting police Cmdr. Paul Bauer on Feb. 13 near the Thompson Center was wearing a bulletproof vest under a jacket, said Ald. Edward Burke, 14th. That, he said, "underscores the need for regulation of these items."

Shomari Legghette, who is charged with murder in the killing of Bauer, was already banned from buying or wearing body armor because of a lengthy felony record. The proposed Chicago ordinance, however, would extend a much wider net than the state prohibition by barring body armor use by all civilians.

The bans are slated for routine approval at the full council meeting Wednesday, when aldermen also are expected to pass a resolution from Mayor Rahm Emanuel calling on Gov. Bruce Rauner and state lawmakers to enact several new gun control measures.

They include raising the legal age to 21 from 18 to buy a semi-automatic assault weapon, banning bump stocks and licensing gun dealers, among other proposals. "These laws are going to be changed," said Ald. Harry Osterman, 48th, a

former state lawmaker. "And if it's not today or tomorrow, it will happen. We're going to save lives."

The Democrat-controlled General Assembly already approved licensing gun dealers, but the Republican governor vetoed that bill days before a tough primary election against a more conservative challenger. State Sen. Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, and Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Addison, told aldermen they are now trying to round up enough votes to override the veto.

As the City Council panel advanced its legislation, state House Democrats were nearby trying to build support to override Rauner. At a committee hearing at the Bilandic Building, they heard tearful testimony from victims of gun violence who contended state gun licensing would help prevent gun crimes.

"I am not anti-gun," said Maria Pike, a gun control advocate whose 24-year-old son was shot to death in Logan Square in August 2012. "I am for gun sense. I am for our human beings that live here in the city and in the state. We deserve peace. We deserve our children. We deserve to be able to walk in the parks, to go to theaters, to go everywhere we want to without fear of being shot."

Under the vetoed bill, anyone who sells, leases or transfers 10 or more firearms a year would have to be licensed by the state. Dealers and their employees would have to take training focused on how to properly conduct background checks, store guns, prevent thefts and thwart straw purchases, in which someone illegally buys a gun for a person who is prohibited from owning one.

The governor contended the bill would have little impact on public safety because the gun shops are already regulated by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives — although that process is not as extensive as the state-proposed version.

John Weber, a lobbyist for the National Rifle Association, asked lawmakers to let the governor's veto stand, saying the bill would impose "expensive and unenforceable regulations on businesses that are already strictly regulated by the federal government."

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## Hospital mourns colleague, treats son

Crash kills father, mother, daughter; teenager survives

BY KATE THAYER  
Chicago Tribune

A Des Plaines teen who was the lone member of his family to survive a car crash remained hospitalized Tuesday at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, where his dad worked, officials said.

A spokeswoman for the Park Ridge hospital said Serif Dilji, 57, was hired for the environmental services department in September 2011, and worked mostly in the emergency room.

"Serif Dilji was a wonderful colleague and cherished member of the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and Advocate Children's Hospital-Park Ridge family," the hospital's statement read. "Serif was respected by all with whom he worked and was known for individually greeting everyone by name each morning when he came to work. He will be



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A still from a video shows the scene after two vehicles collided Sunday evening near Golf and Rand roads in Des Plaines. Three people died, and two were injured.

deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones."

Dilji, wife Edije Dilji, 48, and their daughter, Amra Dilji, 20, all died of multiple injuries from the crash Sunday evening near Golf and Rand roads in Des Plaines, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office and police. The couple's 16-year-old son was driving the car northwest on Rand, trying to turn left onto Golf Road, when it collided with another vehicle, police said.

The boy was taken to

Lutheran General with life-threatening injuries but had improved by Monday, said Des Plaines police Cmdr. Chris Mierzwa. The lone occupant of the other car was treated for minor injuries.

Police continue to investigate the crash but do not think alcohol was a factor, Mierzwa said. Investigators will review red light camera video of the collision, he said, though there was no red light violation.

The hospitalized teen is a student at Maine East High School, from which

his sister graduated in 2015, said Maine Township High School District 207 spokesman David Beery, who released a statement.

"We are deeply saddened to hear this tragic news, and we would like to extend our deepest condolences to surviving family members and friends of the family," the statement read. "We will, upon students' return from spring break, be making support services available."

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## Cemetery to honor Vietnam War veterans

BY SUSAN DEMAR  
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Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will host a wreath-laying ceremony Thursday to commemorate National Vietnam War Veterans Day — one of many events nationwide to honor the veterans, officials said.

The outdoor public event, which starts at 9 a.m., will be staged at the cemetery's main flagpole and will include keynote speaker and Medal of Honor recipient Allen Lynch, a gun salute by the Memorial Squad and taps, said Christine Gutzeit, program specialist at ALNC.

In 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act, authorizing the secretary of defense to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

President Barack Obama specified the March 29 date in the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, according to the website, [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com).

The 50th anniversary will be spread over a number of years because many Americans served over a long period of time, it said.

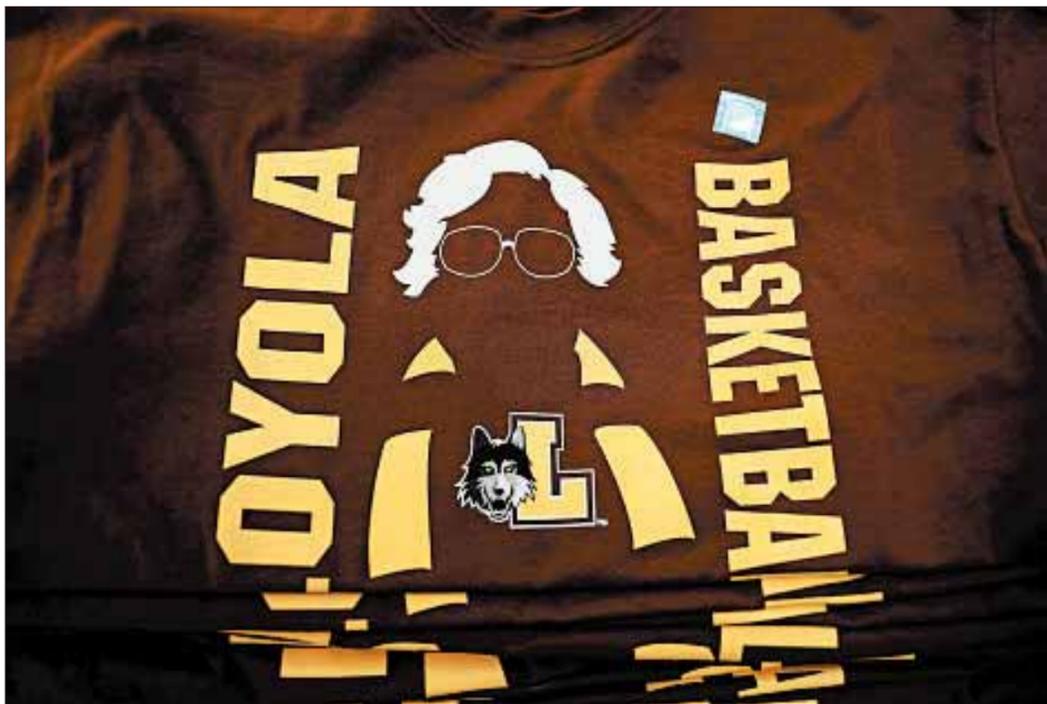
The first Vietnam War

Commemoration event was held at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, and will conclude on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2025.

U.S. involvement in Vietnam started slowly with an initial deployment of advisers in the early 1950s, grew incrementally through the early 1960s and expanded with the deployment of full combat units in July 1965. The last U.S. personnel were evacuated from Vietnam in April 1975, according to the website.

Those who served active duty in the armed forces from 1955 to 1975 are recognized on March 29.

Congress outlined five objectives for National Vietnam War Veterans Day — the primary one to thank and honor the veterans and their families on behalf of the nation for their service and sacrifice. The four other objectives highlight the service of the armed forces and support organizations during the war; pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens; highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war; and recognize contributions by U.S. allies, according to the website.



CHRIS J. WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
T-shirts are among the Sister Jean-themed apparel available for the Final Four, as are socks featuring her likeness.

## Loyola fans, Sister Jean gear's here

Loyola, from Page 1

even Schmidt didn't predict the team would make it that far, company spokesman Matt Fox said.

Loyola gear is selling briskly. Fanatics sold more Ramblers apparel from Saturday through Tuesday morning than the entire rest of the season, and Loyola was leading all college teams — including fellow Final Four contenders Kansas, Michigan and Villanova — in merchandise sales, Fox said.

Sports merchandising companies try to capitalize on fan demand for gear celebrating moments and personalities that strike a nerve.

Cinderella teams often get a flurry of interest from new licensing partners and see a big uptick in sales, but Schmidt is likely giving Loyola an extra boost, said Eric Johnson, chief operating officer of Indianapolis-based Learfield Licensing Partners, which represents Loyola in licensing deals.

"She's a figure people can relate to, and it's a great program," Johnson said. "You do get some added interest because it's more than just basketball."

It's not unheard of for someone who isn't a player or coach to become an NCAA Tournament celebrity.

The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum in Milwaukee has created bobbleheads of the Villanova "piccolo girl," who played through tears during the basketball team's upset loss to North Carolina State in 2015, and a Georgia State coach who injured himself while overenthusiastically celebrating a surprise win, said Phil Sklar, museum co-founder and CEO.

But neither sold nearly as well as the new "Sister Jean" bobblehead, which became the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum's best-seller within 24 hours of going on sale Friday afternoon, Sklar said. It has since sold more

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— Eric Johnson, CEO of Learfield Licensing Partners, which represents Loyola in licensing deals

than 5,000, and 65 percent went to buyers outside Illinois, he said.

Sklar's company submitted a request to license Schmidt's image on Thursday and got the university's approval by Friday morning.

During a "hot market" like March Madness, designs for new licensed merchandise are often approved in hours, Learfield's Johnson said. "It's so important for the school as well as the licensees manufacturing the product," he said. "If it takes a week to get approval, they can't manufacture it in time, and that

doesn't help anybody."

While the bobbleheads aren't expected to arrive until June, other companies are working to get Ramblers and "Sister Jean" merchandise in fans' hands before the team's next game.

Rob Starkman, founder of Orlando, Fla.-based custom sock-maker Rock 'Em Apparel, didn't carry any Loyola merchandise until the team won its Elite Eight game Saturday night.

"It's a little laborious to switch tracks for a team that might not make it," Starkman said.

But once it became clear Loyola was headed to the Final Four, Rock 'Em Apparel scrambled to make sure it had socks for Ramblers fans — including a pair with Schmidt's face above a maroon- and gold-striped background mimicking the team's scarves.

A colleague arranged approval for a license letting Rock 'Em Apparel use Schmidt's image by 11 p.m. Saturday.

They finalized the designs by 1 a.m. Sunday and began selling them online later that day.

Rock 'Em Apparel's socks arrived at Loyola's campus bookstore Tuesday.

"It's crazy, but this is what we're built for," Starkman said.

Requests for Schmidt's likeness are just starting to arrive, but in the first two weeks of the NCAA Tournament, Learfield received three times as many submissions seeking approval for Loyola merchandise as it would in an average month, Johnson said.

Retailers that didn't previously carry Ramblers gear also are working to get those products on shelves. Since the team's Elite Eight victory, 27 new retail outlets — including local Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart and Rally House stores — began stocking Loyola merchandise or are expected to receive it later this week, Johnson said.

Loyola's cut of licensed merchandise sales depends on the specific agreement, but generally the school would receive 12 percent of the item's wholesale price, Johnson said.

Sorboro encouraged fans to buy Ramblers gear through the university bookstore website or other reputable online sellers like Fanatics. The university does not receive royalties from products using Schmidt's likeness without permission.

Schmidt asked that the royalties benefit the university and its student-athletes, according to Sorboro. The royalties will go to the Loyola Athletic Fund, which supports student-athletes in all sports.

Sklar, of the Bobblehead Hall of Fame, said a portion of the proceeds from the sale of each bobblehead benefit the Loyola Athletic Fund and Schmidt's Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sorboro said the university will work with Schmidt after the Final Four run to determine whether there are other donations she would like to make with royalties from products bearing her name or likeness.

## Record sheds light on cop in Elgin shooting

Since 1999, he got 6 complaints, 22 commendations

By Janelle Walker  
Chicago Tribune

In nearly 20 years with the Elgin Police Department, the officer who shot Decynthia Clements has received 22 commendations and more than 70 letters of appreciation.

He also was the subject of six complaints from people he interacted with in the community — including claims of racial profiling and excessive force — but was cleared in all cases, according to city documents and officials.

Lt. Christian Jensen was the self-described "boss" on the scene of the March 12 standoff during which Clements refused officers' orders to get out of her vehicle after it was stopped on Interstate 90.



Jensen

Jensen and other officers were preparing to use nonlethal methods of ending the standoff, but after Clements set her car on fire and then emerged from it holding a knife and moving toward officers, Jensen fatally shot her, according to police video released by the city.

Lawyers for Clements' family and other residents and activists have said they don't believe lethal force was necessary, and some said they believe race was a factor in the deadly turn of events, since Jensen is white and Clements was black.

According to records released by the city through a Freedom of Information Act request, Jensen was named, sometimes with other officers, in complaints six times since his hiring in 1999, the earliest in 2006 and the most recent in 2017. The names of those who filed the complaints were blacked out.

In each case, the complaints were determined to be "unfounded," meaning they were found to be not factual; "not sustained," meaning there wasn't enough evidence to prove an allegation; or the officers were exonerated, meaning their actions fell within the department's standard operating procedures. The findings came out of the department's internal review process, not by an independent entity, as was noted by one of the complainants.

"When someone files a complaint it goes straight (through) the same ... people who have been harassing us for years," wrote the man, who made a general complaint in 2016 about his perception of the department's treatment of black residents. His complaint came after he said he was pulled over by another police agency and then turned over to Elgin because of two outstanding arrest warrants.

The man cited Jensen and other officers as being "in charge of a special unit who commit these aggressive acts of harassment and these unlawful attacks on me and the black community."

Other complainants also cited race, and it appears that five of the six people who filed the notices were African-American.

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In the most recent complaint, from early 2017, a woman complained about her treatment during a traffic stop and reported that she believed officers were "violating her rights," that she felt "threatened and harassed" and that she was pulled over only because she was black. At the scene she asked for a supervisor, and Jensen responded. She was ultimately issued a warning ticket.

Officials said they explained to the woman the reason she was pulled over and why a K-9 officer was brought in. The woman "stated that she wished the officers would just

have had 'more sympathy' for the situation and she believed some form of sensitivity training would help the officers," according to a police report on her complaint.

Another person who filed a complaint in 2009 also claimed that Jensen and another officer pulled him over because he was black. That man was ticketed

for failing to wear a seat belt and driving without insurance, records show.

Another man, identified in records as white, was confronted by officers at Elgin Mall in 2007 as a known gang member who was wearing gang colors and associating with other gang members, records show. The man began yelling obscenities and taunting officers, who eventually cited him for disorderly conduct, according to the documents. The man claimed officers attempted to choke him while he resisted arrest, a claim denied by the officers involved. The man admitted trying to kick out a window of a squad car, records show.

Jensen could not be reached for comment. Police Chief Jeff Swoboda said late Tuesday, "We take all complaints seriously and we investigate them all. We also know in policing that proactive officers will get complaints from time to time."

The chief added, "If people have complaints we will investigate every single one of them. We can't investigate what we don't know about."

According to a media release at the time of his promotion to lieutenant in 2017, Jensen was hired in 1999 and promoted to sergeant in 2011. He was assigned to the gang crimes unit at the time of his promotion, when he was made night shift lieutenant. He also served as a SWAT team leader and as an adviser to the Police Explorer program at the time of his promotion.

In addition to the gang crimes unit, Jensen served on the narcotics unit and as a patrol officer.

He received several departmental awards, including manager of the quarter, manager of the year, departmental commendations, distinguished services and unit citations. He has 73 letters of appreciation on file and has a bachelor's degree from Columbia College, according to the release.

Jensen has been placed on leave while state police investigate the shooting.

Janelle Walker is a freelance reporter.



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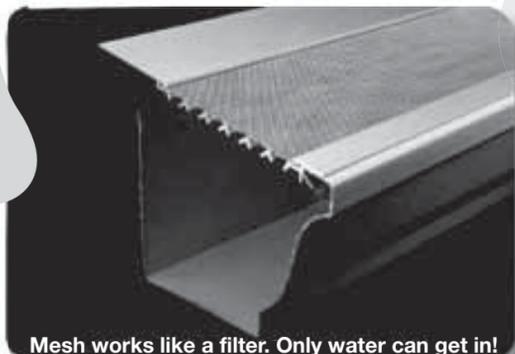
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# Few trained to treat assault victims

Nurses, from Page 1

in 2016, the most recent year the Illinois Department of Public Health has data available. And not every victim goes to a hospital. Last year, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority data recorded almost 10,000 people who received services from state-funded rape crisis centers.

Despite health and government officials' recommendations that sexual assault patients be treated by nurses trained to recognize trauma and collect evidence, many nurses receive no such training.

This month, the attorney general's office said it is working with Illinois lawmakers to draft legislation that would require hospitals have a specially trained medical provider present within 90 minutes of a sexual assault patient's arrival. Hospitals would be required to implement this by 2023.

In a statement, the Illinois Health and Hospital Association said the group supports SANE programs but that training so many nurses, in a specialty the group says few pursue or complete, is not feasible within that time frame.

Ann Spillane, the chief of staff for state Attorney General Lisa Madigan, said hospitals refuse to prioritize staffing of trained professionals to treat victims.

"In this midst of the #MeToo movement, it couldn't be more clear that providing compassionate care to sexual assault survivors is not the hospitals' priority," she said.

In an effort to increase the number of forensic nurses, three years ago the attorney general's office hired emergency room nurse Jaelyn Rodriguez to train her peers. She estimates 150 nurses in Illinois emergency rooms have completed the required 40 hours of training in sexual assault care and additional clinical work to practice as a SANE. But for national certification, nurses must pass the International Association of Forensic Nurses exam, and only 32 have completed that requirement.

During a weeklong February training session at West Suburban Medical Center, Rodriguez told about 50 attendees that just a quarter of them would finish the clinical steps, which include practicing genital exams and observing expert witness testi-



Nurses Margaret Polakow, left, Shira Blanton, Kimberly Leslie and Margaret Simmons do training at Swedish Covenant.



Police seals to protect evidence appear in a rape kit during SANE training at West Suburban Medical Center.

mony in a criminal trial. She said the time it takes to complete this process is time that nurses don't generally have off.

The nurses watched attentively as Rodriguez explained how to record injuries they might see: cuts, bite marks, lacerations.

"We definitely have a lot of interest," said Rodriguez, whose February training session had more applications than she had slots. She holds two others throughout the year in different parts of the state.

A well-trained nurse recognizes signs of trauma and asks questions in a way that doesn't add anxiety, said Colleen Zavodny, DuPage County coordinator of advocacy and crisis intervention at YWCA Metropolitan Chicago.

Someone with no training might make a victim feel guilty or doubted by asking questions such as "How much did you drink?" Phrasing questions in this way can imply fault or

disbelief, which can compound a victim's stress.

"We call that the second rape," Zavodny said.

A trained nurse collecting evidence also can bolster a prosecution against an offender, said Cindy Hora, the division chief of Crime Victims Services at the attorney general's office.

"We do end up with more charges and more convictions," she said. These nurses are also trained to testify, which can be especially important in pediatric cases.

When Elmhurst Hospital nurse Kerry O'Connor meets a victim of sexual assault, she begins by introducing herself as a SANE nurse. Then, the two simply talk. They might talk for an hour, if that's how long it takes for the patient to become comfortable with a procedure that is intrusive. She says they can pause at any point. She explains it's up to the victim to do a rape kit or not, and to provide it to police or not. She ex-

plains evidence — fingernail scrapings, vaginal swabs, collecting clothing.

"I want them to feel like they're in control," she said. "I don't want them to feel like someone forcibly did this to me, and now I'm in a medical setting where someone is doing what they think should be done."

As Lindsey Ross wept in an Evanston emergency room during a rape exam in 2014, she remembers, a nurse told her it didn't hurt.

She remembers because it did hurt. It hurt a lot. She cried as the nurse scraped and swabbed her body for evidence in the same area where she'd been violated hours earlier.

"It was so intrusive and so, so cold," Ross, 24, a speaker with Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), recalled in her Edgewater studio.

She said it felt as if questions just kept coming at her. And almost immediately, she doubted whether anything would happen with her case. "I was scared that they didn't believe me," Ross said of the officers and the nurse asking questions.

Noting that sexual assault patients warrant special care, state legislators allotted funding in 1999 to establish four SANE programs in Illinois. A 2003 report recounted better outcomes for victims, who were more likely to file police reports. With SANEs collecting evidence, police made more arrests, and more defendants pleaded guilty. The report encouraged 24-hour access to

these trained nurses.

That seemed, said Jennifer Hiselman, who worked on the report for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, a "no-brainer."

But 15 years later, the level of care a victim receives depends on which emergency room he or she ends up in, and when. At one hospital in the state a victim might be treated by a nurse with a decade of specialized training. But in another, the victim could encounter a nurse collecting evidence for the first time.

"There is no consistency," said Sarah Layden, director of programs and public policy at Rape Victim Advocates.

Some nurses are trying to change that.

As a mom of five, O'Connor splits her time between hockey practices and overnight shifts at Elmhurst, which saw 50 sexual assault patients last year. She also volunteers to be on call for rape exams.

Her hospital system employs 10 nurses trained to work with sexual assault patients. To maintain SANE certification, O'Connor completes continuing education. Recently, she learned how bruising in a patient's mouth can indicate strangulation. Without training, she never would have known to check.

Many nurses said they sought training after feeling they had not given their best to a sexual assault patient.

Early in Melissa Cochrane's career, she was the

only female nurse in a Chicago emergency room when a sexual assault patient came in.

Cochrane had never opened a rape kit. She peeled back the red tape on the white box that showed instructions for 15 steps.

"I remember sitting there and reading the box and not knowing what I was doing and just feeling very overwhelmed," she said. "And I'll think about that person for the rest of my career."

Now, she is working toward SANE certification. At Swedish Covenant Hospital, she and fellow nurses are paid for their time in training.

On a recent morning, sitting in a private room created for sexual assault patients, the staff discussed ways to improve care, including securing a female translator for non-English speaking patients, ordering speculums that are different sizes, and whether to allow patients to scrape their own fingernails to offer a sense of control.

At some Chicago hospitals, nurses spend their own money for exam fees and vacation days for training.

"I think the biggest barrier is just getting hospitals to rethink their traditional staffing," said Spillane. "Ultimately, we would like to see a SANE nurse who's available at every hospital 24/7, but we're obviously a ways away from that."

Only a law, says Christine Chaput, a nurse in charge of staffing at Emergency Medical Services at St. Anthony Hospital, will equalize every hospital's commitment to staffing nurses trained in sexual assault.

"They require so many other things," she said. "So why would you not require a hospital to have, at minimum, one SANE nurse per shift?"

O'Brien, who woke up scared in a stranger's apartment nearly a decade ago, sits with victims during their rape exams as part of her volunteer work with Rape Victim Advocates. She said she'll always wonder what difference a trained nurse might have made.

"It's one less thing to worry about on a day when everything is horrible," she said.

*The Chicago rape crisis hotline is 888-293-2080. More information is available at Rape Victim Advocates, which provides counseling and other services.*

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# Top cop says no to firing officer in fatal shooting

Rialmo, from Page 1

Police Board for hearings on his potential firing.

Contrary to COPA's findings, Johnson found that Rialmo was justified in shooting an armed assailant who presented a serious threat. Johnson's ruling, unlike COPA's, found that the evidence supported Rialmo's contention that LeGrier swung the bat at him. Even if LeGrier hadn't swung the bat, Johnson concluded, he was an assailant, and the officer acted reasonably in opening fire.

"An investigation should not second-guess an officer's decisions by suggesting how COPA itself would have resolved the incident," Johnson wrote. "Instead, an investigation must address the question of whether the officer, while making split-second decisions in tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving circumstances, acted as another reasonable department member on the scene would have done."

Rialmo's disciplinary troubles might not be over even if he is cleared in the shooting. He was charged in January with two counts of battery and one count of theft, all misdemeanors, after a bar fight late last year. Surveillance cameras captured Rialmo punching two men. His attorney, Joel Brodsky, said his client was defending himself from drunken aggressors.

Rialmo remains on desk duty and stripped of his police powers.

Attorneys representing the city in the litigation over



Bettie Jones, 55, and Quintonio LeGrier, 19, were fatally shot after police responded to a domestic call in late 2015.



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the shooting had sought to keep Johnson's ruling secret, and Cook County Judge James O'Hara on Tuesday entered a protective order preventing wide dissemination of the letter until early April.

Numerous attorneys involved in the litigation either could not be reached or declined to comment, citing the judge's order, as did LeGrier's mother, Janet Cooksey. COPA and the Police Department also declined to comment.

Bare-bones information hinting at Johnson's decision started to emerge before the judge entered the protective order. The day before the order was entered, Northwest Side Ald. Nick Sposato, 38th, a long-time friend of the Rialmo family, said he was pleased by reports that the superintendent had ruled the shooting justified.

"He could have taken the easy way out, politically, and ruled against" Rialmo, said Sposato, a former Chicago firefighter who served in

the same firehouse as Rialmo's father. "I just want to commend Eddie Johnson for doing the right thing, for having the courage to do this."

The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police had called COPA's ruling "arbitrary and politicized."

Activists, meanwhile, have called for Rialmo's immediate firing, and attorneys for the LeGrier and Jones families have backed COPA's ruling that the shooting was unjustified.

The shooting has garnered intense scrutiny not only because a bystander, Jones, was killed, but also because it was the first fatal police shooting since the court-mandated release a month earlier of video of a white officer shooting Laquan McDonald, an African-American teenager.

Upon its emergence in November 2015, the video outraged black and Latino Chicagoans who aired longstanding objections about their treatment by police, and efforts to overhaul the

department and curb unnecessary uses of force continue more than two years later.

COPA itself was born out of that controversy. Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his allies set it up to replace the Independent Police Review Authority, which was known for conducting cursory investigations and almost always clearing police.

About 4:30 a.m. on the day after Christmas 2015, Rialmo and his partner responded to 911 calls about a domestic disturbance at the apartment in the 4700 block of West Erie Street where LeGrier was staying with his father. LeGrier, apparently suffering from mental health problems, had behaved strangely as a student at Northern Illinois University and had run-ins with police and other students, records show.

Jones, who lived downstairs, pointed police to the second floor. Then LeGrier came down the stairs with a baseball bat, according to an analysis released a year ago by Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office, which declined to bring charges against Rialmo. As Rialmo backed down the stairs, he fired eight times, hitting LeGrier six times, prosecutors found. Jones, who stood behind the teen during the incident, was shot once in the chest.

Rialmo has stipulated in court that he knew Jones was close by when he fired, though Brodsky has said his client was nonetheless justified in firing in self-defense. But COPA's investigation

cast doubt on Rialmo's version of events.

No one, including the other officer at the scene, corroborated Rialmo's account of LeGrier swinging the bat, and he did not mention the bat-swinging in all of his accounts, investigators wrote. Rialmo also gave differing accounts of where he was in comparison with LeGrier when the teen allegedly swung the bat, investigators wrote.

Crucially, investigators determined Rialmo was farther from LeGrier when he fired the shots than the officer contended. Investigators wrote that he gave differing statements but placed himself on the porch steps when he started firing. COPA, however, cited a witness who stated that Rialmo was near the sidewalk when he fired, at least 10 feet from the stairs.

Just after the shooting, LeGrier's father, Antonio, saw the officer standing 20 to 30 feet from the doorway, he told investigators, according to the COPA report. Further, the shell casings were found in various areas between the porch and the sidewalk, COPA found.

COPA found that a reasonable officer in Rialmo's position would not have believed he was in imminent danger of death or serious harm.

Johnson reached significantly different conclusions on key points of the investigation.

He noted that while Rialmo might not have mentioned the bat swing to a detective, he mentioned it

in several other reports and interviews. Johnson also concluded that the bullet wounds to LeGrier's arm and chest supported the contention that he lifted and then swung the bat. The COPA ruling and civil litigation have both turned on questions of where LeGrier stood when he was shot, but Johnson concluded that the evidence indicated the officers were in danger during "Quintonio's charge down the apartment stairs."

Johnson determined that LeGrier's father would have had an obstructed view and could not have seen where Rialmo was standing just after the shooting. Johnson also dismissed the testimony of the witness who said Rialmo was near the sidewalk when he fired.

That witness, Johnson wrote, ducked investigators' attempts to reach him. Johnson noted also that the witness did not say he had directly seen the shooting, and the superintendent posited that he had confused Rialmo and his partner. Johnson also noted that the witness acknowledged smoking marijuana before the shooting.

The superintendent concluded that the shell casings were irrelevant to determining where Rialmo stood, because the scene was trampled by paramedics and firefighters, among other reasons.

*Chicago Tribune's John Byrne contributed.*

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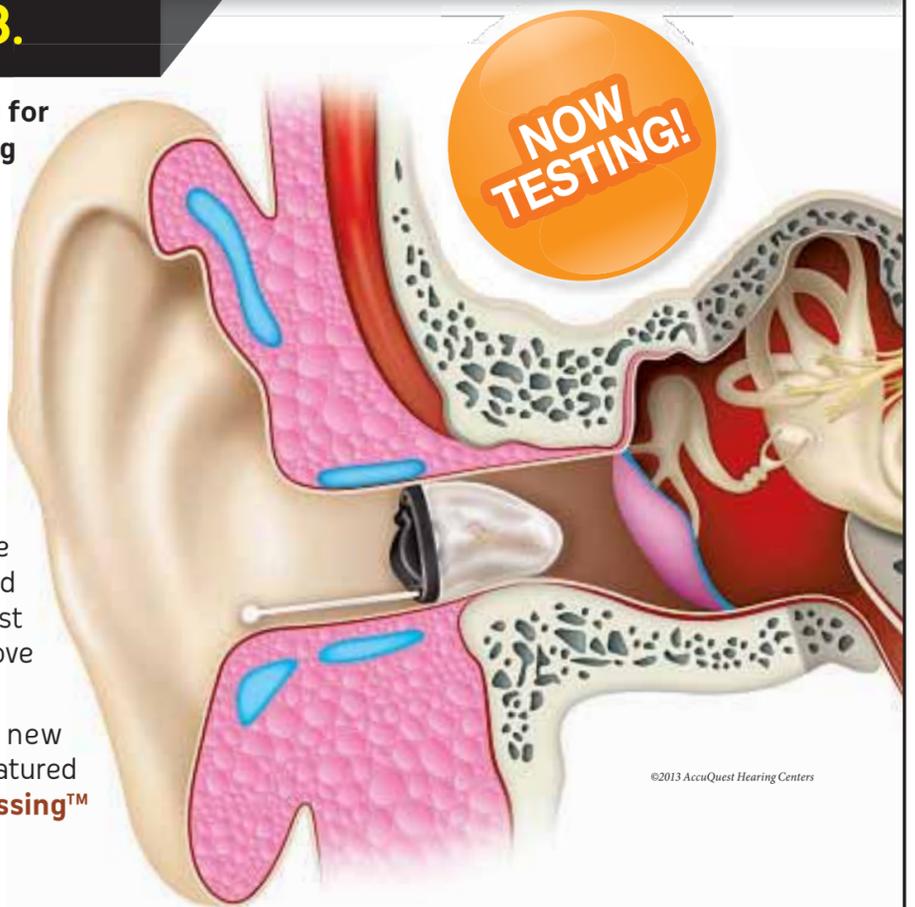
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## Mayor: Post anti-smoking signs outside tobacco stores

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Rahm Emanuel wants tobacco retailers to post signs outside their doors warning of the dangers of smoking and include phone numbers that smokers can call to get help quitting.

The mayor also wants to ban stores from offering free samples of tobacco products, which his office said is a way Big Tobacco tries to "hook new users."

The latest proposal, which Emanuel will introduce to aldermen Wednesday, follows his successful push to raise the age to buy tobacco products in Chicago to 21 and his restrictions on the sale of menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco near city high schools. He also added e-cigarettes to the city Clean Air Act and imposed taxes on them.

Under his plan, signs designed by the city Department of Public Health would have to be posted "at all public entrances of stores that sell tobacco products," according to a news release from Emanuel's office. The signs would contain information about the dangers of smoking "e-cigarettes and other tobacco products beyond cigarettes."

While Emanuel's office said cigarette use among teens in Chicago has fallen during his administration, it said e-cigarette and cigar use is going up.

Emanuel has taken several bows for his self-proclaimed fight against Big Tobacco. He appeared at a City Hall news conference in 2013 with officials from the little-known African-American Tobacco Control Leadership Council to receive the group's Visionary Elected Leader Award for pushing the flavored tobacco restrictions.

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## Harassment training may come to more businesses

BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago aldermen could expand the city's sexual harassment protections to businesses under a proposal that would require training at companies with at least 50 employees.

The measure from Northwest Side Ald. Margaret Laurino, 39th, also would require businesses to post signs warning sexual harassment is illegal and informing workers they have to file complaints with city, state and federal agencies within 180 days of the incident.

Laurino's proposal comes after the City Council last fall approved adding aldermen, the mayor, treasurer and city clerk to rules barring sexual harassment of other city officials or employees, a response to the issue put in the spotlight by sexual harassment accusations in Hollywood, Springfield and across the country. And the council on Wednesday is set to vote on an ordinance to require primary contractors seeking work through the city's procurement office to sign affidavits swearing they have written sexual harassment policies to protect their employees.

"City government is one of the largest employers in Chicago, so we started out getting our house in order with ordinances to protect workers against sexual harassment," Laurino said in a news release. "With this measure we're broadening the scope of Chicago's harassment-free zone to protect employees in larger to mid-sized firms."

It remains to be seen whether Laurino's proposal as constructed can get the backing of her colleagues and Emanuel's office. Chicago business groups might push back on the grounds it would be prohibitively expensive.

## Mother charged after 2 kids die in Gary apartment fire

BY BECKY JACOBS  
Post-Tribune

The mother of two children who died in an apartment fire Sunday in Gary was charged Tuesday in connection with their deaths, court records show.

Kristen Gober, 33, was charged Tuesday with two counts of neglect of a dependent resulting in death, neglect of a dependent and possession of marijuana, according to Lake Superior Court records.

Siblings Khristopher Gober, 4, and Kailani Gober, 2, died at Methodist Northlake Hospital after Gary firefighters rescued them from the 54-unit Lakeshore Dunes complex on Forest Court. The children suffered from smoke inhalation and burns, Gary Fire Department Chief of Operations Mark Jones said.

A 6-year-old brother of the Gober children made it out of the apartment, as well as an unidentified 8-year-old boy who jumped

safely from the fourth floor onto a blanket held by neighbors, officials said.

The 6-year-old boy said his mother had left Saturday night "before dinner and had not returned," according to a probable cause affidavit. The children "were playing with the stove" and put a blanket inside when the "blanket caught fire and was smoking real bad," the affidavit states. The three siblings "were afraid and were hiding under a blanket in their

mother's room" when the 6-year-old ran out of the apartment, according to court records.

Jones previously said the fire, which began on the fourth floor and displaced 113 residents, appeared accidental with no foul play suspected.

Kristen Gober said she "tried to get her kids out of the fire but there was too much smoke," according to the affidavit.

The mother said "she was in a state of shock" and

"could not bear to watch the fire so she started walking away when someone picked her up" and took her to McDonald's, according to court documents. She was arrested at a McDonald's on Lake Street in the city's Miller section, "a short distance away" from the apartments.

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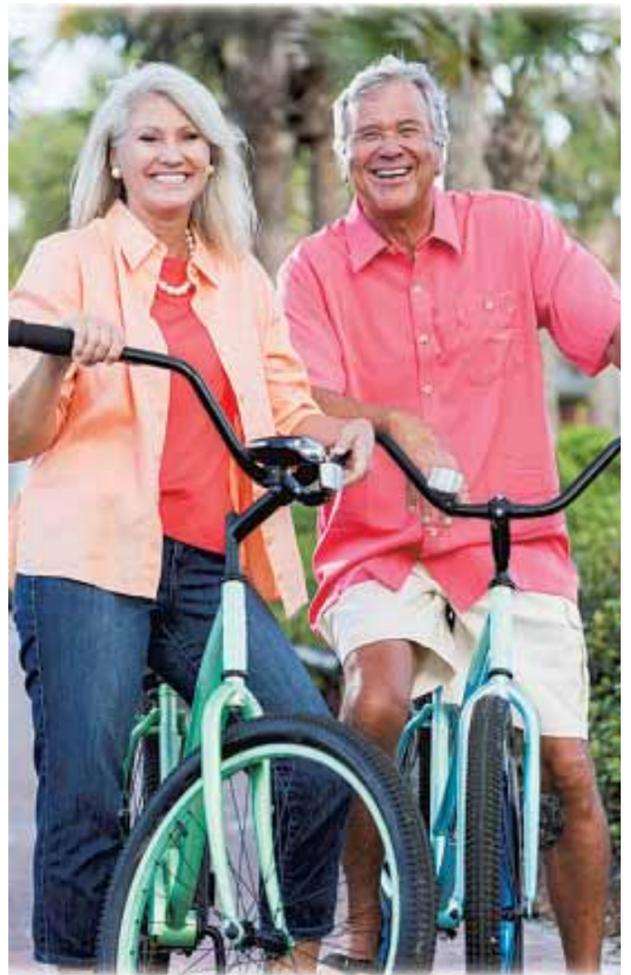


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### As Trump fiddles with truth, his trust burns

Aides and lawmakers say the White House credibility being hurt

BY JULIE PACE  
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WASHINGTON — What's the White House's word worth?

Days of conflicting and misleading statements from President Donald Trump and his top aides have fueled new questions about the White House's credibility, sowing mistrust and instability within the West Wing and leaving some congressional Republicans wondering if they have a good-faith negotiating partner in the president.

One former congressional GOP leadership aide said it was becoming impossible for Republicans to negotiate anything with White House officials, given the president's willingness to undermine his own team's public and private assurances. In turn, White House officials have found themselves in the bizarre position of urging lawmakers to ignore some of the president's own statements.

That was the case Friday, when Trump threatened to veto a massive government spending bill that the White House had guaranteed lawmakers and the public that he would sign. White House officials privately insisted the president was simply venting after watching news coverage that cast the deal as a defeat for several of his priorities. Hours later, Trump's veto threat crumbled, and he signed the legislation.

Still, it left some Republicans rattled.

"The spontaneity and lack of impulse control are



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Members of both parties say President Donald Trump is hurting his own clout and agenda.

areas of concern for lots of members on both sides of the aisle," said Rep. Charlie Dent, a Pennsylvania Republican who has been critical of the president. "Disorder, chaos, instability, uncertainty, intemperate statements are not conservative virtues in my opinion."

Trent Lott, the former Republican Senate Majority Leader from Mississippi, said GOP lawmakers "feel a good deal of consternation" about the White House-induced whiplash. But he added: "I assume there was

method in what the president did."

Members of both parties said they were troubled that Trump seems oblivious to how he has undermined his own clout and agenda by staking out positions and then abandoning them.

Trump's vacillating on the spending bill was just one in a series of recent instances that put the credibility of the White House's words under a microscope.

Earlier this month, Trump bragged at a private fundraiser about having made up facts on trade

during a conversation with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. And in recent days, he and his staff have issued stern denials about the prospects of national security adviser H.R. McMaster departing and a potential shake-up on the legal team that handles Trump's role in the special counsel investigation into Russian election interference and obstruction of justice.

But by week's end, McMaster was out. And the legal team had lost one attorney and appeared to be

looking for another one.

Trump's trouble with the truth is hardly new. He frequently misstates everything from the size of his inauguration crowd to the scope of the tax bill he signed late last year. And, as his boasting about his interaction with Trudeau underscored, the president rarely appears to be embarrassed or ashamed about repeating statements that have been proven false.

"There's a fundamental difference between this White House and those of the modern era that pre-

ceded it," said Timothy Nafali, the former director of Richard Nixon's presidential library. "It doesn't care about its credibility outside of a narrow swath of the American people."

In a recent Quinnipiac survey, 57 percent said the president was not honest. But Trump's backers sometimes point to the fact that he was elected even though polls during the campaign showed similar results.

Trump's willingness to skirt the truth has frequently put his advisers in the awkward position of issuing strong statements in public that are quickly undermined by the president. Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders repeatedly batted down reports about McMaster's ouster in the days leading up to Trump's announcement that he was bringing in a new national security adviser.

And on the eve of Trump's spending bill veto threat, budget director Mick Mulvaney left no ambiguity about the president's plans to validate the measure.

"Why? Because it funds his priorities," Mulvaney said.

White House officials privately contend that even if their statements are true at the time, there's no guarantee the president's position will hold.

Peter Wehner, who served Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, said Trump has no one to blame but himself.

"He doesn't even know what his own stance is," Wehner said. "It just devalues his word and his threats and promises and his presidency."

### Push to unlock iPhone hurt by FBI squabbles

Report cites internal communication as an issue in San Bernardino terror probe

BY JOSEPH TANFANI  
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The FBI's race to hack into the cellphone of slain San Bernardino, Calif., shooter Syed Farook was hindered by poor internal communication, but officials did not mislead Congress about their technological capabilities, according to an inspector general's report released Tuesday.

After the December 2015 terror attack, the FBI waged a public fight to force Apple Inc. to unlock the iPhone, even going to court in a case that pitted national security against digital privacy.

The watchdog report opens a window into the shadowy units inside the FBI that try to hack into computers, and the internal tensions between technicians engaged in national security investigations, and those working on criminal cases.

More than two years af-

ter the struggle over Farook's phone, the FBI says the problem of encrypted devices is more difficult than ever. The method used to hack Farook's iPhone 5c — which cost the FBI more than \$1 million — quit working as soon as Apple updated the phones.

In 2017, the FBI was unable to access data on 7,775 devices seized in investigations, according to Director Christopher Wray.

"This problem impacts our investigations across the board," Wray said in January at a speech at a cybersecurity conference, calling it "an urgent public safety issue."

On Dec. 2, 2015, Farook, a health department worker for San Bernardino County, and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, attacked a holiday party for Farook and his co-workers, killing 14 people and injuring many others.

The couple was killed in a shootout with police.

The FBI, trying to figure



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Then-FBI Director James Comey prepares to testify before the House Judiciary Committee on encryption vs. privacy rights amid the bureau's struggle to crack a terrorist's phone.

out if anyone else was involved in the plot, thought that Farook's county government-issued cellphone might have the answer.

In February, the bureau announced that its technicians were unable to get into the iPhone, which they feared had been set up with a security feature by Farook that would permanently destroy encrypted data after 10 unsuccessful login attempts.

The bureau asked Apple to write software that would disarm that security feature, allowing agents to keep trying codes until one worked, but the company refused. Tim Cook, the company's CEO, said such a

backdoor could compromise security for Apple customers.

"(T)he U.S. government has asked us for something we simply do not have, and something we consider too dangerous to create," he said in a statement at the time.

The dispute ended up in federal court, as the government sought an order forcing Apple to comply.

Then-FBI Director James Comey, in testimony to Congress on Feb. 9 and March 1, 2016, said the bureau was unable to get into the phone without Apple's help. Amy Hess, then the FBI's executive assistant director in charge of the

technology division, said the same thing in her testimony.

But inside the bureau, even though top officials had ordered a "full-court press," not everybody was working on the problem, the Inspector General found.

The digital forensic experts at the bureau's Cryptographic and Electronic Analysis Unit had tried and failed to get into the phone.

But the leader of another squad, the Remote Operations Unit, said he never learned about the issue until a staff meeting in February. He started contacting the unit's stable of hackers to

see if anybody had a solution.

That supervisor said he believed he wasn't asked for help sooner because the FBI had "a line in the sand" that blocked ROU's classified hacking techniques from being used in domestic criminal cases.

"He said this dividing line between criminal and national security became part of the culture in (the technology division) and inhibited communication," the report says. Other officials told the Inspector General that no such line existed.

As it happened, the report found, one of the bureau's hacking outfits had been working on cracking the iPhone for months and was close to a solution.

The FBI called off the court fight March 28, saying it no longer needed Apple's help.

The FBI eventually found that Farook's phone only had information about work and revealed nothing about the plot.

After the outside vendor surfaced, the cryptographic unit chief "became frustrated that the case against Apple could no longer go forward," the report says. Hess said the bureau had viewed the Farook phone as "the poster child case" that could help it win the larger political struggle to access encrypted devices.

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Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry announces his decision Tuesday in the shooting death of Alton Sterling.

### 2 La. officers won't be charged in death

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana's attorney general ruled out charges Tuesday against two white Baton Rouge police officers in the fatal shooting of a black man during a struggle outside a convenience store nearly two years after his death caused widespread protests.

Attorney General Jeff Landry's decision came nearly 11 months after the Justice Department ruled out federal criminal charges

in Alton Sterling's July 2016 death.

Officer Blane Salamoni shot and killed Sterling, 37, during a struggle outside a convenience store where the black man was selling homemade CDs. Officer Howie Lake helped wrestle Sterling to the ground, but Lake didn't fire his gun. Two cellphone videos of the shooting spread on social media, leading to protests.

Landry made the announcement of no charges against the officers at a news conference after

meeting with family members of Sterling.

Quinyetta McMillon, the mother of one of Sterling's children, Cameron, said the officers killed Sterling "in cold blood."

Landry said his office reviewed all of the evidence compiled by the Justice Department, including opinions issued by independent experts, and also conducted its own interviews of witnesses.

Citing a toxicology report, Landry also said Sterling had illegal drugs in his

system at the time of the confrontation.

The officers' body cameras and a store surveillance camera also recorded the encounter. Baton Rouge police Chief Murphy Paul said he intends to release both after he concludes the disciplinary process for the two officers involved.

Paul said he hopes to complete the disciplinary process by Friday.

Salamoni and Lake have remained on paid administrative leave since the July 5, 2016, shooting.

# Harvey's impact deeper than public told

Environmental harm unpublicized, uninvestigated

News services

HOUSTON — More than a half-year after Hurricane Harvey flooded America's largest corridor of energy and petrochemical plants, records show the storm's environmental assault was more widespread and severe than authorities publicly acknowledged.

Piecing together county, state and federal records, The Associated Press and Houston Chronicle cataloged more than 100 Harvey-related toxic releases — on land, in water and air — in metropolitan Houston, America's fourth-largest city.

Most were never publicized. Only a few were investigated by federal regulators. State officials say they have investigated 89 incidents but have announced no enforcement actions.

Some 500 chemical plants, 10 refineries and more than 6,670 miles of intertwined oil, gas and chemical pipelines line the corridor.

Nearly half a billion gallons of industrial wastewater mixed with storm water surged out of just one of these chemical plants.

The dozens of tons of chemicals unleashed — all self-reported by industry — include such proven carcinogens as benzene and vinyl chloride.

Many affected plants are repeat environmental offenders.

Soil and water testing for contaminants by state and federal regulators was limited to Superfund toxic waste sites.

Air sampling was more extensive, including flyovers, but officials released few details and repeatedly assured the public that post-Harvey air pollution posed no health threat.

The career civil servant



ELIZABETH CONLEY/HOUSTON CHRONICLE

A gasoline spill a mile away from Claudia Mendez's home forced the use of foam in the neighborhood to suppress fumes.

who headed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional office during Harvey, Samuel Coleman, now says those general assessments did not reflect local "hotspots" with potential risk to people.

The priority in the hurricane's immediate aftermath was "addressing any environmental harms as quickly as possible, as opposed to making announcements about what the problem was," Coleman said.

In hindsight, it might not have been a bad idea to inform the public about the worst of "dozens of spills," he said.

Local officials say the state and federal government's response to Harvey has weakened efforts by the city of Houston and surrounding Harris County to build cases against the companies and force them to follow through on cleanups.

"The public will probably never know the extent of what happened to the envi-

ronment after Harvey. But the individual companies of course know," said Rock Owens, supervising environmental attorney for Harris County, home to 4.7 million residents.

Regulators alerted the public to dangers from just two, well-publicized toxic disasters: the Arkema chemical plant northeast of Houston that exploded and burned for days, and a nearby dioxin-laden federal Superfund site whose protective cap was damaged.

The chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Bryan Shaw, told a January legislative hearing he could not discuss those spills or possible sanctions while an after-action review is pending. The state says it has "a number of open investigations" but would not elaborate.

The limited extent of post-Harvey environmental testing by state and federal authorities was "un-

conscionable," said environmental sociologist Scott Frickel of Brown University, especially compared to two previous major Gulf Coast hurricanes.

After Hurricane Ike hit Texas in 2008, state regulators collected 85 soil samples. More than a dozen violations were identified and cleanups carried out, according to a state review.

After Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters ravaged New Orleans in 2005, the EPA and Louisiana officials examined 1,800 soil samples over 10 months, EPA records showed.

Reporters covered some Harvey-environmental crises as they happened, such as AP's exclusive on the flooding of toxic waste sites and the Chronicle's Arkema warnings before fires broke out.

But the sheer quantity of spills was impossible to document in real time — and information about some releases was delayed.

Academics have tried to fill in the gaps in environmental monitoring but say the paucity of data leaves local residents in a state of limbo — not knowing what they may have been exposed to — and could hurt efforts to prepare for future violent weather events that climatologists predict.

Testing by academics — in waterways and on land — has shown evidence of likely Harvey-related contamination, they say.

But scientists also believe the deluge — five feet of rain in some spots — had a scouring effect on top soil, meaning contaminants likely migrated.

"That soil ended up somewhere," said Hanadi Rifai, who heads the University of Houston's environmental engineering program and has been studying pollution in the 50-mile-long Houston Ship Channel — the petrochemical industry's main artery — for more than two decades.

"The net result on Galveston Bay is going to be nothing short of catastrophic."

Only one of nine soil samples collected in September by Rice University researchers in a neighborhood east of downtown Houston showed the presence of benzo(a)pyrene, a known carcinogen, at levels just above what the EPA deems a cancer risk, according to an independent chemical analysis funded by the AP-Chronicle collaboration.

Samples taken in October at a popular Houston park upstream of the ship channel showed elevated levels of dioxins, PCBs and hazardous chemicals typically created in the burning of oil, coal and gas, said Jennifer Horney, a Texas A&M epidemiology professor who conducted testing for the city.

But the levels were below EPA cleanup standards.

Harris County officials have referred to at least three post-Harvey releases to the Texas attorney general's office for possible punitive action.

One was a half-million-gallon gasoline spill from a storage tank owned by Magellan Midstream Partners in Galena Park, where plant workers were evacuated amid explosion fears.

"Nobody told us anything," said Claudia Mendez, a 42-year-old community activist who lives a mile away with her husband and three sons. It wasn't until the next week that she learned from news reports of the Magellan spill.

Mendez did notice some foam at the time in a pond beside the road fronting Magellan's terminal.

"We found out later it was the foam the firefighters used to put down the fumes."

Magellan spokesman Bruce Heine said the company notified state and federal authorities as soon as it was aware of the spill.

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## Former Mich. St. dean charged in abuse scandal

Complaint: He failed on duty, sexually harassed students

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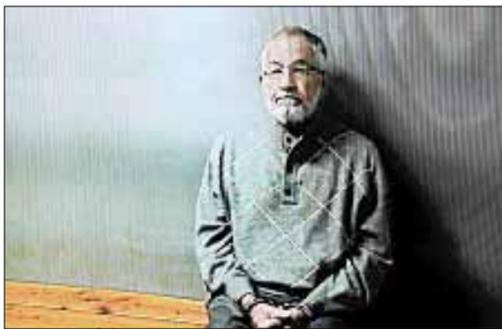
EAST LANSING, Mich. — The sexual abuse scandal at Michigan State University widened Tuesday when authorities charged a former dean not only with failing to keep sports doctor Larry Nassar in line but with sexually harassing female students and pressuring them for nude selfies.

William Strampel, 70, is the first person charged since an investigation was launched in January into how Michigan State handled complaints against Nassar, who for years sexually violated girls and young women, especially gymnasts, with his fingers during examinations.

Strampel, who as dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine oversaw the clinic where Nassar worked, neglected his duty to enforce examining-room restrictions he imposed on Nassar after a patient accused the doctor in 2014 of sexual contact, authorities alleged. Nassar was not supposed to treat patients near any "sensitive areas" on the body without a chaperone present. Because Strampel did not follow up to make sure Nassar was complying, the doctor was able to commit additional sexual assaults until he was fired two years later, prosecutors said.

The criminal complaint also accused Strampel of soliciting nude photos from at least one female medical student and using his office to "harass, discriminate, demean, sexually proposition, and sexually assault female students in violation of his statutory duty as a public officer."

His work computer contained about 50 photos of female genitalia, nude and



William Strampel, former dean of Michigan State's College of Osteopathic Medicine, is seen at his arraignment.

semi-nude women, sex toys and pornography, prosecutors said. "Many of these photos are of what appear to be 'selfies' of female MSU students, as evidenced by the MSU clothing and piercings featured in multiple photos," according to the complaint. Strampel was also accused of grabbing two students' buttocks.

Strampel spent Monday night in jail and was released Tuesday on \$25,000 bail. The felony and misdemeanor charges — misconduct in office, criminal sexual conduct and two counts of neglect of duty — carry maximum penalties ranging from a year to five years behind bars.

"My client denies that he ever engaged in any inappropriate touching of anyone, any student or otherwise," said his attorney, John Dakmak. "He denies that there was any quid pro quo for sexual favors in exchange for any type of standing within the university, or the medical school."

Dakmak also disputed the notion that Strampel neglected his duty to oversee Nassar, saying it was the responsibility of the university's Title IX investigators to ensure Nassar abided by the restrictions on his practice.

Bill Forsyth, hired as special prosecutor by

Michigan's attorney general to investigate the university, would not discuss the photos on Strampel's computer or how Strampel obtained them.

Nassar, 54, pleaded guilty to molesting patients and possessing child pornography and was sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison earlier this year after roughly 200 women gave powerful statements against him in two courtrooms over 10 extraordinary days.

Strampel told authorities in 2017 that he did not check to see if Nassar was obeying the examining-room restrictions because Nassar had been "exonerated" in an investigation by police and the university. At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the probe ended, according to university police.

Nassar was fired in 2016 for violating the chaperone rules. Strampel announced his leave of absence as dean, citing medical reasons, in December. In February, interim MSU President John Engler announced plans to fire Strampel, who has tenure that protects his employment as a faculty member.

Engler said the charges against Strampel "confirm our belief that he has fallen far short of what is expected and required from academic leadership."

## 'Extreme' self-help group leader nabbed in Mexico

'Vanguard' faces U.S. sex trafficking charges after arrest

By KYLE SWENSON  
The Washington Post

Authorities caught up with the alleged fugitive self-help guru behind the walls of a luxury gated community near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

The villas inside, according to court documents filed this week, had a price tag of up to \$10,000 a week, not a place to expect a man who claimed for years he was penniless and didn't even have a driver's license.

But Keith Raniere — known to his followers across the world as "Vanguard" — was living inside one of the properties with several women, according to federal prosecutors. Mexican authorities took him into custody and delivered him to Texas on Monday on charges of sex trafficking and forced labor.

On Tuesday, he appeared in federal court in Fort Worth, Texas. Sporting a blue T-shirt, close-cropped gray beard, dark-rimmed glasses and chains, Raniere waived his right to an identification hearing.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cureton granted Raniere's request to have his preliminary and detention hearings take place in the court prosecuting him in the Eastern District of New York.

Since 2003, Raniere has been the head of NXIVM, rendered by authorities as Nxivm. The self-help organization promises to introduce "a new ethical understanding" in adherents with a mix of New Age jargon and Ayn Randian self-determination. But according to federal authorities, Raniere used his position of power to lock women into a bizarre master-

slave relationship.

"Raniere has maintained a rotating group of fifteen to twenty women with whom he maintains sexual relationships," the criminal complaint states. "These women are not permitted to have sexual relationships with anyone but Raniere or to discuss with others their relationship with Raniere. Some of the Nxivm curriculum included teachings about the need for men to have multiple sexual partners and the need for women to be monogamous."

The followers, the complaint alleges, were coerced into sex with Raniere out of devotion or fear of public

**Keith Raniere 'has maintained a rotating group of fifteen to twenty women with whom he maintains sexual relationships.'**

— Criminal complaint

exposure. Authorities also accuse Raniere of forcing women to undergo a bizarre branding ritual where his own initials were allegedly burned into their pubic region with a cauterizing pen.

The arrest, based on FBI interviews with eight alleged victims, comes after years of scrutiny of NXIVM from media and state authorities, with critics blasting the Albany, N.Y.-area organization as a cultlike operation preying on susceptible subjects.

Court records do not list an attorney for the defendant. But in a statement on the NXIVM website, Raniere denied any wrongdoing. "These allegations

are most disturbing to me as nonviolence is one of my most important values," the statement says.

In a bio on his website, Raniere claims to have "devoted his life to studying the complex issues that face our modern world, and to developing tools to enhance the human experience through community, social action, science, technology and education."

In 1998, Raniere founded Executive Success Programs Inc.; in 2003, NXIVM was founded as an "umbrella organization for ESP and other Raniere-affiliated entities," the complaint states.

"Nxivm maintains features of a multilevel marketing scheme, commonly known as a pyramid scheme, in which members are recruited via a promise of payments or services for enrolling others into the scheme," the complaint claims. For example, five-day workshops "promising personal and professional development" run up to \$5,000.

"The Nxivm curriculum taught that women had inherent weaknesses including 'overemotional' natures, an inability to keep promises and embracing the role of victim," the complaint alleges.

Raniere allegedly sits at the top of the organization. "In my opinion, NXIVM is one of the most extreme groups I have ever dealt with in the sense of how tightly wound it is around the leader, Keith Raniere," cult expert Rick Ross told the Albany Times Union in 2012.

In recent court documents, the government has alleged Clare Bronfman, the heiress to the Seagram's liquor fortune, is one of Raniere's main financial backers. She has not commented.

*Associated Press contributed.*

# Trump fans greet him on Florida trips

'Bridge Family' shows up on road to Mar-a-Lago, enjoys president's reactions

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PALM BEACH, Fla. — They call themselves the "Bridge Family."

When President Donald Trump visits Palm Beach, this loyal coterie of superfans tries to be there to greet him each time he travels to or from his Mar-a-Lago club. They're connected by a fanaticism for the president — and by their willingness to show up whenever they hear that his motorcade will cross the Southern Boulevard Bridge.

"I thought I was going to faint," said Portia Dumond, a first-timer almost in tears one Saturday afternoon after Trump slowed down and smiled through his window as he headed to Palm Beach International Airport.

"I thought she was too," said Mary Jude Smith, a veteran Bridge Family member who held up her friend when she nearly collapsed. "I can't believe how close he got this time."

On the other side of the street, about a dozen protesters waved signs reading "Corruption" and "Impeach." But on the side the president could see, it was all fans — about 60 of them,

including Smith and Dumond.

They waved to Trump as he left after a trip of less than 24 hours, during which he spoke to about 200 Republican National Committee donors at Mar-a-Lago and visited the golf course.

Smith brought a poster from a Trump rally nearly two years ago. It's weather-worn — she, like others in the group, will stand in the rain to greet the president, if that's what it takes — and bound with clear packing tape where it's about to fall apart.

"It's very precious to me," Smith said.

Bridge Family member Paula Magnuson can relate. She once plucked an empty plastic water bottle from the causeway to recycle it but stopped just in time.

"It was Trump water," said Magnuson. "That bottle has his name on it. I rinsed it out and put it in my cabinet. I'm not going to throw something like that away."

Trump himself has referred to supporters like Magnuson as "bridge people," according to Vanity Fair.

"'Bridge people' didn't sound so good to me at



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Donald Tarca Jr. is part of the Bridge Family, Trump supporters who greet the president when he's in Florida.

first," said Christy Moore, who was there on a Saturday with an "I heart Trump" sign. "But when I heard that President Trump was the one who said it, I was like, 'Yes, OK, that's fine with me, we're his bridge people.'"

They coordinate which side of the road to be on, so they're always facing the passenger side of the motorcade — the Trump side. On a Friday, as the long line of black SUVs and sheriff's office trucks and Secret Service cars and other vehicles whizzed by, carrying the president from Air

Force One to his Palm Beach club, the Bridge Family stood on the southeast corner, wearing Trump T-shirts and waving American flags.

"He gave us two thumbs up today. Did you see?" Bridge Family member Gene Huber asked. "He puts his face up to the window and smiles."

On a few occasions, Trump has gone beyond the smiles and thumbs-up. He's been known to stop the motorcade and jump out of his armored SUV to greet fans on the bridge. And last year, in March and Decem-

ber, he ordered his staff to bring some of the Bridge Family to Mar-a-Lago.

During his Christmas trip, he twice sent a van for his supporters at the bridge. After getting swept by the Secret Service, the stunned bridge fans posed for photos poolside with Trump — who was still in his golf course garb — and got a short lesson on the estate's history from the president.

They were served snacks including meatballs and chocolate chip cookies — and given Trump-labeled plastic water bottles as well. "It was cool," said engi-

neer Donald Tarca Jr., who said he believes Trump's dealmaking will improve the economy. "We talked about NAFTA."

Seven "bridge people" were brought to Mar-a-Lago on March 19, 2017. This time, they chatted not only with Trump, but also his then-strategist Steve Bannon. They talked for 20 minutes, Ronald Zuniga told the Palm Beach Daily News, including a discussion about the president's meeting two days earlier with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The Bridge Family lives for moments like those. Magnuson likes to bring her three rescued Shih Tzu dogs in their stroller to the bridge gatherings, but twice they've kept her from meeting Trump at Mar-a-Lago.

"They told me no dogs allowed," a rueful Magnuson said.

Sometimes, the president catches the Bridge Family off guard. On a Saturday morning, they didn't realize he'd be heading out to his golf course and missed the trip. But one fan was there when the motorcade returned. Corey Inganamort, 31, wearing a white Make America Great Again cap with a Trump banner draped over his shoulders, was still grinning in disbelief five minutes after Trump had passed.



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The president told aides that the Pentagon surely could afford the wall, officials said.

## Trump: Build border wall with military funds

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WASHINGTON — As he sought the presidency in 2016, President Donald Trump frequently said Mexico would pay for a wall along the southern border. Now, he is privately pushing the U.S. military to fund construction of his signature project.

Trump, who told advisers he was spurned in the spending bill last week when lawmakers appropriated only \$1.6 billion for the border wall, has begun suggesting the Pentagon could fund the sprawling construction, citing a "national security" risk.

After floating the notion to several advisers last week, he told Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., in a meeting last Wednesday in the White House residence that the military should pay for the wall, according to three people familiar with the meeting. Ryan offered little reaction to the notion, these people said.

The individuals spoke on the condition of anonymity to talk freely about private discussions.

In another such interaction with senior aides last week, Trump noted that the Department of Defense was getting so much money as part of the \$1.3 trillion spending package that the Pentagon could surely afford the border wall, two White House officials said. The Pentagon received about \$700 billion as part of the spending package, which Trump repeatedly lauded as "historic."

Meanwhile, the bill not only included a relative pittance of \$1.6 billion for some fencing and levees on the border, compared to the \$25 billion Trump was seeking, but it included strict restrictions on how the money can be spent.

A White House spokesman declined to comment.

It would be unlikely for the military to fund the wall, according to White House and Defense Department officials. The president has suggested to Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis that the department could fund the construction instead of the Department of Homeland Security, two Trump advisers said.

The Pentagon has plenty

of money, but reprogramming it for a wall would require votes in Congress that the president doesn't seem to have. Taking money from the current 2018 budget for the wall would require an act of Congress, said a senior Pentagon official.

To find the money in the 2019 defense budget, Trump would have to submit a budget amendment that would still require 60 votes in the Senate, the official said.

Democrats in Congress would likely chafe at military spending going to the construction of a border wall, and military officials may also blanch at the possibility, White House advisers said.

"First Mexico was supposed to pay for it, then U.S. taxpayers, and now our men and women in uniform? This would be a blatant misuse of military funds and tied up in court for years. Secretary Mattis ought not bother and instead use the money to help our troops, rather than advance the president's political fantasies," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

## Trump's approval rating up from historic lows

GOP tax overhaul, economy push him up 7 points to 42%

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WASHINGTON — The good news for President Donald Trump? His approval rating is up 7 points since last month, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

The bad news? That only lifts Trump's approval to 42 percent, low for a president at this point in his tenure. Trump had spent more time under 40 percent than any other president in his first year.

Still, the trajectory is a welcome shift for a White House that has been battered by chaos and controversies. The poll suggests that at least some of the president's improving standing is tied to the economy and the Republican tax overhaul, which offers a glimmer of hope for GOP lawmakers who plan to make both issues the centerpiece of their efforts to maintain control of Congress in November.

Nearly half of Americans surveyed — 47 percent — say they approve of how Trump is handling the economy, his highest rating on any issue. When it comes to tax policy, 46 percent of Americans back Trump's moves.

"Our fortunes will rise and fall with the economy and specifically with the middle-class tax cut this fall," said Corry Bliss, executive director of the Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC aligned with House Speaker Paul Ryan.

One of the GOP's challenges, however, will be keeping the economy and tax overhaul in the spotlight through the fall given



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

President Donald Trump's approval rating appears to be riding the tide of the Republican \$1.5 trillion tax overhaul.

the crush of other matters roiling the White House and competing for Americans' attention.

At the White House on Monday, the daily news briefing was dominated by questions about the president's alleged affair with adult film actress Stormy Daniels, a relationship he denies. Each week has seemed to bring a new departure among the president's closest advisers. And many days, Trump is more inclined to use his Twitter megaphone to try to discredit the investigation into possible campaign contacts with Russia than promote the tax overhaul.

Republican operatives acknowledge that even if they can break through the clutter, they still have a ways to go when it comes to explaining the \$1.5 trillion tax plan to Americans. Democrats have cast the measure, which permanently slashes the tax rate for corporations and reduces taxes for the wealthiest Americans, as a boon for the rich that offers comparatively little for the middle class.

The Democratic message does appear to be breaking through with voters. Among those Americans who are familiar with the new law, 77 percent believe it helps large corporations and 73 percent say it

benefits the wealthy, while 53 percent say it helps small businesses. Americans are divided on whether the measure helps the middle class.

Heather Dilios, a 46-year-old social worker from Topsham, Maine, is among them. Dilios, a Republican, estimates she's now taking home \$100 to \$200 more per paycheck as a result of the new tax law.

Trump has benefited from an increasingly healthy economy that has boosted consumer and business sentiment. The 4.1 percent unemployment rate is the lowest since 2000.

While Trump attributes the gains to his tax cuts and deregulation efforts, many economists say conditions so far are largely a continuation of the momentum from the gradual expansion that began during the Obama administration.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,122 adults was conducted March 14-19 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.2 percentage points. Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling and later interviewed online or by phone.



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A man in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday watches a television report on Kim Jong Un's suspected visit to China.

## China confirms N. Korea leader's visit

BY GILLIAN WONG  
Associated Press

BEIJING — The Chinese government confirmed Wednesday that North Korea's reclusive leader, Kim Jong Un, went to Beijing and met with Chinese President Xi Jinping in his first known trip to a foreign country since he took power in 2011.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Kim made an unofficial visit to China from Sunday to Wednesday.

Xi held talks with Kim at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing and he and his wife, Peng Liyuan, hosted a banquet for Kim and his wife, Ri Sol Ju, Xinhua said. They also watched an art performance together, the news agency said.

Analysts say Kim would have felt a need to consult with his country's traditional ally ahead of his planned meetings with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and U.S. President Donald Trump.

The North's diplomatic

outreach came after an unusually provocative year when it conducted its most powerful nuclear test to date and three ICBMs tests designed to target the U.S. mainland.

The developments were interpreted as the North's desperation to break out of isolation and improve its economy after being squeezed by heavy sanctions.

China remains North Korea's only major ally and chief provider of energy, aid and trade that keep the

country's economy afloat. Kim's reported meeting with Xi marked his first meeting with a foreign head of state.

Kim's father, late North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, visited China several times during his rule, lastly in May 2011, months before his death.

Previous visits by Kim Jong Il to China were shrouded in secrecy, with Beijing confirming his presence only after he had crossed the border by train back into North Korea.

# As millennials procreate, gender-neutral monikers percolate

BY LEANNE ITALIE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Whether Royal, Charlie or Salem, Skyler, Justice or Oakley, unisex names for babies are on the rise among parents more willing than ever to embrace the possibility of gender fluidity in their children and attempt to head off sexism on their behalf.

"We're definitely seeing more conversation today around the distinction of a truly gender-neutral name," said Linda Murray, global editor-in-chief of BabyCenter.com. "This generation is truly interested in gender-neutral names."

The Social Security Administration puts out a top 10 list of popular baby names every year based on its registrations, but it also keeps track of names on the rise in its top 1,000.

Name-watchers said crossovers and more neutral names haven't overtaken the top spots but are more heavily represented in the broader ranking, especially among millennial parents.

Pop culture and honoring family or religious history

## TOP 10 BABY NAMES

From 2016 Social Security Administration data

Girls	Boys	Gender-neutral
1. Emma	1. Noah	1. Charlie
2. Olivia	2. Liam	2. Finley
3. Ava	3. William	3. Skyler
4. Sophia	4. Mason	4. Justice
5. Isabella	5. James	5. Royal
6. Mia	6. Benjamin	6. Lennon
7. Charlotte	7. Jacob	7. Oakley
8. Abigail	8. Michael	8. Armani
9. Emily	9. Elijah	9. Azariah
10. Harper	10. Ethan	10. Landry

are important in baby naming, as is the cool factor.

But more names are being used for either sex regardless of which gender they were originally associated with, and neutral naming has become a flash point for debate.

"We chose a gender-neutral name, Riley, for my daughter," said Lori Kinkler, a psychologist in San Antonio, Texas. "We knew her sex, but gender is fluid and yet to be determined. Of all the difficulties faced by those who live beyond, or across, the binary, we didn't want name-changing to be one of them. I like that she

feels she has options and knows she'll be accepted by us no matter what."

Riley is 3. Pamela Redmond Satran, co-writer of "The Baby Name Bible" and "Cool Names for Babies," blogs about baby-naming and is also co-founder of the baby name site Nameberry.com, which crunches about 50,000 names every which way.

Satran said the interest in embracing potential gender fluidity is "an important reason, but it's not the only reason. In fact, a lot of people choose unisex names because they think

they're cool or they're meaningful to themselves but they raise their kids in a very gender-specific way."

Millennials aren't the only ones to give their kids gender-neutral names.

Kyle Good grew up in the 1950s, the middle of five children and the only sibling with a gender-crossing name, based on a performer her father liked.

"My partner is named Jerry, for Gerald, so when we get introduced as 'Kyle and Jerry' most people think I'm Jerry and he's Kyle," she said.

Satran said some gender-neutral-names follow other trends, such as choosing traditional last names as first names (hello, Madison) or bits of geography and nature: Lake, Blue, Dakota.

And spellings have long signaled gender in names that sound the same: Yves vs. Eve.

In a few countries, unisex names are forbidden by law: Portugal, Denmark and Iceland.

Local registrars decide in Germany if an unusual name would negatively affect a child.

Sorry, Harper, but it's

unclear where those rules would leave you.

Harper is the 10th most popular female name in the Social Security Administration's 2016 rankings, the latest available. It ranked 793 among boys that year.

"We named our baby Avery Morgann. The intention was to give them more room to define themselves as they get older. Also, name changes are expensive and frustrating," said parent C.J. Alicandro, of Portland, Ore., who strives for gender neutrality in all ways for the 2½-year-old.

"We wanted to set up Avery with an opportunity to not be limited as much as possible by a name and be able to choose an identity as much as possible, given the confines that are forced upon them," said Alicandro, 31, a social worker.

Rebecca Connolly, 29, in the western New York town of Castile, said she and her guitar-playing husband chose Lennon Wallace for their 2½-year-old son.

Both she and her husband are fans of late Beatles musician John Lennon — for his music and activism.

"I wouldn't say I inten-

tionally gave my son a unisex name," Connolly said. "As a child I felt bad for all the Taylor, Jordan and Jamies I knew whose names didn't identify their sex. By the time I was having kids, 50 percent of the little girls I met were named Riley, Avery, Logan, etc. And I realized all soft-sounding boy names are now considered unisex."

"I hate the double standard that giving a girl a boy name is spunky and strong but giving your boy a name used by girls will get him bullied and called a sissy at school," she said.

Connolly also has a daughter, Lucille Beatrice, and is pregnant with a second son.

The current front-runner name for him is considered masculine, she said, declining to reveal it, "though with the boy name on girls trend going strong, maybe it'll be considered unisex by the time he's in school."

That's fine with her. "I plan to teach them there is nothing inferior about women so sharing a name with them is not a big deal. Being called a girl is not an insult."



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Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross has instructed officials to include a question about citizenship in the 2020 census.

## Dems object to census question on citizenship

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depending on how fully their residents are counted.

California struck quickly with Attorney General Xavier Becerra filing a federal lawsuit Tuesday that seeks to block Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' decision to add a citizenship question in 2020. Officials in Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Washington said they would join the effort, according to The New York Times' website.

"The census constitutes the backbone for planning how and where our communities will invest taxpayer dollars," Becerra said. "California simply has too much to lose to allow the Trump administration to botch this important decennial obligation."

The Justice Department said in a statement it "looks forward to defending the reinstatement of the citizenship question, which will allow the department to protect the right to vote and ensure free and fair elections for all Americans." The Commerce Department said the benefits of obtaining citizenship information "outweighed the limited potential adverse impacts."

Their argument in essence: Enforcing voting rights requires more data

on the voting-age population of citizens than current surveys are providing.

Democratic lawmakers had been bracing for the decision. A bill sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., would block the addition of a citizenship question, or any major design change, unless it has undergone a certain level of research and testing, but it faces dim prospects with no Republicans signing on.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said Tuesday that adding such a

question "will inject fear and distrust into vulnerable communities and cause traditionally undercounted communities to be even further under-represented, financially excluded and left behind."

Some Republican lawmakers hailed the decision Tuesday. GOP Sens. James Inhofe of Oklahoma, Tom Cotton of Arkansas and Ted Cruz of Texas had sent a letter to the Commerce Department asking Ross to add the question.

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— Xavier Becerra, Calif. attorney general

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or related questions were asked of about 1 in 6 households on the census "long form," which has since been retired. The Congressional Research Service said the question of citizenship hasn't been asked of all households since 1950.

Alabama Attorney General Steven Marshall said the American Community Survey is so small, with a correspondingly large margin of error, that it is an ineffective tool for understanding lightly populated rural areas of the country.

"It just makes sense that government has a more accurate record for the census and reinstates the practice of including a citizenship question in the next census," Marshall said.

A joint fundraising committee for Trump's re-election campaign and the Republican National Committee highlighted the addition of a citizenship question in a fundraising pitch last week. The pitch said Trump wants the 2020 census to ask people whether or not they are citizens.

"The president wants to know if you're on his side," the solicitation asks.

Census counts are taken by mail and by workers walking neighborhoods. The Census Bureau says the 2010 census drew a massive response, with about 74 percent of the households mailing in forms and remaining households counted by workers in neighborhoods.

Information is only released publicly in the aggregate, although the government has the details. In 2010, the Obama administration offered assurances that the census data would not be used for immigration enforcement.

The Census Bureau states on its website that personal information obtained through its surveys cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court.

## Portrait of a lost 'family member'

Grandson of collector finally got to see looted work

BY JOCELYN NOVECK  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For nearly 80 years, the trail was stone cold for a missing 16th-century Renaissance portrait, looted by the Nazis from an estate in the Netherlands.

But late last year, Christie's auction house was contacted about its potential whereabouts, and the prized painting was returned to the Los Angeles heir of its owners. It will go on sale next month in New York.

The painting, a portrait by the German artist Lucas Cranach the Elder, had belonged to Fritz Gutmann, who owned a large collection on his estate in the Netherlands. Gutmann and his wife were killed in death camps, and their collection looted by the Nazi high command.

After the war, Gutmann's son and then grandson searched for the painting, one of the gems of the collection, for decades. The grandson, Simon Goodman, says the painting was listed on an inventory of works recommended for the personal use of Adolf Hitler. "That was the last mention I could trace," Goodman

said. "The trail had gone completely cold."

But late last year, people in possession of the work, whose identity Christie's is not making public, approached the auction house to see if it was indeed from the Gutmann collection. "They weren't sure what they had," Goodman says.

Goodman, who lives in Los Angeles, says the approach to the auction house was spurred by his book, "The Orpheus Clock," in which he detailed his search for his family's looted artworks.

"Go figure, someone picks up my book at the local library, and look what comes back," he said. "It's all rather serendipitous."

He added that of all his family's missing artworks, this painting was one of those he least expected to find — and most wanted to.

Goodman finally saw the painting — titled "Portrait of John Frederick I, Elector of Saxony" — a few weeks ago in New York, he says.

"My wife took a picture of me hugging it like a long-lost family member," he says. "It's wonderful when you find something that has survived. I'm touching something that my grandfather loved."

The painting will be auctioned April 19. Christie's has estimated the price at \$1 million to \$2 million.



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The Nazis had looted this Renaissance portrait by Lucas Cranach the Elder.

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## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Man arrested in suspicious packages sent to military sites

WASHINGTON — Authorities near Seattle have arrested a man suspected of sending suspicious packages to multiple military installations in the Washington, D.C., region, the FBI said Tuesday, warning that he may have mailed other “destructive devices” that have not yet been found.

The packages were similarly designed and contained black powder along with rambling, nonsensical notes similar to

those the man has been known to send in the past, according to a U.S. official.

The FBI identified the man as Thanh Cong Phan, 43. He was arrested late Monday in Everett, Wash.

Roughly a dozen packages were sent Monday to sites including Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling and Fort Lesley J. McNair in the district; at Fort Belvoir, VA.; the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, in Dahlgren, Va.; and the CIA.

### U.S. envoy Haley lashes out at Russia, U.N. Security Council

WASHINGTON — The United States on Tuesday condemned the forced surrender of one of the last rebel-held enclaves in Syria and accused Syrian government forces of using a U.N.-backed cease-fire to accomplish it.

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, blamed Russia for supporting Syrian President Bashar Assad and playing a “central role in the bombing of Syrian

civilians into submission.”

Haley, speaking at a special session of the U.N. Security Council, also lashed out at fellow members of the organization, saying they had failed to call out Russia and Syria’s other key ally, Iran. She was reacting to reports that the enclave of eastern Ghouta, near Damascus, had all but fallen to government forces, and thousands of civilians were being forced to flee.

### Israeli leader Netanyahu hospitalized with fever, cough

JERUSALEM — The Israeli government said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been admitted to a Jerusalem hospital with a high temperature and a cough.

The statement released Tuesday quoted his personal physician as saying he would undergo tests, without elaborating.

The Ynet news website said Netanyahu, 68, suffered a throat infection two weeks ago. It said he

would spend the night at the hospital under observation.

Netanyahu has been battling a slew of corruption allegations in recent months, and police have recommended he be indicted on charges related to two cases. He has denied any wrongdoing.

On Monday, police questioned him, his wife and his son in a corruption case involving the country’s telecom giant.



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**Opposition supporters** gather Tuesday in Moscow to honor victims of a Siberian shopping mall fire that killed 64 people, including 41 children. In Kemerovo, where the blaze occurred Sunday, protesters accused regional officials of neglecting safety rules.

### White House denies probe into loans to Kushner company

WASHINGTON — The White House denied Tuesday that senior adviser Jared Kushner is under investigation by the White House Counsel’s office over possible ethical or criminal violations in connection with more than \$500 million in loans made last year to his family real estate company.

The head of the government’s ethics agency had told a Democratic House member that White House lawyers had acknowledged they “had already begun the process” of looking into possible ethics and legal issues spawned by the

loans. Kushner met last year with executives from the two companies that made the loans to Kushner Cos.

Even as White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders denied any formal investigation into Kushner, she acknowledged that the White House Counsel’s office often plays a role in checking whether ethics guidelines have been met by administration officials.

The acting director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, David Apol, did not say Kushner was under formal investigation,

but had indicated that he was told by the White House that its lawyers were looking into whether the loans had spurred any ethics or legal concerns. Apol revealed the White House Counsel’s role in a letter sent last week to Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill.

Earlier Tuesday, Krishnamoorthi and Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., asked White House Counsel Don McGahn to provide documents showing results of the Kushner inquiry. Sanders would not say if the administration would comply with the oversight request.

### Okla. lawmakers scramble to avert teacher strike

OKLAHOMA CITY — Pressure mounted Tuesday on the Republican-led Oklahoma Legislature to broker a deal on taxes to pay for hundreds of millions in new education spending and avert a threatened strike of teachers next week over low pay and funding for schools.

An Oklahoma teachers walkout would be the second major teachers’ strike in the country this year, after one in West Virginia last month that led to a 5 percent pay increase approved by the state.

Arizona teachers also are boosting efforts to organize and may also call a strike.

A starting teacher in Oklahoma makes \$31,600, and the average teacher salary ranks 49th among the states and District of Columbia, according to the most recent statistics from the National Education Association. Only South Dakota and Mississippi are lower.

### NATO says it will also expel diplomats from Russia

LONDON — NATO on Tuesday joined a wave of countries and groups expelling Russian diplomats over the nerve-agent attack on a former spy in Britain blamed on the Kremlin.

The mass expulsions were a show of solidarity for Britain, which blames Russia for the poisoning of ex-spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia. Moscow denies responsibility.

More than 20 countries Monday announced that they were expelling more than 130 Russian diplomats, including 60 kicked out by the United States. Australia, Belgium, Ireland and Moldova joined them Tuesday.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the alliance would expel seven staffers from the Russian mission and deny the pending accreditation requests of three others at the mission.

**Authorities say** five people were killed when a 2003 GMC plunged 100 feet off a cliff along Northern California’s scenic Pacific Coast Highway near Mendocino. The California Highway Patrol identified the victims Tuesday as two women from West Linn, Ore., and three children. The crash is under investigation.

**Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden**, the top Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, asked the National Rifle Association on Tuesday to turn over internal records about foreign funding the group said it received in the past three years and how it spent that money, including if any of it went toward influencing U.S. elections.

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## EDITORIALS

# Another time bomb for taxpayers

Maybe you think the worst is over for Chicago Public Schools: Springfield sprang for millions in budget and pension relief last year. Time to lean back and sip an icy beverage.

Sorry to interrupt this reverie, but there are 1 billion reasons that you're wrong. That is, the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund is short another \$1 billion, according to the fund's consultants.

Or put differently: If these estimates prove correct, taxpayers are likely on the hook for another \$1 billion to shore up the teachers pension fund.

Why is this happening? Because of new estimates that reduce expected investment returns over the next decades by a half-percentage point, from 7.75 percent annually to 7.25 percent. Even a relatively small tweak creates a big hole. Hence, the fund is now estimated to be \$11 billion in the red, up from \$10 billion.

Over the years, CPS officials and City Hall have taken a two-step approach to the district's money problems. Step 1: Hold out hand to lawmakers in Springfield. Step 2: Stick other hand into the pockets of Chicago taxpayers.

So we aren't surprised at the response of CPS CEO Janice Jackson to questions about how the district will cope with the threat of escalating pension costs: "I think the biggest plan is to continue to lobby for additional funding to support our schools." That is, cue the first hand.

**This is a familiar story in Illinois.** Other distressed Chicago and Illinois public pension funds struggle with the prospect of insolvency — an inability to pay benefits as they come due. The state's unfunded pension liability is crowding out other priorities. Taxpayers can't keep up. Some take the easy way out: They move. The exodus of residents from Chicago and Illinois continues briskly to other states with lower taxes.

We can't prove that fear of an even higher tax burden will chase more Illinoisans out of

state. But we do know that such dread is well-founded. Citizens who stick around almost certainly will suffer a bigger tax chomp to bail out a slew of public pension funds, local and state. Cue the second hand.

It's inevitable for Chicagoans in particular because for many years, CPS foolishly deferred much of its required annual pension payment — with state complicity. Those liabilities don't disappear. They mount. People still retire. They still expect pension checks.

Now the district faces enormous and ever-increasing pension payments because state law requires the Chicago teachers pension fund to be 90 percent funded by 2059. Its current funding is dismal — about 50 percent.

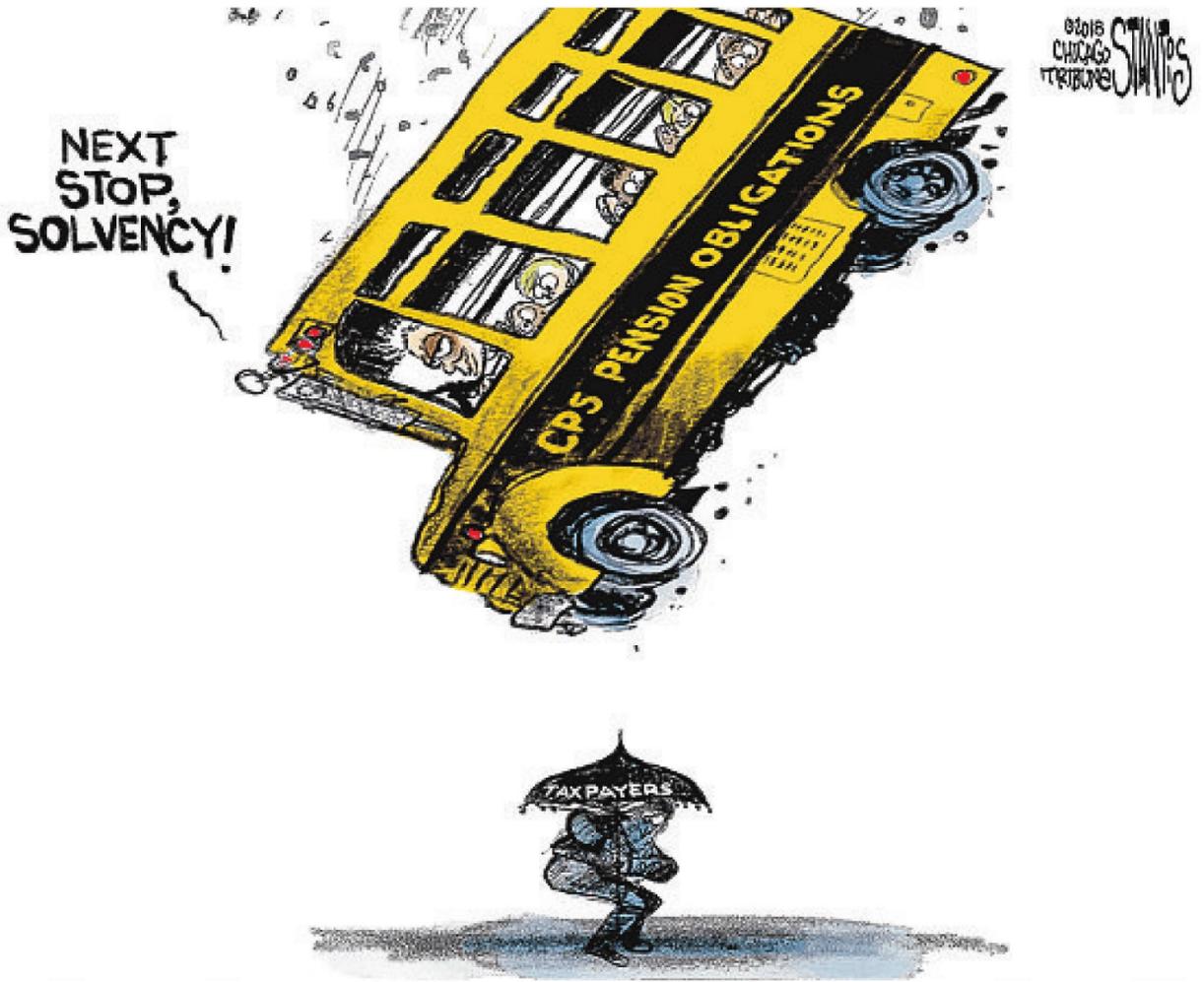
The more the fund earns in investments, the less it needs from taxpayers. Which brings us to the new math of investment earning expectations. The pension fund's annual report shows a stellar return for the year ending June 30, 2017: about 12.53 percent. But the year before? That was a abysmal minus-0.27 percent.

Over the most recent 10 years, the fund has reaped about a 4.87 percent return. The 25-year return, encompassing years with higher interest rates, is better: 8.16 percent as of January 2018.

What will the next years hold? Who knows? As investment advisers always warn: Past returns aren't a reliable indicator of future performance. And remember what former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said in 2012 when his city's chief actuary proposed lowering the assumed rate of return for the city's five pension funds to 7 percent from 8

percent: "The actuary is supposedly going to lower the assumed reinvestment rate from an absolutely hysterical, laughable 7 or 7.5 percent," billionaire Bloomberg scoffed. "If I can give you one piece of financial advice: If somebody offers you a guaranteed 7 percent on your money for the rest of your life, you take it and just make sure the guy's name is not Madoff!"

Yet CPS is counting on 7.25 percent. Taxpayers, guess what that means for you.



SCOTT STANTIS

## A death in Tempe and the promise of self-driving cars

Innovation isn't an easy road. Every improving technology occasionally lets us down, sometimes with deadly consequences. Look to Uber's travail in Tempe, Ariz., as the latest example.

Maybe you've seen the video from an Uber self-driving SUV of that tragic moment: Elaine Herzberg, 49, is walking her bicycle across multiple lanes of roadway, moving from left to right. Cruising at about 40 mph in the far right lane, the Uber vehicle slams into Herzberg, killing her. A separate camera view shows the vehicle's human safety driver, there to take control in an emergency, with eyes off the road and looking down before the crash. After impact, the safety driver looks up, stunned.

In assessing what went wrong, there's a lot to unpack. The growing consensus is that the self-driving car's technology, as designed, should have detected Herzberg in enough time to brake. That technology includes laser sensors, radar, and front, side and rear cameras — a combination engineered to see better



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than humans can, and react faster.

The collision happened at night, but a self-driving car's robot eyes work best at night. Bad weather can interfere with the car's vision, but the weather was clear. Then there's the inattentive safety driver, put behind the wheel to intervene in such situations, who happens to have a history of traffic violations.

**Herzberg's death marks the first time a pedestrian has been**

killed by a self-driving car. Uber, which has been testing self-driving cars in several American cities, has stopped doing so while the Tempe investigation continues. This week, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey added to Uber's woes by suspending its driverless testing program in his state, calling the March 18 incident "an unquestionable failure" to safely test self-driving cars.

Some critics want to go further. A group called Consumer Watch-

dog wants a national moratorium applied to all driverless car enterprises — those of Waymo, Lyft, Ford and others that conduct tests on U.S. roadways — until experts figure out how to fix what went wrong in Arizona. The recoiling is understandable, but it's shortsighted.

We offer condolences to the victim here, and to her family. But in this as in other avenues of progress, technology often fails before it can succeed. Failures inform. They tell engineers, scientists and innovators what needs to be reworked. And in the fledgling arena of autonomous car technology, on-the-road, real-world testing is the only way these cars can reach a point where they're safer than having humans behind the wheel.

**The human-driven auto**, as its use expanded in the early 20th century, had a poor safety record that has markedly improved: In 1921, car use resulted in 24 deaths for every 100 million miles traveled, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-

tration. Today that measure is roughly one death for every 100 million miles.

It behooves Uber and other companies competing to perfect self-driving vehicles to learn from this death in Tempe. The New York Times reports that Uber has struggled to meet its goal of self-driving cars going a relatively scant 13 miles without the safety driver having to take control. Compare that to Waymo's average of 5,600 miles before driver intervention, or GM-owned Cruise's 1,200 miles before the driver has to intervene.

Driverless cars have remarkable potential to make streets and highways safer than they've ever been. They'll take out of the equation the barroom drunk who insists on driving home, the reckless speeder who weaves in and out of lanes slalom-style, the distracted driver checking a text while merging onto the Kennedy. But those who would use the death in Tempe to slam the brakes on the development of these vehicles risk keeping all of us from that smarter, safer future.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Pro-life women ... view themselves as having real and serious obligations to their offspring that extend well before birth. Many are mothers, perhaps to sizable families. They find tremendous meaning in their role as perpetrators of the species, and defenders of the weakest and most helpless of human beings. ... Progressive feminists aren't likely to embrace this more traditional perspective on femininity. To them, the vocational view of maternity will always be "biologically determinist," unacceptably centered on the body, and unreasonably restrictive to women. Even so, liberals might do well to reflect more deeply on a perspective that motivates millions of their female compatriots. ... (I)t may turn out that women across the political spectrum really do have some widely shared interests, which might become more evident if the left stopped alienating so many with their aggressive stance on abortion.

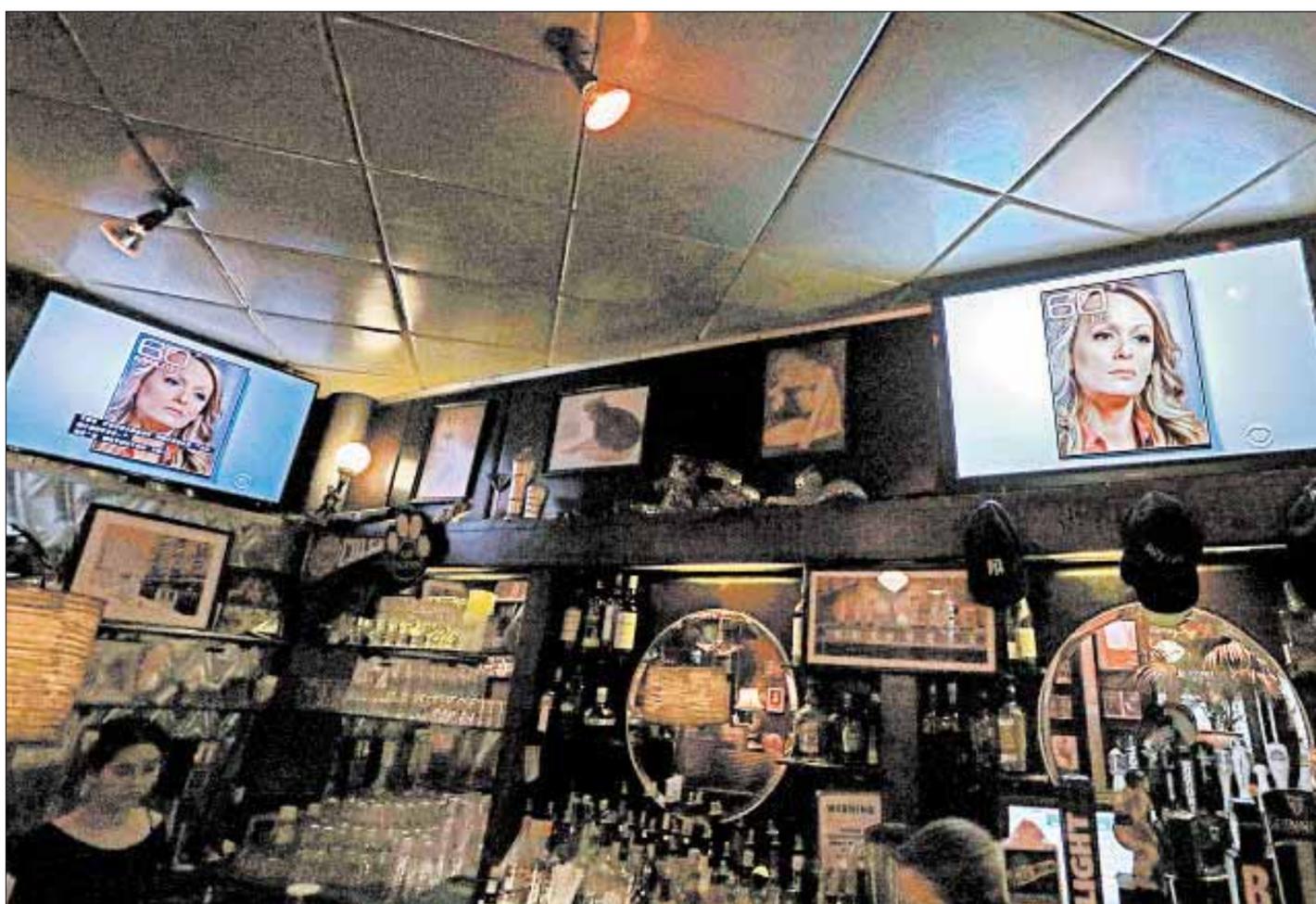
Rachel Lu, *The Week*

The saying goes back to a comment that the writer Gertrude Stein made about her childhood home in Oakland, Calif. In her 1937 book, "Everybody's Autobiography," she reflected on discovering that her family's house had been torn down to make way for an office park. In her typical stream-of-consciousness style, Stein wrote, "What was the use of my having come from Oakland it was not natural to have come from there yes write about if I like or anything if I like but not there, there is no there there." ... By the 1972 presidential campaign, the saying had made the leap to politics. Frank Mankiewicz, an aide to George McGovern, used "There's no there there" when playing down McGovern's Democratic primary opponent Ed Muskie. And Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. quoted Stein in a 1974 article in *Political Science Quarterly*, describing the perfunctory quality of the role of the U.S. vice president.

Ben Zimmer, *The Wall Street Journal*

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## PERSPECTIVE



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## How Stormy Daniels spanked Trump at his own game



CLARENCE PAGE

Those who say the Stormy Daniels interview Sunday on “60 Minutes” contained nothing new missed the historical importance of what they were viewing: How Daniels has become President Donald Trump’s kryptonite.

Throughout his political rise we have seen former reality TV star Trump use every available form of threat, insult, lawsuit and bombast to silence his opponents and frighten off future opposition, if they couldn’t be quietly bought off.

And now along comes Stephanie Clifford, known professionally as Stormy Daniels, who has alleged that Trump engaged in an extramarital fling with her, that his minions intimidated her legally and physically to prevent her public disclosure of the affair, and that just before the 2016 election Trump’s fixer paid her \$130,000 in hush money.

What’s downright historic here is how she not only refused to stay bought, but actually strategically turned the tables on Trump to beat him at his own game.

The result is an odd moment in which a porn star has more credibility than the nation’s president.

Sixty-three percent of Americans surveyed in a new CNN poll, taken

before Sunday’s “60 Minutes” broadcast, say they believe women who have come forward with allegations of extramarital affairs with Trump. Only 21 percent say they believe the president and, as hard as it may be for me to believe, 16 percent claim to have no opinion on the matter.

Indeed, one wonders how much moral issues matter anymore at a time when partisan and tribal loyalties persistently outweigh such quaint old-fashioned concerns as public moral character.

Yet, far beyond the point at which Trump would have rebranded other attackers with an impolite nickname and other withering insults, he’s been no more eager to mention her name than he has been to slime Vladimir Putin.

Trump’s usual defenses simply don’t work on her. She has taken an important source of Trump’s rhetorical power, a lack of shame, and turned it into his kryptonite.

Let me count the ways:

**1. Shamelessness has its advantages.** Trump typically rattles his opponents with character attacks (remember “Crooked Hillary”?), even if he has to turn to phony conspiracy theories — like challenging Barack Obama’s birth certificate — despite a lack of evidence to back them up.

But Daniels takes the opposite approach. Unlike politicians trying to protect their blue-ribbon reputations, she claims no blue-ribbon reputation to protect. She is what she is, a writer, director and performer in porno-

**Daniels refuses to be intimidated by foulmouthed Twitter trolls and other critics.**

graphic movies. Her unabashed candor at a time when Trump won’t even acknowledge her existence except through spokespeople is refreshing in the world of politicians and other media celebrities.

**2. Roll the trolls.** She not only refuses to be intimidated by foulmouthed Twitter trolls and other critics, she effortlessly turns their trash into gold with responses that have become a binge-worthy reality show of their own.

When one woman tweeted, “@StormyDaniels Slut!” she responded simply, “Yes.”

In another response to a Twitter put-down, she tweeted, “At least the sewer won’t reject you although you’re probably used to rejection by now.”

As Trump demonstrates with his rally speeches, which sound like rambling auditions for a Las Vegas stand-up comedy act, you can get a lot of mileage with humor, depending on the audience you’re trying to reach — or skewer.

**3. Not a “victim.”** Even though her charges against Trump sound at first blush like the harassment and sexual

assault charges that brought down moviemaker Harvey Weinstein and ignited the #MeToo movement, Daniels has repeatedly pointed out that “I’m not a ‘me too.’”

Wisely she took responsibility for her own actions, even when she said she realized she had put herself where she had not intended to be, Trump’s bed.

“I never said I was a victim,” she said on “60 Minutes.” “I think trying to use me to further someone else’s agenda does horrible damage to people who are true victims.”

She has also refused to be intimidated by those who charge that she’s only trying to enhance her income. If you could be paid more for doing the same thing you’ve always done, she asks, then why not?

Why not, indeed. Interestingly, as the world turned to Twitter to see what Trump might tweet the next morning, he maintained an unusual Twitter silence regarding Daniels except for one unusually vague message Monday morning:

“So much Fake News. Never been more voluminous or more inaccurate,” it said. “But through it all, our country is doing great!”

Right. Just great. How well our country’s president is doing sounds like another story.

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## So Facebook is scouring your data. So what?



ERIC ZORN

Come on, people, what did you think? That Facebook, Google, YouTube and all the other free programs and applications you’ve been getting on your computers and phones all these years were run by a network of philanthropic organizations that selflessly wanted to make your life better?

That technology had upended all the rules of commerce and companies were ceding vast amounts of server capacity to the public with no thought of profits? That it was just a coincidence that the ads that showed up on your social media feed often dovetailed with your interests and current needs?

I know you didn’t actually think that.

I know that, when you thought about it for more than a minute, you, a savvy, newspaper-reading citizen of the 21st century, realized that these tech companies were mining your input for nuggets

of informational value and peddling those nuggets to those who wished to sell something to you or persuade you to vote a certain way.

And I infer, from the stunning popularity of these programs, that the vast majority of you didn’t find such arrangements all that troubling.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll of 2,237 U.S. residents released Sunday found just 14 percent of respondents said they don’t use Facebook at all — and only 28 percent of the nonusers (or about 4 percent of all respondents) said they stayed away from Facebook due to privacy concerns.

When you were expecting a baby, looking to replace your car or seeking to order, say, a new winter hat, the internet writ large seemed to know about it and, on many platforms, served you tailored come-ons for diapers, SUVs and fur-lined trappers.

This microtargeting was creepy, useful and, as a regular reminder that Big Data is always watching, usefully creepy.

As if we needed more reminders, the Cambridge Analytica scandal recently erupted. We’ve learned how Facebook-harvested personal data have helped generate sophisticated demographic and

psychographic profiles of individuals that aided in the delivery of political propaganda.

This has occasioned a great deal of hand-wringing, calls for regulation and an effort to persuade users to delete Facebook.

Come on, people, what are you thinking now?

That Facebook, Google, YouTube and so on have a prurient interest in your personal life? That human beings inside these conglomerates are reading your emails and private postings to amuse themselves at your failings, chuckle at your medical problems and gather material to blackmail you or rob you blind?

Privacy freaks are entitled to their narcissistic delusions, of course. But the automated programs that scan the information — which you have freely entered online — for clues about you have a coldly transactional relationship with the resulting data: How can someone use it to try to persuade you of something?

Not to say we shouldn’t be on our guard. The first time we see internal leaks — not hacks by outsiders — of political candidates’ web-search histories or celebrities’ emails, will be the time to pull the

alarm about invasions of privacy. But these companies have literally billions of dollars riding on the public’s trust that they won’t use personal data to embarrass or compromise individuals, and I’ve seen no evidence that they have.

I’ve seen it proposed that regulators require tech firms and digital entrepreneurs to offer pay versions of now-free services, versions that would block the collection and sale of personal usage data.

That’s a fine idea. I wouldn’t pony up myself — the current deal in which I don’t have to pay for web search, email, social media, video, scheduling, word processing and so on, seems more than worth being pricked by finely aimed ad darts. And I doubt many of you would pony up either.

But just the existence of such options would serve as constant reminders of what I hope you’ve been thinking all along:

Nothing you write, post or otherwise enter online is truly private. To hold your data close, never release it. But if you do, be prepared to pay full price for furry hats.

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## QUOTABLES

“I saved your spot for you. I knew you’d be back.”

— White Sox head groundskeeper Roger “The Sodfather” Bossard, to Nevest Coleman, cleared of a 1994 rape and murder charge after serving 23 years in prison. The White Sox offered Coleman his old job back as a groundskeeper and he accepted.

“This is how you look when you claim Cuban heritage yet don’t speak Spanish and ignore the fact that your ancestors fled the island when the dictatorship turned Cuba into a prison camp, after removing all weapons from its citizens; hence their right to self defense.”

— Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, in his now-deleted Facebook post on senior Emma González crying during her speech about her classmates murdered by a mass shooter at her high school in Parkland, Fla.

“This is shaping up to be the year of the angry, white, female, college graduate.”

— David Wasserman, of Cook Political Report, on who might switch to voting for Democrats during the midterm elections

# I dreaded my family’s Passover Seders — until I understood redemption

BY MOSHE SCHULMAN

It was the eve of Passover, and my father was in the kitchen taping the pantry closed with black masking tape. The stove, fridge and counters had already been cleaned of any food residue and covered with two coats of aluminum foil. Just in case. I was hungry, and I wanted a bowl of cereal or a Nature Valley granola bar, but I knew it was too late to get those items. Passover would begin in a few hours, and my father had already sold our food to a non-Jewish family.

I was 10 years old, and I wondered why my father sold our food. I knew that it was forbidden to eat any leavened food on Passover (because it serves as a remembrance of the slavery the Jewish people endured in Egypt), but what I didn’t understand was the halakhic method applied to selling the food. All I could think about was how my father had given away my nourishment. I wasn’t looking forward to the next seven days eating matzo and stale ladyfinger cookies. My father was. He liked oppression, lived for it.

“Why are you selling our food?” I asked him.

“We’ll get it back after Passover,” he said.

“So why is it still in the house if you sold it?” I asked.

“Those are the rules,” he said. I hated rules.

I hated holidays.

I grew up in the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community of Monsey, N.Y. Almost every month, there was another holiday commemorating a significant event in Jewish history. On Passover, we ate matzo because there was that one day when the bread didn’t rise. On Yom Kippur, we didn’t eat anything; too busy fasting and repenting in a synagogue. On Hanukkah, we lit a menorah because we had enough oil to keep the lamp on for eight days straight. Each holiday had its restrictions and tub of sorrow to drown in.

Later that night, I sat at the dining room table with my parents and seven siblings. My father wore a white robe traditionally used as a burial shroud. He was good at setting a mood. The freshly polished silver Seder plate glowed, and the special-for-Passover dishes and cutlery were aligned perfectly on the table.

Before my father began re-



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An Orthodox Jewish worker packs matzo at a factory Tuesday in Jerusalem. The unleavened bread is used instead of bread during Passover.

telling the story of Passover, he lifted each food item from the Seder plate, raised it high in the air like a trophy and loudly explained what it represented as if God were listening. Bitter herbs: the bitterness of slavery. Ground apples mixed with nuts and wine just like the mortar used to build the pyramids. A cooked potato dipped into salt water to represent the tears of the Jewish people. A shank bone to represent the Pesach sacrifice. A hard-boiled egg to symbolize mourning. And matzo, unleavened bread, of course.

I was accustomed to accepting the Passover story in stride; death, tears and mourning were topics I could handle at that age. Most of the holidays we celebrated were to reflect on all the people who tried to kill us. If it wasn’t the Greeks, it was the Egyptians, and if it wasn’t the Egyptians, it was the Persians. If it wasn’t any of those groups, it was always the

Nazis. The only holiday I enjoyed celebrating was Sukkot. That’s when the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years. Nobody killed us; we just starved to death.

Throughout the Seder, I wished I could substitute the Passover meal with food my father wouldn’t have to sell. Food that wasn’t a symbol of horrors from the past. Something oppression-free.

We ended the Seder with a wish, “Next year in Jerusalem!”

No thank you, I thought.

I’m now 30. I left the fold when I was 16, sending pangs through the hearts of every Jew the world over. Whenever Passover is around the corner, I have mixed feelings. As a child, I couldn’t understand that the way my parents approached Passover (or any holiday) wasn’t necessarily the best one. There was no explanation of the traditions, just rule following.

I now understand that Pass-

over is a holiday that people, both Jewish and non-Jewish, enjoy celebrating not only because it’s important to revisit and reflect on history, but also to explore the many themes in the Passover story that are still relevant to the world we live in today — especially the resounding theme of redemption.

My father and I recently went for lunch. I hadn’t seen him in years. Midway through our meal, he apologized for my chaotic and erratic upbringing. His apology felt genuine. Unlike rules, an apology doesn’t need any explanation. I knew his meaning. I accepted. At that moment we both redeemed ourselves from our complicated past. Although we still have a fractured relationship, there was a feeling of mutual acceptance for the separate paths our lives have taken.

So this year at the Seder, I will reflect, too, but in a way that is substantive to me. Passover now

serves as a reminder of the rigid and orthodox world I came from and the secular and free world I’m a part of now. The 14 years it took me to shed the guilt of not becoming the next great rabbi of my generation. Learning how to be present in the world and make decisions for me and not for a rabbi or deity. Getting an education and making something of myself. Having a fantastic woman in my life who hails from a country my namesake wouldn’t approve.

While I still identify as Jewish and I recognize the history of my people is essential to our survival, I also want to start telling the story of the life I’ve created for myself away from my religious past. And I will do that by celebrating with all kinds of foods I won’t have to sell: leavened and unleavened. It’s how I feel free.

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# GOP, not Trump, owns this spending bill



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President Donald Trump signed the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending deal Friday, averting another government shutdown. Written largely in secret and passed without any time to read its 2,232 pages, the bill violated pretty much everything the GOP had promised about reforming the process of legislating.

But the sausage was even uglier than the sausage-making. For conservatives, with the exception of a large increase in defense spending, the measure is a hot mess. It raises discretionary spending 13 percent, advances almost no GOP domestic priorities while fulfilling many Democratic ones. There’s a pittance for border security and some new fencing, but nothing for the president’s coveted “big, beautiful wall.”

It was reportedly this fact that

prompted Trump to tweet a veto threat on Friday morning, sending White House and Hill staffers scrambling.

Then, in a shambolic news conference cum signing ceremony later that day, he grudgingly said he’d sign what he called “crazy” legislation. But, he added, he would “never” sign another bill like this again. The key message of the day: It’s not my fault!

So whose fault was it? Those backstabbing blackguards of the Beltway.

“Total betrayal by the Senate and House leadership,” said Fox News host Jeanine Pirro, one of Trump’s most reliable unofficial spokeswomen. “The president and the people who voted for him have been betrayed by Speaker Paul Ryan and Leader Mitch McConnell. And the people in Kentucky and Wisconsin need to make sure that these guys are defeated in the next election so this president can carry on the agenda that we elected him to do.”

Pirro went on: “Folks, I want to be real clear. This is not on Donald Trump. This is on the leader-

ship of the Republican Party, the very people this president should be able to count on. In truth, the president is surrounded by inept, incompetent warriors. And this bill is a reflection of just that ...”

It’s interesting when people who insist that Trump is the greatest negotiator in history and the most farsighted three-dimensional chess player since Commander Spock also insist that he got rolled. But that is the new party line, apparently, and it must be toed. “The president was really sold a bill of goods here,” Trump confidant Chris Ruddy told The Washington Post.

There’s just one problem: It’s a lie. Or, to be more charitable, it’s untrue, even if those saying it believe it (in some cases, no doubt, because that’s what Trump tells them).

A source who was involved in drafting the bill tells me the White House was in the loop on the negotiations. Trump’s legislative affairs director, Marc Short, signed off on the deal — and seemed to be as surprised as anyone by the veto threat. The president was briefed on the

major pieces all along. And let’s not forget: Trump agreed to, lobbied for and signed into law the budget framework for the legislation in February.

Why the lie? Undoubtedly for some people, it’s too hard to process the idea that the president deserves blame or is out of his depth. Many of the same people decrying all the wasteful spending in the bill haven’t noted that Trump’s stated reason for threatening a veto was that it didn’t spend more on a wall or include a fix for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

But cognitive dissonance is only part of the story. This stabbed-in-the-back narrative — *Dolchstoss* in German — is not merely a cynical excuse for letting Trump off the hook. It also lays essential groundwork for Trump to escape blame if the GOP loses the House in the 2018 midterms.

It’s worth recalling the political climate the week before the omnibus was released. Democratic Rep. Conor Lamb had just won a special election deep in Pennsylvania’s Trump country, and the air was thick with predictions that

the GOP would get crushed in November. Despite a booming economy, anti-Trump sentiment was fueling a Democratic wave.

The *Dolchstoss* myth solves that problem. Amy Kremer, co-founder of the super PAC Women Vote Trump, and countless others have insisted that betrayal — not Trump — is why the GOP will lose in November. “Democrats just won November #midterms,” Kremer tweeted when the bill was passed. “No point in wasting my time between now and then.”

Conservative discontent over the omnibus spending bill will surely make things harder for the GOP, and for the president. But the most important priority has been saved: the ability to say Trump is not to blame.

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# Pardon us, but Justice John Paul Stevens is misguided about the Second Amendment



**STEVE CHAPMAN**

Former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens has just done the National Rifle Association and its allies a great favor: In an opinion piece in *The New York Times*, he proposed to repeal the Second Amendment.

“That simple but dramatic action would move Saturday’s marchers closer to their objective than any other possible reform,”

argued Stevens, who dissented in the landmark cases recognizing an individual right to own firearms for self-defense.

He’s wrong on both substantive and political grounds. Pursuing this option would be a foolish waste of the energies generated by outrage at the Parkland, Fla., shootings.

In the first place, it’s politically impossible. A constitutional amendment requires ratification by 38 states. Donald Trump carried 30. To repeal the Second Amendment, you’d have to get every state that voted for Hillary Clinton, plus 18 that didn’t, to agree. For the foreseeable future,

that has no chance of happening.

The second defect is any such effort would inflame the worst fears of gun owners and those sympathetic to gun rights. Many of them agree on the need for more regulation — or could be persuaded. Once the debate is about scrapping a constitutional right, though, many will assume that any seemingly reasonable new regulation is just a step toward total confiscation.

Most important, repeal is unnecessary. In those decisions that Stevens decries, the U.S. Supreme Court said the Constitution allows various types of regulation. The changes that are being seri-

ously proposed today are not likely to be struck down for infringing on the Second Amendment.

Background checks have been required for purchases from licensed dealers for decades. Age requirements are not controversial. Four federal appeals courts have upheld state and local bans on assault weapons.

The federal ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines didn’t disappear because it was ruled unconstitutional. It disappeared because Congress didn’t renew it. The measures offered by President Barack Obama after the Sandy

Hook massacre failed for lack of support in Congress, not because of any constitutional defects.

Most if not all of the permissive policies opposed by those advocating gun control came about because of decisions made by democratically elected bodies — and they can be changed the same way. The Second Amendment is a tempting target for some, but it’s not the problem.

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## Help the South Side by modernizing the Metra Electric

BY PETER TAYLOR

I’m a proud and militant South Sider and a product of the Chicago Public Schools. I grew up at the top of Roseland when it was a vibrant retail center and proud middle-class community. The deterioration I have witnessed over the last 40 years just makes me sick.

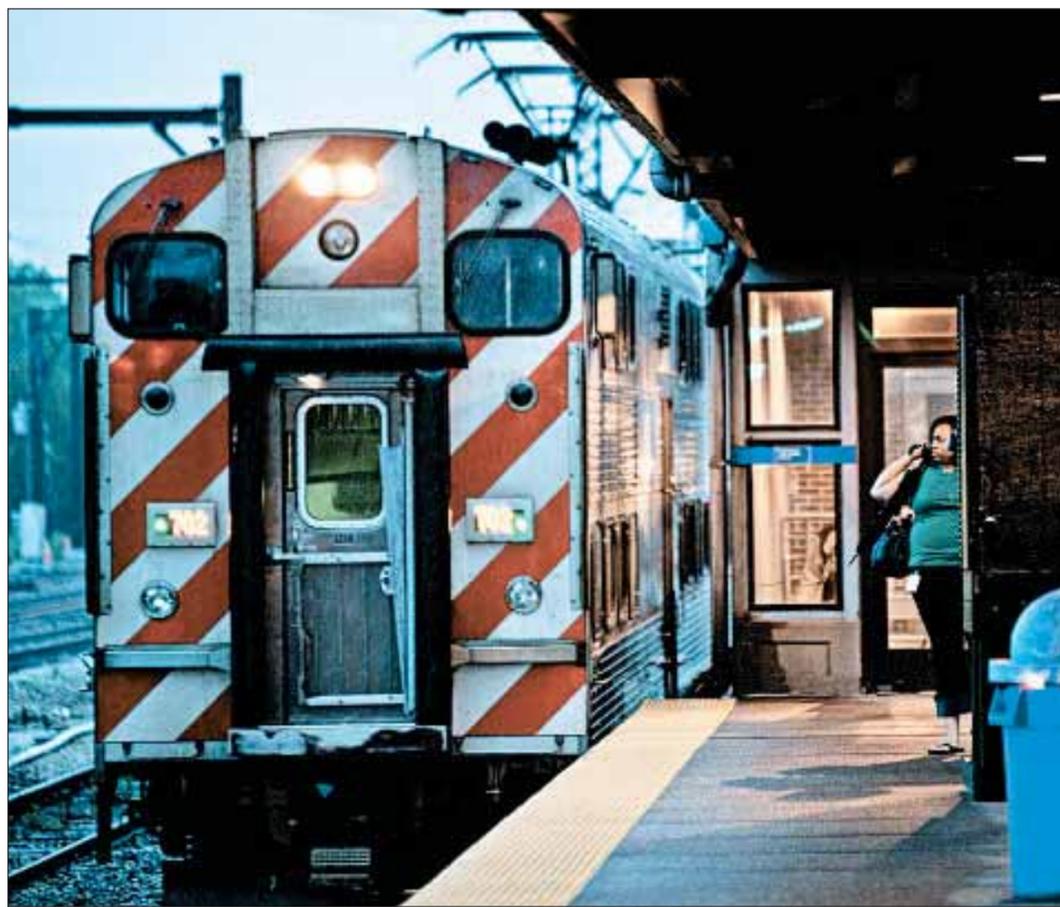
For decades I have lived within walking distance from the Metra Electric District line. I used it when I could, but the trains ran too infrequently and left me with another fare to pay wherever I got off. Many of my neighbors don’t even know where the Metra Electric goes.

In recent years, the Chicago Transit Authority has developed plans to extend the Red Line from 95th Street to 130th Street, if funding is available. I am not against the Red Line extension. I hope it gets built; we deserve it. But in this challenging time, much of the service it would provide could be put in place, at perhaps a fraction of the cost and time, by transferring the Metra Electric to the CTA system.

The Metra Electric was built by the Illinois Central Railroad to provide more frequent commuter service to the growing communities along its passenger line. It was exquisitely designed to provide light, quiet, low-impact rapid transit. For many years, CTA-level service was provided along its length. South Siders of a certain age will remember when there was a transfer station at 63rd Street and Dorchester Avenue where one could easily move from the Green Line to the Illinois Central (now the Metra Electric). It was understood that the Metra Electric could extend service beyond the limits of the Green Line. When the Red Line began service in the 1960s, certain deficiencies in the Metra Electric were exposed. There was no economical way to connect to the CTA; you had to pay two fares. This condition continues.

After a series of fare increases, ridership has dwindled and Metra has reduced service to the Blue Island and South Shore branches while increasing service to Hyde Park. But those branches are exactly where they need to be to provide the best transit service for the neighborhoods they are in.

Converting the Metra Electric has



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been proposed to Metra and the CTA by a consortium of transportation advocacy organizations and community groups called the Coalition for a Modern Metra Electric. With the Obama Presidential Center soon to be built and the Pullman National Monument in development, the Metra Electric is positioned to get more than enough ridership to be a viable rapid-transit line.

Again, the Red Line extension is a fine idea, and once a transit-friendly federal government is in Washington again, it could become a reality. Extending the Red Line has the potential to transform the South Side. With planning, neighborhoods can be

served whose residents sadly have been isolated from access to Chicago’s many job and educational opportunities.

My issue with the Red Line extension is the time it will take to implement it. My community is hurting. When the factories and steel mills closed, much of our working- and middle-class employment was cut out from under us.

Meanwhile, the resources required to modernize the Metra Electric have been in plain sight for nearly 50 years, but successive administrations have been content to let the communities crumble.

My neighbors are great people, and

they need to be able to get to better jobs the same way Chicagoans in the other sides of town do. And to allow their growing incomes to nurture local business. Why continue to stymie these communities? Our communities should not be put on hold while we wait for execution of the Red Line extension.

Yes, the Red Line extension would be good. It should be done. But convert the Metra Electric now.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Wait and see

As a baby boomer, I’ve witnessed social change, and it’s never fast or easy.

I remember a time when nurses passed out ashtrays to their patients in hospitals. It was a time when anyone could light up a cigarette on an airplane, and we ate at our favorite restaurant in a cloud of smoke.

I remember a time when driving under the influence was acceptable and those drunk drivers who killed or injured innocent people faced nothing more than a slap on the wrist. I remember hearing the excuses after a deadly crash: “The driver didn’t mean it. It was just an accident.”

The pleasurable use of these products caused great harm to others around them — collateral damage. The lobbyists for the

tobacco and liquor industries had a powerful voice in our government through their campaign contributions. But the relentless efforts by dedicated individuals who became outraged by the personal harm they suffered eventually brought change.

The Parkland teens and the families who joined them will not be stopped. Somewhere in the future, we will remember back to a time when assault-style weaponry could be bought by an 18-year-old without a universal background check. We will remember a time when mass shootings, active shooter drills, and armed school teachers were a part of everyday living. We’ll shake our heads and ask ourselves, “What were we thinking?”

On March 24, the country saw the beginnings of a social change movement. Americans displayed

the power of the people when our children and our loved ones are put at deadly risk for someone else’s enjoyment of shooting an automatic weapon.

— Arlene Salamendra, Plano

#### Community policing

I was disappointed to read your March 17 editorial, “Too many eyes in the sky,” which was dismissive of the ordinance I recently introduced to require retail establishments open overnight to install outdoor and indoor surveillance cameras.

As you correctly state, “it makes good business sense” for businesses to install security cameras. Thankfully, the vast majority of businesses open from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. already employ this best practice. Therefore, this ordinance targets only those retail businesses that are not following best practices and often present a nuisance to their neighborhood.

To suggest that our overburdened Chicago Police Department should be solely responsible

for safety is unrealistic and not in keeping with the concept of community policing that the city of Chicago has embraced for decades. Each individual person, institution and business has a stake in public safety. We all need to work cooperatively to effectively fight crime.

Late-night businesses that rely on police instead of taking every reasonable measure to ensure the safety of their employees and customers do our residents and city a disservice. Veteran police officers tell me that many business owners say they don’t get cameras because they will get reimbursed by their insurance company for any losses and catching offenders is the CPD’s business, not theirs. These officers also say that a great percentage of the good footage that helps them solve crimes and charge offenders comes from private cameras, not government cameras.

With regard to cost, many special service areas around the city offer grants to businesses to

buy and install cameras. Insurers also give discounts to business owners who have security cameras. The requirements in this ordinance are relatively simple, and the cost to a business could be as low as a few hundred dollars.

The second piece of the ordinance requires businesses to post 24-hour contact information in case of emergency. The city requires every liquor licensee to have contact information on file with the local police. City Code also dictates that each multi-unit residential building have contact information posted as well. We often hear from police that they have no way to contact business owners or managers when an incident happens at their location. This results in delays to an investigation and the pursuit of suspects.

These late-night businesses have a responsibility to be partners in the safety of the neighborhood and this ordinance is a good step in that direction.

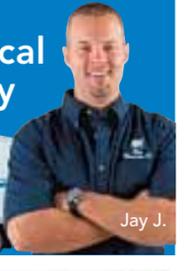
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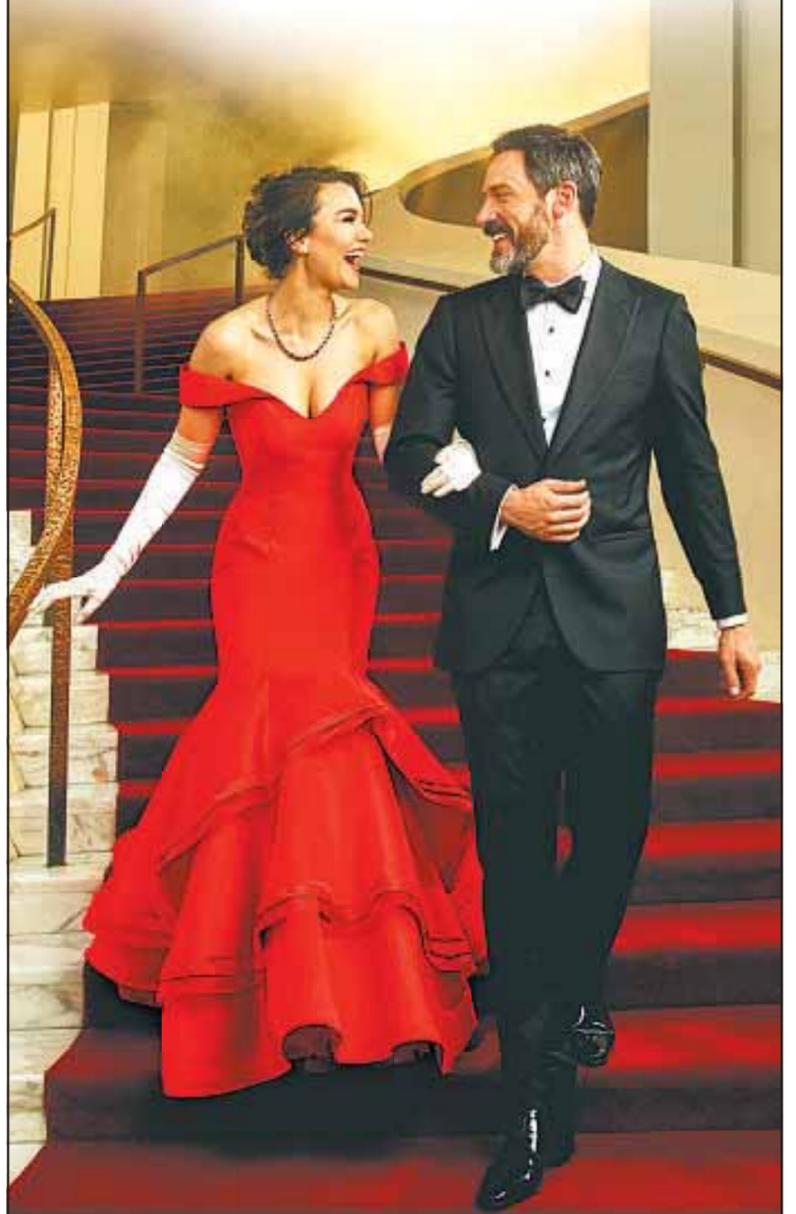
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## Second-largest mall owner GGP to be sold

### Fate of 700-person Chicago headquarters unclear

BY RYAN ORI  
AND LAUREN ZUMBACH  
Chicago Tribune

The planned sale of GGP to a Canadian real estate behemoth pushed down share prices of the real estate investment trust and other big shopping mall landlords Tuesday, while creating an uncer-

tain future for GGP's more than 700-person headquarters in Chicago.

The fall in stock values came a day after Brookfield Property Partners announced its deal to buy the two-thirds of Chicago-based GGP that it didn't already own, in a deal that values GGP at more than \$15 billion.

The buyer, the real estate unit of Toronto-based Brookfield Asset Management, already owned 34 percent of GGP after boosting its stake last year. The deal for the rest of the company, announced Monday, was a revised version of a Brookfield offer that GGP's board rejected in November.

The new offer, which was

unanimously recommended by a committee of GGP's board, still must be approved by GGP shareholders.

GGP owns 122 enclosed and open-air malls in the U.S., making it the nation's second-largest mall owner behind Simon Property Group.

Local properties include Water Tower Place on North Michigan Avenue and the Oakbrook Center and Northbrook Court malls in

the suburbs. GGP also owns retail properties at 605 and 830 N. Michigan Ave., as well as the Market Place Shopping Center in Champaign.

It's unclear how GGP's pending sale will impact the Chicago headquarters of GGP, or where the new REIT that Brookfield plans to create will be based.

Brookfield spokeswoman

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## AbbVie ordered to pay \$3.2M in retrial

### Lawsuit: Testosterone drug AndroGel caused heart attack

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

A federal jury on Monday ordered AbbVie to pay \$3.2 million to an Oregon man who claims the testosterone replacement drug AndroGel caused him to suffer a heart attack, a far smaller penalty than the north suburban drug-maker was dealt the first time the case was tried.

The verdict in Chicago federal court was the result of the second trial in the case of Jesse Mitchell, who last July was awarded \$150 million in a verdict that was later tossed. His lawsuit is one of thousands alleging harm caused by testosterone-replacement drugs and the marketing tactics that led men to use them to combat fatigue, low sex drive and other age-related conditions.

U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly in December overturned the first award and ordered a new trial because the verdict was "logically incompatible." The jury, which faulted AbbVie for fraudulent misrepresentation, had awarded Mitchell \$150 million in punitive damages, meant to punish AbbVie for wrongdoing, but nothing in compensatory damages, which are meant to compensate the plaintiff for losses suffered as a result of that wrongdoing.

After a retrial, a new jury on Monday awarded Mitchell \$3 million in punitive damages and \$200,000 in compensatory damages. It found AbbVie acted negligently but cleared the company on strict liability and fraudulent misrepresentation claims.

AbbVie said in a statement said it was disappointed with the verdict and intends to appeal, according to Reuters.

Attorneys for Mitchell did not respond to requests for

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Apple CEO Tim Cook uses the Swift programming software on an iPad to maneuver around a model of Chicago at Lane Tech on Tuesday.

## APPLE DRAWS TECH WORLD TO LANE TECH

### Education-minded iPad a push to put company back in front in student sales

BY ALLY MAROTTI  
Chicago Tribune

Chicago public schools are on spring break this week, but one company has the power to draw some students back to the classroom.

Apple held a product launch event Tuesday at Lane Tech High School in Lakeview, announcing a new iPad with a slew of software and features that cater to students and their teachers. It also announced tools for teachers to better manage their assignments and students' work and a new curriculum to integrate skills like music, photography and drawing into lesson plans.

The announcement comes as Apple looks to regain its foothold in U.S. classrooms in the face of



Teachers and students were able view demos and test Apple's new iPad with refreshed apps at Lane Tech on Tuesday.

strong competition and as Chicago seeks to strengthen its ties to the Cupertino, Calif.-based tech

giant.

Apple has been working with educators for decades, but it has

fallen behind its competitors. New machines running Google software accounted for about 60 percent of what kindergarten-through-12th-grade classrooms received at the end of 2017, according to U.K.-based FutureSource Consulting. Windows software had about 22 percent, Apple iOS had about 12 percent and Mac OS had less than 5 percent.

In a city already working to teach Apple's programming language in classrooms, some of the new tools for teachers announced Tuesday are welcome additions.

"I've been waiting on a lot of the teacher apps they talked about," Kenn Freeman, a computer science teacher at Amundsen

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## Breach exposes information of 35,000 ATI Physical Therapy patients

BY LISA SCHENCKER  
Chicago Tribune

The personal information of as many as 35,000 patients of ATI Physical Therapy and its subsidiaries may have been compromised after hackers got hold of email accounts belonging to the Bolingbrook-based chain's employees.

ATI Holdings discovered in January that some employees' direct deposit information had

been changed in its payroll system, according to the company. ATI Physical Therapy has more than 100 clinics in Illinois and hundreds of others across 24 other states.

As part of ATI's investigation into that direct deposit incident, the company found that some employee email accounts had been inappropriately accessed. At least one of those accounts included patient names, birth dates,

driver's license numbers, Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, diagnoses, and medication and billing information, among other data.

ATI reported the breach earlier this month to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights, which investigates such incidents, and the company is mailing letters to affected patients. Those patients may also get free credit

monitoring, the company said. Affected employees have changed their passwords, and ATI is working to improve its email security as well as train employees to recognize phishing scams.

"Nothing is more important to ATI than the security of the information we maintain," ATI spokesman Clifton O'Neal said in an email.

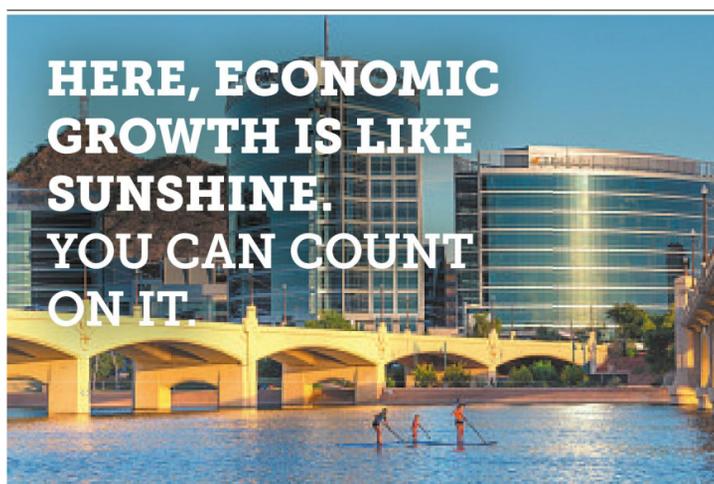
ATI does not, at this point, have

any evidence of patient information being misused because of the breach, O'Neal said.

The Office for Civil Rights does not comment on potential or open investigations, spokesman Lou Burton said.

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## Lane Tech hosts Apple

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High School in the Ravenswood neighborhood, said while standing in one of Lane Tech's classrooms during the event.

Freeman is planning to spend part of his summer break learning the new Apple offerings. He started teaching Apple's programming language, Swift, to his students in September as part of the company's Everyone Can Code initiative and had been using other software to manage assignments. Apple software will help streamline the process, he said.

The city and the tech company announced a partnership in December to teach coding to CPS students. The curriculum is free for teachers, and area companies and nonprofits also joined in by offering internships and mentoring opportunities.

That's just one example of how Chicago has been intertwining itself more tightly with Apple in recent months.

In October, Apple opened its sleek new flagship store on Michigan Avenue along the Chicago River — the first to implement the company's "town square" retail concept. CEO Tim Cook was in town then, too, for its grand opening.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who interviewed Cook on his podcast at the time of the store opening, said in January that Chicago would compete for a new campus Apple announced. The company said it would create more than 20,000 jobs at the new campus and existing offices.

Regardless of whether Apple expands its presence in the city, Freeman said his students love learning to code. Integrating technology meets them where they are — on their phones — and they can then use the apps they design.

Amundsen sophomore Edna Echeverria is still a couple of years from graduation, but she said she's



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Mayor Rahm Emanuel attended Apple's product launch on Tuesday. Chicago and the tech company announced a partnership in December to teach coding to CPS students.

**"To be honest, I'm not a big school person, but knowing we can incorporate technology into our schooling is better."**

— Amundsen sophomore Edna Echeverria

considering how to incorporate coding into a future career.

"To be honest, I'm not a big school person, but knowing we can incorporate technology into our schooling is better," she said, iPhone in hand.

Echeverria had just finished trying out an augmented reality program on one of Apple's new iPads that lets students study paintings in museums around the world. That's one of the new iPad's features: supporting augmented reality, which superimposes computer images on top of the user's view of the real world. Another app lets students digitally dissect a frog.

The iPads are available to order Tuesday starting at \$299 for schools, the same price as the current model and more expensive than many Chromebooks, some of which sell for less than \$200.

The new iPad model also will support Apple Pencil, which allows teachers to mark up digital homework or students to draw. The company also announced upgrades to its Keynote,

Numbers and Pages apps that support Apple Pencil.

"I don't know about you, but I want to go back to school," Cook said during the event.

Eunice Alpasan, an 18-year-old senior at Lane Tech, said she used a MacBook in her journalism class, but the school isn't Mac-exclusive. "In one of my classes, we do use Chromebooks," she said.

Alpasan was there with a few classmates covering the event for the school newspaper, The Warrior. It was an elusive opportunity for a high school journalism student — Apple rarely holds its product announcements outside California. The students spoke with Emanuel and made their way through a wall of camera operators to snap a shot of the mayor and Cook chatting.

The new technology Apple announced at the event sounded exciting, Alpasan said, but as a senior, she doubts she'll get a chance to use it. The new curriculum, for example, won't be available until the fall.

Still, Alpasan and her classmates felt the impact of Apple's event. Roughly 1,000 people filled the halls of their school, where the smell of cafeteria lunches lingered. For a moment, the eyes of the tech world were fixated on Lane Tech. Alpasan said she wants to go into journalism.

"Actually being able to cover an event like this is mind-blowing," she said.

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## How Facebook was able to siphon off Android phone logs

By RYAN NAKASHIMA AND MAE ANDERSON  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The news that Facebook's Android app has been collecting call and text histories is yet another black eye for the social media giant. But just why was Facebook able to siphon off records of who its users were contacting — and when — in the first place?

The short answer: Because Google let it. The longer answer: Well, it's complicated.

The social network acknowledged on Sunday that it began uploading call and text logs from phones running Google's Android system in 2015 — first via its Messenger app and later through an option in Facebook Lite, a stripped-down version of its main app. Facebook added that only users who gave appropriate permission were affected, that it didn't collect the contents of messages or calls, and that users can opt out of the data collection and have the stored logs deleted by changing their app settings.

Facebook did not respond to multiple requests for more specifics. The kerfuffle over this data collection, first reported by the website Ars Technica, follows a week of turmoil for the social network involving charges that it allowed political consultants to steal the data of 50 million users in order to influence election.

There's a reason Facebook's actions were restricted to Android phones. Apple locks down app permissions tightly, which offers more privacy protection to iPhone users. "Apple's fundamental approach is to collect the minimum amount of information to keep the service running, and keep customers in control of the information," said Rich Mogull, CEO of the security firm Securosis. But Android has long

been more indulgent.

Until recently, in fact, Google let app developers gain access to a phone's call and text logs. All they needed was an app that required access to user contacts. Once users agreed, Android would then also grant access to those communication histories.

Starting in 2012 with its "Jelly Bean" release, Android would notify people installing such apps that they were also giving apps access to their call and text logs, but still required them to agree to all those permissions at once. Rejecting the request meant the apps wouldn't work.

It wasn't until 2015 when Google released Android 6.0, dubbed "Marshmallow," that Android phones finally split up those permissions. That meant users could agree to share contacts, but reject access to their messaging and phone histories.

That's the same year Facebook says its apps started collecting this information. But many Android users aren't using the latest version of the software. In fact, they often can't get it even if they want it.

Apple owns both the software and hardware for iPhones, which allows it to push out new versions of its iOS operating software at will. Google, by contrast, is largely at the mercy of both mobile carriers and hardware makers when it comes to distributing new Android versions.

There are nearly 20,000 Android phone models now in service, and carriers like to tweak the software for each to ensure that it will work as smoothly as possible on their networks. As a result, new Android versions reach users very slowly.

As of January, about 65 percent of iPhone users were using the latest iOS software, introduced in 2017. Less than 1 percent of Android devices currently use the latest version of

Android, known as "Oreo."

Just over half of all Android users are using the two previous versions, which allow them to specifically reject the sharing of communication logs. Last October, Google began forcing all apps to follow the new rules when they issue updates, even on phones running older versions of Android.

All that leaves two big questions unanswered. Why did Google set up Android permissions this way? And how many other apps have taken advantages of the same setup?

Experts and privacy advocates say the answer to the first question is probably related to Google's advertising-based business model, which — like Facebook — depends on collecting detailed information about users in order to target them with tailored ads.

Another possible factor: Android was playing catch-up with Apple for many years, and was eager to attract app developers in order to attain parity with Apple's App Store.

Experts say it's not clear if other apps are going as far as Facebook in terms of tracking call history and texts, but it's very possible.

A Google spokesperson was unable to say how many apps gained access to call logs so far or how many users' call logs had been sent to app developers.

The role of manufacturers of Android phones for protecting user privacy remains unclear, South Korean mobile device maker LG Electronics Inc. said Tuesday in a statement.

"Privacy is everyone's responsibility — software providers, carriers, as well as device manufacturers," said LG, whose smartphones run on the Android operating system.

"At this time the nature of the data breach is unclear so it is difficult to comment on the cause or the solution," it said.

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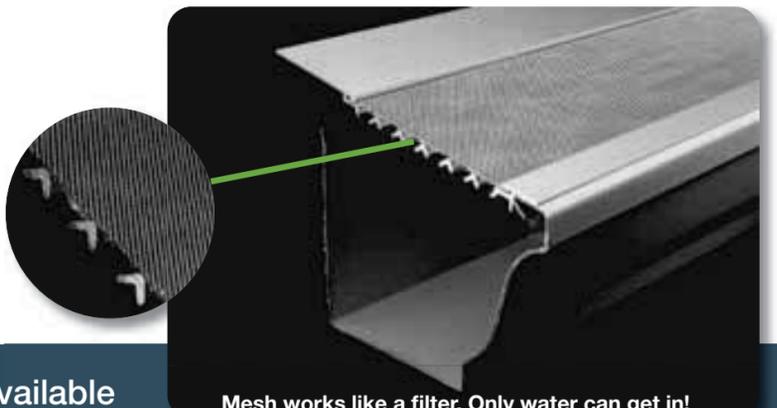
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# Aetna to pass along discounts from drugmakers

Drug price scrutiny increases as blame gets passed around

BY ZACHARY TRACER  
Bloomberg News

Aetna will pass on the discounts it negotiates on prescription drugs to about 3 million of its members, the latest move by a health insurer to address Americans' complaints about the cost of medicine.

The discounts, which can amount to more than half a drug's list price, will be passed on at the pharmacy counter for many people starting next year, Aetna Chief Executive Officer Mark Bertolini said in a telephone interview. The move by the No. 3 U.S. health insurer follows a

similar decision earlier this month by its larger peer, UnitedHealth Group Inc.

Over the last year, drugmakers, insurers and pharmacy benefit plans, or PBMs, have blamed one another for the cost of prescription drugs in the U.S. PBMs and insurers have said it's the fault of the pharmaceutical companies that frequently raise their list prices. Drugmakers blame insurers and pharmacy benefit plans for high copays, and for not passing on to patients the discounts they negotiate. People with high deductibles or co-pays are often hurt the most.

"We want people to see the truth, and now they see it," Bertolini said. "When drug prices keep going up, and drug costs keep going up, they'll have one place to

look."

Aetna's decision also reflects the consolidating U.S. health-care supply chain. Drug plans, pharmacies and insurers are merging, lessening the need for each player to hang on to its own slice of fees and rebates. Aetna last year agreed to be bought by the pharmacy benefit manager and drug-store chain CVS Health Corp., and insurer Cigna Corp. is buying the PBM Express Scripts Holding Co. "There's a whole lot in the chain of control of drugs in the way of middlemen that drive up these costs," Bertolini said. "That's why you're seeing the stand-alone PBM model disappear."

The moves by Aetna and UnitedHealth address a complaint by the drug in-

dustry, that the discounts pharmaceutical companies offer on their treatments don't reach consumers, distorting the price patients pay. Industry groups for drugmakers have supported passing on the discounts.

Insurers and pharmacy benefit plans have received scrutiny for their role in drug spending. Top Trump administration officials have said insurers and pharmacy benefit managers bear some of the blame for high drug costs and that making the system more transparent can help bring down prices. The government is also weighing whether to make a change in Medicare's prescription-drug program similar to what UnitedHealth and Aetna are doing, which would

help lower out-of-pocket costs for seniors.

Alex Azar, the Trump administration's Health and Human Services secretary, praised UnitedHealth's decision in a statement earlier this month, calling it "a prime example of the type of movement toward transparency and lower drug prices for millions of patients that the Trump Administration is championing."

Aetna had already allowed large employers who use the company to manage their health insurance but pay their own claims to pass along drugmaker rebates to consumers. The change announced Tuesday applies to companies that pay premiums to Aetna to take on the insurance risk as well as manage claims.

The three largest PBMs — CVS, Express Scripts, and UnitedHealth's OptumRx unit — let employers decide whether to keep pharmaceutical rebates or give them to patients. CVS has been allowing commercial clients to pass on the rebates since 2013, and has said that 12 million individuals are covered under plans that have chosen to do so.

Insurers have said that when they hold on to the rebates, they use them to reduce the total premiums they charge to workers and companies. That arrangement can leave the sickest patients exposed to the highest out-of-pocket drug costs, particularly in plans with high deductibles where people pay the full cost of products and services before coverage kicks in.

## Canada pot company plans U.S. franchise

BY JENNIFER KAPLAN  
Bloomberg News

Golden Leaf Holdings is taking the first step to becoming the Starbucks or McDonald's of weed, even though marijuana remains illegal across much of the U.S.

The cannabis company has opened a chain of marijuana stores in Oregon called Chalice Farms. And now venture firm BlackShire Capital has signed a letter of intent to franchise the model, setting the stage for stores across North America.

Startups in the fledgling -- but fast-growing -- industry are vying to create the first household name associated with marijuana. With investment bank Cowen & Co. seeing legal marijuana sales reaching \$50 billion by 2026 from just \$6 billion in 2016, investors have flooded the space in the hopes of riding the so-called Green Rush to riches.

"Like Starbucks is to coffee, we believe Chalice will be to cannabis," said William Simpson, Golden Leaf's chief executive officer.

While analysts agree the industry is full of untapped potential, the patchwork of state laws has prevented companies from expanding aggressively: Nine states and Washington, D.C., allow recreational use, and 20 states allow medical use.

The Chalice Farms dispensaries in Oregon were designed to create a warm, welcoming environment that would introduce new consumers to cannabis and dispel preconceived notions, Simpson said.

The public's response has been favorable, Simpson said, with the most successful store averaging \$400,000 a month in gross sales through the third quarter of 2017. The slowest location averaged about \$100,000. The company said these figures would be higher in areas with a less-developed cannabis retail presence.

The franchise model, meanwhile, follows the same playbook as restaurant chains and coffee shops. But with marijuana prohibited from crossing state lines, every Chalice Farms won't be able to offer the exact same products. Toronto-based Golden Leaf will attempt to work around this issue by manufacturing its own products locally, or developing a list of approved manufacturers and products in each state or region as necessary, Simpson said.

Entrepreneurs looking to become franchisees will have to pay a one-time \$50,000 fee and 5 percent royalty fee.

BlackShire CEO Kevin Reed said the idea is to launch 35 to 45 stores in the next two years -- first in Canada before moving to the U.S. The venture firm and Golden Leaf are in talks to create a management company for the franchisees, which would be jointly owned.

BlackShire intends to invest C\$25 million (\$194 million) for potential Canadian and U.S. operations.



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A Coca-Cola ad features Liu Xiang and other Chinese athletes from the 2008 Olympics.

## Keeping a healthy diet harder for kids

Sports leagues push junk food on youths, study finds

BY JENNIFER KAPLAN  
Bloomberg News

Kids and teens are seeing a lot of junk food ads while they're watching sports, potentially creating associations between athletic feats and unhealthy fare, according to a new study.

The majority of advertisements during the 10 sporting events most watched by viewers ages 2 to 17 featured products that are unhealthy, according to research published Monday in the health journal *Pediatrics*. Sports featuring athletes required to be at the height of their physical prowess accompanied by commercial breaks pushing junk food (and sometimes including the best athletes as pitchmen) inspired lead researcher Marie Bragg, assistant professor in the Department of Population Health at New York University School of Medicine, to dig into the topic.

"The idea that we would watch these really physically fit athletes perform these amazing physical feats and then go to a commercial break and see ads for chips and fried chicken and sugary beverages -- the contradiction in

there was just so striking to me that we wanted to get a sense of really what does the landscape actually look like," she said in a phone interview.

PepsiCo agreed in 2011 to pay \$90 million per year during a 10-year sponsorship renewal with the National Football League, according to the study, and Coca-Cola and McDonald's spent about \$20 million each to sponsor the Olympics. The ads may send confusing signals to children, and adults, watching sports, Bragg said. The next research step needed is to look into whether kids eat more of the unhealthy products if they see they are featured in ads during sporting events.

"It sort of sends the message to people that physical fitness is important or sports is part of this country's landscape and that junk food fits right in there," she said. "That mixed message, I think, is problematic for diseases like obesity and diabetes, especially among young people who are watching these programs."

Chips and soft drinks have long been standards in sports advertising. But the companies behind those brands have increasingly come under fire for the nutritional properties of their products and the

impact of advertising them to children.

Eighteen companies including Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, McDonald's and General Mills have signed a pledge as part of the Children's Food and Beverage Advertising Initiative to refrain from pushing unhealthy products to children younger than 12. Ten of those companies are sponsors of at least one sports organization, according to the study.

The NFL didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Sports leagues have acknowledged their sway over kids by creating programs such as the NFL's Play 60 program, through which the league has committed more than \$350 million to youth health and fitness programming. Other leagues have done the same. And the costly nature of sports sponsorships show companies believe the ads are worth it.

In the study, "Sports Sponsorships of Food and Nonalcoholic Beverages," the researchers evaluated the quality of foods and drinks using the Nutrient Profile Model, a system used to identify products that can be advertised to children in Britain and Australia. The study used Nielsen audience data for televised sports events in 2015.

## Babies R Us demise sets off scramble for gift registries

BY JUSTINA VASQUEZ  
Bloomberg News

The liquidation of Toys R Us has stoked fears about how the U.S. toy industry will absorb the blow. But the shutdown of its sister chain, Babies R Us, is setting off its own wave of disruption in the market for infant products. One of the biggest questions: What happens to all the customers who had baby registries at the soon-to-be-defunct retailer?

As the company begins holding closeout sales and planning store closures, other retailers are scrambling to scoop up customers and capture their registries — a potentially lucrative prize. Buy Buy Baby, Target and Amazon.com stand to benefit from the shake-up.

"All of those are going to really gain," said Natalie Gordon, chief executive officer of Babylist, a baby-registry platform that lets users shop from multiple chains.

Baby registries allow expectant parents to assemble a list of all the items they think they might need — everything from car seats and strollers to burp cloths and diapers. For retailers, the hope is to lock in customers and keep them for the long run, said Bradley Thomas, an analyst at KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc.

"When you have a child, you buy a lot of things you didn't know you needed," he said. "As a one-off life event, the expectation and birth of a child can cause a long tail of purchases."

Until recently, Babies R Us had hoped to use its registry business as the linchpin of a comeback. The idea was to spur sales of big-ticket items, such as furniture, rather than lower-margin fare like diapers. As of last year, the company had enrolled 23 million customers in the service.

But after the bankruptcy and liquidation filing of its parent company, Babies R Us told customers last week that it would no longer accept new registries. And people who are already registered with the chain are now racing to move their lists elsewhere.

"We encourage you to save or write down the products on your registry as soon as possible so you will have a list of those products you wanted before the registry is turned off," the company said in a note to customers.

Babylist, which lets users order from multiple retailers, said roughly 500 users transferred their baby registries from Babies R Us during one 24-hour period last week. That compares with 25 to 30 in a typical day.

The Toys R Us liquidation includes 735 store closings around the country, including at least 138 Babies R Us locations. And an estimated \$2 billion of the company's U.S. baby-related sales will be "up for grabs." KeyBanc's Thomas said.

The data in registry lists also is valuable, since it provides a window into consumer preferences and shopping trends.

Buy Buy Baby, part of Bed Bath & Beyond, is the closest thing to a direct Babies R Us competitor. Wedbush Securities Inc.'s Seth Basham expects that chain to capture 10 percent of the bankrupt company's baby sales. Among mass retailers, Amazon is set to see the largest market gains in the category.

But the process may not be easy for customers. Some Babies R Us shoppers had built up rewards in the company's Endless Earnings program. Now those benefits are in jeopardy — a problem that's similar to one suffered by gift-card holders.

Sarah Maiellano, a soon-to-be mother living in Philadelphia, said she spent two hours on the phone with Babies R Us customer service before learning she may not see her Endless Earnings benefits.

Mia Drew is another expectant mom who had a Babies R Us registry. After reading news about the liquidation, she transferred her registry last weekend.

"My biggest concern was waking up one morning and not having access to it any longer," she said in an email. "Reading the news articles as they came out really made me like, 'OK, the closing is really happening. I need to get on the ball.'"

## Designer, owner charged in waterslide death

BY JOHN HANNA  
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — A water park company co-owner accused of making a spur of the moment decision to build the world's tallest waterslide and rushing it into service, and a designer accused of shoddy planning, were charged Tuesday in the 2016 death of a 10-year-old boy who was decapitated on the ride when the raft he was on went airborne and hit an overhead hoop.

The Kansas attorney general's office said Jeffrey Henry, 62, co-owner of Texas-based Schlitterbahn



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP 2014

Designer Jeffrey Henry looks over the Verruckt waterslide. Henry has been charged with second-degree murder.

Waterparks and Resorts, and designer John Schooley were charged with reckless second-degree

murder also charges them with injuries to 13 other people on the slide. Second-degree murder carries a sentence of 9 years to 41 years.

The company that built the ride, Henry & Sons Construction Co., which is described as the private construction company of Schlitterbahn, also was charged.

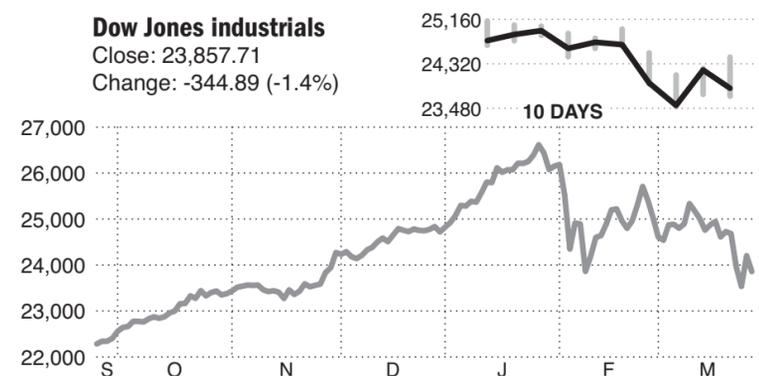
Henry was ordered held in Texas jail without bond Tuesday, pending extradition to Kansas. The attorney general's office says Schooley is not in custody. Schooley didn't have a listed phone number and no one answered the phone

at Henry & Sons Construction Co. Eric Terry, who represented the company in an earlier unrelated case, didn't immediately return a phone or email message.

The charges announced Tuesday bring to three the number of people accused in Schwab's death. A Kansas grand jury last week indicted Tyler Austin Miles, the former operations manager of the Schlitterbahn park in Kansas City, Kansas, on 20 felony charges. The charges include a single count of involuntary manslaughter in Schwab's death. Miles has been released on \$50,000 bond.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 24,446.22 Low: 23,708.73 Previous: 24,202.60



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-211.74 (-2.93%)	-45.93 (-1.73%)	-30.15 (-1.95%)
Close: 7,008.81	Close: 2,612.62	Close: 1,513.57
High: 7,255.54	High: 2,674.78	High: 1,547.71
Low: 6,963.68	Low: 2,596.12	Low: 1,508.94
Previous: 7,220.55	Previous: 2,658.55	Previous: 1,543.72

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.07 to 2.78%	-13.40 to \$1,341.00	+0.32 to 105.54/\$1	+0.0034 to 0.8063/\$1	-0.30 to \$65.25

### 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
-3.52	-4.83	-3.84	-6.11	-4.39	-4.80	+15.25	+19.30	+10.77

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	454.25	457.50	448.75	449	-5.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	374	376	372.25	374	...
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	May 18	1027	1031.25	1017.25	1019.50	-6
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	May 18	31.46	31.64	31.35	31.58	+12
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	May 18	376.70	378.50	371.50	372.40	-2.60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl	May 18	65.53	66.41	64.53	65.25	-30
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 18	2.631	2.707	2.623	2.699	+0.081
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 18	2.0101	2.0330	1.9987	2.0135	+0.0031

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### LOCAL STOCKS

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	60.28	-0.79	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	85.86	+1.03	McDonalds Corp	N	157.48	-0.53
AbbVie Inc	N	92.01	-3.27	Equity Residential	N	59.35	+0.37	Middleby Corp	O	122.73	-0.62
Allstate Corp	N	93.39	-1.13	Exelon Corp	N	38.47	+0.37	Mondelez Intl	O	40.91	-0.42
Aptargroup Inc	N	88.08	-1.3	First Indl RT	N	29.01	-1.15	Morningstar Inc	O	85.62	-0.94
Arch Dan Mid	N	42.87	-0.43	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	58.27	+0.36	Motorola Solutions	N	105.93	-0.14
Baxter Intl	N	64.87	-0.62	Gallagher AJ	N	67.53	-0.70	Navistar Intl	N	32.55	-0.43
Boeing Co	N	321.12	-7.85	GrubHub Inc	N	273.03	-3.60	NiSource Inc	N	23.79	+4.0
Brunswick Corp	N	58.49	-0.64	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.34	-5.12	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	101.58	-2.22
CBOE Global Markets	O	112.06	-2.53	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	84.96	-0.78	Old Republic	N	21.11	-0.04
CDK Global Inc	O	62.84	-1.28	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	77.03	-1.44	Packaging Corp Am	N	112.32	-2.02
CDW Corp	O	70.21	-1.37	IDEX Corp	N	141.51	-3.79	Stericycle Inc	O	58.94	+1.0
CF Industries	N	37.50	+1.5	ITW	N	155.64	-4.37	TransUnion	N	57.17	-0.7
CME Group	O	159.00	-2.71	Ingredion Inc	N	127.53	-1.25	Tribune Media Co A	N	40.73	+0.83
CNA Financial	N	49.15	-0.91	John Bean Technol	N	113.70	-1.05	USG Corp	N	40.07	+0.4
Caterpillar Inc	N	146.99	-2.20	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	174.31	-1.50	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	204.92	-2.98
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.30	-0.06	KapStone Paper	N	34.55	...	United Contl Hldgs	N	68.18	-0.30
Deere Co	N	152.16	-1.18	Kraft Heinz Co	O	60.70	-0.95	Ventas Inc	N	49.01	+8.0
Discover Fin Svcs	N	70.23	-1.56	LKQ Corporation	O	37.59	-0.27	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	65.96	-1.51
Dover Corp	N	98.11	-1.70	Littelfuse Inc	O	201.89	-5.65	Waltrust Financial	O	83.27	-1.68
Equity Commonwealth	N	30.15	+0.14	MB Financial	O	40.33	-1.11	Zebra Tech	O	135.46	-4.94

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	13.44	+5.55
Bank of America	29.52	-9.2
Twitter Inc	28.07	-3.84
Ford Motor	10.83	-3.84
Chesapeake Engy	2.95	-1.17
AT&T Inc	34.90	+2.1
Pfizer Inc	35.01	-0.3
Snap Inc A	16.20	-0.05
GGP Inc	20.08	-1.13
Wells Fargo & Co	51.10	-1.19
Citigroup	68.28	-1.50
Vale SA	12.23	-4.16
Oracle Corp	45.38	-1.40
Turquoise Hill Res	3.25	+0.2
JPMorgan Chase & Co	108.17	-2.14
Kinder Morgan Inc	15.09	-0.4
Eldorado Gold Cp	.84	-0.03
General Motors Co	34.87	-1.12
Weatherford Intl Ltd	2.34	-0.07
Rite Aid Corp	1.48	-0.19
Sthwstn Energy	4.28	-0.19
Alibaba Group Hldg	181.89	-8.61
Nokia Corp	5.44	-1.0
Freeport McMoRan	17.24	-5.1

### LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	34.90	+2.1
Alphabet Inc C	1005.10	-48.11
Alphabet Inc A	1006.94	-47.15
Amazon.com Inc	1497.05	-58.81
Apple Inc	168.34	-4.43
Bank of America	29.52	-9.2
Berkshire Hath A	294650	-4850
Berkshire Hath B	196.15	-3.19
Chevron Corp	114.66	-6.9
Exxon Mobil Corp	73.70	-30
Facebook Inc	152.22	-7.84
Intel Corp	51.19	-1.29
JPMorgan Chase	108.17	-2.14
Johnson & Johnson	127.21	-1.8
Microsoft Corp	89.47	-4.31
Source Cap	39.85	-3.8
Visa Inc	117.40	-3.24
WalMart Strs	86.05	-1.45
Wells Fargo & Co	51.10	-1.19

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.34	-0.66	+19.2
American Funds Amnrbala m	26.55	-0.19	+9.3
American Funds CrtWldGrInca m	150.63	-4.12	+15.6
American Funds CptllncBldra m	59.98	-2.6	+5.2
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	56.20	-0.68	+19.6
American Funds Fdmtlnvsa m	61.18	-0.98	+15.5
American Funds GrAmrcA m	50.74	-1.11	+20.9
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.56	-1.0	+6.9
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	39.33	-0.56	+11.5
American Funds NwPrspctva m	43.78	-0.81	+19.8
American Funds WAMTlnvsa m	44.35	-0.59	+13.2
DFA EMktCorEq	23.41	-0.31	+20.6
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.49	+0.04	+2.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	44.98	-0.45	+10.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	194.88	-3.46	+11.2
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.48	...	+1.9
Fidelity 500IdxIn	91.72	-1.61	+13.8
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	91.72	-1.61	+13.8
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	91.72	-1.61	+13.7
Fidelity Contrafund	123.12	-3.66	+23.8
Fidelity ContrafundK	123.07	-3.66	+23.9
Fidelity IntvGrdeBdd	11.00	+0.04	+1.4
Fidelity LowPrStk	53.42	-0.62	+14.6
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.27	-0.1	+2.1
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.44	+0.3	+9
Oakmark IntlInv	27.56	-0.33	+14.8
PIMCO IncInsl	12.15	...	+4.9
PIMCO TtRetIn	10.08	+0.3	+2.2
Schwab SP500Idx	40.43	-0.71	+13.8
T. Rowe Price BCGr	101.05	-2.92	+31.3
T. Rowe Price GrStk	64.62	-1.74	+25.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	241.15	-4.24	+13.8
Vanguard DivGrInv	25.96	-0.25	+10.6
Vanguard HCAmrl	86.02	-0.78	+7.0
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.87	+0.1	+2.1
Vanguard InsIdxIn	238.00	-4.19	+13.8
Vanguard InsIdxInPlus	238.02	-4.18	+13.8
Vanguard InsTSMInPls	58.07	-1.03	+13.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	98.21	-1.67	+30.5
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	189.14	-2.70	+12.7
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	134.15	-3.33	+21.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.50	+0.1	+7
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	69.49	-1.20	+12.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.01	-0.19	+8.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.25	-0.14	+9.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	20.39	-0.17	+10.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	33.17	-0.21	+11.7
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.50	+0.3	+8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIn	10.50	+0.3	+8
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.83	+0.04	+3.4
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	29.96	-0.27	+15.5
Vanguard TtInSdxIn	119.79	-1.11	+15.5
Vanguard TtInSdxInPlus	119.81	-1.11	+15.5
Vanguard TtInSdxInv	17.91	-0.17	+15.4
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	65.32	-1.16	+13.8
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	65.33	-1.16	+13.8
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	65.30	-1.16	+13.7
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	70.18	-0.52	+8.4
Vanguard WlsyInvAdmrl	62.93	...	+4.7
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	64.37	-0.91	+8.0

### TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.71	1.76
6-month disc	1.88	1.88
2-year	2.27	2.32
10-year	2.78	2.85
30-year	3.03	3.08

### SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1341.00	\$1354.40
Silver	\$16.505	\$16.632
Platinum	\$946.70	\$950.40

### 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)	20.1694
Australia (Dollar)	1.3009
Brazil (Real)	3.3304
Britain (Pound)	0.7065
Canada (Dollar)	1.2879
China (Yuan)	6.2830
Euro	0.8063
India (Rupee)	64.872
Israel (Shekel)	3.4902
Japan (Yen)	105.54
Mexico (Peso)	18.3587
Poland (Zloty)	3.40
So. Korea (Won)	1073.71
Taiwan (Dollar)	29.16
Thailand (Baht)	31.19

# Fate of 700-person Chicago HQ unclear

GGP, from Page 1

Suzanne Fleming declined to comment and GGP spokesman Kevin Berry did not respond to requests for comment.

GGP early this year moved more than 700 workers to a new 168,000-square-foot office in the former Apparel Center, now known as River North Point, at 350 N. Orleans St.

GGP moved from its squat, longtime home at 110 N. Wacker Drive, which was just demolished by Riverside Investment & Development and Howard Hughes Co. — a firm that spun out of GGP in 2010. On the site, the developers plan to build a 54-story office building, in which Bank of America has already leased about 490,000 square feet

of space. Neil Stern, senior partner at Chicago-based consulting firm McMillanDoolittle, said he was optimistic that the GGP team and Chicago office “would continue to function more or less as is,” given the size of its retail-specific portfolio and industry expertise. Brookfield is more diversified, and many of its retail properties are outside the U.S., Stern said.

The deal isn't likely to lead to big changes in strategy at GGP's properties, which tend to be higher-performing malls. “They generally have very good properties, and should be better insulated against the decline of shopping centers than most,” Stern said.

Stern thought GGP shareholders would likely approve the deal even though analysts deemed the price Brookfield offered disappointing.

“It suggests people are nervous about the future of retail real estate and shopping centers in particular,” he said. Retailers that have historically been major mall anchors, like Sears, J.C. Penney and Bon-Ton Stores, are struggling too, putting pressure on owners to find creative ways to redevelop their properties.

GGP's sale price is 24 percent above the price first quoted when Bloomberg in November reported talks of a potential takeover by Brookfield. Yet the offer came in below the expectations of many industry observers, tamping down share prices of similar companies and reinforcing skepticism about the health of retail shops in the e-commerce era.

BTIG analysts deemed Brookfield's offer “wholly inadequate” and said GGP shareholders should reject it. But analysts at BMO Capital Markets said a disappointing price wasn't shocking “given current conditions, and lack of a competing bid.”

“We ultimately think the revised bid will be enough to get the deal done based on numerous prior conversations with shareholders,” the analysts wrote in a Monday report.

Brookfield has been an investor in GGP since the Canadian firm backed the mall landlord, then known as General Growth Properties, as it emerged from bankruptcy in 2010.

In the deal, GGP shareholders will receive \$23.50 per share in cash or shares in either Brookfield Property Partners or a new publicly traded REIT that Brookfield will create from the GGP acquisition.

GGP shares closed Tuesday down 5.3 percent,

## OBITUARIES

DICK WILMARTH 1942-2018

## First to win Iditarod dog race across Alaska

BY MARK THIESSEN  
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Dick Wilmarth, a miner who won the first-ever Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and then walked away from the sport, has died. He was 75.

Wilmarth died Wednesday of complications from cancer, his daughter, Rebecca Wilmarth, told The Associated Press.

"He was our first champion, and he will be dearly missed," Iditarod spokesman Chas St. George said.

After winning the first Iditarod in 1973, he never took part in the race again.

He was once asked why he never raced again. "His response was very quick, and with a big smile, he said, 'Cause I won,'" St. George said.

"He moved on to doing new things and different things," his daughter added. "He liked to stay busy, and I think he figured one time was enough for him."

Wilmarth was a 17-year-old Idaho logger who came to Alaska with his older brother, Larry, to fish out of Kodiak Island, Rebecca Wilmarth said.

"Somebody recommended he head out west, there's a lot of undiscovered territory out there," she said.

Wilmarth settled in Red Devil, Alaska, about 250 miles west of Anchorage, where he worked for a mine and learned how to fly planes. He also did some trapping as a younger man and became interested in



HENRY PECK PHOTO 1973

Alaskan Dick Wilmarth

mushing dogs.

Wilmarth was 29 when he and his friend, Bob Vanderpool, first heard about plans for a 1,000-mile sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome.

"We thought that would be a pretty neat thing," Wilmarth told The Associated Press in 2001 while he sat in a tent in the ghost town of Iditarod, Alaska, welcoming mushers in that year's race.

He put a dog team together a few months before the race, swapping goods for dogs in Alaska Native villages along the Kuskokwim River. He traded a .22-caliber rifle for a snowmobile, and then swapped that for five of his 12 dogs on the team.

Conditions for the first Iditarod in 1973 were nothing like they are today. He said shortly after the race began, there was no trail at all so he and sprint dog musher George Attila at one point put on snowshoes and cleared a path for the dogs.

The 1973 race began with 34 teams, and more than a third of them never finished the race.

Along the trail, there was almost a mass exodus when the temperature dropped to minus 50 degrees. Some other mushers came to him in the middle of the night to talk about turning back. They wanted the decision to be unanimous, he said.

Wilmarth didn't even let them finish: "I told them, 'I'm going to go to Nome.'"

Today, mushers pack food for their dogs and themselves, and it's flown to checkpoints along the trail.

That didn't happen during the first Iditarod, and Wilmarth told the AP that he got pretty hungry on the way to Nome.

To fight off hunger, he snared beaver for food and tried to steal fish from a trap but nearly fell into the Yukon River instead.

He also didn't get any help from villagers on the river.

"Those guys on the Yukon wouldn't give me any food. They were rooting for their own guys," he said.

"I was in better shape when I got to Nome," he said.

He pocketed \$12,000 for being the first musher to win the rugged race across Alaska. It took him 20 days and 49 minutes, more than twice as long as Iditarod mushers today make the trek across the Alaska wilderness.

"It was a little bit of a different deal back then," Wilmarth said. "Things were a little rougher."

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ON MARCH 28 ...

**In 1834**, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

**In 1854**, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

**In 1898** the Supreme Court ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

**In 1930** the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

**In 1939** the Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

**In 1941** novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England; she was 59.

**In 1942**, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire.

**In 1953** athlete Jim Thorpe died in Lomita, Calif.; he was 65.

**In 1979** America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

**In 1995**, in Japan, Mitsubishi Bank and the Bank of Tokyo agreed to a merger to create what was then the

world's largest bank.

**In 1996** Congress passed the line-item veto, giving the president power to cut government spending by scrapping specific programs.

**In 1999** the Baltimore Orioles beat a Cuban all-star team 3-2 in Havana.

**In 2000**, in a unanimous ruling, the Supreme Court sharply curtailed police power in relying on anonymous tips to stop and search people.

**In 2001** the authors of a book on the Oklahoma City bombing disclosed that during prison interviews, Timothy McVeigh had shown no remorse for what happened and called the 19 children who died "collateral damage."

**In 2002** U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland was convicted in a Japanese court and sentenced to nearly 3 years in prison for raping a woman on the southern island of Okinawa.

**In 2003** Japan launched its first spy satellites to monitor communist neighbor North Korea's missile development and suspected nuclear weapons programs.

**In 2004** French President Jacques Chirac's government suffered stinging defeats in regional elections seen as a vote of censure against painful economic reforms. **Also in 2004** Sir Peter Ustinov, the actor whose 60-year career included Oscar-winning roles

in "Spartacus" and "Topkapi," died in Genolier, Switzerland; he was 82. **Also in 2004** game-show host Art James died in Palm Springs, Calif.; he was 74.

**In 2005** the Colorado Supreme Court threw out the death penalty in a rape-and-murder case because five of the jurors had consulted the Bible and quoted Scripture during deliberations. **Also in 2005** a major earthquake off the west coast of Indonesia killed up to 1,000 people.

**In 2006** former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger died in Bangor, Maine; he was 88.

**In 2008** Cuba made it legal for its citizens to own cell phones in their own names.

**In 2012** Earl Scruggs, whose banjo-picking technique changed the way people play the instrument, died in Nashville, Tenn.; he was 88.

**In 2017** the top U.S. general commanding the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria said that the U.S.-led coalition was probably responsible for a blast that killed more than 200 civilians in west Mosul's Jadidah neighborhood. **Also in 2017** President Donald Trump signed an executive order eliminating numerous restrictions on fossil fuel production, breaking with leaders across the globe and unraveling former President Barack Obama's efforts to curb global warming.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS March 27		INDIANA March 27	
Mega Millions	07 25 43 56 59 / 13	Daily 3 midday	882 / 6
Mega Millions jackpot: \$458M		Daily 4 midday	4817 / 6
Pick 3 midday	776 / 7	Daily 3 evening	792 / 7
Pick 4 midday	5171 / 5	Daily 4 evening	7812 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto midday		Cash 5	02 17 24 35 39
Pick 3 evening	01 21 27 29 41	MICHIGAN March 27	
Pick 4 evening	041 / 6	Daily 3 midday	159
Lucky Day Lotto evening	4965 / 8	Daily 4 midday	1070
		Daily 3 evening	835
		Daily 4 evening	5586
March 28 Powerball: \$40M		Fantasy 5	03 08 11 15 22
March 29 Lotto: \$8.75M		Keno	02 05 14 18 24 32 33 34 37 38 45 47 48 49 51 56 62 63 65 72 73 76
WISCONSIN March 27		More winning numbers at chicagotribune.com/lottery	
Pick 3	115		
Pick 4	3292		
Badger 5	01 12 14 16 31		
SuperCash	04 15 17 21 23 27		

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## In Memoriam



Donald Allen Kruse

(Donnie)

1959 - 2017

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## Death Notices

## Arends, Charles E.

Charles E. Arends, age 84, of River Forest, veteran U.S. Army; beloved husband of Nancy nee Holland; loving father of Mary-Kirk (Robert) Reyff, Virginia (Robert) Palmer, Chuck (Susan) and Dan (Sue) Arends; cherished grandfather of Kristy (Kyle) Wasser and Ryan Arends, Heather (Bryan) Welesko, Kelly (Luke) Kirsh and Ryan (Stephanie) Palmer, Brittney (Steve) Berryman, and DJ, Taylor and John Arends; great-grandfather of Tatton, Ruben, Ellen and Gwen, and Charlie and Jack; dear brother of Kathryn Arends and the late Wade (MaryLou) and Phillip Arends; fond uncle of many. Memorial service Monday April 2, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of River Forest, 7551 Quick Ave., River Forest, IL. Private interment Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to Special Olympics of Illinois (soill.org) are appreciated. Funeral info: drechsler-brownwilliams.com

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## Ayers, Manfred E.

Manfred E. Ayers, age 67, late of Orland Park, IL. Beloved wife of Jeanne Ayers nee Grunhard. Loving son of the late Harvey and Herta Ayers and brother of the late Harvey Jr. Ayers. Caring son in law of Rose Grunhard, dear brother in law of Donna (Jeffrey) Shehane and Tom Grunhard. Dear uncle of Karl Ayers, Patrick Shehane, Rachel (Israel) McGrew and Caitlin Shehane. Funeral Friday March 30, 2018, 11:30 AM, at the **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 19604 S. Wolf Road, Mokena, IL. 60448. Interment in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Visitation Thursday March 29, 2018, 5:00-8:00 PM. For information on services 708-479-1210 or [www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com)

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## Barthold, Donald L.

Donald L. Barthold, March 26, 1926 - March 25, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Joanne nee Campbell; loving father of Damaris Miles, Donna (Gregory) Russell and Katherine Jane Barthold; dear grandfather of Jonathan (Megan Pearson-Cody) Miles, Jonathan Russell and Gregory (Natasha) Russell; great grandfather of Ariya and Micah Cody Miles, and Brooks and Eleanor Russell; uncle to many nieces and nephews and a friend to many. Preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Agnes Barthold.

Don was a WWII veteran, attached to the 2nd and 5th Armored Division with the United States Army, serving in the European African, Middle Eastern Theater. Visitation Saturday, March 31, 2018, 10:00 a.m. until time of the Funeral Service 12:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Misericordia, 6300 Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 or American Diabetes Association, 55 E. Monroe Street, Suite 3420, Chicago, IL 60603. Info: 847 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com).

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## Conrath, Helen D.

Helen D. Conrath, age 88, March 26, 2018. Dearest wife of the late Richard P. Conrath for forty-six years; loving aunt and great aunt to many including Diane (Chuck) Johnson, Ed (late Barb) Conrath, Barbra LaMorte, Gregory Conrath, Pat (Gary) Miller, Jim (Teri), John (late Sharon), Larry (Linda), David (Maura), Dan (Cindy), Tim, and Tim (Jeannie) Conrath, Ralph Donofrio and Susan Conrath. Visitation Thursday at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel 7740 S. Western Ave; Chicago from 11 a.m. until Mass at 12 noon. Interment St. Mary Cemetery Arrangements by Kenny Bros. Funeral Directors (708) 425-4500 or [www.kennybrothersfuneral.com](http://www.kennybrothersfuneral.com)

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## Dallas, Dino

Dino Dallas, age 60, passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Beloved husband of Barbara nee, Eleftheropoulos; loving father of Dimitrios (Vasiliki), Christina and Evangelos Dallas; devoted son of LEMONIA (the late Dimitrios) Dallas; proud grandfather of Konstantina; dear brother of Maria (Athanasios) Woulas, Nikolaos (Caliope) Dallas, Helen (Andreas) Maris, Hristos (Gail) Dallas and Panagiotis (Vera) Dallas; son-in-law of Evangelia Sideris; brother-in-law of Emy (Greg) Romanelli; fond uncle and godfather of many. Visitation from 4:00 - 9:00 pm on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and Friends will meet on Friday at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 E. Dempster, Des Plaines for funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment in Ridgewood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hellenic American Academy, 445 Pine St., Deerfield, IL 60015. For information call 773-736-3833.

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## Goldrich, Jean

Jean Goldrich nee Barrish, age 88. Loving mother of Howard Goldrich, Steven (Susan) Goldrich, Robert (Adena) Goldrich and Sharon (Heshy) Loewenstern. Proud grandmother of Judd (Tiffany), Jeff, Jake, Josh, Sarah, Eli, Amit, Micha, Yeshaya, Noa, Daniel, Avigail, Elisha (Hadas), Yakir (Deena), Dovid (Alana), Yocheved, Yechiel and Noam. Cherished great grandmother of many. Dear sister of Jack (Marilynn) Barrish and the late Shirley (the late Bertram) Abell. Will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Service Wednesday 9 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd. (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Eretz Hachaim, Beth Shemesh, Israel. Memorials in her memory to Congregation Kesser Maariv, 4341 Gold Road, Skokie, Illinois 60076, [www.kessermaariv.org](http://www.kessermaariv.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals-Skokie Chapel**, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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## Harty, Geraldine "Jerry"

Geraldine "Jerry" Harty beloved wife of the late Edward. Dear mother of Jan Harty and Michael (Susanna) Harty. Cherished grandmother of Julia, Brandon and Erica. Visitation Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 P.M. at Friedrichs Funeral Home, 320 W. Central Rd. at Northwest Hwy. Mt. Prospect. Interment Private. For info: (847) 255-7800 or [www.FriedrichsFH.com](http://www.FriedrichsFH.com)

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## Janisch, Michael J.

Michael J. Janisch, age 88, US Army Korean War Veteran, beloved husband for 60 years to Juanita, nee Marshall. Loving father of Karen Janisch and Linda Janisch. Dearest brother of the late Frank (Stella) and the late Ann (late John) Valentine. Dear brother-in-law of Evelyn (John) Ruff and the late David Marshall. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon with a Funeral Service to follow at 12:00 Noon. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at [colonialchapel.com](http://colonialchapel.com) 708-532-5400

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## Kaminski, Ted

Ted Kaminski; beloved husband of Antoinette; loving father of Gerald, Edward (Jackie), Susan and Steven (Amy); cherished grandfather of Emily, Sam, Jeremy, Daniel, Michael and Kate; also, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Monday, April 2, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Tuesday, April 3, starting with prayers at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Viator Church, for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at Maryhill Cemetery, in Niles. In lieu of flowers Masses are appreciated. Info 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)

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## Layne, Paul Douglas

Paul Douglas Layne, 81, of Morton Grove, beloved husband of Mabel; loving father of Debra, Karen, Christine (Matt Vagnoni), and the late Paula; and dear grandfather of Bradley and Catherine. Memorial visitation at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 Thursday 6 to 8 p.m. Sign online guest book at [www.simkinsfh.com](http://www.simkinsfh.com). (847) 965-2500

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## McGarry, Kathleen M.

Kathleen M. McGarry nee: Ryan, 73, of Lake Geneva, WI, died Tuesday March 20, 2018. Wife of the late John D. McGarry, father of; Steven (Tammy) Gray, Elizabeth Downey, Debbie (David) Saia, Mathew and Andrew Gray, grandmother of; Jonathon, Megan, Ryan, Shawn, McKenzie and Logan, sister to Teresa (William) Sullivan and Barbara Haynes. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday April 7, 2018, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Lake Villa, IL. To sign the on-line guest registry go to: [www.derrick-funeralhome.com](http://www.derrick-funeralhome.com).

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## O'Neill, Anne C

Anne C. O'Neill, nee Coniglio; Devoted wife of Roger; Loving mother of Michael (Beth), John (Constance), Marybeth (David) Carlson, Timothy (Judy), the late Nancy, Maureen (Daniel) Flynn, and Therese (Mark) Rath; Proud Grandma of Michael, Sean, Brendan, Megan, Ryan, Matthew, Erin, Lauren, Timothy, Brian, Connor, Carolyn, Marie, Maeve, Stephen, Bridget, Kevin, and William; Dear sister of Kathleen (late James) Longoria; Fond aunt and friend to many; Proud alumna of Immaculata High School, and Chicago Teachers College; Visitation Monday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn. Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; in lieu of flowers, donations to The COURAGE Program, [www.courageprogram.org](http://www.courageprogram.org) would be appreciated; For Funeral info (708) 422-2700 or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com).

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## Pachmayer, Stephen D.

Age 86 of Mokena, passed away on Monday, March 26th, 2018 at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox. Stephen is survived by his loving family, wife, Joann Pachmayer (Schilling), children, Stephen (Carolyn) Pachmayer Jr., Terry (Charles) Boehlke, Robert (Jane) Pachmayer, John (Maryann) Pachmayer, siblings, Frank (Connie) Pachmayer, Elizabeth (Mike) Davis, brother-in-law, Nick (Beth) Schilling, grandchildren, Ryan Pachmayer, Brent Pachmayer, Rebekah Pachmayer, Cheryl Henderson, Heather Boehlke, Robert (Brianna) Pachmayer Jr., Katie Gaetano, Nicole Pachmayer, Sarah Pachmayer, Michael Pachmayer, great grandchildren, Anthony Gaetano, Ava Gaetano, Mia Gaetano, Ben Pachmayer, Matt Pachmayer and several nieces and nephews. Stephen was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph & Elizabeth Pachmayer (Polyan), siblings, Joseph (Eileen) Pachmayer, Charles Pachmayer and grandson Daniel Pachmayer. Family will receive friends at **Kurtz Memorial Chapel**, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Friday, March 30th, 2018 from 9:00 AM until time of the funeral service at 11:00 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Frankfort will be appreciated. For information, [www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com](http://www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com) or 815-806-2225.

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### Papaioannou, Olga

Olga Papaioannou, age 64, nee Spanos, passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Beloved wife of Spiros; loving mother of Jim, Eva (Bill) Peterhansen; proud grandmother of Will and Effie; dear sister of Ted (Donna) Spanos and Peter (Nancy) Spanos; Sister-in-law of George (Voula) Papagiannis, Tom (Angie) Papagiannis; Tasia (the late Christo) Iliopoulos; fond aunt of many. Family and friends will meet on Thursday, March 29, 2018 for visitation from 4:30 – 8:30 pm at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 1104 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral service on Friday, March 30 at 9:30 am at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox church. Interment at Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements by John G. Adinamis Funeral Director Ltd. For information 773-736-3833.

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### Ruginis, Cindy L.

Cindy L. Ruginis of Downers Grove, formerly of Hinsdale. Beloved wife of Dr. Algis Ruginis; Loving mother of William and Amanda; Sister of Cherie (David) Watt and Cathy (the late Steven) Harvey-Slawkin, and Connie (Dana) Moses. Daughter of the late Dr. Gene and Mary Harvey. Visitation Thursday, March 29 from 3-8pm at Adolf Funeral Home, 7000 S.

Madison St. Willowbrook, IL. Family and friends will meet on Friday, March 30, at Evangelical Covenant Church, 412 S. Garfield St. Hinsdale for a 10am funeral service. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. For information 630-325-2300, [www.adolfsservices.com](http://www.adolfsservices.com) or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com)

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### Sawatzki, Howard R.

Howard R. Sawatzki, age 95, WWII Army Air Force Veteran, Glenwood, IL resident for over 40 yrs., passed away Friday, March 23rd, 2018. Beloved husband of Jane nee Ostrander of 68yrs. Loving Father of Susan (Gary) Schuman and Lee (Edward) Bresnahan. Fond Brother in Law of Joanne Sawatzki, Lyle Ostrander and Joy Staples. Fond Uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Howard was a United States Army Air Force Veteran who served during WWII in the Asiatic Pacific from 1942-1946. He held an honorable BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University and was a member of Tau Beta Pi. He began his Engineering career with Wickes Boiler Company in Saginaw, Michigan reaching the position of Manager of Project Engineering. He held various positions in design and production engineering for water tube and fire tube boilers with Combustion Engineering Corp. in Saginaw, Michigan, Bigelow Company in New Haven, Ct., Lasker Boiler and Engineering Corp. in Chicago, IL as well as Solid Fuels, Inc. in Hinsdale, IL. From 1986 until he retired, he was an independent consulting engineer with his own firm. Howard was a registered professional engineer and a member of American Society of Engineers and the American Legion. Services will be private with an interment at Abraham Lincoln National cemetery, Elwood, IL. Howard will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

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### Semenek Rader, Nancy A.

Nancy A. Semenek Rader (nee Heiden) of Oswego and former long-time resident of Downers Grove, passed away on March 21 with her family by her side. Beloved wife of Kurt H. Rader. Loving mother of Carol (Lawrence) Lucas, Susan (Marcel) Schwartz and Michael (Heidi) Semenek. Fond grandmother of Scott, Amanda and Rachael Semenek, Nathan and Simeon Lucas, and Kyle Meyer. Sister-in-law of Werner (Rose) Rader and Helen Conrad. Step-mother of Kevin (Lynn) Rader and Kent (Ashley) Rader. Step-grandmother of Emma, Aiden, Isabelle, Jackson, Lila, and Colten. Nancy is preceded in death by her father, William Heiden, mother Ann Frintner and brother William Heiden, Jr. Memorials appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org). Family services and interment will be private. Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**. For information 630-703-9131 or [www.powellfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.powellfuneraldirectors.com)



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### Verblen, Cory Ronen

Cory Ronen Verblen, 39. Beloved son of Rozanne (Tom Mohorek) Ronen and the late Marcus Verblen. Devoted nephew of Carol Ronen. Will be missed by many relatives and friends. Private family services. For information about the public shiva (at the Ronen-Mohorek residence on Thursday 4 PM thru 8 PM), please contact the funeral home. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** – Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)



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### Ward, Patrick J.

Patrick Joseph Ward, 56, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2018. Loving son of the late John and Rosemary Ward (nee Quinn), dear brother of John (Mary) Ward, Peg (Tom) Call, Denise (John) Bohn, David (Meg) Ward, the late Michael, and the late Thomas. Fond uncle of Emily (David) Cory, Thomas (Nicole) Call, Kevin (Rosie) Call, Megan Call, and Katie Bohn; great-uncle to Ivy, Ian, and Amelia. Survived by one aunt, Gerry Long, and many loving cousins. Treasured friend to so many. Patrick was one of a kind and will always be remembered for his kindness, keen sense of humor, artistic talents, and unwavering love of Chicago. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 14th at 11 am at St. Vincent De Paul Church, 1010 W. Webster, Chicago, with Funeral Mass to follow at 12 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge, Chicago, IL, 60640 would be appreciated.

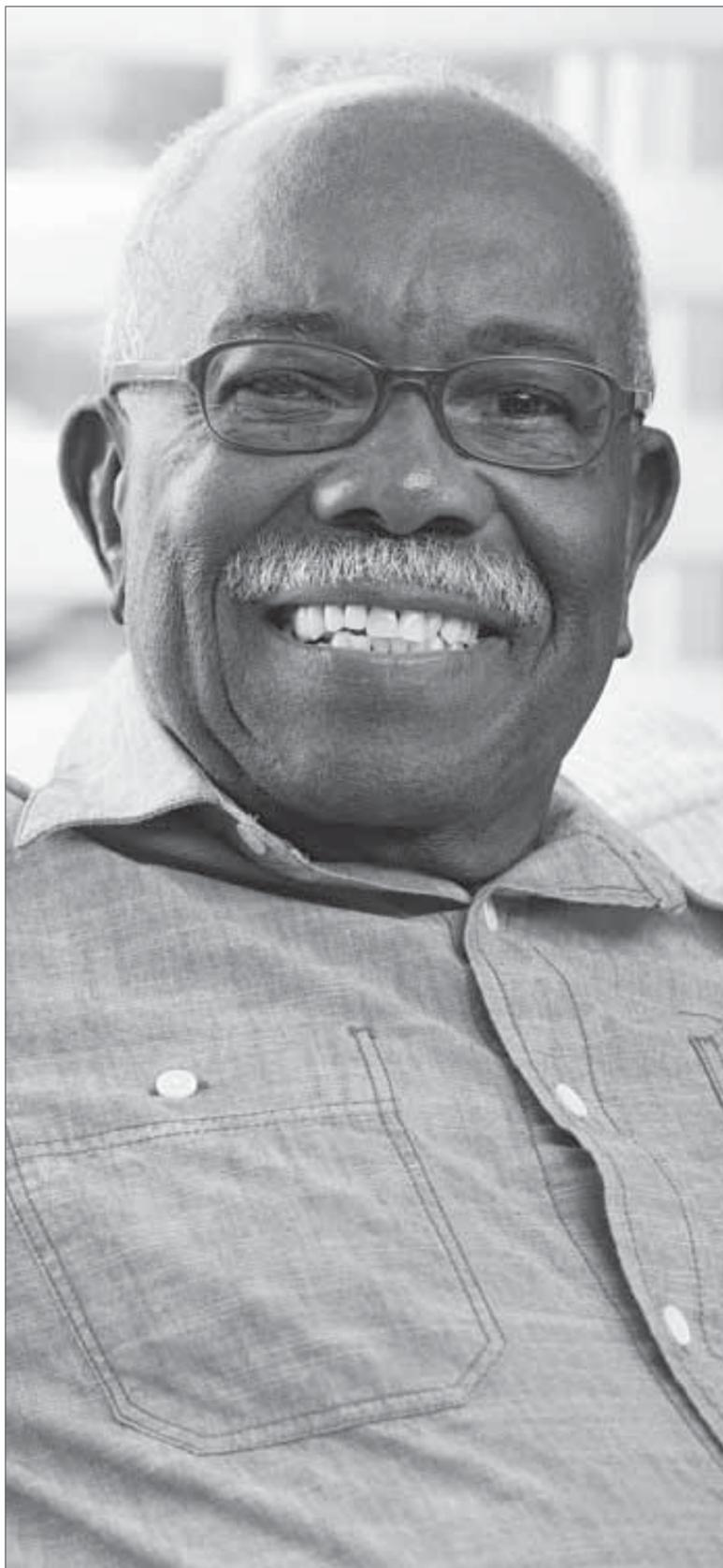
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### Zamorski, Wilma

Wilma Zamorski, née Lustic, 87, of Elgin, passed away Monday, March 26, 2018, in her home. Originally of Harwick, PA. Dear wife of the late John; Loving mother of Theresa (Steve) Bjerkle, Nancy Zamorski, the late Deborah Zamorski, and Diane (Theodore) Kloba; Proud grandmother of Terri Peaslee; Fond aunt, great-aunt and great-grand-aunt of many. Preceded in death by parents Andrew and Theresa Lustic, siblings Amelia Pajerski, Victoria Michalak, Frank Lustic, Mary Koprivnikar, Irene August and Edward Lustic. Visitation March, 30th from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 11:00 a.m. at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave. Chicago. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. For funeral information 773-545-3800 or visit [www.muzykafuneralhome.com](http://www.muzykafuneralhome.com)

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New Bears coach Matt Nagy, right, plans to employ an aggressive style of play while steering clear of recklessness.

## Nagy eager to establish new era

Coach wants players forging ahead while not ignoring history



BRAD BIGGS  
On the Bears

ORLANDO, Fla. — Matt Nagy is less than a week away from delivering his message to the Bears when the team returns to Halas Hall on Tuesday for the start of the voluntary offseason workout program.

The first-year coach has one opportunity to make a first impression on his players and it's something he has spent time considering as his message will launch the organization in a new direction.

"A few things," Nagy said at the NFL meetings Tuesday when asked what he wants to convey to his evolving roster. "One of the messages to start is I want the (players) to understand the team they're playing for, the tradition and the history. When they step into Halas Hall, understand how fortunate they are.

"No. 1, they have to know that. A lot of guys will hear it, but they don't know why and they don't understand it. They're going to understand why it's so important for them to put on the Bears uniform."

Finally, a coach who doesn't gravitate to the cliché long used at Halas Hall about beating the rival Packers, a coach who understands the significance of his role as the next in line in a position that founder George Halas had first. Nagy gets it, and from the sound of things the Bears occasionally will be bringing in some of the fixtures from the franchise's storied history to drive the point home.

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### MORE BEARS

What to look for in the Bears' revamped offensive scheme under Matt Nagy. **Page 3**



## Ricky Sunshine always upbeat

Manager **Rick Renteria** is in perfect role as baseball teacher for rebuilding White Sox



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the White Sox

You're not going to get many managers as upbeat as Rick Renteria, who sometimes was referred to as Ricky Sunshine during his only season with the Cubs in 2014.

It was exactly what Cubs President Theo Epstein wanted when he hired Renteria — someone to teach and instill confidence in a young team. Renteria replaced the brutally honest Dale Sveum, whose tough-love handling of Starlin Castro and other young

players was deemed too negative by Cubs management.

We all know how that episode turned out.

Joe Maddon replaced Renteria after that one season, took them to the postseason in his first year and ended the Cubs championship drought the next. After a year off and off the grid, Renteria resurfaced in 2016 as Robin Ventura's bench coach on the South Side, and took over the White Sox last year after Ventura's contract wasn't renewed.

Despite a 95-loss season, Renteria was lauded for the team's grinder mentality, with broadcaster Hawk Harrelson frequently mentioning that "Ricky's boys don't quit." Whether he's the reincarnation of John McGraw, the Sox consider him an integral part of the rebuild and not just a coat-holder who will be pushed aside when the rebuild begins to click.

"Ricky has been fantastic," general manager Rick Hahn said.

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Loyola coach Porter Moser has transformed the Ramblers from being lost in the shuffle to a Final Four participant.

## Loyola taking all the right steps

Ramblers' hiring of Moser, move to MVC paid off handsomely



DAVID HAUGH  
In the Wake of the News

Etch March 24, 2018, into the lore of Loyola basketball.

But two other dates mean almost as much as the one that will mark the school making its first Final Four in 55 years.

Without the milestones that preceded Loyola's historic Elite Eight victory over Kansas State, Porter Moser might be flying commercial to San Antonio this week to attend a coaches convention rather than coach an NCAA semifinal.

The first is April 5, 2011, the day Loyola named Moser as its basketball coach.

The second is July 1, 2013, the moment Loyola officially joined the Missouri Valley Conference.

Both moves qualified as quantum leaps of faith, decisions that required vision not every athletic director possesses when plotting a program's future.

When DePaul and Illinois fans, for instance, lament how Loyola has surpassed them in the state of Illinois, they can trace their respective problems back to strategic mistakes the Ramblers simply didn't make at similarly critical junctures.

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### OPENING SHOT

**Steve Rosenbloom** I believe Disney is calling Loyola about making Sister Jean the newest princess. More, **Page 2**

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## Ramblers' story good as gold

Spoiler alert: Cheesiness ahead ... because Loyola's miracle NCAA tournament run on the hardwood gives me a chance to connect it with the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team's "Miracle on Ice."

Full disclosure: I'll seize any chance to embrace the story of 1980, the greatest upset in sports history, then and still. I'm a sucker for the story of unknown college kids molded by a technically smart and psychologically brilliant coach upsetting the dynamic and dynastic Soviets and going on to win the gold medal.

Tell me Loyola doesn't fit the profile: unknown college kids, a technically and psychologically savvy coach, upsets that create the hope and belief of achieving the impossible.

Let's talk about the rosters. U.S. coach Herb Brooks said he wasn't looking to choose the best players, but the players who could make the best team offensively, defensively, for extended periods of time and during critical, game-deciding moments.

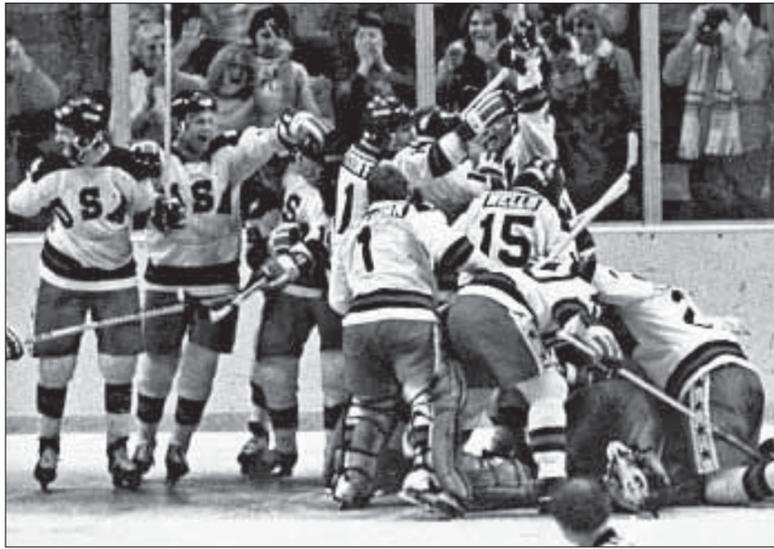
Sounds like Loyola coach Porter Moser, doesn't it? He doesn't have the best players, but he has players forming perhaps the best team, certainly one that is good and poised.

Moser is as tactically smart as it gets and has plumbed enough psychological depths to convince his players to honor defensive responsibilities that look as if five players are roped together. Like that, Moser's team stripped Miami, bodied up against Tennessee and outran Nevada — three different styles — before destroying a similarly built Kansas State team.

At the other end, Moser has sold his players on the idea of the extra pass — and the pass after that, after that and after that — because a great shot is better than a good one and it doesn't matter who takes it.

Fittingly, each of Loyola's tournament victories has featured a different offensive hero. First it was Donte Ingram with the 3-pointer that beat Miami, then Clayton Custer with the off-balance shot that eliminated Tennessee and Marques Townes with the 3-pointer that buried Nevada before Ben Richardson finished scoring a career-high 23 in the Elite Eight rout of Kansas State.

The 1980 "Miracle" team wore out the different-game/different-hero storyline, from Bill Baker to Buzz Schneider to Mark



Loyola's success evokes memories of the U.S. hockey team earning Olympic gold in 1980.

Johnson to Rob McClanahan to Mike Eruzione scoring the tiebreaking goal with 10 minutes remaining in the third period against the Soviets and Jim Craig, soon to be captured forever draped in an American flag, playing like the greatest goalie in the world to Phil Verchota setting off a three-goal outburst in the third period against Finland that clinched the gold-medal game.

Jack O'Callahan was a defenseman on the 1980 Olympic team. The North Shore resident has been watching Loyola.

"Great team," O'Callahan texted. "Tough, gritty kids, well-coached, play both ends, not a star-driven team but a true team-first group. Like the rest of Chicago, I'm very excited for the Ramblers."

You might see where this is going. The team-first Loyola group faces two more games — their version of the Soviets and Finns. It's the Final Four, not the medal round, but the task, reward and story are similarly daunting and exhilarating.

So Stevie Sunshine suggests an altered version of the speech Brooks gave before the Soviets game as captured in the 2004 movie "Miracle" (channel your inner Kurt Russell, Porter):

"Great moments ... are born from great opportunity. And that's what you have here tonight, boys. *That's* what you've earned here tonight. If we played 'em 10 times, they might win nine, but not this game, not tonight. Tonight, we run with them. Tonight, we stay with them. And we shut them down because we can! Tonight, we are the greatest college basketball team in the world.

"You were born to be basketball players — everyone of ya. You were meant to be here tonight. This is your time. Their time is done. It's over. I'm sick and tired of hearing about what a great basketball team Michigan has. Screw 'em. *This* is your time. Now go out there and take it."

Yeah, cheesy, but tough noogies. That speech in that movie is as good as it gets. I could watch that, listen to that, hear that every day. I'll bet the Ramblers could too. Swap Kansas or Villanova for Michigan, and Moser is set for his pregame talk Monday night.

Oh, and how would Sister Jean look draped in an American flag?

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### Q&A WITH JOHN HOOGENAKKER

#### DePaul alum says he's firmly behind Loyola



John Hoogenakker is a fixture on commercials that air during the Super Bowl, yet around Chicago he's hardly recognized. The guy who plays the Bud Light king talked about his role, being a DePaul grad rooting for Loyola and other topics.

**On a recent visit, as the king, to surprise fans at Ramblers hot spot Bar 63 in Edgewater:** "I was excited by the idea right off the bat. There's a lot of joy in the city right now and love for this hometown team."

**On whether he gets recognized in Chicago:** "I've only been recognized once for the commercials: at a performance of 'Long Way Home' at the Studebaker a couple weeks ago. I think folks need the crown and cape to put it together."

**On a DePaul alum following Loyola:** "Speaking as a Chicagoan, I'm very excited for this team and for anything that brings the city together. As far as rivalries go, I've always been that annoying sports fan who cheers for anyone who makes a great play."

**On Loyola's NCAA tournament run:** "I think we all love to see what a determined and talented group of individuals can do when they're working well together and facing great odds. It reminds me of 'Hoosiers.'"

**On his role in "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," the TV adaptation of the series of spy movies (premiering Aug. 31 on Amazon Prime):** "I play Matice, an operator who solves problems on the ground for Jack and James Greer. Matice and the Bud Light King ... both bring a bit of a wisecrack quality. Snark may (be the) common thread in a lot of my work."

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## BEARS



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Playing in just five games over his first three seasons because of injuries, Bears receiver Kevin White has plenty to prove.

# Nagy still holding out hope for White

BY BRAD BIGGS  
Chicago Tribune

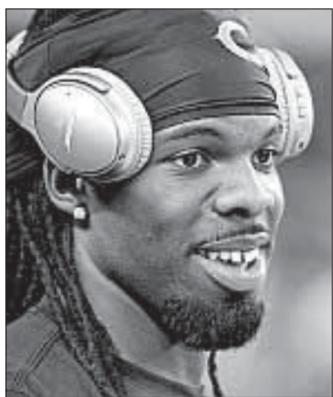
ORLANDO, Fla. — As the Bears monitor the possibility that another team signs restricted free agent wide receiver Cameron Meredith to an offer sheet, new coach Matt Nagy says he's also excited to get to work with former first-round draft pick Kevin White.

The club has been aggressive in overhauling the wide receiver position since the start of free agency, signing Allen Robinson as a new No. 1 option, something White was drafted to be back in 2015, and adding speedy Taylor Gabriel, who figures to play both outside and in the slot at what Nagy calls the "zebra" position in his offense.

But White, who was lost for the season in the opener last September with a fractured shoulder blade, isn't a forgotten man even if the team is making roster moves as if it knows he cannot be counted on.

"I know that this is a kid, just from the outside, this is a kid that had a lot of expectations put on him by being a first-round draft pick," Nagy said Tuesday at the owners meeting. "To anybody out there and to himself, has he lived up to what the first-round draft pick is supposed to be? No, he hasn't. But that's OK though. He's young."

"For me, I really, truly mean this when I say it: I am really excited to dig deep into him and put him in the best situation possible for Kevin White to succeed. Here is a guy we have on our roster that to a lot of people can get



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**"How cool would that be to be able to get this kid to come back and be a dominant player, right?"**

— Bears coach Matt Nagy on wide receiver Kevin White (left)

lost in the shuffle or just pushed to the side. ... How cool would that be to be able to get this kid to come back and be a dominant player, right? You think he doesn't want that?"

White has appeared in only five of 48 games since he was drafted and he missed his entire rookie season following surgery to repair a stress fracture in his leg. Another broken leg cut short his 2016 season after four games and then he was injured to open last season.

After all those setbacks, White is out to prove he still possesses the physical traits that initially attracted the Bears to him. Training camp in 2017 was the last time the Bears could even try to answer that.

"We were seeing signs of him coming on," general manager Ryan Pace recalled Tuesday. "I think for a player to cut loose and play fast, he has

to be comfortable in the offense that he's in. I think that's a process for Kevin because he has been unable to sustain consistent weeks like that."

White will also have to prove he has become better as a route runner. Nagy believes confidence is involved too for a player that has missed so much time.

The Bears will have to make a decision on White's future soon. They have until the first week of May to decide whether or not to pick up the fifth-year option in his contract for 2019. It's expected the Bears will decline that option based on White's track record. That doesn't write him off for this season though, and cornerback Kyle Fuller is a prime example of a former first-round pick who can overcome an injury-marred season.

"Sometimes guys that have overcome adversity, that's a good thing," Pace said. "Kevin has definitely had his fair share of adversity. Fortunately, he has the right personality and makeup, the family and support system around him to handle those moments."

Rich Campbell of the Chicago Tribune contributed

## BEARS NOTES

## Investment shows confidence in Fuller

BY COLLEEN KANE  
Chicago Tribune

ORLANDO, Fla. — Bears general manager Ryan Pace was prepared for cornerback-needy teams to explore a possible deal for Kyle Fuller, and so he wasn't surprised when the Packers submitted an offer sheet earlier this month.

When Pace and his staff examined the Packers' four-year, \$56 million offer, they deemed it "a very fair contract."

At the NFL annual meeting Tuesday in Orlando, Pace said the Bears were excited about matching the offer because they believe Fuller can continue his rise from a 2017 bounce-back season. Fuller went from not playing because of injury in 2016 to totaling 69 tackles, 22 passes defended and two interceptions last year.

The Bears are banking \$18 million guaranteed on Fuller's continued upswing.

"It is a big investment in a player, so we obviously feel good about it," Pace said. "It's our scouts and coaches. Us retaining our defensive staff, we have a lot of intimate knowledge of him and where he's heading. There's a lot of internal excitement about the trajec-

tory that he's on."

Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst told Green Bay media they had Fuller rated "very high(ly)" but they knew there was a small chance they actually would be able to snag him from a division rival.

"I don't know how friendly a four-year, \$56 million contract is to anyone," Gutekunst said. "I know from our aspect of it, it was something we had to think through thoroughly. You add a piece like that to your team, it has ramifications."

The Bears are bringing back much of their secondary from a season ago after matching Fuller's offer.

They signed 12-game starter Prince Amukamara on a three-year deal and agreed to terms with Marcus Cooper, a deal Pace announced Tuesday.

They also will return safeties Eddie Jackson and Adrian Amos.

"(For) a top 10 defense, to maintain that continuity in the secondary was huge for us," Pace said. "We feel good about our secondary. I don't think you can ever have enough corners, or enough pass rushers, but we feel good



Fuller

about that starting lineup for sure."

**Two returns:** The Bears cut Cooper earlier this month, but Pace said the 28-year-old cornerback explored the market and ultimately decided to return to Chicago at a discounted price. Cooper started just four games and had 18 tackles in the first year of a three-year, \$16 million contract last season before the Bears turned to Fuller and Amukamara as starters.

Pace said they'll give Cooper a clean slate to try to make a bigger impact in 2018.

"He's long, he has really good size and he's a guy who has very good ball skills," Pace said. "We just think the more he gets comfortable in our defense some of those things will come to fruition."

The Bears also agreed to terms with long snapper Patrick Scales, who is back with the Bears after missing the 2017 season because of a torn ACL. Scales, 30, played in 16 games in 2016 and five in 2015 with the Bears.

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## WHAT WE LEARNED

## Nagy provides peek at schemes

BY RICH CAMPBELL | Chicago Tribune

ORLANDO, Fla. — Matt Nagy's media breakfast Tuesday at the annual NFL meetings was an hourlong opportunity to learn more about the offense he and his staff are designing. The new Bears coach has been teaching the scheme to assistants and will begin installing it when players report to Halas Hall on April 3.

From Nagy's first extended comments since the Bears added three starting pass-catchers in free agency, here are 10 things we learned about his vision, his philosophies and how the personnel could fit in.

**1 Exploiting mismatches is the constant mission.** Of course, that's not unique; every offensive coach strives to do that. But creating mismatches not only has driven the Bears' personnel acquisitions, it also defines elements of the scheme, including formations, pre-snap movement and option concepts.

Mismatches were a theme Tuesday that threaded together Nagy's thoughts on new receiver Allen Robinson, the group of tight ends on the roster and the different skill sets of running backs Jordan Howard and Tarik Cohen. As that applied to Robinson, Nagy said: "He's a guy who presents a lot of problems to defensive backs just because of his ability with his size. But he's a good route runner. He's able to, if you have a smaller DB on him, he can beat you up with his size. (Against) a bigger DB, he can beat you up with his route-running."

**2 The "U" tight end, which Trey Burton will play, is critical to establishing those mismatches.** The U in Nagy's scheme normally will play in the slot, although he will line up elsewhere at times, with the primary objective of running pass routes.

"You can move around, do different things — it's what we did with (Travis) Kelce (on the Chiefs)," Nagy said. "It's an important role. It's a position that's easy to create some plays for." That is, when a team has a tight end with Burton's size and speed, it's about mismatches.

**3 Tight end Adam Shaheen fits better as an in-line (Y) tight end but could play the U.** Nagy expects such versatility from all the Bears tight ends. Nagy says Shaheen, with his size, is a good fit for the offense and should be able to play both tight end spots.

"One thing you guys will see as we go, there's flexibility within this offense," Nagy said. "Trey is going to have to know the Y position as well, but we need to put these guys in the best position possible so they can succeed. Whatever their strength is, let's work toward that."

**4 Nagy says it won't be problematic having Dion Sims and Shaheen as Y tight ends.** In the 11 games last season for which both Sims and Shaheen were active, Sims played 65.6 percent of the snaps while Shaheen played only 23.9. Shaheen was a rookie from a Division II school, so the Bears expect to see significant growth in his technique as a blocker (including the angles he takes against defenders) and understanding of defenses.

"If you go back (to the Chiefs) and look at what everyone would call our '13' personnel — which is one running back and three tight ends — we do that a lot," Nagy said. "To me, that's a part of this process with the players and trying to fit guys in where, if we have a wide receiver who goes down, we can get into 13. If we have a tight end (who) goes down and we're short on tight ends, now we can go into our '11' personnel."

**5 The slot receiver is called the "Zebra" position.** Free agent Taylor Gabriel was acquired for this role. Elsewhere at receiver on the formation diagram, the split end is the "X" and the flanker is the "Z." The Zebra position, abbreviated "Ze" when the Bears draw up plays, will line up on the ball sometimes and off the ball at others. Gabriel fits because of his speed, suddenness and ability to gain big chunks of yardage after the catch.

"The things we do with getting guys the ball quick, (run-pass option) stuff, (by) getting him the ball you see what he can do with screens," Nagy said. "He's not just that 'gadget guy.' He can be a true receiver and really do well."

**6 Nagy is determined to maximize strong parts of quarterback Mitch Trubisky's game, specifically his athleticism and accuracy.**

"There are times he'll step up in the pocket, take a big hit and still make that strong throw," Nagy said. "He has the mobility, (and) while he's not a quarterback who's looking to run, if a tackle misses his block, he can make a guy miss and extend a play. But on top of that ... he has the ability to make all the throws."

**7 Nagy believes aggressiveness as a strategist and play-caller is part of his DNA, but he insists on being calculated about it.** That was clear when he was asked what being aggressive as a play-caller means to him.

"It's going to mean the pace of play," Nagy said. "It's going to mean downfield throws. We're going to always attack you downfield ... we're going to test you. It's going to open it up for guys (such as) Jordan and Tarik to be able to do some things in the run game."

**8 The differences between Howard and Cohen will be a basis for weekly game-planning.**

Howard is a bigger back who has demonstrated the vision to exploit holes and the physicality to gain yards after contact. Cohen, on the other hand, is much smaller but faster.

"You can use them in different ways," Nagy said.

**9 Nagy likes the offensive line.** Even though the Bears have a vacancy at a starting interior position after they cut guard Josh Sitton, Nagy singled out last year's line as a positive from the game video he reviewed.

"Very athletic and guys who are big and fast," he said. "They're athletic, and that fits what we do."

**10 Nagy's brainstorming sessions with first-year offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich have highlighted important fundamentals of option concepts, which the Bears will employ.**

"Just because we've been running this offense for a long time and what we have and the way we teach the details of the wide receivers' routes, there are other ways to do things," Nagy said. "So, it's interesting listening to some of the ideas he has. ... OK, why — why does that work? And if it does, let's get to teaching (it) April 3."

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**BEARS**

# Nagy eager to establish new era

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That's a great start and a way to connect the present, which is a team working to dig out of a hole after seven consecutive seasons without a playoff appearance, with the past. But meaningful progress doesn't happen with history lessons; it results from improvement on the field. In that respect Nagy is driven to be aggressive, another point that ought to score with Grabowskis excited by any link to Mike Ditka, 1985 and before that 1963, and the men who laid the foundation for nine championships.

The Bears were aggressive in their approach to free agency, with general manager Ryan Pace joking he has a picture of Nagy lying on the floor of his office at 2 a.m., hours into the start of the new league year after the club had finalized a deal for wide receiver Allen Robinson.

They will be aggressive in training camp with physical practices at Olivet Nazarene University and carry that over into the season with an up-tempo offense. Will Nagy be the next version of Eagles coach Doug Pederson, with whom he worked in Kansas City? Pederson has gone for it on fourth down 53 times over the last two seasons and did so successfully twice in the Super Bowl LII upset of the Patriots.

"It was fun for me to see that because you see it can work," Nagy said. "Now, there's always the hindsight that is 20-20, and when it doesn't work you're the worst coach in the world. You have to have that balance.

"But to see him be aggressive and have the fourth-down mentality, he's really sending a message to his team and the opponent that, 'Hey, I believe in my guys and we're going to dictate to you guys what's going on here.'



PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP

Matt Nagy expects the Bears offense to become much more productive than it has been in recent seasons.

Now you have to prepare situationally for those opportunities."

How else will that go-for-it nature manifest itself?

"It's going to mean a few things," Nagy said.

"It's going to mean pace of play. It's going to mean downfield throws. We're going to always attack you downfield. We're going to make sure you understand you can't just sit there at 10 to 12 yards and wait for these intermediate throws. We're going to test you.

"Not every ball is going to be complete and that's OK. It's going to stretch the defense. It's going to open it up for guys (such as) Jordan (Howard) and Tarik (Cohen) to do some things in the run game. And then it's going to involve the aggressiveness of

being able to be smart when you do it, pick and choose when you're going to go for it on fourth down.

"If you have that mentality going into games, you'll never leave with any regrets because you're aggressive. You left it on the field. Now, it has to be smart. You need to have a little bit of calculation with how aggressive you're going to be, but overall we're going to be much more aggressive than conservative."

A long road is ahead for the Bears and it's one that will not lead directly to success. Nagy is smart enough to know that. There will be twists, turns and detours that no one forecasted. It's going to require perseverance and a belief in the plan.

"As we get into who we are as

a team, I want them to understand there are going to be ups and downs," Nagy said. "It's going to be a roller coaster. You usually don't go 16-0 and ride off into the sunset.

"When bad things happen, when adversity strikes, how do you react? The great teams will respond in the right way. They will have a bunch of leaders on the team (who) stick together, a bunch of coaches (who) stick together, get through it, and they roll."

The plan will be delivered to the players Tuesday. Nagy can't wait to leave the sun and beautiful weather here in Florida and start the grind.

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**NFL NOTES**

## League's catch rule reworded

Associated Press

The NFL has a simplified catch rule designed to eliminate confusion — and, the league hopes, controversy — about receptions.

Team owners unanimously approved the new language Tuesday, with basically three elements defining a catch: having control of the ball; getting two feet down or another body part; making a football move, such as taking a third step or extending the ball.

"We wanted to simplify and provide clarity," Steelers coach and longtime competition committee member Mike Tomlin said. "It was time to do so after we got caught up in language that didn't do that. The language was obscure and confusing."

The owners also made it a 15-yard penalty for any player to lower his head to initiate any hit with the helmet.

Also approved was making permanent spotting the ball at the 25-yard line after a touchback on a kickoff; allowing players on injured reserve to be traded; and authorizing a designated member of the officiating department to instruct on-field game officials to eject a player for a flagrant non-football act when a foul for that act is called on the field.

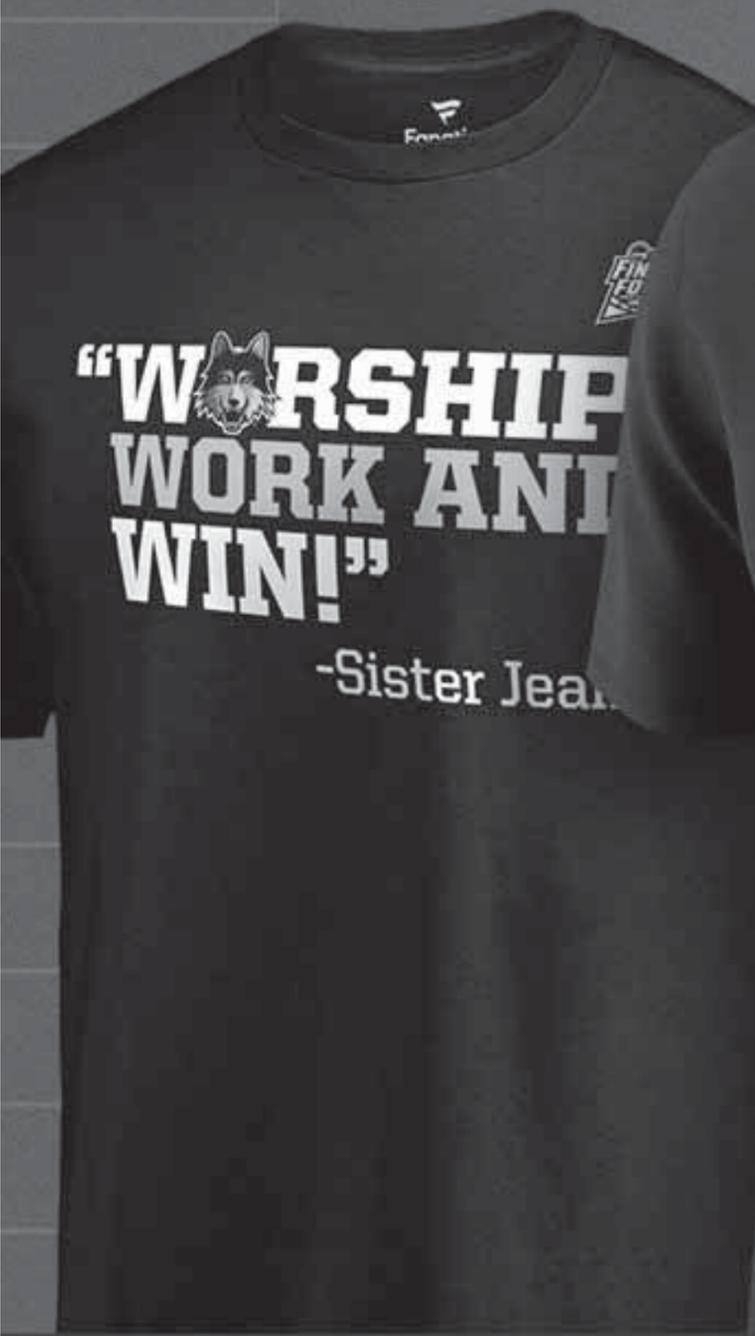
Withdrawn by the Jets was a proposal to limit defensive pass interference to 15 yards.

**Luck works out:** QB Andrew Luck is throwing footballs again.

Colts coach Frank Reich said that Luck has begun to throw as part of the rehab for his surgically repaired shoulder. Luck missed the 2017 season because of the injury.

**Extra points:** The Titans agreed to terms with QB Blaine Gabbert and OL Xavier Su'a-Filo. ... The Seahawks released QB Trevone Boykin after his girlfriend alleged in a TV interview that he assaulted her last week. Boykin, 24, denied the allegations.



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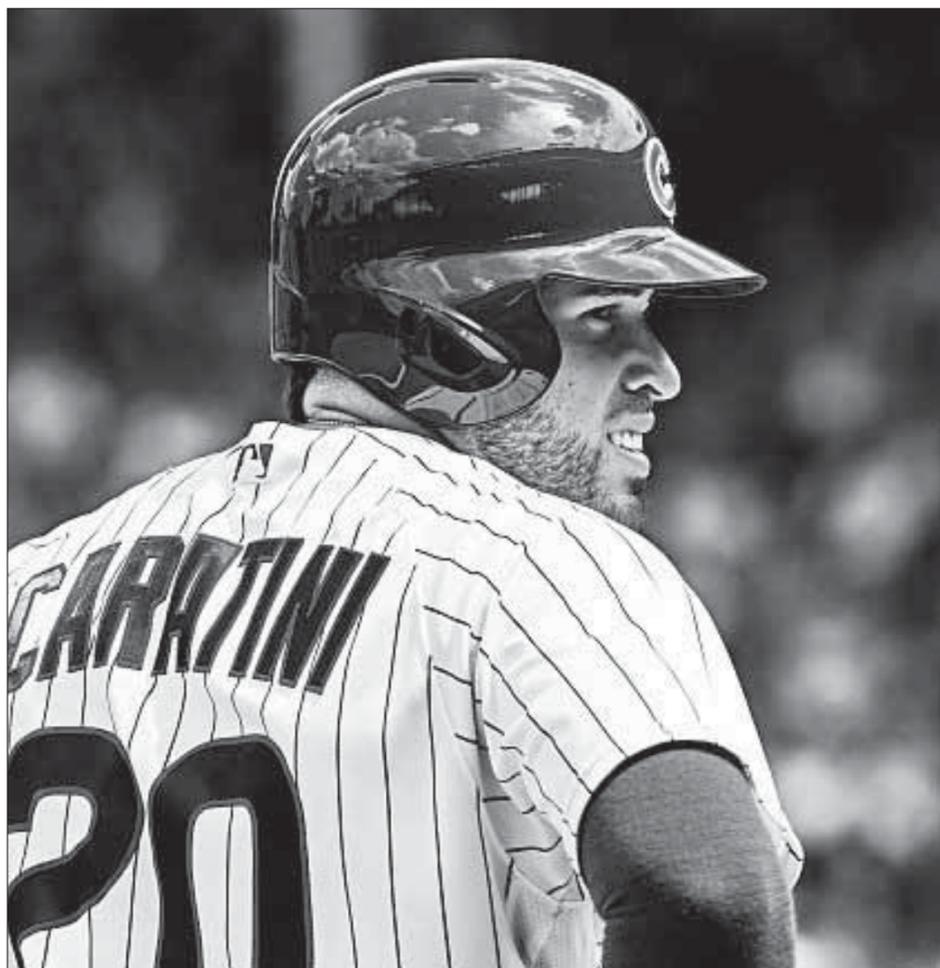
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## CUBS



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Pitcher Daniel Ponce de Leon blames himself for his head injury, saying Victor Caratini did nothing wrong.

# Near tragedy has uplifting outcome

Injured Ponce de Leon back to playing, builds new bond with Caratini

BY DAN WIEDERER  
Chicago Tribune

Daniel Ponce de Leon knows it might sound silly, but the competitor within him often emerges when he thinks about the moment that threatened his life.

Ask him about that terrifying afternoon last spring, about that Triple-A game in Des Moines, Iowa — Memphis Redbirds versus Iowa Cubs. Ask him about how he so quickly went from the pitcher's mound at Principal Park to an operating table at a nearby hospital, and he begins by scolding himself.

Why did he groove that fastball? Why didn't he react quicker when the ball came right back at him?

"I get mad at myself," Ponce de Leon says.

That two-seam fastball came in the second inning May 9, an offering to then-Cubs prospect Victor Caratini. It was belt high over the center of the plate.

"Good pitch for me," Caratini says now. "Right down the middle."

In the next 1.2 seconds, an orchestra of sounds was heard — the wood of Caratini's bat, the crack of Ponce de Leon's skull and a horrified gasp from around the stadium.

Then silence. Terrified, stomach-knotting silence.

Ponce de Leon, then 25 and a promising prospect in the Cardinals organization, initially was oblivious to how dire things were. His first thought was that he had suffered a concussion. He had no comprehension that Caratini's line drive had dented his right temple, that his brain had begun to swell instantly.

"I knew I got hit in the head," Ponce de Leon says. "I just didn't think it was that bad. I told our trainer I should get up and walk to the locker room."

Caratini collected his single and slowly walked toward the mound. "Scary," he says. "Just a really tough moment."

An ambulance rushed Ponce de Leon to the hospital. Doctors hurried to treat the pitcher. Ponce de Leon felt increasingly woozy and began vomiting.

"This is pretty bad," he remembers thinking. "By that point my brain wasn't working very well. It gets kind of splotchy after that."

Emergency surgery was imperative to lessen the swelling in Ponce de Leon's brain, to control the bleeding.

After collecting four hits and two RBIs in a 3-1 Cubs victory, Caratini learned of Ponce de Leon's condition and instantly felt distraught.

"I messed with his life, ya know?" Caratini says.

The Cubs prospect also felt a responsibility to reach out. He visited Ponce de Leon and his family in the hospital that first night.



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**"This is a game. ... I don't want to mess with his life, with his wife, with his family."**

— Cubs catcher Victor Caratini's reaction to the serious injury his hit caused Cardinals pitching prospect Daniel Ponce de Leon last spring

Ponce de Leon's father flew in from California. His now-wife, Jennifer, who had been watching the game on a web feed, raced to Iowa from Florida with their newborn son, Casen.

Caratini made recurring pop-ins to offer food and Gatorade and as much support as he could.

"I told him, 'If you need anything, I'm here for you and your family,'" Caratini says. "I wanted them to be more comfortable."

Ponce de Leon doesn't remember Caratini's first visit. But when they connected again at the hospital, he sensed Caratini's apprehension.

"This is a game," Caratini reiterates. "It's to play and have fun. I don't want to mess with his life, with his wife, with his family."

Says Ponce de Leon: "I was just hoping he didn't feel bad for what happened. He hit the pitch where I threw it. He did what he was supposed to. You could tell he didn't want to say anything wrong, but I told him it was my fault."

With the Cardinals pitcher spending two weeks in intensive care and another several days in inpatient rehabilitation, the Iowa Cubs pushed to take care of some of the travel expenses for Ponce de Leon's family.

Caratini, now the Cubs' new backup catcher, organized a team fundraiser. His wife prepared a handful of Latin dishes and brought them to the hospital: chicken, rice, beans, just the right spice.

"Way better than hospital food," Ponce de Leon says. "That was great."

It was a small bond but one Ponce de Leon deeply appreciates.

"Victor is a genuinely good person," he says. "The next time I see him, I'll give him a hug."

Ponce de Leon first saw his accident a week or so after surgery, when his boredom sent him reaching for his phone. There on the internet was the replay: the two-seamer, the line drive at his head, his collapse.

"If you watch," Ponce de Leon says, "I got my hands up. And I was an inch away from catching that thing or at least deflecting it."

"So I was mad at myself. 'Why

can't you be quicker? Why can't you finish better?' Right down the middle (with the pitch). It was all my fault."

That thought bounced around Ponce de Leon's mind as he laid in his hospital bed plowing through Sudoku puzzles. Ultimately he needed a CT scan to get clearance to fly. And it was then, he says, that the imaging of his brain demonstrated the gravity of what had happened. He could see the crack in his skull and the swelling and shifting of his brain.

Ponce de Leon has shied away from thinking about how close he came to dying. Jennifer, he says, is more likely to bring it up, to reflect on the terrifying nature of the incident and their ultimate good fortune. She recalls the initial words of Cardinals trainer Scott Ensell.

*Let's first hope he makes it through surgery.*

"She gets reflective every night," Ponce de Leon says. "She asked me one night how I'd like to be buried. I was like, 'Man, that's a dark question, but since you asked, don't spend any money on me. Just throw me in the river or something.'"

For now, Ponce de Leon's focus has returned to his climb toward the major leagues. He recently returned to the mound at spring training in Florida and since has been sent back to the Cardinals' minor-league camp.

He and Caratini stay in touch, connecting a few times per month, mostly by text.

"Of course I root for him," Caratini says. "I want him to have a good season, to get the call-up and make the big-league team."

That's Ponce de Leon's goal. And there's no question he eventually would love the opportunity to have an on-field reunion with Caratini.

"I just can't throw him a fastball right over the plate," Ponce de Leon says.

Adds Caratini: "I will still try to hit the ball, but maybe not right back up the middle."

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## WHITE SOX

# Ballpark changes, additions on display

Sox show off new amenities, food at Guaranteed Rate Field

BY PHIL THOMPSON  
Chicago Tribune

The White Sox rolled out new menu items, including a Cuban burger that received glowing reviews from some, and showed off other changes around Guaranteed Rate Field during a media tour on Tuesday. Here are five observations:

■ 1. The team renovated the visitors' clubhouse, outfitting lockers with outlets for players to plug in their devices and expanding kitchen space for the opposing team's chef — all part of Major League Baseball and the union's efforts to upgrade player amenities.

But doesn't that fly in the face of the old-school rule that you make your opponent as uncomfortable as possible?

"We joked around and I said, 'Hey, paint it pink and green for all I care,'" park operations senior director Jonathan Vasquez said. "Or like (mascot) Southpaw, put it all green in there." But, as Vasquez and other Sox officials noted, the home team still has better accommodations.

■ 2. We'll make this, um, concession: Between the Wok Off and the Banana Split Helmet Sundae, the Sox's food services can get pretty creative when it comes to ballpark snack names.

Several reporters and photographers sampled the snacks — including an open-faced Italian sausage patty sandwich on Texas toast called the "South Side Horseshoe" and three varieties

of Johnsonville sausage sandwiches whose names play off pitching terms (the "Slurve," "Change Up" and "Cutter").

■ 3. The team installed a virtual reality batting cage in the Chicago Sports Depot, near Gate 5, and only a few MLB ballparks have them. The game is free but available only to ticketholders. Each batter will have 90 seconds to hit as many home runs as they can as far as they can.

Smooth and easy swings, recommends director of digital communications Brad Boron, and if you do hit a 500-footer, "don't flip the bat. It's an expensive sensor."

■ 4. On game days, fans will notice some small changes around the G-Rate. Like all ballparks, the 30-foot-high safety netting has been extended to the outfield end of both dugouts, or from section 122 to 142.

After several injuries to fans on foul balls in recent seasons, it became necessary to widen the protective netting, and really, it's hardly noticeable.

Meanwhile, the LED ribbon has extended to run the entire length of the grandstand, which means the retired numbers that resided behind home plate had to be moved to the first- and third-base lines.

■ 5. It's a shame the Revolution Brewing #SoxSocial Tap Room wasn't ready for prime time when the Sox hosted the media tour.

The team is riding the wave of craft beers at stadiums, and its partnership with Revolution Brewing — adding up to 50 different beers — reflects that.

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# Renteria best choice as White Sox rebuild

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"He has been just the guy we needed him to be over the early part of this rebuild."

In the dugout, Renteria has a combined winning percentage of .432 over his two seasons, both rebuilding years. Though the 2014 Cubs were already in Year Three of their rebuild, they still didn't have Kris Bryant, Jon Lester or Addison Russell. Jake Arrieta was just starting to come into his own and Castro was still an erratic shortstop.

They looked like they were at least turning the corner in the second half, going 33-35, before Maddon became available in October and the Cubs made their move.

With low expectations for the Sox in 2018, it's going to be difficult to judge Renteria by his record again. If they finish .500 and most of the young core succeeds, the season will be considered a triumph. If they lose 90-plus games again and finish at or near the bottom of the American League Central, no one is going to blame Renteria.

In other words, it's a win-win situation for Renteria in Year Two of the rebuild.

While universally lauded as a good guy, Renteria isn't the most media-friendly manager, preferring to keep things close to the vest when it comes to dispensing information. He's the polar opposite of former Sox manager Ozzie Guillen, and his postgame press conferences sometimes are shorter than one of Maddon's answers.

Renteria doesn't provide the kind of colorful anecdotes that will fill up a reporter's notebook like a Guillen or Maddon, but Sox management would rather have tedium than controversy any day.

So what is Renteria doing that makes his bosses and players love him so much? And what makes the Sox so sure he's the guy to take them from Point A to Point C?

Hahn mentioned the job Renteria did handling "a clubhouse in transition" last summer, with prospects on the rise and veterans like Todd Frazier, David Robertson and Melky Cabrera, who knew they probably would be moved in the second half. The "upbeat" clubhouse and constant communication can be traced to Renteria's leadership, Hahn said.

This spring we saw Renteria do something out of the ordinary, benching Avisail Garcia during a meaningless exhibition for not running out a ground ball. It wasn't the first time he

made a decision like that. Last year he removed Cody Asche during a game in Kansas City for not running to first after a dropped third strike, but refused to admit the reason why Asche was taken out.

It wasn't until the next day that Asche said: "There are standards that need to be set if you're going to be a White Sox player. If you don't meet the standards, sometimes the manager has to take action."

The benching of Garcia wasn't a big deal because it was just a Cactus League game, but it could have backfired if the Sox outfielder had sulked. But Garcia apologized and said Renteria was right.

"Avi is normally one of the guys busting it down the line," Hahn said. "It's not like that's an ongoing thing. But the fact he lagged at one point, that's not what Ricky wants, and not what he's going to accept. And Avi got it."

Renteria is a hands-on teacher, which is what the Sox feel they need at this juncture, particularly with a young, impressionable team.

At SoxFest in January, Renteria told the media he once had a meeting with Jose Abreu, asking his star whether he truly wanted to be a first baseman or a designated hitter. Abreu reiterated he preferred to stay at first. Renteria then got Abreu to work more on his defense, thus making it easier for the Sox to keep him at the position.

When some of the players were dragging in the middle of spring training, Renteria conceded he was asking the players to work harder than usual. The staff was reinforcing lessons to get them into good habits.

"They are doing a lot of things hopefully they're starting to engrain in themselves," Renteria said. "I'm pretty proud of the way they're playing. I'll be honest with you, they're a little fatigued because of the effort they're giving you. But we're trying to manage it the best we can."

After some early mishaps in the field and on the bases, the team seemed to get its act together in the last two weeks, and they head into Thursday's opener against the Royals in Kansas City feeling good about themselves.

Renteria is not going to change his persona to placate the media or fans. It's too late for that.

Sunshine still becomes him, and probably always will.

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## BULLS AND BLACKHAWKS

ROCKETS 118, BULLS 86

# Roaring Rockets flatten Bulls

Player evaluations continue as losing streak reaches 6 games

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — The roulette wheel spun and the Bulls started Cameron Payne, Justin Holiday, David Nwaba, Lauri Markkanen and Cristiano Felicio for Tuesday night's 118-86 loss to the Rockets, just the second time that starting five has gathered for the opening tip.

Robin Lopez put his Calvin and Hobbes T-shirt in his locker to dress but didn't play. Zach LaVine, Kris Dunn, Paul Zipser and Antonio Blakeney looked stylish in street clothes. Denzel Valentine surprisingly rallied from his swollen knee to play, but Felicio missed the second half of a game in which the Bulls trailed by as many as 40 with a sore back.

The Bulls' sixth straight loss — the Rockets have won a staggering 27 of 28 — continued their playing out the string under the guise of player development. The increased pingpong ball combinations don't hurt, either.

Nobody's feeling sorry for Fred Hoiberg. But with NCAA regionals concluded and the rare road game in which both executive vice president John Paxson and general manager Gar Forman attended, Hoiberg is appreciative of their support as he follows orders.

"I've gotten unbelievable support from everybody all throughout the year, going back to what I thought was a great offseason and training camp. We battled through some adversity," Hoiberg said, alluding to the Nikola Mirotic-Bobby Portis altercation. "From (President) Michael (Reinsdorf) to John to Gar, all the support we've gotten and how we're trying to build the right habits, it has been there through the good times and bad.

"Obviously, the position that we're in now with trying to see the young guys and if they fit with what we want to do long term, there are going to be some highs and lows."

Tuesday provided more of the latter as the Bulls reached 50 losses for the first time since 2003-04, Paxson's first season after replacing GM Jerry Krause.

The Rockets shot 18-for-57 from 3-point range as Chris Paul returned from a hamstring injury and James Harden and Clint Capela rested. Eric Gordon tied his career high with eight 3-pointers and scored 31 points in 26 minutes.

Markkanen sank his first five shots and



ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH/AP

Bulls forward Lauri Markkanen tries to get by Rockets guard Eric Gordon during the first half Tuesday in Houston. The Rockets won 118-86.

scored 14 first-quarter points. But he played his right arm in a rebounding scrum, briefly exited in the second quarter and finished with 22 points and an elbow sleeve.

When the Bulls went 10-6 in December, Paxson praised Hoiberg. He also said he didn't want to "tap the brakes" on the young players' development because Dunn and Markkanen starred — even if, ultimately, that harmed the team's draft lottery chances.

"They always told us to compete and do everything you can to put the team in position to win," Hoiberg said of management. "At that time, we were still seeing what we had with Kris. We were still figuring out what we had with Lauri. We didn't have Zach in the fold but we were talking about things we could do when everybody was healthy. Niko and Bobby were playing at a really high level. Robin and Justin, our veteran guys, were playing some of the best basketball of their careers. We wanted to keep that going.

"If we could've added Zach to that mix when we were playing so well — he played a couple of games, which I think we won with

him playing limited minutes — it would have been fun to continue that ride to see how long we could've kept it going."

Instead, Dunn's scary fall and concussion on Jan. 17 and month-long absence and the Mirotic trade changed things.

"You look at his numbers at that time, he was playing as well as any point guard in the Eastern Conference," Hoiberg said of Dunn. "He really developed that closer mentality, which is important in this process. You have to learn how to win when you have young guys on the floor."

Before this season, Paxson and Forman said Hoiberg and his staff wouldn't be judged by the team's record but by player development and effort.

"I think when you look at individual skill development, we've done a solid job," Hoiberg said. "Pretty much across the board, our guys are putting up numbers they haven't achieved."

Of course, some of that is based simply on opportunity, which everyone is getting, for better or worse.

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### THE BOX SCORE

BULLS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Holiday	23:45	2-8	0-1	0-2	1	1	5
Markkanen	27:57	8-15	4-5	0-4	2	2	22
Felicio	11:10	0-1	0-0	1-3	0	1	0
Nwaba	29:55	2-8	2-2	2-6	0	2	6
Payne	22:58	1-7	0-0	2-8	3	1	2
Valentine	29:09	5-12	0-2	0-4	3	3	12
Vonleh	26:02	5-9	0-1	5-12	3	4	10
Portis	25:51	5-10	0-0	2-8	1	1	11
Kilpatrick	18:11	5-9	1-2	1-2	0	0	12
Grant	17:55	1-9	1-2	0-2	3	2	4
Arcidiacono	7:07	0-1	2-2	0-0	1	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>34-89</b>	<b>10-17</b>	<b>13-51</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Pts:</b> FG .382, FT .588, 3-pointers: 8-37, 216 (Markkanen 2-6, Valentine 2-7, Portis 1-2, Grant 1-4, Kilpatrick 1-4, Holiday 1-6, Arcidiacono 0-1, Nwaba 0-1, Vonleh 0-1, Payne 0-5). <b>Team rebs:</b> 11. <b>Team turnovers:</b> 18 (18 PTS). <b>Blocks:</b> 1 (Markkanen). <b>Turnovers:</b> 18 (Markkanen 5, Nwaba 3, Valentine 3, Felicio 2, Payne 2, Holiday, Kilpatrick, Vonleh). <b>Steals:</b> 9 (Portis 2, Valentine 2, Grant, Nwaba, Payne, Vonleh). <b>Technical fouls:</b> coach Bulls (Defensive three second), 6:15 first; coach Bulls (Defensive three second), 2:59 first.							
ROCKETS	MN	FG-A	FT-A	REB	A	PF	PTS
Ariza	26:13	6-12	5-5	0-6	2	0	21
Tucker	26:38	4-9	0-0	1-8	2	0	9
Nene	20:33	4-7	2-2	3-7	3	0	10
Gordon	26:23	11-17	1-2	0-1	1	1	31
Paul	27:44	4-12	2-2	0-4	10	1	13
Green	30:02	4-14	5-5	0-7	3	1	14
Johnson	29:00	4-9	2-2	0-2	5	1	10
Anderson	23:26	1-6	0-0	2-4	1	2	3
Black	12:00	3-3	1-3	2-5	1	2	7
Hunter	10:02	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Qi	7:59	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>41-93</b>	<b>18-21</b>	<b>9-46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Pts:</b> FG .441, FT .857, 3-pointers: 18-57, 316 (Gordon 8-13, Ariza 4-10, Paul 3-9, Anderson 1-5, Tucker 1-5, Green 1-9, Qi 0-1, Hunter 0-2, Johnson 0-3). <b>Team rebs:</b> 9. <b>Team turnovers:</b> 10 (10 PTS). <b>Blocks:</b> 6 (Tucker 2, Ariza, Black, Gordon, Qi). <b>Turnovers:</b> 10 (Paul 3, Green 2, Qi 2, Anderson, Black, Tucker). <b>Steals:</b> 15 (Ariza 4, Paul 4, Nene 3, Tucker 2, Black, Hunter). <b>Technical fouls:</b> coach Rockets (Defensive three second), 11:25 first.							
<b>BULLS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>86</b>
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Go by, as time
  - 5 Doe's mate
  - 9 Plato's "S"
  - 14 Beach resort in Venice
  - 15 Party hat's shape
  - 16 Infant's ailment
  - 17 Fancy
  - 19 Not sleeping
  - 20 \_\_\_ for; request
  - 21 Skelton and Buttons
  - 22 Ice skate supports
  - 23 Years lived
  - 24 Play area behind a house
  - 26 Singing voice
  - 30 Make inoperable
  - 35 Workers' group
  - 36 Commanded
  - 38 Thin
  - 39 Passage near the nasal cavity
  - 40 Stop \_\_\_ dime
  - 41 Mr. Eastwood
  - 42 Garden tools
  - 43 Setting for "The King and I"
  - 44 From this time
  - 45 Bugs
  - 47 Walk unsteadily
  - 49 \_\_\_ up; devours
  - 51 Bullfight shout
- DOWN**
- 1 Tearful request
  - 2 Feels sick
  - 3 Pierre's state: abbr.
  - 4 Weep
  - 5 Window covering
  - 6 Frog's cousin
  - 7 Nervous
  - 8 Seventh letter
  - 9 Overcooks milk
  - 10 Dubuque, \_\_\_
  - 11 Pleased
  - 12 Voice amplifier
  - 13 High cards
  - 18 Liver and heart
  - 22 Soft cheese
  - 23 Waken
  - 25 Gomez \_\_\_; role for John Astin
  - 26 Cold rice with fish

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- 27 Potato salad ingredient
- 28 Forest trees
- 29 Woodwind player
- 31 Assert without proof
- 32 Human \_\_\_; mortal
- 33 Knight's spear
- 34 Go into
- 37 Santa \_\_, CA
- 41 Alpine cottage
- 43 Night twinkler
- 46 Trix or Kix
- 48 Tropical bird
- 50 Undress
- 52 Boys
- 53 "Stat!" in the office
- 54 Skirt for Twiggy
- 55 Sculptor's tool
- 57 Marathon
- 58 Sign of an old injury
- 59 Raja's wife
- 60 Sir Guinness
- 62 Expert
- 63 Suffix for text or infant

### BULLS NOTES

## Markkanen confident he can juggle summer commitments

By K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

HOUSTON — For the second straight offseason, Lauri Markkanen will be a wanted man.

Both the Bulls and Markkanen have talked about how important this offseason will be to add strength and to work with team personnel. Especially because Markkanen, who did play in the NBA Summer League with the Bulls last year, committed most of last summer to his Finnish national team at EuroBasket.

But the Finnish national team commitments, though less involved, don't stop. There's a week-long session at the end of June into early July and roughly a three-week camp in advance of mid-September games. Both are tied to qualifying for the 2019 FIBA World Cup.

"We're going to figure it out. We've talked about it already," Markkanen said of dialogue between Bulls management and his camp. "There are times I'm going to be there, but I'm going to stay in Chicago too. We have a good plan going into the summer.

"At the end of the day, it's my decision. I know what the national team wants and that's to play every game. My plan is to play in June for that week period. The other one, that's (Bulls' pre-)training camp stuff. So we'll figure that out."

One positive is the strong relationship between Finland national team coach Henrik Dettman and the Bulls. Associate head coach Jim Boylen traveled to Finland for last year's EuroBasket games. And Dettman spent several days with Bulls

personnel in Chicago in January.

"I love playing for the national team and representing my country," Markkanen said. "I've also been saying this is a big summer because it's the first offseason I've really had to work on my game."

Coincidentally, Markkanen, who was then on the junior team, attended the 2014 World Cup preliminary round games in Spain when Finland faced the U.S. with Derrick Rose and assistant national team coach Tom Thibodeau.

"I was watching court-side when Derrick warmed up. The first bucket we got, the arena was shaking. Then I don't think we scored in the second quarter," Markkanen said of the 114-55 U.S. romp. "It's crazy because it's not too far from then to now. It feels weird that only four years ago, I was watching Derrick and Steph (Curry) play."

**Into the fire:** Sean Kilpatrick averaged 13.1 points in just 25 minutes over 70 games for the Nets last season but still bounced to his fourth team this season when the Bulls signed him.

"My stats speak for themselves," Kilpatrick said. "Every game in the league is an audition."

Coach Fred Hoiberg said Kilpatrick will get a look over these final games, which included scoring 12 points in 18 minutes during Tuesday night's 118-86 loss to the Rockets.

**Layups:** WGN-AM 720 announced that play-by-play man Chuck Swirsky will join its Walk of Fame.

### BLACKHAWKS

## Hillman latest rookie likely to get good look from Hawks

By Joe Knowles  
Chicago Tribune

Another freshly signed rookie will be joining the Blackhawks as they continue auditions for future long-term roles with the team.

Defenseman Blake Hillman signed a two-year contract Tuesday and will join the team immediately. He'll wear No. 55 and could be in the lineup for Thursday's game against the Jets.

The Hawks drafted Hillman in the sixth round in 2016. The 22-year old native of Minnesota recently wrapped up his junior



Hillman

season at the University of Denver, traditionally one of the nation's top college programs.

In 123 career games at Denver over three seasons, the 6-foot-1, 193-pound Hillman scored seven goals and assisted on 24.

Denver was eliminated from the NCAA tournament Sunday after losing 5-1 to Ohio State in the Midwest Regional championship game. The Pioneers won the tournament last year, their eighth national title.

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## SCOREBOARD

## CALENDAR

TEAM	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
		@MIA 11:40a WGN-9 AM-670	@MIA 6:10 WGN-9 AM-670	@MIA 6:10 NBCSCH AM-670	@MIA 12:10 NBCSCH+ AM-670	@CIN 3:10 NBCSCH AM-670	@CIN 5:40 WGN-9 AM-670
		@KC 3:15 NBCSCH AM-720	@KC 6:15 WGN-9 AM-720	@KC 6:15 WGN-9 AM-720	@KC 1:15 WGN-9 AM-720	@TOR 6:07 WGN-9 AM-720	@TOR 6:07 NBCSCH+ AM-720
		@MIA 6:30 WGN-9 AM-670	@ORL 6 NBCSCH AM-670				CHA 7 NBCSCH AM-560
		WIN 7:30 NBCSCH AM-720	@COLO 8 NBCSCH+ AM-720				
					POR 5 AM-1200		

## WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>							
<b>6 p.m.</b>	Cavaliers at Hornets					NBA TV	
<b>8:30 p.m.</b>	Celtics at Jazz					NBA TV	

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

<b>6 p.m.</b>	CIT semifinal, UIC at Liberty					CBSN	
<b>8 p.m.</b>	CBI final, G2, San Francisco at North Texas					ESPNU	
<b>8 p.m.</b>	CIT semi, Sam Houston at Northern Colorado					CBSN	

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

<b>4 p.m.</b>	McDonald's All-American girls game					ESPN2	
<b>6 p.m.</b>	McDonald's All-American boys game					ESPN	

## GOLF

<b>10 p.m.</b>	LPGA ANA Inspiration Pro-Am					Golf Channel	
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## NHL

<b>7 p.m.</b>	Rangers at Capitals					NBCSN	
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## WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

<b>5 p.m.</b>	Georgetown at Maryland					ESPNU	
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## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

<b>3 p.m.</b>	Northwestern at Illinois (2)					BTN	
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## TENNIS

<b>Noon</b>	ATP/WTA Miami quarterfinals					ESPN2 (more, 6 p.m.)	
<b>Noon</b>	ATP/WTA Miami doubles quarterfinals					Tennis Channel	

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: SPRING TRAINING

RECORDS	RESULTS, SCHEDULE	QUICK HIT	*SPLIT SQUADS	
<b>AMERICAN LEAGUE</b>	<b>WHITE SOX</b> 16-12-3 Boston 4, Cubs 2 Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1 Houston 8, Milwaukee 1 Pittsburgh 5, Phila. 5 Miami 22, U. Miami (7) Arizona 3, Cleveland 3 Minnesota 3, Oakland 0 Dodgers 4, Angels 3 Seattle 5, Colorado 3 Toronto 1, St. Louis 0 Atlanta 5, Braves Futures 4 San Fran. 3, Oakland 0 Yankees 4, Angels 3 (5) Chicagoy vs. Texas, ccd.	Cole Sturgeon: RBI 28 in 8th. Matt Boyd: ER, 7 K in 5 IP. C. Correa: grand slam in Astros 1st. Adrian Valerio: solo HR in 9th. Marlins' Garr. Cooper: 2-3, 4 RBI Mike Napoli: solo HR for Indians. Jose Berrios: 3 hitsless Twins IP. Dan Vogelbach: 3-R HR for M's. Vlad Guerrero Jr. walkoff HR. Sean Newcomb: 3 ER in 4 1/2 HR IP. S.F.'s Austin Jackson: 2-R single. Yankees solo LAD HR in 1st. 1st rainout in Arlington since '16.		
<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>	<b>Cubs at Miami</b> 11:40 a.m. White Sox at Kansas City St. Louis at N.Y. Mets Pittsburgh at Detroit Minnesota at Baltimore Los Angeles at Tampa Bay New York Yankees at Toronto Atlanta 5, Braves Futures 4 San Fran. 3, Oakland 0 Yankees 4, Angels 3 (5) Chicagoy vs. Texas, ccd.	Miami 11:40 a.m. Kansas City 12:10 New York City 12:10 Detroit 12:10 Baltimore 2:05 Arlington, Tex. 2:30 St. Petersburg, Fla. 3:05 Oakland 3:10 San Diego 3:10 Atlanta 3:10 Cincinnati 6:08 Phoenix 9:10 Seattle 9:10		

## RED SOX 4, CUBS 2

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K.Brynt 3b	2	0	0	Martnz dh	2	0	0	0
Da.Boite pr	2	0	0	Brifield pr	2	1	0	0
Schwrtz lf	2	0	0	Okunewc 2b	2	0	0	0
R.Court lf	0	0	0	BNTzer 2b	2	0	0	0
Centras c	3	0	0	Bnndnd lf	2	1	1	0
Gimenez c	1	0	1	Tendler rf	2	1	2	0
Zobrist 1b	3	0	0	Moreland lb	2	0	0	0
Navarro lb	1	0	0	S. Strouen c	2	0	1	0
Nunndall ss	1	0	0	Vazquez c	2	0	1	0
Freeman pr	2	0	0	Swihart c	2	0	0	0
Heyward rf	1	0	0	Brd Jr. cf	2	0	0	0
Hinnmfr f	3	0	0	DaMars lf	2	0	0	0
Ja.Bae dh	2	0	0	DeJong Jr. 3b	2	0	0	0
Ja.Happ ph	1	0	0	J.Witte lb	1	1	1	0
LaDavis ph	1	0	0	Br.Holt ss	2	0	0	0
LaStiba 2b	1	0	0	Rvera ss	1	0	0	0
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>

## UPCOMING WHITE SOX SCHEDULE

REGULAR SEASON	THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	SITE	TIME
Thursday at Kansas City, 3:15	Cubs at Miami	Miami	11:40 a.m.
Saturday at Kansas City, 6:15	White Sox at Kansas City	Kansas City	12:10
Sunday at Kansas City, 1:15	St. Louis at N.Y. Mets	New York City	12:10
Monday at Toronto, 6:07	Pittsburgh at Detroit	Detroit	12:10
Tuesday at Toronto, 6:07	Minnesota at Baltimore	Baltimore	2:05
April 5 Detroit, 3:10	Los Angeles at Tampa Bay	St. Petersburg, Fla.	3:05
April 7 Detroit, 3:10	New York Yankees at Toronto	Oakland	3:10
April 8 Detroit, 1:10	Atlanta 5, Braves Futures 4	San Diego	3:10
April 9 Pittsburgh, 7:10	San Fran. 3, Oakland 0	Atlanta	3:10
April 10 Tampa Bay, 1:10	Yankees 4, Angels 3 (5)	Cincinnati	6:08
April 11 Tampa Bay, 1:10	Chicagoy vs. Texas, ccd.	Phoenix	9:10
April 12 at Minnesota, 7:10	Cleveland at Seattle	Seattle	9:10
April 13 at Minnesota, 7:10			
April 14 at Minnesota, 1:10			
April 15 at Minnesota, 1:10			
April 16 at Oakland, 9:05			
April 17 at Oakland, 9:05			
April 18 at Oakland, 2:35			
April 20 Houston, 7:10			

## NBA GOLF

PGA FEDERATION STANDINGS	RK	GOLFER	PTS	EARN
1. Justin Thomas	1,713	5,050,800		
2. Patton Kizzire	1,329	3,177,988		
3. Phil Mickelson	1,194	3,257,113		
4. Bubba Watson	1,175	3,287,879		
5. Justin Johnson	1,049	2,829,667		
6. Charles Howell III	989	2,243,698		
7. Justin Rose	940	2,778,400		
8. Brendan Steele	912	2,034,258		
9. Tony Finau	895	2,090,273		
10. Patrick Cantlay	887	1,984,232		
11. Jason Day	867	2,228,400		
12. Pat Perez	844	2,190,741		
13. Brian Harman	832	2,075,918		
14. Alex Noren	830	2,183,059		
15. Adam Hadwin	822	1,151,506		
16. Zach Johnson	820	2,056,102		
17. Gary Woodland	795	1,934,717		
18. Austin Cook	761	1,610,277		
19. Luke List	735	1,834,632		
20. Cameron Smith	641	1,736,995		
21. Bryson DeChambeau	626	1,715,587		
22. Chesson Hadley	626	1,508,281		
23. Marc Leishman	615	1,892,914		
24. Ted Pottinger	589	1,506,517		
25. Patrick Reed	582	1,084,232		
26. Rory McIlroy	560	1,759,888		
27. Kevin Kisner	544	1,563,806		
28. Rickie Fowler	542	1,415,200		
29. James Hahn	537	1,224,755		
30. Charles Howell II	532	1,243,102		
31. Keegan Bradley	514	1,278,097		
32. Rafa Cabrera Bello	505	1,383,747		
33. Andrew Landry	499	1,090,606		
34. Tom Hoge	492	1,151,506		
35. Kyle Stanley	484	1,253,894		
36. Ryan Armour	475	1,126,955		
37. JJ Spaun	470	1,033,447		
38. Bryce Garnett	461	824,897		
39. Xander Schauffele	451	1,199,285		
40. Tiger Woods	450	1,121,685		
41. Brian Gay	448	1,024,503		
42. Webb Simpson	447	999,017		
43. Kevin Chappell	425	1,050,511		
44. Tom Hoge	422	1,084,232		
45. Chee Kim	418	1,121,456		
46. Brandon Harkins	392	814,385		
47. Ollie Schniederjans	391	902,331		
48. Jason Kokrak	382	807,475		
49. Si Woo Kim	381	807,475		
50. Chris Kirk	378	875,505		

## TENNIS

MIAMI OPEN	AT THE TENNIS CENTER AT CRANDON PARK; Key Biscayne, Fla.; hard-outdoor
<b>Men</b>	Third Round Frances Tiafoe d. #10 Tomas Berdych, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 7-6 (1) Fourth Round #14 John Isner d. #21 Marin Cilic, 7-6 (0), 6-3 #4 Alexander Zverev d. #17 Nick Kyrgios, 6-4, 6-4 #5 Juan Martin del Potro d. #12 Filip Krajinovic, 6-4, 6-2 #6 Kevin Anderson d. #20 Milos Raonic, 6-4 #9 Jeremy Chardy, 6-3, 6-4 #29 Boris Coric, 6-4 Denis Shapovalov, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-4
<b>Women</b>	Quarterfinals Victoria Azarenka d. #10 Karolina Pliskova, 7-5, 6-3 #13 Sloane Stephens d. #10 Angelique Kerber, 6-1, 6-2

## COLLEGE HOCKEY

NCAA DI TOURNAMENT	FROZEN FOUR; St. Paul, Minn.
<b>National semifinals, April 5</b>	Ohio State (25-9-5) vs. Minn. Duluth (23-16-3), 5
<b>National championship, April 5</b>	Notre Dame (27-9-2) vs. Michigan (22-14-3), 8:30
<b>National championship, April 7</b>	Semifinal winners, 6:30

## NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE	CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
x-Nashville	76	49	16	11	109	245	193	26-8-4	23-8-7	18-5-2	
Winnipeg	76	47	19	10	104	255	200	30-7-2	17-12-8	13-8-2	
Minnesota	76	42	24	10	94	233	215	25-6-8	17-18-2	12-11-1	
St. Louis	76	43	28	5	91	212	198	24-15-9	19-13-5	10-10-3	
Colorado	76	41	27	8	90	240	222	26-10-2	15-17-6	11-10-3	
Dallas	77	39	30	8	86	218	210	25-12-3	14-18-5	11-13-0	
BLACKHAWKS	77	31	36	10	72	217	238	17-17-5	14-19-5	7-11-3	

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV	
x-Tampa Bay	75	51	20	4	106	272	213	27-8-2	24-12-2	16-7-2	
x-Boston	75	47	17	11	105	249	194	25-7-5	22-10-6	15-5-2	
Toronto	76	45	24	7	97	257	216	26-9-2	19-15-5	14-8-3	
Florida	74	39	28	7	89	226	224	23-11-3	16-17-4	14-6-2	
Montreal	77	28	37	6	68	196	245	18-13-8	10-24-4	12-9-5	
Detroit	77	28	38	11	67	199	239	15-18-3	13-23-3	6-15-4	
Ottawa	76	26	39	11	63	207	270	15-18-6	11-21-5	8-12-4	
Buffalo	76	24	40	12	60	177	250	11-23-5	13-17-7	11-9-3	

METRO	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	HOME	AWAY	DIV
Washington	76	45	24	7	97	240	223	26-9-2	19-15-5	14-7-3
Pittsburgh	77	43	28	6	92	253	233	28-8-2	15-20-4	16-2-2
Columbus	77	43	29	5	91	222	211	25-12-2	18-17-3	14-10-3
Philadelphia	77	38	35	4	80	232	231	19-13-6	19-12-8	12-7-6
New Jersey	76	40	28	8	99	229	228	20-14-3	20-14-5	13-9-1
Carolina	77	34	32	11	79	215	244	18-15-6		

## NCAA TOURNAMENT

## The big man on campus

Loyola center **Cameron Krutwig** has unique skills and personality to match

BY SHANNON RYAN | Chicago Tribune

**L**ate Saturday night, after snipping down nets and wading through confetti, Loyola freshman Cameron Krutwig met three of his high school buddies in his Atlanta hotel room when an idea struck.

The giddy teenagers scurried to the closest Dairy Queen for celebratory Blizzards shortly before closing time at about 11 p.m., toasting their best friend's ride to the Final Four.

"I don't get to spend time with those guys that much anymore," Krutwig said of his former teammates at Jacobs High School in Algonquin. "We get windows. We just wanted to be with each other and spend some time catching up. I love those guys."

The Final Four storyline about the conspicuous absence of freshmen stars conveniently overlooks Krutwig.

The 19-year-old who became a starter just three games into his college career hardly resembles a freshman — besides his boyish grin, Will Ferrell impersonations and ironically off-key Christmas carol singing group (we'll get to that later).

Far from the one-and-done type of youngster we're accustomed to seeing sparkle on this stage, Krutwig is a key player for the No. 11 seeded Ramblers who will take on No. 3 seed Michigan on Saturday in San Antonio in their first Final Four since 1963's national championship team.

Few college players are like him — a traditional big man at 6-foot-9 and 260 pounds who is also a deft passer.

Averaging 10.3 points, 6.1 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game, he's been reliable and productive. His soft touch from the post supplied seven assists against UIC in the regular season, and he's had eight other games with at least three assists, including a seven-point, four-assist performance against towering Tennessee in a second-round victory.

"It's a pressure release sometimes when guys are pressuring me or any of us at the top," point guard Clayton Custer said. "If he flashes to the elbow, we throw it to him there and then we can cut off him and he can make passes off of it. He's a playmaker as a five-man, which is amazing."

While his low-post game is a throwback and his passing skills are rare for any center, Krutwig's ability to play down low as a freshman without fouling might be his most impressive feat. He has not fouled out once this season while averaging 23.6 minutes per game, recording four fouls only twice.

Assistant coach Matt Gordon said: "It starts with him being one of the smartest kids I've ever coached."

Krutwig follows coach Porter Moser's "through you to the rim" and "reach for the lights" mantras for defending the post. He will be challenged Saturday when the Ramblers face Michigan's 6-11 versatile center Moe Wagner, who averages 14.3 points and 6.9 rebounds while putting up four 3-pointers per game.

"Sometimes bigs get in foul trouble because they're trying to block so many shots," Moser said. "Coach (Rick) Majerus had a great line: Know who you are. And Cam knows who he is. He's not a shot blocker. He's got to rotate and be big, rotate through the rim. He's got to take some charges."

Senior Ben Richardson called Krutwig the most vocal player on the team as his teammates and coach nodded.

Those who knew him at Jacobs, where a good luck message for Krutwig is displayed on the announcement board in front of the school, said he's always been like that. Outgoing, down to earth, and fitting in with ease.

His "goofball" mentality, as Custer put it, ingratiates him with his teammates as it did at Jacobs, where he led the Eagles to a 30-2 record and a sectional championship as a senior.

As high school sophomores, he and five friends formed the "Six Cheersmen," a mock vocal group specializing in dog-howl-inducing renditions of holiday carols. They've produced an album — made with a phone sitting on a chair in a basement — each of the last three years. Krutwig proudly has the music pinned to the top of his Twitter page.

Krutwig called their version of Silent Night "ear-scratching."

"None of us would you say is musically talented," said his friend and Six Cheersman member Cooper Schwartz. "But we sure are passionate."

Said Krutwig: "We're a hometown group. We're born and raised in Algonquin, Illinois. People will text us: 'This is so bad.' ... Honestly we're not any good. But it's just fun. We can be dumb and stupid and laugh with each other."

Final Four fame isn't getting to Krutwig, Schwartz said. "I think he'll remain humble, a Cheersman for life."

Krutwig grew up shadowing his brother Conrad, eight years older and also a star at Jacobs who played at South Dakota and Wisconsin-Parkside. "When he was little, we had some driveway battles," Cameron Krutwig said. "I busted him pretty good."

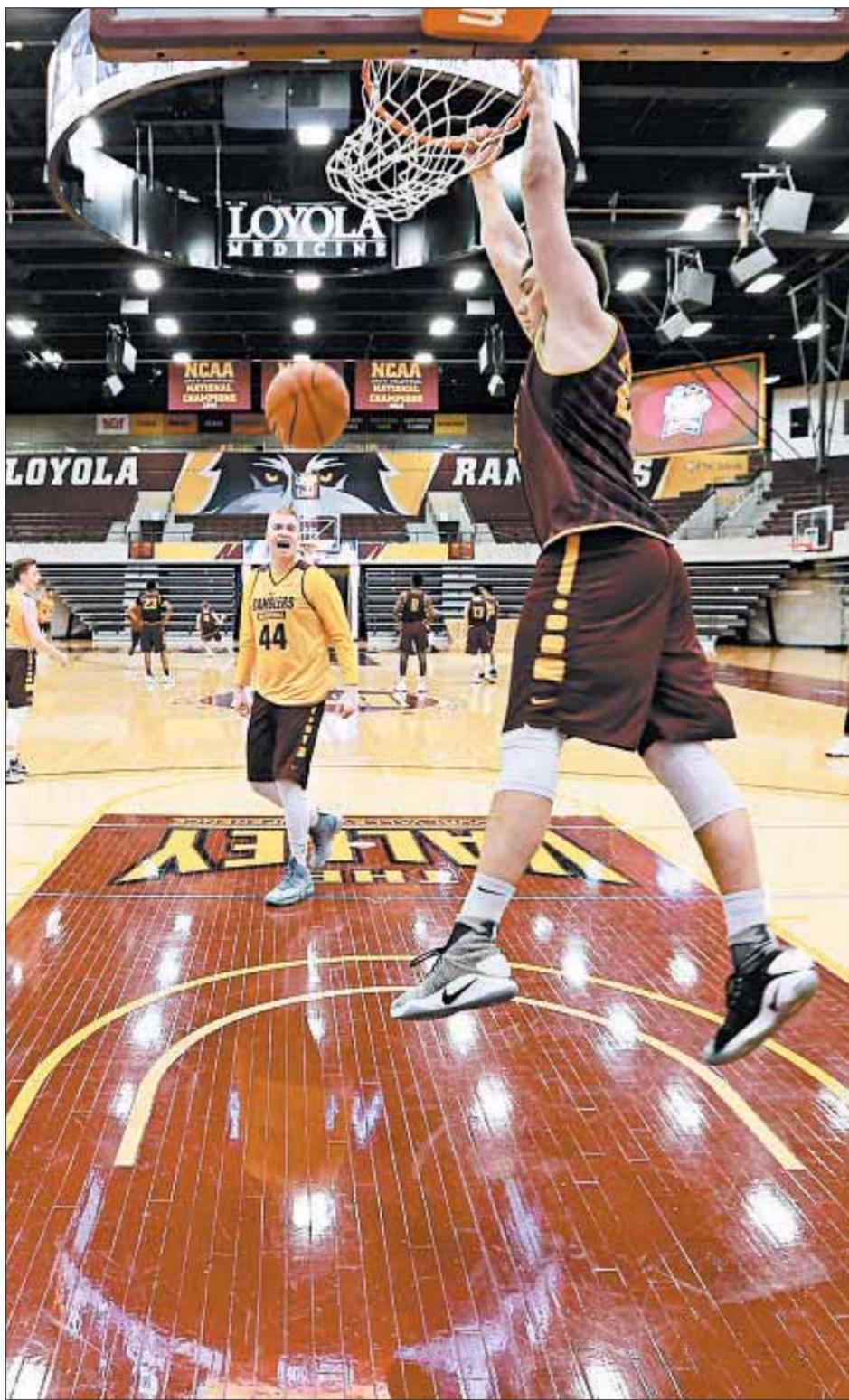
Krutwig learned early what it was like to be thrust into a spotlight. At Jacobs, he entered the starting lineup about 10 games into his freshman season. Double- and triple-teams were common.

Throughout his career, Jacobs coach Jimmy Roberts said, Krutwig performed his best in the biggest games. Roberts pointed to a sectional final against Larkin when the center was one assist away from a quadruple double (20 points, 23 rebounds, 11 blocks and nine assists).

Krutwig won three regional championships at Jacobs and holds nine team records.

When Roberts watched the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight victories at Philips Arena, he received texts from friends pointing out how recruiters missed out on Krutwig. He fielded about 30 mostly mid-major scholarship offers, but none from DePaul or the Big Ten.

"The comments were the same across the board: Just not tall enough. We're concerned about him physically. We're concerned about ball screens. Can he run up and down the floor?" Roberts



Loyola center Cameron Krutwig dunks during practice Tuesday, top, and hugs teammate Ben Richardson, right, Saturday.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY CHRIS WALKER (TOP) AND JOHN J. KIM (RIGHT)

said. "It's kind of funny now."

Krutwig, who lost 30 pounds before this season, said he was in love with Loyola anyway, sensing how well he would fit in with a team that shared the ball. An old soul who loves Larry Bird and Mark Price in basketball and the Beach Boys and Temptations in music, he savors his traditional role.

Heading into the Final Four, the biggest basketball moment of his young life, Krutwig said he feels loose.

"I don't feel any pressure," he said. "I'm a freshman. I'm supposed to be not that good, so it's not as much pressure."

He's just having fun.

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## Loyola taking right steps, putting Illinois, DePaul in its shadow

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Loyola's hunches paid off while the guesses made by administrators at DePaul and Illinois have looked anything but educated.

Former Loyola athletic director Grace Calhoun presided over both big decisions that positioned the Ramblers for long-term success.

At the 2011 press conference introducing Moser, Calhoun vowed the energetic new Loyola coach would "bring unparalleled integrity, passion and energy to the men's basketball program." Cynics in the audience could have been forgiven for rolling their eyes: Moser, then a St. Louis assistant, had gone 51-67 over four seasons at his previous head-coaching stop at Illinois State. Yet Calhoun was sold by the same sincerity, passion and meticulousness that makes Moser the most compelling Final Four coach this season. The risk was rewarded.

Two years after Moser's hiring, in 2013, Calhoun announced a partnership with the Missouri Valley Conference that "will enhance our visibility and have a

positive impact on the experience of our student-athletes." The way Loyola has shot from relative obscurity to prosperity since winning the MVC tournament earlier this month fulfilled Calhoun's pledge. The step up from the Horizon League improved the caliber of recruit interested in Loyola, especially in Chicago and in state, as well as access to the NCAA tournament given the national respect shown the MVC.

Wichita State leaving the league this year indeed created a clearer path to the NCAA tournament — as critics have pointed out, as if to diminish the achievement — but Loyola winning four March Madness games disproved any doubts about their legitimacy. Conference realignment happens often in college sports but seldom do teams take advantage to the extent Loyola has.

Calhoun, now the athletic director at Penn, declined a Tribune request for an interview about her role in Loyola's rise because "she wants to keep the focus on the Loyola student-athletes,

coaches, administrators and community instead of her," a spokesman said. "But she is really excited for Loyola, Porter and the entire university community on making the Final Four."

Meanwhile, DePaul and Illinois whiffed when faced with similar chances to hit administrative home runs.

So much about DePaul basketball warrants scrutiny since the school joined the Big East before the 2005-2006 season. The steady demise of the Blue Demons raises questions whether that was the right move for the men's basketball program, which once enjoyed a tradition that appealed to the Big East. Since joining the conference, DePaul has won just 35 percent of its games (143-265) and finished 10th or lower in the league standings 10 times, never higher than seventh.

Does DePaul know what it is? Or what it isn't? You wonder how many folks on the Lincoln Park campus long for the Conference USA days when DePaul posted two straight 20-win seasons from 2003-2005 in a league more

compatible for its talent level. DePaul plays in a first-class facility at Wintrust Arena but the product fails to compare to what's on display at Gentile Arena.

Athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto had a chance to make her own bold hire in 2015 after firing Oliver Purnell — like Calhoun did with Moser — but settled for the familiarity of nice guy Dave Leitao, who has been unable to turn things around in three seasons. If Loyola's Final Four run doesn't force the DePaul hierarchy to hold Lenti Ponsetto more accountable immediately — Leitao is her third unsuccessful coaching hire since joining the Big East — nothing will.

Illinois believes it found the right man in coach Brad Underwood, who showed promise in his first season. Problem is, organizational missteps hiring Underwood's predecessor, John Groce, put Illinois in position for Loyola to pass it. Groce accepted former Illinois athletic director Mike Thomas' job offer in late March 2012 only after at least five other

candidates passed on pursuing it. It was the corporate definition of settling.

At the time, Groce was a 40-year-old head coach with a 34-30 record in the Mid-American Conference. In five seasons at Illinois, Groce maintained mediocrity, going 95-75 with a 39-53 Big Ten record and only one NCAA appearance. Illinois never showed the patience with Groce that Loyola did with Moser, who struggled early, but it was much less apparent why the Illini should. Nothing special ever stood out about Groce's program.

The right man for the job makes it more immediately obvious he is. The way Moser did with Calhoun and Steve Watson, Loyola's current athletic director. The way Chris Collins did with Northwestern athletic director Jim Phillips. Execution at any level of sports begins with inspiration, winning starts with dreaming.

Loyola's inspired choices made so many dreams come true.

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# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## Some ex-major-leaguers strike out at retirement

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SAN FRANCISCO — Todd Helton now regularly drives his two daughters to school and other activities back home in Tennessee, a huge life change for the former Rockies All-Star first baseman.

He had no idea walking away from baseball would be such a daunting and overwhelming adjustment. The daily routine that had become part of his DNA — the bantering, the batting practice, the games — replaced by chauffeuring kids, helping around the house and some golf.

“It was the hardest thing I’ve ever done in my life,” Helton said. “I’ve been a baseball player since I could walk, always knew I was going to be a baseball player.”

As baseball begins anew, many former players realize just how tough it is.

No more opening days. No adrenaline rush from batting with the bases loaded and two out in front of 40,000 fans going crazy. No clubhouse camaraderie, sharing a goal of reaching the World Series.

The planes, the hotels, the autograph seekers and, sure, the money. A structure totally built around being at the stadium is suddenly replaced by mundane tasks with nobody watching.

“You step away and the game goes on without you, no matter how great you were,” former outfielder Randy Winn said. “And there are some really great players standing around here that aren’t playing anymore: world champions, All-Stars, some of the greatest of all time. And the game goes on.”

“There’s younger people that come in that get talked about. That’s maybe not the hardest thing, but it’s kind of the ‘What’s next for me?’ that is the hard part.”

Injuries forced ex-Giants pitcher Noah Lowry to retire early, and he now owns an outdoors store in Northern California and joined the Chamber of Commerce.

Like Helton, he also felt lost without his sport.

“I felt dead inside,” Lowry said.

Onetime Giants teammate Jack Taschner became a police officer in Wisconsin. He blossomed into an internet sensation last fall when he showed up at a high school football game and fooled fans by leading a group cheer in the stands.

Helton retired after the 2013 season following a 17-year career, all with the Rockies. He returned to Coors Field on Sept. 15 for a reunion of the 2007 NL champions. While there, Helton visited a back room in the clubhouse and reminisced while looking at the bat rack where his lumber once rested.

It can be a difficult change even when you know your time’s up. Especially for those players who didn’t earn the kind of salaries to support them for decades to come.

“If you’re lucky you’re in your mid-30s, right? Let’s say you make it to the big leagues when you’re 25 and if you’re lucky you play five years — you’re 30 years old,” said Winn, who retired in April 2011 after 13 major-league seasons with the Rays, Mariners, Giants, Yankees and Cardinals.

“You have 50 years of being retired, so that’s daunting. Even if you do play 20 years you still have a lot of years on the other side to figure out kind of ‘What do I want to do?’ Fred McGriff told me when I first retired — that’s my guy, he took me under his wing when I was a rookie — he said, ‘Randy, there’s only so much golf you can play.’”

Retired reliever Scott Eyre, who pitched 13 big-league seasons with five teams, announced “I need a job!” in a Facebook post Aug. 31. Those still working in baseball realize how fortunate they are to have stayed part of the game they love.

“I always planned to be involved in the game,” said A.J. Hinch of the World Series champion Astros. “I never dreamed I would be managing. That was new for me. But being able to be in the game, it’s what we know, it’s what we love. We’re used to the rigors and the routine of the season.”

“It’s hard to be away. You spend so much time on a baseball team or in a baseball season, it’s impossible not to miss it.”



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Retired Rockies first baseman Todd Helton steps out of the dugout last year at a reunion of the 2007 team. Helton finds retirement a huge change.

Winn said the regimented baseball schedule always has players somewhere at a specific time — from buses to flights to stretching and batting practice. And that’s often all these men have known for years.

“And even in the offseason, you don’t have somewhere to be but you have a goal,” said Winn, now a Giants special assistant and analyst. “You take however much time you take off, and then you have a goal — I want to be ready for spring, so that requires me being places: at the gym, cardio, throwing, hitting, kind of on a regimented schedule.”

To be part of a team for so long, for most way back to their Little League days, and then no longer having that daily interaction and togetherness can take a toll.

A 13-year big-league catcher, Cardinals manager Mike Matheny walked away because of concussions from years of taking foul tips and hard collisions at the plate.

“It happens to everybody in any walk of life; it just happens to our guys a lot younger,” Matheny said. “I think some guys handle it extremely well. Most of them have a balance, and they figure out what is going on in their life besides the game.”

“There’s other guys that are very content with the fact of putting the title on themselves they’re going to be a lifer. They’re going to be in this game no matter what. It all comes down to most of

the guys just finding peace with where it is they’re supposed to be.

“It’s not easy. I’ve talked with some guys who have had unbelievable careers. They just can’t get their mind around not being part of something or part of a team.”

For Lowry, four surgeries on his troublesome pitching arm sent the lefty into retirement at 26 after parts of just five seasons. It took time to deal with the sadness and anger of his situation. He called the transition to his next chapter “a disorienting and chaotic experience.”

He has worked with an organization called The Revenant Process to help him take new steps, redefine his life’s meaning and deal with what comes next. A father of three, he also gives his time to Bay Area youth in various capacities.

In a video he shared, Lowry opens up about how losing baseball brought back anxieties from his childhood that kept him from developing close friendships.

“In a moment, my identity crumbled, who I thought I was, the man my wife thought she had married, fell apart,” he said on the video. “The innocence of my childhood turned to shame as I grew older. Leaving the majors was the final crack in the dam that had been holding back years of pent-up anger, doubt and fear.”

Taschner pitched six seasons in the majors and owns a 10-5

lifetime record. His 50 innings for the Giants in 2007 were a career high. He pitched 189 innings in all.

He had to go back to work.

Taschner, 39, is a police officer in Appleton in his home state of Wisconsin. He works as a school resource officer and investigator.

“I was somewhat prepared,” he said. “I knew that law enforcement was my next step. I didn’t know what that looked like, but I had the initial plan.”

At 59, Mike Scioscia can only imagine what the day might look like when he’s no longer in uniform, and he knows that’s not far off. Another former catcher now managing has seen players struggle through their departures from baseball.

“I think it’s a huge adjustment,” the Angels manager said. “A lot of us are closer to retirement than just starting in this game. It’s not that you dwell on it. But sure, it’s a different lifestyle.”

“Most of these guys come through the minor leagues, and even if they played for five years in the minor leagues and seven years in the major leagues, you’re on a schedule for 12 years. Even that changes things when you wake up in February and there’s no spring training and you actually have a Fourth of July picnic at home, things that you take for granted.”

“Some guys I know, it’s seamless. They go from one thing to another. Some guys, it’s just that their career ends and they’re 33

years old or 34 years old, and all of a sudden there’s no spring training.”

From that first reporting day of spring through a six-month season with almost daily games, the sense of loss can be overwhelming when it’s all over.

“You always talk about that camaraderie, and it’s almost like working toward something bigger than just you,” Matheny said. “It’s hard to go find anything that could ever replicate what you had here.”

Years later, Helton is accustomed to his new, far different routine. At 44, he golfs, he goes fishing and he is director of player development for Tennessee’s baseball team.

He works out most mornings, while acknowledging “it’s a lot harder to work out now when you don’t have anything to work out for.”

“I thought I was totally prepared for it,” he said. “I knew it was coming, so it’s not like it was any surprise. I was 40 years old and still playing. Stopping playing and taking your kids to and from school, that’s a big adjustment. It was hard.”

He came to the point he appreciates being there for all his girls’ after-school activities.

Helton had to fight through being down the way he did a hitting slump. He had been No. 17 for so long.

“Life’s good again,” he said. “Every day’s a Sunday for me.”

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

# Lakers' Randle already shows toughness, maturity

BY TANIA GANGULI  
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LOS ANGELES — Nick Young and Jordan Clarkson were not scheduled to speak at Julius Randle's wedding. It was an elegant affair, bathed in white roses to celebrate a love that began almost instantly when Randle met Kendra Shaw at a friend's party in college.

The friend who introduced them spoke at the reception. A coach who grew to be like a brother to Randle spoke. So did some childhood friends.

Then Young and Clarkson, lubricated by wedding wine and the firm belief that the wedding guests expected their shenanigans, got an idea. They loved Randle. The people needed to hear them, they presumed.

Together, they took the microphone.

Clarkson, then Randle's teammate with the Lakers, declared he couldn't stand Randle when they first met. Randle's punishing style of play in high school irked Clarkson's friends who played against him back in Texas. Just as Randle's mother reared up to protect her sweet baby boy, Clarkson finished, saying as he got to know Randle as part of the same Lakers rookie class in 2014, he learned Randle would do anything for his friends and loved ones.

Then Young told a love story in a way only he could. He'd never seen a rookie so head over heels, he told the guests who hadn't started filtering out. He cited one example.

"There were times when me and Jordan were saying we were trying to take him to a strip club," Young said, recalling his speech this week. "And he didn't go."

The crowd laughed.

"He was a good one."

Eventually, Randle wrested the microphone from the two jesters. Former Lakers Larry Nance Jr. and Tarik Black also spoke.

"They gave more mature speeches," Randle said, laughing at the memory last week.

Young and Clarkson take almost nothing seriously, but their speeches, perhaps inadvertently, highlighted two parts of Randle's personality that live in harmony.

He is the Lakers' enforcer, their 6-foot-9 starting power forward and bully on the court. Someone who might give up size but never toughness to any opponent. At 23, he is also a devoted husband, father, friend and son, someone who decided as a child that he needed to be the man of the house, even though he was the smallest in the household.

Randle's mother gets emotional talking about her sweet-natured child.

He is always all about protecting his people.

That's what fueled him through the summer. It's what helped him push through adversity early in the season to become a force for the Lakers and garner notice around the league. In the last few months, Randle has shown the league who he can be and probably earned millions in his next contract.

"He's still only, in my opinion, at the very beginning of what kind of player he's going to be in this league," Lakers coach Luke Walton said.

Randle is also showing what's always been true about him: Cross his teammates, family or friends at your peril.

In December 2016, Randle sat in the lobby of a four-star hotel in Miami sharing the lessons he'd learned from different coaches.

"You put an extreme amount of hard work in and things don't always go perfect," Randle said that day. "I think that's when people get the most disappointed. Things don't go as perfect as they want it to go and they feel like they've done everything up to that point to prepare for it and that's just life. That's how it is. Everything's not perfect. What do you do in those situations?"

In the coming months, that question would test him more than he could have known.

The 2016-17 season was actually the first season of Randle's NBA career that the Lakers could focus on his growth. He broke his leg in the first game he played as a rookie in the fall of 2014 after being the seventh overall pick in the draft out of Kentucky. He



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

With his toughness on the court, Lakers forward Julius Randle, 23, has already proved to be a viable leader for the future of the franchise.

missed the rest of that season. Then 2015-16 was dedicated to saying goodbye to Kobe Bryant and put all of the young Lakers' development on hold. A coaching change in 2016 reset the clock.

After a roller-coaster first season under Walton, Randle's future remained uncertain. The Lakers asked him to cut his body fat, so he attacked that with the help of a trainer, a nutritionist and his wife, who made sure all his meals were ready after each workout. He changed his shape dramatically, proudly posting photos of his new chiseled physique on social media.

After all that hard work, he didn't get a contract extension. Then he lost his starting job, a decision that pained Walton to make because of his personal affection for Randle. Nance started at power forward instead.

"He had to get past it. You gotta look at it like this, because you're talking about a kid from the time he played in kindergarten and was playing (with older kids), he started," said Carolyn Kyles, Randle's mother. "He's never ever not started in his whole life."

Trade rumors intensified. Randle grew distant at times during games. Some people felt he was pouting. Some felt the Lakers were trying to push him out. Kyles remembers then-Lakers veteran Corey Brewer telling her he wasn't going to let Randle give up. Walton and Randle spoke constantly, engaging in debate that could have only one winner. One night Randle called Walton. He told Walton that he still didn't agree with him, but he wanted to put his anger behind him.

"From that point on he started dominating the second-unit centers," Walton said.

It was just an appetizer.

Through it all, Walton kept challenging Randle as he had no other player. He demanded toughness. He told Randle he needed him to be the Lakers' enforcer, to set the tone physically, indirectly questioning whether Randle could do it.

Walton didn't know if it would work, but he stirred Randle's sense of responsibility.

"Anybody who has that type of personality would love to feel that ownership as far as being, 'Look I'm gonna make sure no one else on any other team tries to punk us,'" Walton said. "It's like anything else, when you feel part of (things) you play better, you contribute more."

Said Randle: "I'm protective kind of aggressive, a caring personality. I guess it's just kind of who I am naturally, once I get to really know somebody."

It makes perfect sense to Kyles. Randle decided young that he wanted to serve as the family's protector, looking out for his mother and older sister, Nastassia. Upon meeting his wife, Randle quickly felt the same way about her.

Kyles raised Randle and his sister as a single parent in Dallas while working for a mattress company in sales and marketing, then accounting. She lived frugally and worked hard in order to be able to buy a house so her children could have a backyard.

Randle saw how hard she worked, not just to provide her family the basics but extras too. She gave Julius \$50 a week as an allowance for lunches or food after school. Rather than spend it, Randle squirreled away the money. When Randle was in eighth or ninth grade, Kyles discovered a shoe box filled with about \$800. Her son wanted to be able to help with bills in case she needed it.

"He was such a sweet son," Kyles said. "He never gave me any problems. You hear these horror stories sometimes even from two-parent homes, and I said God blessed me. He knew just to give me some good kids."

When Randle started making his own money, he wanted to buy Kyles a house. She resisted, but he did it anyway. He wanted her to live in a gated community where he knew she'd be safe.

Nick Young's affection for Randle grew from the moment they met. He saw the beginning of his career and is proud of him.

"I think this summer's going to be good for him," said Young, who is now with the Warriors. "When

you know what somebody's been going through and you see the adversity he's going through — he's a good dude — when you overcome all that, can't help but cheer for him. When you hear the talks of being traded, they want somebody else, you don't feel like you're part of the team. He stayed focused."

"He was getting ready. He lost a lot of weight. In the weight room. He stayed with it. You can't knock the man. They gotta pay him. Somebody's gotta pay him."

The Lakers are chasing two stars who would garner maximum contracts, but they don't have the salary cap space to sign both and bring back Randle unless they make other moves.

Trading Luol Deng, who is owed \$36.8 million over the next two years, would alleviate the financial crisis.

Randle might draw a multi-year contract at between \$13 million and \$16 million a year, his price having spiked this season right along with the Lakers' interest in paying him. Playing improved defense, shooting 58.6 percent and averaging 16 points a game, both career highs, he has also become a fan favorite.

"I enjoy it a lot, especially when I'm at the game and people, they know I'm Julius' mom, they sit around me and we're high-fiving," Kyles said. "Or they want to call him a bully, well, we're going to bully right on in and get those two points. Bully ball is back."

She didn't mean "bully" in an unkind sense, like bullying on a playground. She started hearing the term when Randle was in grade school, playing with kids older than him because he was bigger than them. The referees wouldn't give him foul calls — he had to earn them.

So he did. The little person who brings out Randle's softer side has just learned how to kiss. So when Randle sits on a playset at a Manhattan Beach park on a chilly afternoon and asks for a kiss, baby Kyden acquiesces with an exaggerated "Muah!"

The night before, Randle was

ramming his shoulder into men even bigger than him, jarring them off their center of gravity before retreating to shoot, dunking over others ferociously. Earlier in the week, he had chafed at an opponent's theatrics, declaring, "This is my team and I'm not going to let the antics fly." He's been playing through a broken finger that was fractured in January.

Today he waits in the "Tot Lot," while his wife, Kendra, helps their 15-month-old son climb up the slide. Kyden tries to crawl away and Randle uses one powerful arm to gently save him from an imaginary kidnapper.

"Noooooo," Randle bellows, playfully. "Don't take my Mr. Kyden!"

Randle has often said his family is part of what helped him through difficult days this season. Whenever he said trade rumors didn't motivate him, he said his family did. He met Kendra at a birthday party in college, drawn to her beauty and independence.

"As soon as we started hanging out, I knew," Randle said. "That was my girl!"

He always wanted to be a father and be there for a child in the way his father wasn't.

"You can't really know what to expect," Randle said. "For me it's been absolutely amazing. The highlight of my day, every day, whether I'm with him or not. Just seeing his face, seeing his smile. Seeing that he's happy in every way."

This park is half a mile from their home and Kyden's favorite thing to do here is eat the sand. During the season, Julius will meet Kyden and Kendra here a few times a week if the Lakers' schedule allows. In the summers he tries to go every day.

On their way here today, Kyden, high above the sidewalk in his dad's arms, noticed a yellow Labrador retriever walking by some tennis courts. He leaned over to see. Randle tried to give him a closer look, but Kyden, suddenly scared, clung to his dad instead.

He's safe there. Randle will make sure of it.

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On Trash Island, dogs — from left: Rex (voiced by Edward Norton), Duke (Jeff Goldblum), Boss (Bill Murray), King (Bob Balaban) and Chief (Bryan Cranston) — aid a boy in “Isle of Dogs.”

‘ISLE OF DOGS’ ★★★

# CANINE TALE OF GOOD BOYS

Wes Anderson’s latest is cool, droll — but it’s hampered by gender, cultural missteps

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS | Chicago Tribune

I write this sentence with a dog staring at me, wondering when I’ll slip her another slice of apple. There are no cats in the house. There never have been. My canine sympathies are clear.

Wes Anderson’s latest, “Isle of Dogs,” is worth seeing and often very droll, as well as exactingly, rigorously, fastidiously composed, stop-motion frame by frame. The film’s blatant anti-cat prejudice — I’m fine with that. We’ll get to the questions of cultural appropriation and plurality of perspectives in a minute.

This is writer-director Anderson’s second stop-motion animation feature, the first being “Fantastic Mr. Fox” nine years ago. Cool in affect and fantastically dense in its detail, it’s set 20 years in the future. The fictional Japanese metropolis of Megasaki City is run with an iron fist by a mayor (voiced by Kunichi No-

mura, who receives story credit along with Anderson, Roman Coppola and Jason Schwartzman). The mayor, the latest in a long line of feline-loving warlords, has banished all dogs to Trash Island. Looking like Toshiro Mifune from Kurosawa’s “High and Low,” from the boxy suit to the caterpillar mustache, the scowling authoritarian rationalizes the quarantine by spreading fears of a potentially fatal “dog flu” crossing over to the human population.

Spots (Liev Schreiber), the loyal dog

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Chief (voiced by Bryan Cranston) leads the ragtag pack of dogs.



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Marian McPartland, shown at Orchestra Hall in 2006, opened many doors to women in the jazz world.

## Paying tribute to McPartland

Pianist-radio host helped smash glass ceiling for women



HOWARD REICH  
My Kind of Jazz

After last year’s uncounted centennial tributes to the great men of jazz — from Dizzy Gillespie to Thelonious Monk to Mongo Santamaria — let’s not forget a jazz woman who shattered many glass ceilings.

Pianist Marian McPartland, born 100 years ago March 20, may not be the subject of high-profile concerts and probably won’t be honored as widely as another of last year’s centenarians, the eminent jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald.

But McPartland — who died in 2013 at age 95 — reached

millions of listeners through her indispensable National Public Radio show, “Piano Jazz.” And she continues to do so, thanks to its rebroadcast at 7 p.m. Wednesdays on WDCB-FM 90.9 and an audio library at [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org). McPartland’s witty broadcast persona, pervasively elegant pianism and utter indomitability in a jazz world still thick with sexism rendered her a transformative figure.

For as piano soloist, bandleader, radio host, record producer, author and educator, McPartland opened avenues long closed to women in jazz.

Right from the start of her professional life, in her native Britain, Margaret Marian Turner faced resistance. Having mostly taught herself piano well enough to win admission to London’s Guildhall School of Music, she balked at studying only the classics.

“One day a professor heard me in the practice room, and he opened the door while I was trying to play like (Art) Tatum, and he said, ‘Stop playing that

trash,” McPartland told me in 1994, when the Tribune convened a panel of four prominent women musicians to discuss sexism in the world of jazz.

“And that really made me want to do jazz all the more,” continued McPartland, “because right after that I went (touring) with a four-piano vaudeville act, and I never could go back home again. My parents were horrified.”

Indeed, her father offered her money to walk away from Billy Mayerl and His Claviers, but instead McPartland quit school, renamed herself Marian Page and set out to conquer the world.

While playing USO shows during World War II, she met one of Chicago’s most admired jazz musicians, cornetist Jimmy McPartland. They married in 1945 and moved to Chicago, Jimmy McPartland bucking stereotypes by encouraging his bride to make her way in jazz.

“Jimmy was always saying to me, ‘You should have your own

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RENE WASSENBERGH/GETTY

Television viewers who use an antenna to watch local TV for free will need to start rescanning their channels to receive new frequencies.

## Channel shifting forces antenna users to rescan

By NINA METZ  
Chicago Tribune

Many TV stations will be moving to new broadcast frequencies, thanks to the recent FCC airwaves auction.

If you access channels in Chicago through a cable or dish package, this won’t affect you. But if you’re using an antenna to watch local channels for free, it will.

Here’s what you need to know:

Over the next two years, antenna TV users across the country will need to rescan each channel individually (more on what that means below) depending on dates scheduled by the FCC.

A single one-time rescan won’t get the job done. It needs to be done again and again, for each individual channel, after specified dates.

The first up in Chicago (unless the channel gets an extension) is WSNS-TV, aka Telemundo 44. The rescan day is scheduled for April 23 — but again, that could be subject to change. You must rescan to continue watching it.

Though it sounds complicated, the process will likely be more of a slight inconvenience than anything.

The National Association of Broadcasters has created a

handy website ([www.tvanswers.org](http://www.tvanswers.org)) to guide viewers through the process.

The website includes a box at the top: “When are Your TV Stations Moving? Enter your ZIP code to find out which stations in your area will be moving frequencies and when.”

And it also includes user-friendly explainers (in text form and video) explaining how to rescan a channel. It takes three steps to complete the process and must be done in order to continue having access to the channel.

Here’s how it works:

Using your remote control (the one you use to change channels) press “menu.”

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It might take a few minutes for the rescan to complete. If it doesn’t work the first time, try again.

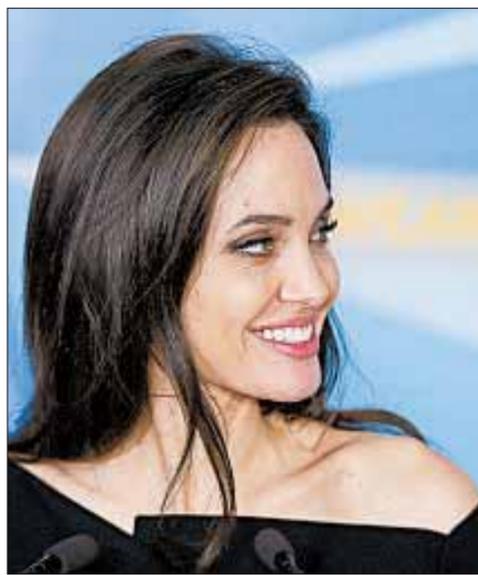
Again, it’s important to remember that each TV station will have different rescan days. And in the Chicago area, ABC, NBC, Fox and PBS won’t require rescans until late 2019 or early 2020.

For more information go to [www.tvanswers.org](http://www.tvanswers.org).

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# CELEBRITIES

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## Jolie's new beau not in celebrity spotlight

With Angelina Jolie finally moving on from her nasty, splashy split from Brad Pitt, you might expect her to shy away from dating someone else super-famous.

But perhaps you'd think her romantic interest would have a job that still matched her penchant for prestige artistry or global do-gooding: a documentary filmmaker, a human rights lawyer, an Ebola doctor.

But no, Jolie's choice reportedly is far more home-grown and, well, mundane in an LA way.

Jolie, the Oscar-winning actress, special envoy for the United Nations refugee agency and occasional New York Times op-ed columnist, is dating a real estate agent. That's according to a new "Entertainment Tonight" report.

Of course, at this stage, things are still pretty new, which means "it's not serious," a source told "ET."

But the real estate agent, who was not identified, reportedly has a few things going for him that could make him appealing to the glamorous 42-year-old actress and mother of six.

He's handsome, a source close to the actress told "ET." He's also "older-looking" and isn't "a celebrity or high-profile" in any way, the source added.

"ET" reported Jolie was "in a very bad place" after her acrimonious split from Pitt in September 2016. Their breakup included allegations that Pitt had drinking and anger-management problems, and led to investigations by child welfare authorities.

A source told The Associated Press that Pitt was cleared of the allegations, and the couple quietly worked out visitation and other issues. The estranged couple share children Maddox, 16; Zahara, 13; Pax, 14; Shiloh, 11; and 9-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne.

— Martha Ross, East Bay Times



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**Britton to star in "Dirty John":** Connie Britton, above, is set to star in the Bravo drama series "Dirty John." Bravo gave "Dirty John" a two-season order in January. The scripted anthology series is based on a series of articles published by the Los Angeles Times' last fall about a charismatic con man, John Meehan, and the consequences of an ill-fated romance. Britton will star as Debra Newell, a single mother who fell in love with Meehan.

**LL Cool J launching classic hip-hop channel:** LL Cool J wants to make old-school hip-hop music relevant for listeners today with a new SiriusXM channel. The two-time Grammy-winning rapper told The Associated Press that he will launch his classic hip-hop channel, called LL Cool J's Rock The Bells Radio, on channel 43 on Wednesday.

**Court tosses de Havilland "Feud" suit:** A California appeals court on Monday threw out a lawsuit by 101-year-old actress Olivia de Havilland against the creators of the FX Networks show "Feud: Bette and Joan," bringing an end to a case that pitted an individual's rights to his or her life story and likeness against the rights of artists to depict them. The 2nd District Court of Appeals said in a unanimous decision that the First Amendment rights of the show's creators trump de Havilland's claims that permission to use her likeness was needed.

**March 28 birthdays:** Actress Dianne Wiest is 70. Singer Reba McEntire is 63. Actor Vince Vaughn is 48. Singer Lady Gaga is 32.



# ASK AMY

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## Less wine might be best for neighbor

**Dear Readers:** This week I am running topical "Best Of" columns while I'm on book tour, meeting readers of my memoir, "Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things," which is now out in paperback. I'll be back next week with more answers and advice directed toward a fresh batch of dilemmas. Today's topic is "Neighbors."

**Dear Amy:** Our next-door neighbor is someone most people would think of as an ornery old man — who is probably an alcoholic. He rarely acknowledges anyone, drinks and smokes while tinkering in his garage every day and does things like keeping the kids' soccer balls when they land in his yard until a parent comes to retrieve it with the child.

We ignore his alcohol breath and unpleasant personality and have a civil relationship with him. We have taught our children to be respectful no matter how much they dislike him (unlike some others in the neighborhood).

He has been a good neighbor by informing us when our garage door is open late at night, our outdoor pipes are leaking or gushing water, etc. I have asked him for advice on what to do regarding an outdoor household problem, and he has voluntarily fixed it for us with supplies from his garage. He doesn't stop until it's done correctly.

We thank him profusely and have "repaid" him with bottles of good wine, which makes him very happy. Are we being "enablers" by repaying a likely alcoholic with wine?

— Enabler

**Dear Enabler:** Sidestepping the issue of enabling, I'd like to point out that when you give your neighbor wine, you are providing him with the tools to make him less competent, healthy and (selfishly speaking) less useful to you. If you were really grateful, you could also throw in a carton of smokes, making him happy but decreasing his life span.

There are many ways to thank this neighbor that don't involve feeding his addiction — for instance, you could give him a gift card to his favorite hardware store. — November 2013

**Dear Amy:** Each year we host an elegant, upscale fundraiser on our estate for a local nonprofit. One of the major sources of income for this event is the multiple cash bars. We offer a variety of beverages, including fine wines.

For the past two years, one couple (who are close friends, neighbors and business associates) have hosted a "pre-party" at their home, which we, of course, cannot attend due to our preparation obligations. They arrive late with other couples in tow. This year they even arrived with their own wine, which they not only drank but shared with several other couples. I did not learn of their "private bar" until my husband and I walked them out. Near their vehicle was a pile of wine bottles dumped on the lawn. The amount of alcohol from the bottles left lying on our lawn amounted to about \$300 to \$400 in lost drink ticket sales.

I feel insulted and hurt,

and I am stunned by their behavior. Aside from business associations, we see each other often. Am I overreacting? How should we handle this situation?

— Wined Out

**Dear Wined Out:** First, let me thank you for outlining the very essence of the phrase "first-world problem" in this space. And yet, even though your dilemma occurs on an estate and involves fine wine, when you boil it down, this issue simply amounts to people behaving badly and the question of how to respond. And you should respond.

You say, "Daisy and Tom, we found a pile of wine bottles on the lawn near your car, and I think they came from you and your guests. What's up with that?"

If you're stunned and disappointed, you should say so. I'm not suggesting that you bill these people for the estimated amount of spilled or drunk wine that might have gone to charity, but the advantage of speaking your own truth, plainly and clearly, is that you give someone who owes you an explanation or apology the opportunity to offer one. And then after you have had your say, you move on. Don't dwell, punish or gossip. Consider the matter settled.

Next year you might enlist these people to join with you and use their pre-party as an additional fundraiser for the nonprofit. That way, not one drop will be wasted (unlike your guests). — September 2013

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# A+E NOTES

## Zimmerman returning to Lookingglass

The conceptual director Mary Zimmerman will return to the Lookingglass Theatre next season with a new family-friendly project called "The Steadfast Tin Soldier: A Christmas Pantomime." Lookingglass artistic director Heidi Stillman told the Tribune. It's

to be based on the story by Hans Christian Anderson and will serve as a new holiday show at Lookingglass, running from Nov. 7 through Jan. 13.

"We are so excited," Stillman said, "to welcome Mary back."

Zimmerman has been taking a self-imposed sabbatical for about the last year.

She'll also be directing "The Music Man" at the Goodman Theatre next season.

Lookingglass will stage three shows during the 2018-19 season, one fewer than in some previous years.

Following "The Tin Soldier" will be a new play called "Act(s) of God" written by the Chicago actor (and now playwright) Kareem Bandealy and directed by Stillman. Staged from Feb. 13 through April 7, 2019, the black comedy involves a dinner party to which God is an invited guest.

Concluding the 2018-2019 season at the Water Tower Water Works will be "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein," as written and directed by ensemble member David Catlin. Stillman said the new adaptation would feature a stripped-down cast and had evolved from Catlin's fascination with origin stories. It will be a summer attraction, running from May 8 through Aug. 4, 2019.

For additional information, visit [www.lookingglasstheatre.org](http://www.lookingglasstheatre.org) or call 312-337-0665

— Chris Jones

## Delmark Records tribute leads Blues Fest lineup

A daylong tribute to Chicago-based Delmark Records and its founder, Bob Koester, will kick off the 35th annual Chicago Blues Festival, running June 8-10 in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. Admission is free.

The daytime performers saluting Delmark's 65th anniversary June 8 will include Sharon Lewis, Dave Specter and Lindsey Alexander on the Budweiser Crossroads Stage; Jimmy Burns, Jimmy Johnson and Lurrie Bell & Eddie Taylor Jr. at the Front Porch Stage; and a jam session led by Kenny "Beedy Eyes" Smith on the Mississippi Juke Joint Stage. Already announced for the Pritzker Pavilion that night is a "Tribute to

Those Who Came Before and Bob Koester," including Jimmy Burns' "Tribute to Big Joe Williams," Lurrie and Steve Bell's "Tribute to Carey Bell" and Jimmy Johnson's and Dave Specter's "Tribute to Magic Sam."

Daytime sets on June 9 will include Katherine Davis at the Front Porch Stage; Vieux Farka Toure and Sonny Landreth on the Budweiser Crossroads Stage; and Eddie Cotton Jr. on the Mississippi Juke Joint Stage. That evening's lineup at the Pritzker Pavilion

will feature Selwyn Birchwood, Willie Clayton and a "Tribute to Little Walter" with Billy Branch, Corky Siegel, Sugar Blue, Billy Flynn, Sam Lay and others. The festival will close June 10, the daytime events including Joe Louis Walker at the Budweiser Crossroads Stage; Eddie Taylor



Koester

Jr., on the Mississippi Juke Joint Stage; and Erwin Helfer and the Cash Box Kings on the Front Porch Stage. That evening's finale at the Pritzker Pavilion will present Fantastic Negrito, Kenny Neal and Mavis Staples.

For the complete lineup, visit [www.chicagobluesfestival.us](http://www.chicagobluesfestival.us).

— Howard Reich

## Video Game Hall of Fame hopefuls

Calling all gamers to help pick World Video Game Hall of Fame inductees. Twelve finalists were named Tuesday for the Class of 2018, pitting "Ms. Pac-Man" against "John Madden Football."

Also in the running are: "Asteroids," "Call of Duty," "Dance Dance Revolution," "Final Fantasy VII," "Half-Life," "King's Quest," "Metroid," "Minecraft," "Spacewar!" and "Tomb Raider."

New this year, the hall is inviting gamers to weigh in on inductees. Online balloting closes April 4.

A panel of experts will vote as well.

The winners will be inducted May 3.

Jon-Paul Dyson, director of International Center for the History of Electronic Games, says the finalists span decades, gaming platforms and countries of origin.

"But what they all have in common is their undeniable impact on the world of gaming and popular culture," Dyson said. Both the center and World Video Game Hall of Fame are inside the Strong museum in Rochester, N.Y.

Museum officials say thousands of nominations were submitted from more than 100 countries. To be recognized, games must have proved their popularity over time and influenced other games or forms of entertainment. They can be electronic games of any type — arcade, console, computer, handheld or mobile.

— Associated Press

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# An ambitious musical look at Joan of Arc

Amy Beth Kirsten's 'composed theater' piece 'Savior' in world premiere Monday at Harris



**JOHN VON RHEIN**  
Heard & Scene

Amy Beth Kirsten knew she would be taking on a fearsome challenge when she decided to create an evening-long multimedia work based on the life and death of Joan of Arc.

After all, the martyred maid of 15th-century France has been the subject of countless artistic and literary explorations, including an opera by Tchaikovsky, Danish director Carl Dreyer's 1928 French silent film "The Passion of Joan of Arc" and Swiss composer Arthur Honegger's 1938 oratorio "Joan of Arc at the Stake."

But Kirsten, who was born in downstate Belleville and grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., enjoys creating wildly ambitious tasks for herself, then going at them hammer and tongs. She proved as much with her previous work of "composed theater" — her 2017 "Quixote," a 90-minute reimagining of Cervantes' classic novel "Don Quixote," for actor, vocal trio and singing percussion quartet.

Kirsten's long fascination with the miraculous details of the historic Joan's story — her mystical visions, her courageous testimony before a kangaroo court, her politically motivated death as a convicted heretic — unfettered her imagination and allowed it to run free.

The result is "Savior," a 65-minute vocal and instrumental theater work commissioned for MusicNOW and receiving its world premiere as part of the series' 20th-anniversary season, Monday evening at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance. Kirsten wrote both the music and libretto, and she will direct the performance, a collaboration between CSO musicians and guest artists from her New Haven, Conn.-based ensemble HOWL.

Although the composer does not consider "Savior" an opera, the conception and stage layout straddle the fence between concert and theater.

Three women's voices represent Joan; flutist Tim Munro (wearing a stag mask throughout the 65-minute performance) and a mezzo-soprano represent Joan's divine voices; and the recorded voice of actor Sandy Smillie represents a reporter at Joan's trial. The instrumentalists (including CSO cellist Katinka Kleijn and percussionist Cynthia Yeh) represent her interrogators. Movement, lighting and sound design provide additional theatrical layers.

"I was really trying to put myself in Joan's shoes," Kirsten said in a recent phone interview when asked about the work's yearlong gestation. "I joked with my actor friends that this was 'method-composing' for me. I kept having to remind myself Joan was a real person, so I felt a certain sense of

responsibility towards her."

She drew on her own religious experiences as a child to evoke Joan's saintly fervor.

"The young Joan was incredibly pious and would pray all the time," Kirsten said. "The fact really resonated with me, since every summer my family would send me to a Presbyterian church camp in the beautiful pastures of Kansas. There I would meditate on passages in the Bible."

She dedicated "Savior" to her grandmother, who passed away at 88 while Kirsten was composing the work. "So death was very much on my mind," the composer recalled. "But while you're ruminating on death, you think about life."

One of the most unusual aspects of "Savior" is that the musician-actors will be performing not from sheet music but from electronic copies of the score scrolling across the screens of their iPads. This, Kirsten explained, will allow them to move about the stage more freely and interact more directly, as key moments of Joan's life play out through music, sound, movement and various forms of stage artifice.

Because a conductor might get in the way of the performers' crucial interplay, not to mention distracting audience members, the score does not call for a conductor.

Kirsten draws a distinction between works of music theater by other composers (which suggest Broadway shows to her) and hybrid theater works of hers such as "Colombine's Paradise Theater," which the Chicago-based sextet Eighth Blackbird performed at the Museum of Contemporary Art in 2014. Her intention, she explained, is to integrate instruments, voices and bodies as equal means of artistic expression. Elements of the stage become part of the musical language.

Collaborating with Eighth Blackbird on "Colombine" in fact suggested new possibilities of performance that led to Kirsten's co-founding, with her colleague Lindsay Kesselman, the HOWL ensemble in 2012. ("I wondered if our group could kick it up a notch," the composer said.) Each of the works she has written for the group thus far places musicians literally at the center of the action, empowering them to be actors and vocalists as much as virtuoso instrumentalists.

The unconventional nature of Kirsten's composed theater works owes something to the fact that she came relatively late to composition — and rather circuitously, at that.

After her family settled in west suburban Naperville, she attended Naperville Central High School, later the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn and Illinois Benedictine College (now Benedictine University) in Lisle. After graduation, she worked as an office temp during the day and as a singer-songwriter at night. Eventually she earned a master's degree in music from Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts and a doctorate



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Amy Beth Kirsten's "Savior" features a collaboration with the CSO and her HOWL ensemble.

in composition from the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

It was there that she met her future husband, Christopher Theofanidis, who's also a composer and a professor of music. They make their home in New Haven, where he is a member of the composition faculty at Yale. Kirsten teaches music composition privately and last fall joined the composition faculty at the Longy School of Music at Bard College in Cambridge, Mass.

"It's a funny thing," Kirsten remarked. "I've been doing these big theatrical pieces the last few years, but all I want to do now is write a string quartet! I'd love to write for (Chicago's) Spektral Quartet. I just think they are so awesome. There are technical things that came to mind while I was writing my earlier pieces I feel I could work out with a string quartet."

So what's it like returning to the area in which she grew up?

"Honestly, when I'm flying into O'Hare and look down on the city lights, I really feel as if I'm coming home," Kirsten said. "It's a wonderful thing to be able to make this kind of piece for members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. This is not something I normally get to do, and it's so exciting."

MusicNOW will present the

world premiere of Amy Beth Kirsten's "Savior," as performed by members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and HOWL theater ensemble, at 7 p.m. Monday at Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph St.; \$28; 312-294-3000, [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org).

## Glover leads MOB's 'St. John Passion'

It would not be Lenten season in Chicago without a performance of one of the towering Passion settings of J.S. Bach.

With conductor John Nelson's Chicago Bach Project silent this year, Jane Glover and her Music of the Baroque orchestra and chorus filled the breach with a glowing performance of Bach's "St. John Passion" on Palm Sunday at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. A second performance was given Monday night at the Harris Theater in downtown Chicago.

Bach's gripping narrative of Christ's Passion and death gained a welcome intimacy by virtue of Glover's employing a 26-voice chorus (prepared by William Jon Gray) and chamber orchestra of equal size. Set within the whole was a stylish continuo group consisting of Craig Trompeter, cello and viola da gamba; Michael Beattie, organ; and Daniel Swenberg, theorbo.

The choir was small enough to

ensure clear projection of the German text in its various guises as rabble, soldiers and priests (the chorus "Christus, der uns selig macht" was wonderfully light on its rhythmic feet), yet full enough to give weight to the Lutheran chorales that reflect on each turn of event.

Glover brought out the dramatic aspect through propulsive pacing up through the Crucifixion, relaxing her control and softening the dynamics for the later pages of grieving and spiritual consolation. In the stylish tenor Thomas Cooley she had an ideal Evangelist, firm of voice and commanding of expression. So intensely did he penetrate the long and demanding narration that the familiar saga took on the urgency of on-site reportage.

MOB regulars Yulia Van Doren, soprano, and Meg Bragle, mezzo-soprano, also sang sensitively in their solo arias, particularly Bragle with her affecting "Est ist vollbracht" ("It is finished"), accompanied by Trompeter's florid gamba obbligato. Bass Michael Sumuel, new to the guest roster, made a powerful and eloquent Jesus. Pilate's pronouncements were strongly taken by bass Kevin Keys.

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# McPartland persevered and prevailed in male-dominated field

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group, you should do your own thing," she told me in 1994.

So she did, but the head winds were considerable.

"I used to hear things like, 'You play great for a girl.' Or, 'You play just like a man,'" McPartland said. "At that (early) point in my career, I was so pleased to get any compliment that I took that to mean that they liked my playing."

"But after a while I thought, 'What do they mean by that?'"

Undaunted, the pianist became a fixture leading her trio at the Hickory House on 52nd Street in New York, after she and her husband moved there in 1949. But the barbs kept coming.

"There certainly was not a good feeling toward women musicians," McPartland told me in 2008, on the eve of her 90th birthday. "I remember (bassist) Milt Hinton saying, 'I don't mind working with a woman musician, so long as she can play.'"

"I think that was the prevailing thought at the time — that the woman couldn't play as well as the man. It wasn't until they

found out we all could that things started to change."

Though McPartland followed in the footsteps of groundbreaking jazz women such as pianists Lil Hardin (Louis Armstrong's second wife) and Mary Lou Williams, McPartland advanced the cause dramatically.

When jazz became overshadowed by rock 'n' roll in the 1960s, leaving major artists unable to get recorded, McPartland went about founding her own label, Halcyon.

"Stan Kenton had his own record company, and Charles Mingus did, so I thought, 'I'll start my own,'" she told me in 2008.

"It was hard work — finding a distributor, selecting art, hiring musicians — but it was wonderful too," added McPartland, who ran the label for more than 15 years and recorded no less than pianists Earl Hines, Teddy Wilson, Ellis Larkins, Dave McKenna and herself.

But McPartland reached her widest audience with "Piano Jazz," which she began hosting in 1979. The combination of her verbal dexterity and beguiling duets with her guests made the

program an institution unto itself at NPR. Listeners reveled in hearing McPartland interact — in conversation and musically — with jazz piano icons such as Oscar Peterson, Dave Brubeck, Herbie Hancock and Bill Evans, as well as with unexpected figures such as "Late Show with David Letterman" keyboardist Paul Shaffer, country crooner Willie Nelson and pop star Alicia Keys.

That McPartland cut more than 50 albums for Concord Jazz over the course of 29 years, released her "Piano Jazz" shows on CD, published a collection of jazz profiles titled "Marian McPartland's Jazz World: All in Good Time" and became the subject of critic Paul de Barros' biography "Shall We Play That One Together?" pointed to the breadth and depth of her work.

"She set the stage for a woman being a serious artist, but not having to wear a low-cut dress," pianist Judy Roberts told me upon learning of McPartland's death.

"She showed it's possible to be a woman piano player without having to be girlie and do the

things that I saw other people doing. ... In my day, who else was there that could show you they could play great, be classy and not resort to cleavage or antics?"

In so doing, McPartland launched uncounted careers, changing the face of jazz — for the better.

## CJO premiere

The Chicago Jazz Orchestra made history over the weekend at the Studebaker Theater, playing what's believed to be the first concert performance of the complete music from saxophonist Dexter Gordon's landmark album "Sophisticated Giant."

Recorded in 1977, the music featured Gordon's larger-than-life exhortations plus groundbreaking arrangements by Slide Hampton. Because the original score for only one of the tracks could be found, CJO artistic director Jeff Lindberg transcribed the remaining pieces, conducting the complete suite Sunday afternoon featuring guest saxophonist Joshua Redman.

In his introductory remarks,

Lindberg spoke of the music in exalted terms, and indeed "Sophisticated Giant" proved a strikingly effective work in concert. The singularity of Hampton's instrumentation — which included tuba, flute and piccolo — gave the piece symphonic grandeur, even as it was predicated on jazz-swing rhythm. From the misty orchestral colors of David Raksin's "Laura" to the intricate textural layers of Woody Shaw's "The Moontrane," "Sophisticated Giant" emerged as testament to orchestrator Hampton's gifts with a pen.

Hampton, alas, became ill during a CJO rehearsal and could not attend a performance conceived in his honor. But the majesty of the CJO's sound and Redman's heroic statements on tenor and soprano saxophones amounted to a tribute richly deserved.

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Chief, from left, King, Atari Kobayashi (voiced Koyu Rankin), Boss, Rex and Duke team up to search for Atari's dog, Spots, in "Isle of Dogs."

# Wes Anderson tells droll canine tale

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of the mayor's 12-year-old ward, Atari (Koyu Rankin), is the first to be exiled. Many others follow. Anderson's interest lies primarily with the ragtag alpha-dog pack whose leader is Chief, voiced by Bryan Cranston, and who romances the deadpan show dog, Nutmeg, voiced by Scarlett Johansson. Jeff Goldblum is Duke, the resident gossip; the mascot, Boss, is lent the dry distinction of Bill Murray; and Bob Balaban and Edward Norton portray King and Rex, respectively. Scientists are close to a cure for the dog flu, but this does not suit the mayor's political agenda. When Atari hijacks a plane and crash-lands on Trash Island, in search of Spots, Chief and his comrades assist. Eventually, compelled both by idealism and her helpless teen crush, so does the American foreign exchange student Tracy, voiced by Greta Gerwig.

Three *taiko* drummers pop in and out of the action for brief interludes; composer Alexandre Desplat samples a variety of Japanese musical influences, although his primary theme is Russian, a reorchestrated version of Prokofiev's "Troika" from the rousing "Lieutenant Kijé" film score. The jolly drive of that theme contrasts the bleak environment. Trash Island is part "Wall-E," part abandoned nuclear power plant. The dogs fight over maggoty scraps of food and dream of their old lives. The dogs' voices are predominantly American; Atari's spare dialogue is rarely if ever subtitled; the character of Tracy carries a whiff of the white savior, though Anderson would no doubt argue she's just another victim of cultural dislocation and a different sort of exile in a story full of exiles. Anderson is one of American film's most artful magpies, pulling ideas into

his storybook from all over. The acknowledged reference points for "Isle of Dogs" include Akira Kurosawa's "Seven Samurai"; the Rankin/Bass stop-motion TV specials ("Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"); and (less so, I think) Hayao Miyazaki's melancholic animated fantasies. The mayor's palace resembles Frank Lloyd Wright's Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Filmed over a painstaking two years in London, where he shot "Fantastic Mr. Fox," Anderson assembled a tiptop collection of artists, among them production designers Paul Harrod and Adam Stockhausen; art director Curt Enderle; and puppetmeister Andy Gent. When you realize the time required, for example, to fashion the precise contours of King's princely mustache, you smile in admiration. Before the end, however, the script starts chasing its tail, and its limitations become more apparent.

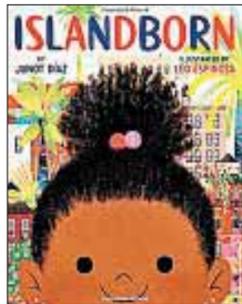
Several critics have already weighed in on the perceived cultural appropriation going on in "Isle of Dogs." The charge goes back to "The Darjeeling Limited," which concerned three American brothers making their way through India. ("Privileged Anglos abroad, carrying an improbably fabulous collection of designer luggage" is how I put it back in 2007.) Just as limiting: Anderson's relative disinterest in the female characters, who exist only in relation to how they feel about the more prominent male characters, human or canine. To be sure, none of Anderson's films take place in the real world as we know it. Megasaki City is a fictional creation, real-world-adjacent, as was the island of New Penzance in "Moonrise Kingdom" and, more grandly, in Anderson's finest work, the land of Zubrowka in "The Grand Budapest Hotel." The filmmaker's sense of humor

**MPAA rating:** PG-13 (for thematic elements and violent images)  
**Running time:** 1:41  
**Opens:** Wednesday  
 relies on establishing an exquisite artificial universe and then puncturing the artifice with familiar, deadpan American voices and attitudes for comic effect. It works, most of the time. But marginalizing the Japanese characters within a Japanese setting invites the cultural appropriation charge. It's tricky: So much of the popular culture I grew up loving, and love still, trades in this sort of casual colonialism. Anderson and company set out to make their own kind of movie "in the Japanese manner," as Jim Broadbent says in "Topsy-Turvy;" Mike Leigh's wonderful account of how Gilbert and Sullivan came to write "The Mikado." It's a manner

destined to be divisive, no matter how great the dogs look. In The Guardian recently, columnist Steve Rose wrote: "If we police boundaries too strictly, we're stifling the possibility of cross-fertilization and invention. If you do it well enough, it's not appropriation, it's conversation." What's frustrating about this worthwhile movie is pretty simple: All Anderson needed to do, really, was to let more of the characters, dog and human, female and male, have a say in how the story gets told. Also, using "Tokyo Shoes Shine Boy" on the soundtrack (heard, indelibly, in Robert Altman's "M\*A\*S\*H") seems pretty glib. But alongside the cultural appropriation rap, Wes Anderson has heard that song before.  
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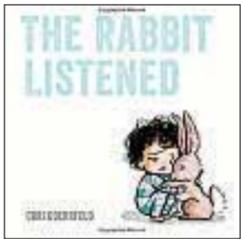
## Children's book roundup

By NARA SCHOENBERG  
 Chicago Tribune



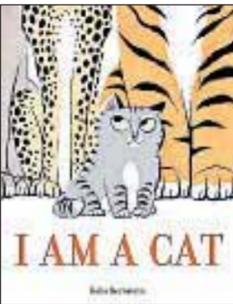
**"Islandborn" by Junot Diaz, illustrated by Leo Espinosa, Dial Books for Young Readers, \$17.99, ages 5-8**

Lola came to America when she was just a baby, and no matter how hard she tries, she can't remember the sunny island that lives on in the music, food and fashion of her big-city neighborhood. The "Island" homeland of her first days is "like a familiar word just at the tip of your tongue," but the stakes are so much higher: Instead of a word, she's struggling to recover "an entire world." When Lola's teacher tells the class to draw pictures of their countries of origin, Lola asks what she should do. The teacher's response: Are there other people who remember? Diaz, a pitch-perfect writer born in the Dominican Republic, catapults us into Lola's world with humor, vivid detail and an authentic kid's-eye view. There's Nelson, who forgets everything. There's Nu, who was "born in a jungle famous for its tigers and its poets." And then the story really gets going, with Lola's neighbors conjuring an island with mangoes the size of your head, rainbow-colored people and bats as big as blankets. Slowly and suspensefully, Diaz also reveals the terrors of the Island, including a monster that serves as a child-friendly metaphor for political oppression. The splendid text is matched by enticing mixed-media illustrations that bring Lola's world to life, infusing it with myth and magic.



**"The Rabbit Listened" by Cori Doerrfeld, Dial Books for Young Readers, \$17.99, ages 3-5**

What do you need when the unthinkable happens? In the case of Taylor, a rosy-cheeked toddler in striped pajamas, the unthinkable is the sudden destruction of his beautiful wall of blocks by a band of carousing crows, and the answer isn't obvious. The chicken tries to draw Taylor out, but Taylor is too heartbroken to talk. The bear wants Taylor to shout and growl, but that's not where Taylor is emotionally. And so it goes, with a parade of larger than life animal personalities, including the snake, who hisses into Taylor's ear: "Shhhhh. Let'ssss go knock down someone else'ssss." And then, finally, Taylor is left with the warm, silent, cuddly rabbit, who just listens — and that allows Taylor to talk, to rage, to plot revenge, to laugh. The book is intended as a metaphor about grief and loss, and it succeeds in this without ever being overbearing or maudlin. The wrongheaded animals, rendered with clarity and wit in digital ink, are full-bodied characters, not teaching tools. And poor Taylor with his huge eyes, tiny limbs and soft tangle of black curls is a captivating hero, full of spirit and uncensored emotion. Doerrfeld skillfully evokes the amazing bond between kids and their pets — the miraculous moment when a teary child will pour out his heart to the cat, dog, hamster or (sure, why not?) bunny he has come to know and trust.



**"I Am a Cat" by Galia Bernstein, Abrams Books for Young Readers, \$16.95, ages 3-7**

This deceptively simple — and wildly adorable — picture book asks the not-so-easy question, what makes a cat a cat? Our pudgy gray house cat hero, Simon, meets an array of sleek and self-confident big cats: Lion, Puma, Panther, Tiger and Cheetah. Upon Simon's announcement that he, too, is a cat, the big cats guffaw in open-mouthed, razor-toothed amazement. "A cat? Don't be silly, dear boy," Lion says with regal condescension: Simon is nothing like Lion, who has a mane and a tail tuft, and a blood-curdling roar. Next we hear from Cheetah, as snarly and athletic as the lion is imposing: "Cats are tall and graceful creatures who run faster than all the animals in the world." Simon listens to all the objections, and then poses the perfect question: Only Lion has a mane, only Cheetah is a speed record holder, so how can they all be cats? The answer involves small, perky ears, flat noses, sharp claws and long tails; by the time we're through comparing these cat parts, everyone's clear on what makes a cat a cat. The illustrations convey big-cat bombast while maintaining a reassuring wide-eyed sweetness. You get exciting teeth and jaws and claws, but you feel as safe and confident and our unflappable hero.

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## Zach Braff liked 'Alex, Inc.' because it's family-friendly

By RICK BENTLEY  
 Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Playing the oddly optimistic Dr. John Dorian on "Scrubs" from 2001 to 2010 gave Zach Braff what he thought would be enough time starring on a network TV show to last him a lifetime. Since then, he's shown more interest in movies ("Oz the Great and Powerful") and guest-starring parts on TV shows ("Inside Amy Schumer"). His view about being part of a network TV show changed when he saw the script for "Alex, Inc.," a family comedy about a successful radio producer who decides to risk everything — including his savings — to start his own business. Armed only with the help of his overenthusiastic producer and his fast-talking, unemployed second cousin, Alex navigates the crazy world of startups while trying to keep his marriage and family a priority. The show premieres Wednesday on ABC. "I had been directing a bunch, and I thought if I was to ever go back to television, it would be something edgy on cable," Braff says. "Then this one came up, and I thought, 'I kind of love this.' There's so much television, but there isn't a ton of stuff that parents can watch with their kids. "This was so entertaining to me and felt a lot like 'Black-ish' or 'Modern Family.' It's the kind of show that a parent can enjoy and a kid can enjoy. They can all watch together." Braff is not only the star but also one of the executive producers, along with Matt Tarses (who was an executive producer on "Scrubs"). The spark for the series, according to Tarses, was Alex Blumberg, an American entre-



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Zach Braff is the star and a co-executive producer of the comedy "Alex, Inc.," which premieres Wednesday on ABC.

preneur and radio journalist who is the co-founder and CEO of the podcast network Gimlet Media. Blumberg left the podcast "This American Life" because he had the idea that no one had quite yet mastered how to monetize a podcast, which does come mostly from selling short ads within the podcast and having sponsorship, much like television. The podcast element is in the opening episode of "Alex, Inc." as Braff's character will talk about being a guy with a family who has no idea how to start a business. After that, the majority of the stories will revolve around the family. "Making this has been one of the hardest things I have ever done. Even with the films I have done, I am not doing post work or helping in the writers room for an episode that's coming up," Braff says. "If someone else wants to do a behind-the-scenes podcast about the show, I would love to be on it." And, if that happens, Braff won't be a casual

participant. He describes himself as the kind of person who once he commits to something, he'll be part of it with no hesitations. "Alex, Inc." has become 100 percent of his life, and because it's his name that's at the top of the credits, Braff will fight to make the show as good as it can be. One similarity between "Alex, Inc." and "Scrubs" is Braff will be doing narration. "The voice-over always seemed a part of it because the meta-ness of the voice-over kind of becomes the podcast. We always thought of it as, like, a bit of a 'Doogie Howser, M.D.' thing or 'Sex and the City,' sort of how the show is being summed up at the end," Braff says. "Then something is being turned into, like in the case of 'Doogie Howser,' a journal or her articles. "So we wanted the voice-over to be, 'Oh, it actually is the podcast itself.' So that was always a part of it."

## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Zach Braff

**"Alex, Inc."** (7:30 p.m., ABC): During his run on "Scrubs," Zach Braff branched into making his own feature films, notably with "Garden State" — so he's on somewhat familiar territory by serving as both star and director again as this comedy series debuts with "The Unfair Advantage." Braff plays a journalist who decides to go into business for himself, hence the show's title, and his professional decision has definite reverberations in his family life.

**"The Voice"** (7 p.m., NBC): A month into its current season, the series hits "pause" for one episode with "Best of Blinds and Battles," which recaps how the competition has gone thus far — with, just as the subtitle suggests, an emphasis on those who have made progress in the journey that they hope might make him or her the next "Voice" ultimately. Kelly Clarkson, Alicia Keys, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton are the mentors and judges, and Carson Daly is the host.

**"Empire"** (7 p.m., FOX): The series resumes with the new episode "Birds in a Cage," as Claudia (guest star Demi Moore) takes her job as Lucious' (Terrence Howard) nurse more seriously than required — by abducting him. Cookie (Taraji P. Henson) draws upon past experience to locate him. Other members of the Lyon clan try to move on from their feud with the Dubois family. Forest Whitaker also guest stars. Jussie Smollett, Bryshere "Yazz" Gray and Trai Byers also star.

**"grown-ish"** (7 p.m., FREE): The Season 1 finale, called "Back & Forth," finds Zoey (Yara Shahidi) facing a big decision that's all too predictable for a beautiful college freshman: her love life. Fortunately — or maybe not so much — as she wrestles with this dilemma, it seems that everyone around her has an opinion on it to share. Deon Cole, Trevor Jackson, Jordan Buhat and Francia Raisa also star.

**"Life Sentence"** (8 p.m., CW): Going after a certain job becomes a problem for Stella (Lucy Hale), as another secret that pertains to her is revealed, in "How Stella Got Her Groove On." Wes (Elliot Knight) covertly tries to earn money in a way that doesn't please Stella. Peter and Aiden (Dylan Walsh, Jayson Blair) try to adjust to their new living situation, while Aiden also mulls fatherhood.

**"The Magicians"** (8 p.m., Syfy): A classic Cold War thriller is referenced in the title of "The Fillorian Candidate," which finds King Eliot and Queen Margo (Hale Appleman, Summer Bishil) confronting a snowballing political crisis in Fillory. Elsewhere, Alice (Olivia Taylor Dudley) makes a devastating confession, while Julia experiences some changes as she makes some long-overdue amends.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Ed Helms; actor Miles Brown; The Breeders perform.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Alicia Vikander; actor Jim Sturgess; Kali Uchis performs with Tyler, The Creator.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Comic Dana Carvey; actor Simon Pegg; wildlife expert Coyote Peterson.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Zach Braff; actor Nick Robinson; BORNs performs.\*

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	<b>NBC</b> 5	The Voice: "Best of Blinds and Battles." (N) ©		Andrew Lloyd Webber Tribute to a Superstar (N)	NBC 5 News (N) ▶			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Alex, Inc. (Series Premiere) (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Splitting Up Together	Designated Survivor: "Summit." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
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	<b>This TV</b> 9.3	*(6) Rescue Dawn (PG-13, '06)	*** Christian Bale. ©			Under Fire (R, '83)	*** Nick Nolte. ©	♦
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Nature: "Leave It to Beavers." ©		NOVA: "The Great Math Mystery." ©		Megaweapons (N) ▶
	<b>The U</b> 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Mama's	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶
CABLE	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Living Single	Living Single	The Losers (PG-13, '10)	*** Jeffrey Dean Morgan.			Wendy ▶
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Empire: "Birds in the Cage." (N) ©		Star: "Rise From the Ashes." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law ▶
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	<b>AE</b>	Storage	Storage	Storage (N)	Storage (N)	Storage	Storage	Storage ▶
	<b>AMC</b>	Fantastic Four (PG-13, '05)	*** Ian Gruffudd, Jessica Alba. ©			Spider-Man 3 ('07)	***	
<b>ANIM</b>	Treehouse Masters ©		Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (N)				Treehouse ▶	
<b>BBCA</b>	Inception (PG-13, '10)	*** Leonardo DiCaprio, Joseph Gordon-Levitt. ©						
<b>BET</b>	*(6:40) You Got Served (PG-13, '04)	**			Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son ▶			
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<b>ESPN2</b>	*(6) ATP Tennis: Miami Open, Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. From Miami. (N)						SportCtr (N)	
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<b>FX</b>	*(6) Spectre (PG-13, '15)	*** Daniel Craig. ©			The Americans: "Dead Hand." (Season Premiere) (N) ©			
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<b>MTV</b>	Fear Factor ©		Fear Factor ©		Fear Factor: "Hell Week."		Factor ▶	
<b>NBCSCH</b>	Cubs Preview (N)		Sox Preview (N)		Beer Money	Beer Money	The Loop (N)	
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<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal (N)		Conan (N) ▶	
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<b>TNT</b>	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13, '14)	** Ian McKellen. ©					Minority ▶	
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	<b>MAX</b>	The Bodyguard (R, '92)	** Kevin Costner. ©			(9:10) Tin Cup (R, '96)	*** ©	♦
	<b>SHO</b>	Billions ©		The Space Between Us (PG-13, '17)	** Gary Oldman.			Mission ▶
	<b>STARZ</b>	♦ Confess-Shop		The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring ('01)	*** ©			♦
<b>STZENC</b>	*(6:20) Leviathan ('89)	*	John Carpenter's Escape From L.A.	**	(9:43) X-Men ('00)	***	♦	

## IN PERFORMANCE 'A Taste of Things to Come' ★★ 1/2

## Cast sparkles in spirited musical

BY CHRIS JONES  
Chicago Tribune

Act 1 of the new musical at the Broadway Playhouse, "A Taste of Things to Come," is set in a Winnetka kitchen in 1957, amid women bonding over (and singing about) pregnancy, cooking, thwarted career ambitions, flawed husbands or the lack thereof. For a while, I thought that the creative team wanted most to bathe its audience in the warm haze of nostalgic memory, much as, say "Jersey Boys" did for folks who vividly recall hanging out under lampposts, being up to no good.

Then I did the math. In order to have been in such a kitchen and, like the four women in this piece, in your mid-20s, you would now have to be at least in the latter half of your 80s. I still know quite a few loyal theatergoers in that rich sector of life, but they're not a huge group and, believe me, not all of them are going for nostalgia. The ones I know prefer to stay on top of what's new and hot.

Which is not how you would describe "A Taste of Things to Come," which is inoffensive, intermittently amusing, replete with a melodic original score, exceptionally well performed by a charming, Broadway-caliber cast and thoroughly formulaic.

Unnecessarily so, to my mind. Given that most of us aren't here to remember, but rather to look for meaning.

Take the premise of the opening act: The women have decided to enter a menu-making contest sponsored by Betty Crocker (not that there really was a Betty Crocker). There is some very light dabbling with stuff on the countertop and some pouring of cocktails, but not for a second do you believe that these are real North Shore women, really cooking together in service of a protofeminist commu-



BRETT BEINER PHOTO

Libby Servais, from left, Marissa Rosen, Linedy Genao and Cortney Wolfson in "A Taste of Things to Come," a musical by Debra Barsha and Hollye Levin.

**When:** Through April 29

**Where:** Broadway Playhouse at Water Tower Place, 175 E. Chestnut St.

**Running time:** 2 hours, 15 minutes

**Tickets:** \$30-\$70 at 800-775-2000 or [www.broadwayinchicago.com](http://www.broadwayinchicago.com)

nal achievement. Their typology keeps intruding: If only the set-up could somehow be more organic, more true, and if only the heart could be more engaged.

Sure, the idea of the kitchen as a crucial place of bonding and achievement is in the air — the show is not dumb — but the commitment to some kind of truth and reality needs to be so much stronger.

By Act 2, we're in the 1960s and able to watch the women 10 years later. This is by far the stronger act, quite enjoyable even, although you're still not entirely sure where the show wants us to travel. Half of the set has flown out by now, replaced by a vista of the show's all-

woman band, and it feels like we're in a TV studio rather than a kitchen, but the switch in style is never explained. We're told that the reason for this reunion of the Winnetka cooking club is a big surprise, but, when it arrives, it does not carry enough oomph to send you away satisfied. The show, all in all, needs a whole lot more at stake.

If you like the music of these two eras, you'll enjoy the totally original score, penned by Debra Barsha and Hollye Levin, especially in Act 2, when it

clings more closely to the material and better connects emotionally. You'll have some mild laughs throughout. And when I say the cast — when the women are Libby Servais, Marissa Rosen, Cortney Wolfson and Linedy Genao — is strong, that is not at all faint praise. They're really great, all four of them, and they work like crazy to fire up the room.

But, especially in the first act, which remains very problematic, the show, which is directed and choreographed by Lorin Lat-

taro, does not feel to me like it really figured out its own reason for being, beyond a commercial musical featuring characters in whom we may be able to see fragments of ourselves. Maybe. If we think we are a type. The more these fine actresses are allowed to build the freshness, specificity and originality of their charges, the better for the movement.

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## Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (March 28): Benefits flow into shared accounts this year. Professional profits rise with focus and organization. Summer domestic projects prepare for family gatherings and romantic weekends. A collaboration between friends surpasses challenges for winter success.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Fitness practices, athleticism and physical health benefit from disciplined, steady action. Strengthen your heart, and it benefits your work. Keep to your routines.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Romance blossoms over the next few days. Love can be full of surprises. Discover hidden treasure in unexpected places. Dream a little dream.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Domestic pursuits have your attention today and tomorrow. Creative efforts pay off big. Respect another's sensitivities. Restore something old to a new purpose.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Dive into an investigation. Study the situation for a few days. Express your passion for the subject. Participate in a fascinating conversation.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. The profit potential rises through tomorrow. Unexpected benefits appear. Review financial priorities. Fluctuations could rock the boat. Rely on a trusted ally and common sense.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. As you gain strength and confidence, you also gain options. Fake it until you make it. Follow a personal passion for a startling revelation.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 6. Slow down and review your plan. Actions now can have long-term impact; carefully consider the predictable consequences of each choice. Think about dreams and visions.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Team projects take shape today and tomorrow. Collaborate for a heartfelt possibility. A brilliant idea comes from a young person. Love takes you by surprise.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. A professional opportunity could require extra work. A conflict between career responsibilities and romance could frustrate. Delegate what you can.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Romantic adventures beckon. If you can get away, go. If not, take time to plan an upcoming trip or exploration. Love energizes you. Follow your heart.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Join forces with another to get the funding necessary. Talk about a shared passion to define priorities and responsibilities. Gain more than expected.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Listen to your heart. Art, beauty and love inspire your creative expression. Share what you're learning with a respected partner. It's contagious.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



### Bliss By Harry Bliss



## Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

- North**
  - ♠ Q 9 6 3
  - ♥ 6 5 2
  - ♦ Q J 6
  - ♣ Q 5 2
- East**
  - ♠ A 2
  - ♥ J 10 9 7
  - ♦ A K 7 3
  - ♣ K J 8
- South**
  - ♠ K J 10 8 7 4
  - ♥ A K Q
  - ♦ 4
  - ♣ A 6 4

North's raise was only mildly aggressive. Had his minor suit holdings been reversed, the contract would have been cold regardless of who held the king of clubs.

The opening diamond lead went to dummy's jack and East's king. East switched to the jack of hearts, won by South with the ace. The contract seemed to need West to hold the king of clubs, but that was impossible on the auction. East needed every missing honor card, except perhaps a jack, to justify his opening bid. Declarer chose a line of play that took advantage of that information.

The jack of spades was led and overtaken with dummy's queen. East won with his ace and continued with the 10 of hearts to South's king. The eight of spades was led to dummy's nine, drawing the last enemy trump, and dummy's six of diamonds was ruffed with the king of spades. South now cashed the queen of hearts to eliminate that suit, and led his carefully preserved four of spades to dummy's six. The queen of diamonds was led from dummy and South simply discarded a low club and allowed East to win the trick with his ace.

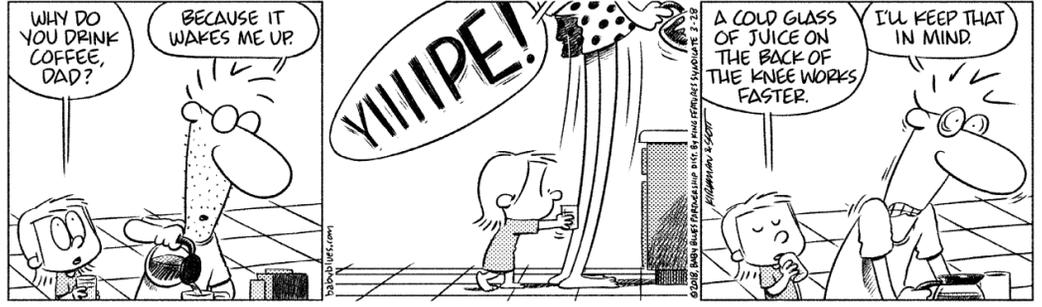
East had the unpleasant choice of leading away from his king of clubs or yielding a ruff-sluff — 10 tricks for South either way. A true gentleman, East simply folded his cards and said "well played".

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert By Scott Adams



### Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



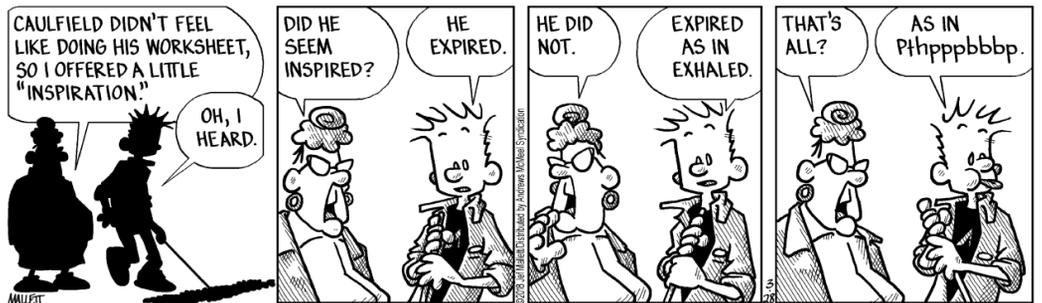
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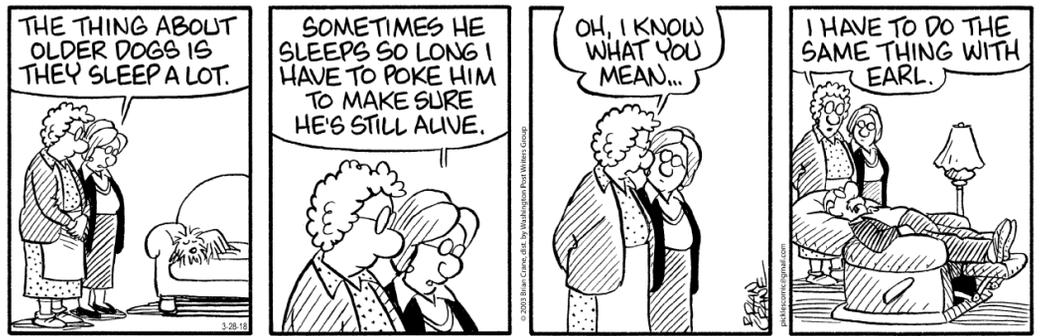
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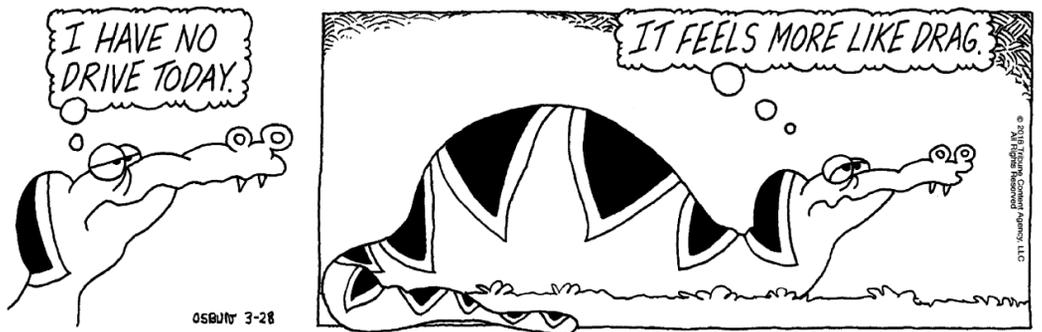
### Pickles By Brian Crane (Pickles is on vacation until April 2. Please enjoy this strip from 2003.)



### Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



### Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



### Prickly City By Scott Stantis







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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY



DAVID BUTOW/FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Dr. Jerome Chelliah is training to be a gynecologist, but he says female patients sometimes pass him over because of his gender.

# Male OB-GYNs are in decline

BY SOUMYA  
KARLAMANGLA  
Los Angeles Times

Women now dominate specialty, and some patients prefer them

Some patients wait until Dr. Jerome Chelliah snaps on his gloves to make the request. Others blurt it out as soon as he walks in the exam room.

"I'd rather see a female doctor," they say.

Chelliah thinks he can be a sensitive obstetrician-gynecologist even though he's a man. But he has no choice but to comply.

"I've been rejected many times over," he said. "As a person of color, I face discrimination in other ways, but it's not so blatant. People have no problem saying they don't want you."

Chelliah is in a field of medicine where all the patients are female, and it's more possible than ever for them to demand female doctors.

In 1970, 7 percent of gynecologists were women. Now 59 percent are.

Some men fear the falling number of male OB-GYNs could eventually lead to them being excluded from the specialty. They believe this is not only unfair, but also has subtle ramifications that go beyond patients' comfort on the examination table.

It's a perspective that garners little sympathy among women who had to fight for entrance into the male-dominated world of medicine.

"Nobody was worried at all that there weren't enough women in OB" in the 1970s, said Dr. Barbara Levy, an OB-GYN who trained then. "Nobody paid any attention to us."

The debate about male OB-GYNs taking place in universities and doctors' offices across the country has stoked concern and resentment among men and women, creating the ultimate collision of medicine and gender politics. Chelliah, 28, became an OB-GYN because he wanted to get to know his patients, not just their medical problems.

OB-GYNs often treat the same women for decades, helping them pick a birth control method and cope with menopause. They care for mothers through pregnancy and share in the joy of new families.

"We have a front-row seat to life that no one else has," said Chelliah, who is completing OB-GYN resi-

dency training at Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara, Calif.

Yet the job can feel cruel. Chelliah recently noticed a sign on a patient room with a picture of a baby's foot. Above it, "Female providers only." He kept walking.

Patients can legally discriminate by sex, race or any other factor when choosing a physician, and some women feel more comfortable talking about intimate health topics with women.

Brooke Hamel, 19, recently went to get an intrauterine device inserted by a doctor recommended by her sister. She quickly started crying.

"He touched me and I immediately lost it," said Hamel, who lives in Yorktown, Va. "As soon as I had to spread my legs, I was in a really vulnerable place, and I did not want to be in that position with a male."

Men are now less likely than ever to try to become OB-GYNs. Only about 17 percent of current OB-GYN residents are men. Some say that if their numbers keep dropping, it could weaken the field overall.

Dr. Reshma Jaggi, who studies gender issues in medicine at the University of Michigan, said a group of people with varied perspectives can better solve complex questions and make advances in a field. Men and women can offer important contributions to OB-GYN, she said.

Dr. Saketh Guntupalli, a gynecological oncologist at the University of Colorado, raised the stakes.

"If you exclude 50 percent of people from anything, think about how much you've lost," he said. "You might lose the next person who's going to find a cure for cancer."

Outside of OB-GYN, fewer than a third of doctors are women. Men dominate 37 of the 42 other medical specialties.

Nationally, there's no effort to draw more men to OB-GYN by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the OB-GYN professional organization, according to Levy, its vice president for health policy.

"There are no right numbers or wrong numbers for what our specialty looks

like," she said.

Levy and others believe the shift is largely driven by patients seeking doctors who seem more like peers than white coats. Younger patients in particular say they can trust someone they know has been vulnerable in the same way.

"Even a female gynecologist has been to a gynecologist," said Taylor Ortega, 28, a comedian in New York City. "There's a lot we know about each other without knowing each other."

Conchita Beronilla, 34, said she believed the male OB-GYN who cared for her while she was in labor couldn't understand her pain. She wanted to "sock him in the face," she said.

"We all go through cramps, we all go through menstrual cycles," said Beronilla, who lives in San Francisco. "Even if they don't have kids, I believe women, we all go through the same particular suffering."

These trends have influenced men too. Some feel socially excluded from OB-GYN departments in medical schools. Others say they don't want to perpetu-

ate a history of men telling women what to do with their bodies.

Some patients prefer male OB-GYNs — 8 percent, according to a recent review of 23 studies.

Those women say they're gentler and better listeners and take their concerns more seriously, perhaps to overcome stereotypes.

Even more women — 41 percent in the same study — have no gender preference, a fact that's popular with doctors who say the desire for female physicians has been overstated.

"We have to do a better job recruiting and dispelling some of the rumors and myths," said Guntupalli, 39, of the University of Colorado. "First and foremost, women want a good doctor."

Chelliah, who has two years left of OB-GYN training, said he wants to eventually go into health care administration, so he probably won't treat patients daily. For now, though, he cherishes the patients who don't mind that he's a man, he said.

"You leave home knowing that what you're good at and what you're good for have aligned," he said, "and that's a beautiful moment."

## A quest for serenity ... but first, one more coffee



HEIDI STEVENS  
Balancing Act

Scene: A place of serenity and wellness.

Cast: Serene, well people and a woman who's a hot mess.

Serene, well person: "Welcome to this place of healing! Can I take your coat?"

Me: "I'm so sorry I'm late. I left a voicemail. Do you check voicemail? No one checks voicemail. I'm old."

Serene, well person: "Yes, I got your voicemail. It's no problem."

Me: "Thank you. I mapped out my morning to get all my work done early

and get here on time, and then my daughter left her lunch in my back seat, and I hated the thought of it sitting there wasted all day and her having nothing to eat, so I swung it by her school, and then it was really hard to find parking over here — actually, do people ever refresh the parking app during treatment? Probably not. No. I'm definitely going to ignore my phone for the

next hour. Unless my sitter texts back. I need to find out if she can come by totally last minute so I can go to a work function tonight for an hour — all I need is one hour!"

Serene, well person: "I see. Can I take your coat?"

Me: "Yes! Sorry. It's covered in coffee. I spilled it on myself when I was rushing to get here on time, and then I got worried you'd judge me for smelling

like coffee because I think I'm supposed to be drinking herbal tea."

Serene, well person: "Let me see if your practitioner is ready."

Me: "Thank you."

Practitioner: "Welcome! Let's go over what's bothering you and talk about a treatment plan."

Me: "Sure. I have done something to my neck where I actually can't move, and the pain is ex-

cruciating. It radiates down through my shoulders and upper back. Someone suggested acupuncture, so here I am."

Practitioner: "OK. I'm going to ask you a few questions about your digestion and sleep and stress. Thank you for filling out the intake form online, by the way."

Me: "Oh, you're wel-

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# A healthier run, with four extra legs

Dogs and their owners can get fit together

BY JENNIFER VAN ALLEN  
The Washington Post

Like a lot of runners, when Ducky Waite doesn't get his regular run, he gets restless and antsy. The 4½-year-old pit bull-Doberman mix gets into the trash or rams a chew toy into his owners until he gets some exercise.

"He is a high-energy dog, and as a runner I get that," said his owner, Shauna Waite, a veterinarian at Columbia Pike Animal Hospital & Emergency Center in Annandale, Va. As a marathoner who logs up to 60 miles a week, she can relate. "When we run, we're both getting good exercise, and it keeps him in good shape."

Running delivers many of the same physical and mental benefits to dogs as it does to humans. It helps ward off obesity — a growing issue — and related health problems such as osteoarthritis and Type 2 diabetes. (Some 54 percent of dogs are overweight or obese, according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention.)

A 2012 study in *Journal of Experimental Biology* showed that canines get the same "runner's high" after intense exercise that people experience.

"Exercise is physical and mental stimulation," said Noon Kampani, a veterinarian with AtlasVet animal hospital in Washington. "It gives them an activity and burns energy. An exercised dog is usually a better-behaved dog."

And buddying up with Fido for runs can help you reach your goals. Dog owners are 2½ times as likely to get the recommended 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity,



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SHAUNA WAITE PHOTO

Veterinarian Shauna Waite runs with her dog Ducky.

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But running with a dog isn't as easy as lacing up and getting out the leash. Whether you're a new runner or you're consider-

ing a canine workout companion, these guidelines will help you establish a safe, healthy, lasting routine that boosts you both.

■ **Talk to your vet.** Before you start any new exercise routine, check with your vet — especially if your dog is older or has orthopedic issues. Not every dog was born to run.

■ **Get the timing right.** Young dogs may seem eager to release their copious amounts of puppy energy. But if the dog hasn't celebrated its first birthday, it's probably not a good idea. Its bones have not fully developed, and its growth plates have not closed, Kampani said. Daily bouts of continuous running can lead to fractures and lasting damage. "Young

dogs need active play to grow," Kampani said, "but not repetitive motion like running long distances." The minimum age will depend on the breed. So consult your vet.

■ **Consider the conditions.** In winter, clean paws after a run, as road salt can wreak havoc with paws, causing redness, roughness and a burning sensation that can lead to infection if the dog chews on the area, Kampani said. In summer heat, take it slowly, take plenty of breaks, and ramp up your distance and speed on a gradual basis.

■ **Plan your route.** When mapping out your route, consider your dog's temperament. Waite knows that Ducky gets nervous around approaching bikes,

so she avoids popular cycling areas. Incorporate stops where your pup can get a drink. Or bring a water bottle with a bowl attached, said Bryan Barrera, founder of D.C. Dog Runner, a professional dog-running service.

■ **Watch the leash.** Run slightly behind the dog, leaving some slack in the leash, Barrera said. Avoid having the dog trail behind you, where your legs could get clipped. Running behind your dog also gives you a strong hand and arm to hold your dog in case it lunges after a squirrel, rabbit or other dog. If your dog gives way to chase, grab the leash with both hands and get low into a squat, Barrera recommends.

■ **Get the right gear.** Waite uses a running halter that attaches at the waist because it doesn't disrupt her natural running form. A 4-foot leash will help you avoid tripping over the dog or the leash, Barrera said. "The closer you can keep the dog, the more control you'll have," he added.

■ **Start slowly.** Watch for signs of exhaustion, such as slowing down, stopping or a change in gait. But be aware that dogs, like people, are prone to going too far, too fast, too soon. "One of the biggest mistakes is overestimating the ability of the dog or equating effort and desire to ability," Barrera said. "Some dogs will just stop running when they're tired, but others don't." He advised making your first run with your dog a "fartlek" workout — that's Swedish for speeding up and slowing down as you feel ready. To start, you might run to a stoplight, then walk to a tree, sprint to another landmark, then walk. If the dog doesn't show signs of exhaustion, try a brisk, 30-minute walk. If that is successful, mix walking and running until you can build up to a 30-minute run.



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The rate of colon and rectal cancer is increasing disproportionately in young and middle-aged adults, making it all the more important that this segment of the population knows if it has risk factors that warrant screening before age 50.

## Early screening for colon cancer advised for some

HealthDay

From age 50 on, most people are advised to get a colonoscopy every 10 years to screen for colon cancer.

But others may need to start screening earlier due to certain risk factors, an expert says.

People most at risk for colon cancer are those with a first-degree relative (parent, sibling or child) who has had the disease.

Someone with more than one family member who has had colon cancer is three to 12 times more

likely to develop the disease than the average person, said Dr. Walter Koltun. He is chief of colon and rectal surgery at Penn State Health Medical Center.

Also at increased risk for colon cancer: those with a family history of gynecological cancers, such as breast, ovarian or endometrial cancer; men who've had radiation treatment for prostate cancer; and people with inflammatory bowel disease or colitis, Koltun said.

A personal or family history of colon polyps also

raises your risk of colon cancer.

So it's important to know your family history and to follow colon cancer screening recommendations, he advised.

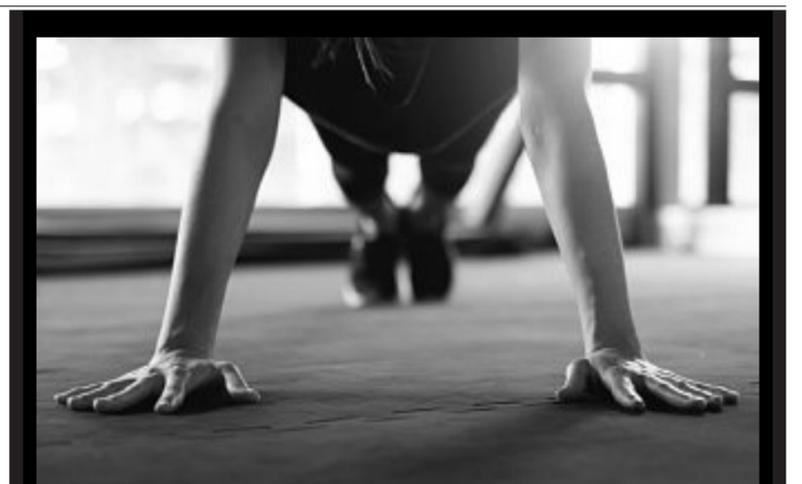
According to a March 2017 study from American Cancer Society researchers, the rate of colon and rectal cancer is increasing disproportionately in young and middle-aged adults.

"You should talk to your doctor sooner rather than later," Koltun said in a medical center news release.

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## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Antifungal medication cured patient's asthma symptoms

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q:** Several years ago, I developed asthma. If I was late with my inhaler, I would start to wheeze.

**A:** Fast-forward to the following story. One day I saw the physician's assistant at my doctor's office. I told her that I thought I might have a low-grade thrush infection in my mouth. She prescribed an antifungal oral troche. In less than 24 hours, I was off my steroid inhalers, never to need them again. I have been symptom-free for three years.

The underlying causes of asthma can be difficult to diagnose. Many people have breathing difficulties due to an allergic reaction. In some cases, the wheezing can be triggered by a fungal infection (Journal of Asthma, September 2016). Antifungal medication can be helpful in situations like yours.

Other research suggests that some hard-to-treat asthma could be related to a chronic bacterial infection in the airways (Immunology and Allergy Clinics of North America, August 2016). A placebo-controlled trial found that antibiotic treatment with azithromycin helped patients with persistent asthma (Lancet, Aug. 12, 2017).

**Q:** I've read that the Food and Drug Administration is going to make it harder for people to buy Imodium. This is bad news for people like me, with irritable bowel syndrome (diarrhea).

**A:** I have controlled my symptoms for years with one Imodium tablet per day. Without it, I need to be near a bathroom within 20 minutes of



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One reader reported no longer needing a steroid inhaler since taking antifungal medication.

**eating.**

**A:** This has been a cheap and easily available drug for IBS-D sufferers. I guess I need to stock up now, before it becomes both expensive and hard to find.

**A:** Loperamide (Imodium A-D) controls diarrhea by slowing the muscular contractions of the lower digestive tract. The agency wants to limit over-the-counter dosage packs to eight pills, enough to treat acute diarrhea for two days.

Some people have been using high doses of loperamide to ease opioid withdrawal symptoms; others have abused the drug in an effort to get high. It takes such high doses that people may experience irregular heart rhythms or cardiac arrest.

We have heard from many readers who suffer from chronic diarrhea. They rely on loperamide to be able to work or travel. Like you, they worry that the new regulations could raise the price and complicate their lives.

**Q:** I have been taking glucosamine hydrochloride and chondroitin sulfate for knee joint pain. My cholesterol has always been a little over 200.

**A:** Since last summer, my

cholesterol has jumped to 435. The only thing that has changed is that I take this arthritis supplement daily.

**Q:** I read on your website that others have had a similar problem. Is there up-to-date information?

**A:** Researchers have attempted to study this phenomenon; they have not identified a problem (BMC Pharmacology & Toxicology, online, Oct. 10, 2012). We can only speculate that certain people may be especially sensitive to glucosamine. Studies might not pick up such individual reactions.

**Q:** I've read that coffee can assist in staving off dementia. Since I am 70 years old and still have most of my mind, this is of interest. However, documentation and experience indicate that caffeine aggravates my leaky bladder. Can I get dementia protection from decaffeinated coffee?

**A:** At least one study has linked higher-than-average caffeine consumption to a lower risk of dementia (Journals of Gerontology: Series A, Dec. 14, 2016). This was an observational study rather than a controlled clinical trial, though, so we can't infer a cause-and-effect relationship.

Laboratory research suggests that other ingredients in coffee besides caffeine also may be protective (Neurobiology of Aging, October 2016). Quercetin, a compound that appears to be neuroprotective, is found in apples, onions, capers, tea and red wine, as well as coffee. It also might appear in decaf.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).

# Heart attack survival better when specialists out of town

BY AMY NORTON  
HealthDay

Believe it or not, new research suggests that people hospitalized for a heart attack are more likely to survive when certain heart specialists are out of town.

The study of more than 34,000 U.S. heart attack patients found survival rates were higher when interventional cardiologists were attending their annual conference.

Those cardiologists are specialists in using minimally invasive procedures such as angioplasty and stenting to treat a heart attack.

During the annual meeting — when many interventional cardiologists would be out of town — about 15 percent of heart attack patients died within 30 days of their hospitalization, the study showed.

In contrast, during the few weeks before and after the meeting, that death rate was just under 17 percent.

Experts said it all suggests that the doctors who stay behind practice differently from those who go to the meeting.

"But we don't yet know what makes them different," said lead researcher Dr. Anupam Jena, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School.

The findings, reported recently in the Journal of the American Heart Association, are not the first to show a link between medical meetings and patients' survival.

In an earlier study, Jena's team found that patients hospitalized for cardiac arrest or severe heart failure tended to fare better during the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology — versus nonmeeting dates.

"That meeting is attended by cardiologists of all sorts," Jena said. "That



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Recent research found that heart attack patients were more likely to survive when interventional cardiologists were away at a conference.

left the question, 'Who are the ones whose absence is driving this?'"

In the new study, the researchers focused on the annual Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics conference, the world's largest interventional cardiology meeting.

They looked at 2007-12 death rates among heart attack patients at U.S. teaching hospitals during the meeting dates, and during the five weeks before and after.

Teaching hospitals are affiliated with medical schools, and many doctors who attend medical meetings work at those centers.

Why were death rates lower during meetings? Jena's team found no signs that heart attack patients were less likely to see an interventional cardiologist during the meeting dates. And they were not less likely to receive stents.

Overall, the study also showed, stent patients fared just as well during meeting dates and non-meeting dates.

Jena said the survival difference was concentrated among a specific group of patients; those who'd suffered a less-severe heart attack and were not given stents — but received medication and

other noninvasive types of care.

In that group, the death rate was about 17 percent among patients who landed in the hospital during the meeting. That compared with almost 20 percent of those hospitalized on nonmeeting dates.

The findings are "puzzling," said Dr. Kirk Garratt, president of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions.

Why would the absence of interventional cardiologists affect patients who did not undergo artery-opening angioplasty or get stents to hold arteries open?

The study cannot give the answer — but it will be important to find out, said Garratt, who was not involved in the research.

"I think this study — especially on the heels of the previous one — is screaming for additional research to figure out what's going on," he said.

Jena speculated on one potential explanation: Even when patients do not receive stents, an interventional cardiologist might still be involved in their care when they arrive at the hospital. And the ones who skip the annual meeting might take a different approach than those who attend.

Jena noted, doctors who attended the meetings spent more time on research and performed more stenting procedures than those who skipped the meetings.

According to Jena, it's possible those "procedure-oriented" doctors aren't as good at "holistic care" — including managing any additional health conditions that heart attack patients have.

"There is variability in the ways doctors practice," Jena said, "and it has a meaningful impact on patients' mortality."

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Torta pasqualina is a pie stuffed with a combination of whole milk ricotta, eggs, cheeses, fennel sausage, ham and artichokes.

## Tale of 2 ricotta pies

Sweet and savory versions celebrate Easter weekend the Italian way

BY AMY BIZZARRI | Chicago Tribune

Pasqua — Easter — is considered the second-most-important religious event of the year in Italy. Bring this joyful celebration of the end of winter and nature's rebirth to the table with torta pasqualina, a ricotta, sausage and artichoke stuffed pie, and pastiera napoletana, a Neapolitan pie made with wheat berries, ricotta cheese and candied citron.

Easter marks a long weekend in Italy, thanks to the much-beloved Pasquetta — Little Easter — celebrated the Monday after Easter Sunday. Pasquetta calls for time spent with family in the great outdoors, enjoying the milder weather, and a picnic in the countryside, complete with savory and sweet pies packed in a basket. Every family has its own

**Pie recipes, Page 5** take on torta pasqualina. James David De Marté, chef/co-owner of Pisolino, a rustic Italian restaurant in Chicago's Avondale neighborhood, shares his beloved Nonna Angelica's prized recipe.

"It's the original recipe from ages ago," he said. "We haven't changed anything. It's been passed down in my family for generations."

Pastiera napoletana is from Naples, where the labor-intensive pie is traditionally baked no later than Good Friday. Best served at breakfast on Easter Day, or as an accompaniment to afternoon espresso, its flavors — citron, ricotta, vanilla — evoke the heady arrival of springtime. While the original recipe calls for precooked wheat berries — grano cotto — which are available all over Italy at this time of year, you can also substitute arborio rice.

Amy Bizzarri is a freelance writer.



Pastiera napoletana is a Neapolitan pie made with wheat berries, ricotta cheese and candied citron.

**REVIEW** The Blanchard ★★★

## The top-notch French restaurant that deserves a bigger following

BY PHIL VETTEL  
Chicago Tribune

I want Robert McDonald to have a brutal weekend. I want his back aching, his feet sore, his fingers stiff. I want him counting the hours until Monday, when he can put his feet up at last.

McDonald is the head waiter at The Blanchard, and on my last few visits to this Lincoln Park restaurant, he's had the kind of

nights good waiters dread — the quiet kind, with too many empty tables and not enough tip money at the end of the shift.

Easy on the muscles, tough on the wallet.

I want to change that — more to the point, I want you to change that — because McDonald, the restaurant and executive chef Ryan Burns deserve better.

The Blanchard was my pick for the city's Best New Restaurant in

March 2016; the restaurant was 9 months old then, and Burns was working under chef and partner Jason Paskewitz. Less than a year later, Paskewitz was gone in a bitter partnership dispute (which ended with a settlement and nondisclosure agreement), and Burns had a battlefield promotion.

"How it ended was unfortu-

Turn to **Blanchard, Page 2**



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The Blanchard's Parisienne gnocchi are bolstered by black miso, king crab and a smoked-crab beurre noisette.

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# Playful take on French cuisine

Blanchard, from Page 1

nate," Burns said of the split. "I learned a lot from him."  
(Paskewitz, now chef/partner at Pearl Brasserie, in a back-attha statement said: "Ryan is a fantastic cook; no doubt at all. He deserves credit.")

He deserves a bigger audience too.

Burns' food is rooted in French tradition but not bound entirely by it. His current menu, in place as of Valentine's Day, incorporates a couple of Asian accents, a nod to Spain, and even some childhood memories.

"I wanted to create a menu," Burns said, "that breaks that stigma of French fine-dining being stuffy."

The foie-gras fluffer-nutter certainly accomplishes that. Listed among the appetizers but really best as a dessert, this riff on a childhood snack places a thick slab of smooth foie-gras pate, house-made marshmallow cream and maple syrup (solidified into a thin sheet) between thin slices of brioche bread (also in-house) smeared with almond butter. The sandwich is served, in two diagonal-cut halves (of course) inside a vintage lunchbox (mine featured Curious George) whose inner lid holds a "remember to smile!" note from Mom.

"We've always been known for foie," Burns said. "I wanted a playful and fun way to serve it."

Burns' other playful moments are less obvious. He fashions plancha-griddled octopus in a bouillabaisse homage, tossing the octopus in pureed-mussels vinaigrette and adding a smear of clam-incorporated rouille to the plate. Kennebec frites provide echoes of caviar service, topped with cured egg yolk and an "accoutrement dust" of powdered caper, chive and scallion; a ceramic cup of salmon-roe cream adds the fishy component.

Bread service (\$5) offers a mini-boule of sourdough with leek- and potato-flavored "vichyssoise butter." In a nod to his childhood days in Miami, snapper crudo shares its plate with grapefruit, pureed avocado, sea lettuce and charcoal-infused oil. Burrata, coated with furikake and toasted sesame seeds, served alongside house-made naan sprinkled with togarashi, is a mind-blowing inspiration.

Seafood provides most of the main-course highlights. There's a pristine piece of roe-topped salmon, surrounded by artichoke and delicata-squash barigoule (the liquid enriched with butter); Parisienne gnocchi are bolstered by black miso, king crab and a smoked-crab beurre noisette. Dots of horseradish cream, fingerlings and powdered



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

A salon across from The Blanchard's dining room offers a full bar and wines by the glass.



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The Blanchard's roe-topped salmon is surrounded by artichoke and delicata-squash barigoule.



Executive chef Ryan Burns' menu is rooted in French tradition but not bound by it.

cashews bring earthy flavors to classic Dover sole in beurre blanc.

Mushroom-crust lamb loin with heavily roasted carrots is as dark and intense as the salmon is

clean and light; and the strip steak is darker still, sitting on a "tasty mushroom condiment" of reduced mushrooms and onion. (I'd buy a jar of this stuff if I could.)

In addition to the aforementioned fluffer-nutter, Burns fashions such interesting pairings as beets and chocolate, the latter a small chocolate-mousse cake and the former rendered as irregular

## The Blanchard

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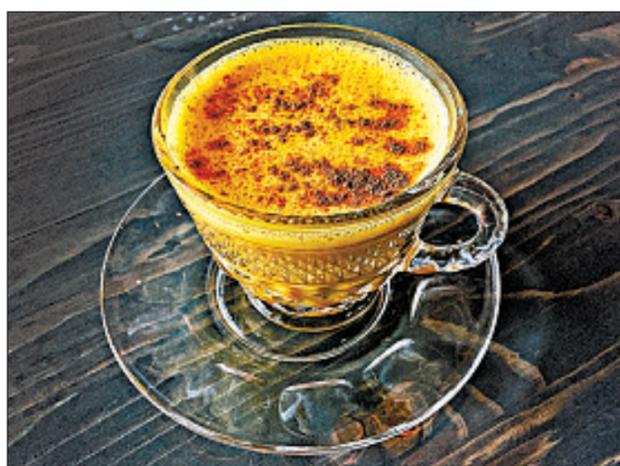
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shards of beet meringue; coconut-lime dust and diced kiwi introduce tropical elements. Meringue reappears, this time banana-flavored, propped against roasted-pear sorbet and tapioca pudding. And a large bowl of chocolate pot de creme is strewn with pieces of freeze-dried pineapple, chewy candied pineapple and brazil-nut praline.

The Blanchard is a nice place to grab a drink; there's a very pretty salon across from the dining room with a full bar and wines by the glass. By-the-bottle prices are budget-conscious.

Service, as I suggested earlier, is very good; I liked the way the servers (and kitchen) paced my meal on a slow night (rather than speed things up, which I've had happen to me elsewhere). I still haven't seen the front-of-the-house team put through its paces; I'm hoping my readers can do something about that.

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The frothy golden milk tea at First Sip Cafe is made with coconut milk, turmeric, ginger, honey and cinnamon.

## DRINK THIS!

# Golden milk tea at First Sip

BY ALISON BOWEN  
Chicago Tribune

If you're looking for a breather from coffee, or a place for a drink without alcohol on a weeknight, First Sip Cafe on Argyle Street is a great option.

The charming new cafe, which opened in November, has teacups hanging over the bar, plant tendrils throughout and burning incense — not to mention the chalkboard full of tempting teas.

Hot and cold options are joined by coffees like macchiatos and

cappuccinos. Check out the caffeine-free, 6-ounce golden milk, made with coconut milk, turmeric, ginger, honey and a sprinkling of cinnamon. The frothy mix arrives in the bright color of the turmeric, which mixes well with the sweetness of the coconut milk and honey. Try it for \$4.

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## EAT THIS!

# Hopleaf's once-a-month chicken

BY GRACE WONG  
Chicago Tribune

At Andersonville's Hopleaf, the Belgian Fried Chicken dinner is served every first Monday of the month in partnership with Pauwel Kwak beer. Although the specific dish changes every month, the concept is still the same: fried chicken thighs, a Belgian waffle and an item using Kwak beer.

"The fried chicken dishes are a chance for the younger guys, and I work with them closely to execute their vision," said executive chef Brett Coolidge about the monthly dish, developed by Hopleaf's line cooks. "It helps keep people interested and provides a great creative outlet for the guys."

For the month of March, Hopleaf's Matt Overpack poached the chicken Filipino-style adobo, that is, in vinegar and soy sauce, before it was deep-fried to a crisp. The result was a crunchy, slightly vinegary fried chicken with a subtle sweet note. The waffle, made with red beets, was a deep crimson color, also with a hint of sweetness. Topping the combo was bok choy in a sweet soy sauce-Kwak dressing, providing a fresh crunch, slight bitterness and bright green color. A spicy sweet potato and chile puree, plus a drizzle of maple syrup, rounded



GRACE WONG/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A rendition of Belgian Fried Chicken is served at Hopleaf every first Monday of the month. The dish was developed by Hopleaf line cooks.

it out.

If March's dish is any indication, April's offering holds promise. Alex Medina, another Hopleaf chef, is behind the creation, which will be a potato-based waffle, fried chicken thighs, a purple cauliflower puree and Kwak chicken jus.

Can't wait until the first Monday of next month, or happen to miss the occasion? The restaurant always features chicken two ways, a confit leg and house-

made chicken sausage served atop roasted potatoes, carrots and parsnips formed into a cake and pan-seared. The dish is accompanied with braised cabbage and chicken bacon-mustard jus.

Mark your calendar: April's chicken dinner is coming up fast.

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CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Domaine Servin Vieilles Vignes Selection Massale Chablis was the most lush wine of a recent tasting.

# Have you ever had real Chablis?



**MICHAEL AUSTIN**  
*The Pour Man*

It's possible that you have consumed gallons of "Chablis" in your life but never really tasted Chablis, thanks to lots of misleading wine brands and labels. It is entirely possible that you have missed out on the legendary wine style based solely on this false reputation.

The "Chablis" that some people are familiar with, in mass-production jugs from California, lined the shelves of supermarkets in the 1970s. It was cheap white wine, often with a touch (or more) of sweetness. This is not an exact analogy, but buying that wine was kind of like buying knockoff Rolex watches and Louis Vuitton bags from sidewalk

vendors. Just as those hawked accessories aren't authentic, branded, from-the-source products, neither was a lot of the wine that many people believed to be Chablis.

It was Chablis in name only. True Chablis hails from the eponymous subregion of Burgundy, France. Chablis is not sickly sweet and is made from 100 percent chardonnay. (There is no such thing as a chablis grape.) It could not be more different from the oaky, buttery, thick-as-syrup chardonnay that comes from warmer New World climates like California.

No, classic Chablis is clean, crisp and dry, an expression of chardonnay that goes perfectly with fresh oysters. It is also great on its own, as a way of arousing the palate with bright acidity, tangy lemon and lime flavors and aromas, and waves of minerality, including the wine style's signature notes of what is often described as gunflint, metallic, sharp and stony.

Stainless steel tanks are most often used in the fermentation and maturation of Chablis, but some producers employ oak barrels in the process, particularly the Grand Cru and Premier Cru classifications. Even in those cases, though, the resulting wines are nowhere near what New World chardonnays offer. On the other hand, in certain expressions, Chablis can be so clean and crisp, so stylistically different from New World chardonnay that it can fool you into thinking you are tasting a steely, citrusy, mineral-laced sauvignon blanc.

Within the Chablis appellation, which dates to the 1930s, there are four classifications. In terms of prestige (and often price, too) from highest to lowest, they are: Grand Cru, Premier Cru, Chablis and Petit Chablis. A Chablis Grand Cru bottle may carry the name of one of seven Climats (a Burgundian name for top vineyard sites) on its label: Blanchot, Bougros, Grenouilles,

Les Clos, Les Preuses, Valmur and Vaudesir. Chablis Premier Cru bottles also may include specific sites on their labels, such as Montee de Tonnerre and Montmains, among more than a dozen others.

The vast majority of Chablis wines — more than 60 percent of all bottles — carry the general "Chablis" classification. Chablis Premier Cru bottles make up only about 12 percent of total Chablis production, and Chablis Grand Cru bottlings represent an even tinier slice of the pie (about 2 percent).

But some of those top Chablis bottlings age well in the bottle for a decade or more. Although they are not exactly cheap, they are also not outrageously expensive, considering that they are among the top offerings of one of the great wine styles of the world. Chablis is worthy of your attention and respect.

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## Recommended

Below are notes from a recent tasting of Chablis, through all four classifications and in a wide range of prices. The 10 wines are listed in ascending order, according to price.

**2015 Bernard Defaix Petite Chablis.** Chalky and full of minerality, this wine, aged in stainless steel tanks for eight months, offers lively acidity plus a whiff of fennel and citrus. **\$15**

**2015 Jean-Marc Brocard Sainte Claire Chablis.** Pear and apple give way to lime, nutty character, lively acidity and a tangy lemon finish, with 12.5 percent alcohol. **\$18**

**2015 Jean-Paul & Benoit Droin Chablis.** With floral notes, lime, a touch of lemon, minerality and smoke, this wine is crisp and nutty on the finish. **\$24**

**2015 Domaine Servin Vieilles Vignes Selection Massale Chablis.** The most lush of the tasting, this wine has stone fruit and tropical notes but was still light and refreshing. **\$25**

**2014 Domaine Denis Race Montmains Chablis Premier Cru.** Bracing acidity gives way to a floral essence, with additional notes of gooseberry, lime, anise and stony minerality. **\$28**

**2014 Domaine Laroche Les Vaudevay Chablis Premier Cru.** Apple, pear, honey, lemon and spice join signature notes of gunflint in this clean and delightful wine. **\$45**

**2015 William Fevre Montee de Tonnerre Chablis Premier Cru.** Notes of almond, wet slate and fennel lead to lime and bright, mouthwatering citrus, with 13 percent alcohol. **\$56**

**2012 La Chablisienne Valourent Chablis Premier Cru.** Crushed rock and minerality are joined by pear, lime and other citrus notes, which lead to a clean, crisp finish. **\$65**

**2012 Domaine Louis Michel & Fils Grenouilles Chablis Grand Cru.** This beauty, matured in stainless steel tanks, offers wet slate, citrus, stone fruit, nuts, bright acidity and a slight spice on the finish. **\$78**

**2015 Domaine Drouhin Vaudon Bougros Chablis Grand Cru.** Elegant, with lime and subtle notes of melon and tropical fruit, this wine has a nutty finish that suggests warm bread crust. **\$80**

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# Coming home

Mimouna, a Sephardic custom, closes Passover holiday with celebratory dishes



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Muflettas are Moroccan pancakes made of layers of thin, oiled dough. They're cooked quickly and then served with butter and honey.

BY PEGGY WOLFF  
Chicago Tribune

Thirteen years ago, at sundown on the last day of Passover, I took a pass on the usual uncelebratory pizza and squeezed into a rented hall in Skokie.

Loud music pounded out of speakers, and a hundred people — mostly Diaspora Jews — were throwing their arms in the air and dancing, many in caftans and henna tattoos. This was the night of the Mimouna (me-MOO-nah). For Sephardic Jews, the end of Passover is marked by a festive celebration of carbohydrates and the holiday greeting, “terbach,” an Arab word that roughly means, “May you win and be fortunate.”

If food lovers like myself gleaned anything from how Sephardic Jews break the fast, it was their labyrinthine table of yum: zaben, white almond nougat; dates rolled in sugar and stuffed with marzipan; jars of preserved fruits; sfeng, doughnuts; homemade pastries baked before Passover that had come out of someone's deep freeze; and muflettas (moo-FLEH-taz), pancakes made of layers of thin, oiled dough cooked quickly and skillfully in a pan and devoured with butter and honey.

If you eliminate flour for a week, smearing a simple hot pancake with honey and butter tastes great, but for Sephardic Jews, this crepe, this pancake, is a homecoming, a food that chronicles their culinary journey back to Israel, where 2 million people celebrate the Mimouna, or back to its North African origins.

“In Morocco, our Muslim neighbors used to bring us flour and all kinds of honey and yeast, milk and butter, all the things that were chametz because it was not kosher for us,” Moroccan-born Ruthy



Marzipan candies are made with a sweet almond paste and topped with pistachios.

Benitah said, in a phone conversation from Israel. “It was an open door, like an open house.” Thirty Jewish homes in her Moroccan neighborhood would open their doors and, as a reciprocal act, invite Muslims to enjoy the delicacies.

“That was before they were shooting at each other,” said Benitah's daughter Liat Berko, who lives in Manhattan. Two years ago, Berko and chef Einat Admony hosted a ticketed Mimouna with belly dancers, a henna station, live music and a spread of savory bites and Moroccan pastries from Admony's restaurant Taim.

Berko, and others in Paris, Brussels, Miami, San Francisco and Boston are breathing new life into a holiday that was about co-existence, characterized by home hospitality.

Last year, Rabbi Sarah Bassin of Temple Emanuel in Beverly Hills, Calif., hosted a Mimouna for 275 young professionals. Why? “Jewish identity and culture is in an exploratory phase right now. Being members of a synagogue, traditional prayer ... people aren't being captured that way.”

“The event wasn't exactly the Mimouna of my childhood in Morocco,” commented David Suissa, publisher and editor-in-chief of the Jewish Journal in Los Angeles. “But it was the same idea of sampling from many different tables in a festive environment. I remember thinking that night: I can't believe I'm at a Mimouna party organized by an Ashkenazi Reform rabbi in Los Angeles!”

Peggy Wolff is a freelance writer.

## Muflettas

**Prep:** 40 minutes

**Rest:** 20 minutes

**Cook:** A few minutes per batch

**Makes:** 30-35 muflettas

This recipe is adapted from the Hebrew version of “Moroccan Cooking” by Rivka Levi Malol. The recipe was translated by Ayelet Danino, the owner of Skokie kosher catering business Bites of Pleasure.

8 cups (2 pounds 4 ounces) unbleached all-purpose flour  
1 packet (0.75 ounce) quick yeast  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon sugar  
2 ½ cups water at room temperature  
2 ½ cups canola oil  
¼ pound unsalted butter, at room temperature  
¾ cup honey

**1** In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle, add the flour, yeast, salt and sugar. Pour the water in; mix on medium until the dough is smooth and elastic, 2-3 minutes, finishing on high for about 10 seconds.

**2** On a lightly oiled countertop, use a sharp knife to cut the dough into quarters, then eighths, then sixteenths. Fill a small bowl with ½ cup canola oil.

**3** Lightly coat the bottom of a rimmed baking sheet (or a large aluminum pan) with oil. Dipping your fingers into the small bowl of oil, pinch off enough dough to make a golf-ball-size ball; put it on the oiled tray. Continue making oily balls until there are 30-35. Cover with a clean cloth; let them rest, 10-15 minutes. Lightly depress one ball; it should come back up.

**4** Heat a 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Pour a couple of tablespoons of oil on your hands. Working quickly on the oiled countertop with your fingers, “open” or flatten a ball to a very thin, translucent round about 8 inches in diameter. If it's so thin that there are some holes, you can still use it.

**5** Slip the first mufletta into the hot pan; cook until it starts browning all over, about 60 seconds. While it is cooking, flatten another ball; carefully lay it on top of the first mufletta and flip both of them over. Cook until bottom one is browning, 30-50 seconds. While it's cooking, quickly flatten the third ball and proceed as before. You will be making a stack of 10 at a time. All mufletta except the first will cook on one side only.

**6** To serve, separate a mufletta and using a wide knife, spread soft butter first, then drizzle about a tablespoon of honey on it. Roll it up into a cigar.

**Nutrition information per mufletta:** 169 calories, 5 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 7 mg cholesterol, 29 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 3 g protein, 68 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

## Marzipan

**Prep:** 20 minutes

**Makes:** about 24 candies, serves 12

Almond paste confections like this marzipan from Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook's “Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking” are among the many traditional recipes at a Mimouna. Solomonov's Bulgarian Sephardic grandfather Moni made marzipan all the time, but here the chef flavors it with orange blossom water, something Moni would never do. Stuffing dates with the almond mixture bulging out, then rolling it in cane or powdered sugar would make a nice addition to anyone's table.

1 ½ cups sliced almonds (without skins)  
1 ½ cups powdered sugar  
6 tablespoons light corn syrup  
½ teaspoon orange blossom water  
Pinch kosher salt  
24 pistachios

**1** In a food processor, pulse the almonds until they form a fine meal but before they become pasty, about 2 minutes. Add powdered sugar, corn syrup, orange blossom water and salt until the mixture is sandy and holds together when you pinch it between your fingers, about 2 minutes.

**2** Shape the mixture into 1-inch balls or cubes; press a pistachio into each piece. Marzipan will keep well-wrapped in the refrigerator for several months. Bring to room temp before using.

**Nutrition information per candy:** 81 calories, 3 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 13 g carbohydrates, 12 g sugar, 1 g protein, 10 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

## HOW TO PAIR WINE

### Shrimp-feta pasta goes with lively whites

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN  
Chicago Tribune

This dish combines briny seafood with rich cheese and the natural acidity of tomatoes. Here are three bottles — a sparkling wine from Spain, and one white each from Italy and France — that have the liveliness and agility to bring together such contrasting elements.

#### THE FOOD

**Spaghetti with shrimp, feta and tomatoes:** Cook 6 ounces spaghetti in a pot of well-salted boiling water until al dente, about 10 minutes; drain. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a skillet over medium. Add 3 cloves garlic, minced; cook until golden, about 1 minute. Add ¾ pound peeled, deveined shrimp; cook until shrimp begin to turn pink, about 2 minutes. Stir in 1 can (14 ½ ounces) peeled, diced tomatoes, drained; cook 2 minutes. Toss with pasta. Pour into a buttered 2-quart casserole; sprinkle with 2 ounces crumbled feta. Bake at 400 degrees until sauce is bubbly and feta melts slightly, about 10 minutes. **Makes:** 2 servings



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**THE WINE** By sommelier Rachael Lowe of Spiaggia, as told to Michael Austin:

**Mascaro Pure Brut Nature Reserve Cava, Catalonia, Spain:** This non-vintage wine, made of parellada and macabeo grapes, has no additional sugars and offers aromas of green apple, almond skin, lime zest, bright acidity and fine bubbles. The bubbles and acidity will cut through the richness of the feta while also mirroring the natural acidity of the tomato.

**2012 Primosic Riserva Ribolla Gialla, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy:** This wine, aged for 24 months in small barrels and then a year longer in the bottle, exudes notes of golden apricot, chamomile, tarragon and a hint of smoke. The wine's round texture will complement the shrimp, and its herbal components will add nice depth to the dish.

**2016 Domaine de La Louvetrie Amphibolite, Muscadet Sevre et Maine, Pays Nantais, France:** Composed of the melon de Bourgogne grape variety, this wine has bright acidity and purity, with aromas of lemon peel, tangerine oil and rosemary. An intense minerality with an almost briny touch makes for a cleansing finish. The wine's structure is a perfect complement to seafood and will cut the richness of the feta.

## FROM THE COVER



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With a closed crust on the pastiera napoletana (or the torta pasqualina), you can add a cross or another festive shape.

### Pastiera napoletana

**Prep:** 60 minutes, plus 2 days resting time

**Cook:** 3 hours

**Makes:** 8 servings

This labor-intensive pie is made with wheat berries, whole wheat kernels. You can substitute arborio rice cooked al dente. A decorative cross would add a traditional touch to this pie.

- 1 1/4 cups wheat berries
- Pastry:
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon of sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup cold water
- Filling:
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Zest of one lemon
- 2 whole eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups ricotta
- 3 tablespoons candied citron
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Powdered sugar, for dusting

**1** Two days in advance: Soak the wheat berries in water to cover for 24 hours, changing water twice.

**2** One day in advance: Cover the wheat berries with plenty of water in a saucepan; simmer, covered, until soft, about 1 hour. Drain, cool and store in a covered container in refrigerator overnight.

**3** For the pastry: Put flour, butter, sugar and egg in a food processor; pulse until combined. With motor running, slowly add cold water until mixture forms a ball. Place on a lightly floured surface; push down to flatten. Wrap with plastic wrap; chill, 2 hours.

**4** For the filling: Place the wheat berries in a saucepan; add the milk, butter and lemon zest. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer; cook, stirring constantly until mixture has the consistency of oatmeal, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from heat; allow to cool.

**5** In a bowl, mix eggs, yolks and sugar with a whisk. In a food processor, blend the ricotta cheese,

3 minutes. Fold the ricotta into the egg and sugar mixture with a spatula. Fold in the cooled wheat berry mixture, citron and vanilla.

**6** Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Remove dough disks from the fridge; on a lightly floured surface, roll each out into a 12-inch circle, about 1/8 inch thick. Fit one dough circle into a 9-inch pie plate. Cut second dough circle into 10 half-inch strips. Place 5 of the strips over filling. Weave the crust by folding back alternate strips and adding a strip crosswise. Seal and flute the edge. (Alternatively, use second dough circle as is to top the pie, sealing and fluting the edge.)

**7** Bake, 1 hour. Cover with foil and bake, 30 minutes. Cool completely. Dust with powdered sugar before serving.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 601 calories, 27 g fat, 15 g saturated fat, 185 mg cholesterol, 77 g carbohydrates, 36 g sugar, 16 g protein, 85 mg sodium, 5 g fiber



Torta pasqualina della Nonna Angelina has ricotta and three other cheeses, including pecorino with peppercorns.

### Torta pasqualina della Nonna Angelina

**Prep:** 45 minutes **Cook:** 1 hour **Makes:** 8 servings

For a traditional touch, take the excess dough, roll out, cut into two dough strips, and form a cross on the top of the pie; or shape into any other decoration that fits your family's celebration. Recipe from James David De Marte of Pisolino restaurant in Chicago. Pecorino pepato is a sheep's milk cheese studded with peppercorns. You may sub with another pecorino.

- Pastry:
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Filling:
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups whole milk ricotta
- 1 1/4 cups raw fennel sausage, casings removed, cooked, fat drained
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- 3/4 cup diced, grilled, olive oil-packed artichokes
- 1/2 cup shredded fontina cheese
- 1/4 cup shredded pecorino pepato
- 1 1/4 cups diced cooked ham
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon fresh oregano
- Egg wash:
- 1 whole egg
- 1 teaspoon water

**1** For the pastry: Combine flour, butter, salt, egg and lemon juice in a food processor. Process until mixture forms a ball. Cut in half; roll each half into a ball. Place on a lightly floured surface; push down to flatten each ball. Wrap with plastic wrap; chill, 2 hours.

**2** For the filling: Place all the ingredients in a bowl; mix together with a spatula until evenly combined.

**3** Heat oven to 350 degrees. Remove dough disks from the fridge; on a lightly floured surface, roll each out with a rolling pin into 12-inch circles, about 1/8-inch thick. Fit one dough circle into a 9-inch pie plate. Spoon in the filling; cover with the second dough circle, pinching the top and bottom firmly together. Trim excess dough, leaving a 3/4-inch overhang. Fold the edge of the top crust over and under the edge of the bottom crust, pressing together. Flute edges or press with a fork. Cut some holes in top crust for ventilation. Whisk egg and water into an egg wash; brush over entire crust.

**4** Bake in the center of the oven, 30 minutes. Lower heat to 325; bake 30 more minutes. Lower heat to 300; bake 10 minutes. If not browned enough, bake 10 more minutes.

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## CRAVING: FRIED FOODS

# Spread your wings: Try Korean fried

They're crunchier, juicier, tastier than the Buffalo version

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER  
Chicago Tribune

Korean fried chicken, the other KFC, is taking over Chicago, and there's nothing you can do about it.

Nor would you want to. That's especially true if you love chicken wings, where Korean fried chicken truly shines. I didn't expect to fall for them so completely, but after surveying the local scene, I realized that I love nearly every single one I've sunk my teeth into. All other chicken wings instantly felt tame by comparison.

Patriotic zeal might compel you to stand steadily behind the Buffalo wing, the orange-sauced staple of the American bar. Served with cold, crunchy celery and a vat of creamy blue cheese sauce, the butter-slicked wings make for a genuinely great dish, full of crackly chicken skin, tender meat and lip-tingling chile heat.

But at their best, Korean fried chicken wings are crunchier, juicier and more creatively seasoned than Buffalo wings could hope to be.

Instead of being chucked in the fryer naked, Korean fried chicken wings are first tossed in dry batter (common options include all-purpose flour, rice flour, cornstarch or potato starch). Emerging from the bubbling oil, each sports an aggressively crisp crust, which somehow manages to stay that way even when saturated in sauce. It's a fried chicken miracle.

Chicken wings don't get much crunchier than the ones served at **Bonchon** (2163 S. China Place #1F). The Korean fried chicken chain landed in Chicago's Chinatown in mid-2017, causing a scene when long lines showed up before the doors opened. It's easy to understand the enthusiasm.

The wings (\$8.95 for 8) are preternaturally crispy. Doesn't matter if you dig in immediately, or box them up for a quick snack later, the crunch remains even when drenched in sauce. The mild soy garlic sauce has a satisfyingly tangy profile, salty with a funky garlic base, while the spicy sauce does not fool around. The heat builds and builds until you realize your forehead is covered in sweat. Or maybe that's just me.

Bonchon may be the new kid, but if you're looking for a place to start your Korean fried chicken wing adventure, begin here.

Chicago actually has a long history with Korean fried chicken. As WBEZ's Monica Eng reported last year, the dish popped up on the Northwest Side in the 1970s and '80s after a number of Chinese-Korean immigrants settled in the area. At first, the dish was made with bite-size pieces of chicken, before cooks switched over to the cheaper wing.

Though the first restaurant to offer a version of the dish was Peking Mandarin, nearby neighbor **Great Sea Restaurant** (3254 W. Lawrence Ave.) was the first to introduce a unique Chicago variation: the lollipop chicken wing (\$15.49 for a platter).

Thanks to some clever knife skills, all the meat on the wing is pushed to the top, leaving one end with just bare bone. This makes them easier to grasp and quicker to devour.

"Great Seas is what I grew up with," says Bill Kim, the acclaimed chef of **BellyQ** and **Urban Belly**. Kim's family emigrated from South Korea in 1977, and while he moved around Chicago quite a bit, Great Sea was a mandatory stop. "Though we also had to get the wild ones because my brother was a wimp," adds Kim.

You can also find the lollipop chicken wings (\$9 for a platter) at **Joong Boo Market** (3333 N. Kimball Ave.), the Korean grocery



The wildly crunchy offering at Cupbop + Ramen has wonderfully juicy meat, and the honey garlic sauce is nicely balanced.



BellyQ's wings have super-crisp crust, impossibly juicy meat and a scattering of garlic peanuts on top.



Del Seoul, best known for Korean-Mexican tacos, kicks out some satisfying wings coated in a sticky-sweet soy sauce.



Dak serves gargantuan whole wings. Dig into a drumette, and it will seem like a regular-sized chicken leg.



The crackly wings at Cafe Orient 33 are presented beautifully. You'll wonder if you're at a downtown restaurant.



Zip Z Express offers "Oriental wings," tossed with a spicy, very brown Korean-inspired sauce. They're served with rice.

store crammed between the Kennedy Expressway and the Metra tracks in Avondale. If any wings compete on the crunchiness scale with Bonchon, these are the ones. And that's even though the wings are cooked ahead of time, stuffed into to-go containers and then placed under heat lamps. Any normal wings would steam

into a limp mass after just a few minutes. Not these. They are also coated in a fascinating sauce, which initially tastes slightly too sweet. Then a wave of chile heat rises up from the back-ground, along with a trippy citrus note.

How do they stay so crisp? Kim knows the secret: "It's called corn syrup." Which isn't to say



Great Sea Restaurant was the first to offer the lollipop chicken wing, a Chicago variation that's easier to hold.



Crisp serves its wings whole. They may be messier to eat, but they're delicious with Seoul sassy sauce.



Bonchon's wings are preternaturally crispy even when drenched in sauce and even if you box them up for later.



The sauce on Joong Boo Market's lollipop wings tastes sweet at first, then chile heat rises with a citrus note.



Budacki's, a hot dog stand owned by the same family as Crisp, serves its wings on a bed of french fries.

that he's not a fan of Joong Boo's offering. "My record is like 15 of those little guys," admits Kim. "I've never finished the whole container, but I've come close."

When **Crisp** (2940 N. Broadway) in Lakeview opened in 2008, the Korean fried chicken game took a great leap forward. The trendy spot serves all parts

of the chicken, but most people go with the whole wings (\$9.95 for 5). Instead of chopping the wings into drumettes, flats and tips, these are served with everything still connected. Eating becomes a messy sport. Get ready to rip the bird's appendages into manageable pieces with your bare hands.

The exterior of the

chicken is more crackly than crunchy, which allows you to appreciate the juiciness of the marinated meat. I like to get them tossed with the Seoul sassy sauce, a fragrant ginger and soy sauce mixture that's savory and immensely satisfying.

If you're a fan of Crisp, know that the same family also owns a hot dog stand in Ravenswood called **Budacki's** (4739 N. Damen Ave.). It initially looks exactly like dozens of other hot dog stands scattered throughout Chicago, with a menu stocked full of burgers, hot dogs and fries. But keep scanning through the long menu, and you'll run into a fried chicken wing section. The only difference I could spot between the two is that Budacki's wings (\$10 for 5) are served on a bed of fries, which soak up the Seoul sassy sauce and taste better than they have any right to.

Budacki's isn't the only Korean fried chicken spot hiding in plain sight. **Zip Z Express** (1635 W. Howard St.) in Roger's Park has dozens of dishes listed on its window yet fails to mention the Oriental wings (\$6.67 for 8), which is what you'll want to order. The petite offerings are tossed with a genuinely spicy and very brown, Korean-inspired sauce. The mighty pile of white rice on the side will help calm the heat.

In recent years, the openings have only come faster. If I had to pick a favorite of the bunch, I'd go with the wildly crunchy wings at **Cupbop + Ramen** (2439 N. Clark St.). The half chicken (\$10) features genuinely juicy meat, while honey garlic sauce is nicely balanced.

But that's just the beginning. **Dak** (1104 W. Granville Ave.) in Edgewater serves gargantuan whole wings (\$12.95 for 5), nearly the size of your forearm. Dig into the drumette, and it can feel as if you're actually gnawing on a regular-sized chicken leg. **Del Seoul** (2568 N. Clark St.) in Lincoln Park is best known for its Korean-Mexican tacos, but the shop also kicks out some satisfying Korean fried chicken wings (\$10.50 for 8) coated in a sticky-sweet soy sauce. The crackly wings at **Cafe Orient 33** (4829 N. Kedzie Ave.) are presented so neatly on a plate (\$7.95 for 5), you'll wonder if you're at some downtown restaurant.

Turns out, Korean fried chicken has already cracked Chicago's downtown dining scene. And who better to tackle them than Bill Kim? But while you'll find Korean fried chicken (\$8) at his West Loop restaurant **BellyQ** (1400 W. Randolph St.), don't expect it to look much like any version that you've tried before.

First, he goes with chicken thighs instead of wings. And wanting to avoid corn syrup, Kim developed a method of cooking the thighs to a specific temperature in a CVap, a high-tech piece of kitchen equipment that precisely cooks food in a vapor-filled chamber. "Basically, it brings the boneless thighs to a perfect temperature," says Kim. Once cooked, the meat is chilled, battered and then fried.

The chicken's crust gets very crisp, but it's the impossibly juicy meat that astounds me the most. For the final flourish, the chicken is sprinkled with a scattering of garlic peanuts, for a pop of crunch. It is, without a doubt, the most unusual Korean fried chicken I encountered on my crawl.

But, then again, that's kind of what is great about the Korean fried chicken scene in Chicago. All these restaurants serve dramatically different versions, which are beholden to nothing but deliciousness. I know it can be hard to put down the Buffalo wing, but if you haven't already, it's time to give Korean fried chicken a try.

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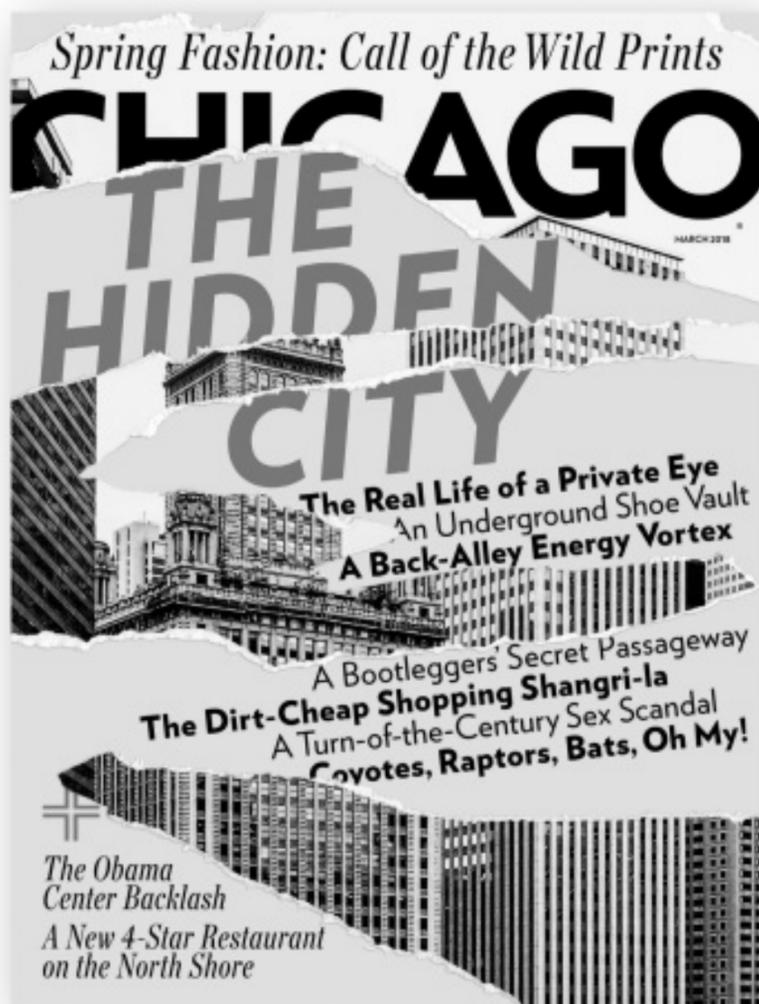
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Hazy IPAs, like the ones offered at Forbidden Root tap takeover last May, come in various degrees of opacity. The Brewers Association has added three categories.

## Leading craft beer body at last acknowledges the hazy IPA craze

By JOSH NOEL  
Chicago Tribune

The juicy, hazy revolution has arrived. Officially. The Colorado-based Brewers Association last week blessed the fruit-forward, low-bitterness style of hoppy beer that has consumed the craft industry in recent years, adding a whopping three “juicy or hazy” categories to its style guidelines — one each for pale ales, India pale ales and double IPAs.

That means breweries will be able to send their haziest, hoppiest creations to compete at this fall’s Great American Beer Festival in Denver, the nation’s largest and most renowned beer competition.

Launched by New England craft brewers about five years ago, hazy IPA — also called New England-style IPA or double dry hopped IPA — is often compared to (or ridiculed as) orange juice, both in appearance and taste. But its approachability has made the style a hit, embraced by brewers and drinkers alike.

As soon as he saw news of the updated style guidelines last week on Facebook, Mike Pallen, founder of Mikerphone Brewing in Elk Grove Village, knew he would finally enter the GABF competition for the first time. About half of Mikerphone’s production

is hazy IPA (which he prefers to call double dry hopped IPA; the haze and fruitiness are a result of intense hopping).

“It’s exciting for us,” Pallen said. “We don’t brew into category, so at GABF and other events like that, there’s no way we could enter because we didn’t fit.”

Now that “juicy or hazy” is in fact a category, it gives Mikerphone — whose beers are some of the most popular in the Chicago area — a home. Pallen expects to submit what’s essentially Mikerphone’s flagship beer: Mikerphone Check 1, 2.

Pallen’s primary concern: who will judge the beers? He said he still routinely meets hostility about the style.

“It’s still a hot-button subject,” Pallen said. “I’ve traveled all over the U.S. and some brewers still say the nastiest things about the breweries that make these beers.”

Yet, without a hazy IPA category at last year’s GABF, the competition had the distinction of being without a place to judge the hottest style in craft brewing. (The gold medal winner in the IPA category came from the Chicago area, but was far from hazy.) Another year without acknowledging the evolution in tastes might have argued for the com-

petition’s declining relevance. Instead, its organizers adapted.

Members of the Brewers Association’s style guidelines committee tasted “a wide variety of beers that were thought to represent or approach this style,” the trade group said in a news release.

“What we discovered and verified was that there was a wide range of alcohol content for what was being perceived in the public as just one style,” Charlie Papazian, founder and past president of the Brewers Association, said in the news release.

“After evaluating appearance, aroma, bitterness, hop characters, mouthfeel and overall balance these beers gave a consistent impression that helped frame the Brewers Association’s inaugural guidelines for three styles of ‘juicy hazy ales.’”

The precise categories for this fall’s GABF competition will be announced this summer. The festival will be held Sept. 20-22.

The Brewers Association has also added three other categories to its style guidelines: contemporary American-style Pilsener; classic Australian-style pale ale and Australian-style pale ale; and gose and contemporary gose.

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## SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

# Brighten up your Passover table with modern dishes

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Passover is the annual holiday that commemorates the Jews’ exodus from slavery in Egypt. It goes on for eight days, and certain dishes like any leavened bread or pastry are forbidden. The main event is called the Seder and is celebrated with family and friends gathering around the table and reading the Haggadah that tells the story of the Israelites’ liberation from Egypt.

I am all about tradition and truly love the dishes that most of us associate with the Passover meal: chicken soup with matzo balls, gefilte fish, chicken or brisket with a sweet fruit and a vegetable dish called tzimmiss, to name a few. But sometimes I like to shake it up a little with variations.

In her book “The Healthy Jewish Kitchen” (Sterling Epicure, 2017), author Paula Shoyer presents dishes that are steeped in



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tradition as well as some with modern twists. I am sharing her tzimmiss puree, which will add conversation and delight to your Passover table.

Whatever you are serving for your main course the tzimmiss (tzimmiss being Yiddish for “a big fuss”) will be a welcome accompaniment. This colorful, fragrant and sweet vegetable

stew is an Ashkenazi staple. A mix of sweet potatoes, carrots, dried fruit and cinnamon is baked in a casserole and then served as is. This variation takes that idea and then purees it for a French presentation and a surprising twist on the classic.

Try it for your Seder this year and see whether it becomes a tradition.

## Tzimmiss puree

Prep: 35 minutes Cook: 30 minutes Makes: 10 to 12 servings

- 1 tablespoon sunflower or safflower oil
- 1 medium onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 carrots, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 cup dried apricots
- 1/2 teaspoon orange zest (from 1 orange)
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 cups water
- Salt and black pepper to taste

1 Heat the oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion; cook until translucent and just starting to color, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the garlic; cook, 2 minutes.

2 Add the sweet potatoes, carrots, apricots, orange zest, cinnamon stick and water; heat to a boil. Stir the mixture, cover, and cook until the carrots and sweet potatoes are soft, 20 to 25 minutes. Let the mixture cool, covered, 10 minutes.

3 Remove the cinnamon stick; use an immersion blender to puree the mixture until it is smooth (or puree it in a food processor). Taste the tzimmiss; add salt and pepper if desired.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 99 calories, 1 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 21 g carbohydrates, 9 g sugar, 2 g protein, 40 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

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# Binny's

## BEVERAGE DEPOT

Prices valid with Binny's Card

### SIP & SAMPLE

**HIGHLAND PARK**  
Sparkling Wine & Designer Donuts  
Saturday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> 9:30-11:30am

**GLEN ELLYN**  
Best of California Wine  
Friday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**  
Hoppy Beer Sampling  
Friday, Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

**CHICAGO - LINCOLN PARK**  
Cookies & Craft Beer  
Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

**CHICAGO - PORTAGE PARK**  
Best of California Wine  
Friday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
Beer & Pizza Sampling  
Friday, Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

Meomi Pinot Noir **\$14.99**

Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio **\$14.99**

Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc **\$9.99**

Franciscan Cabernet Sauvignon **\$17.99**

Chateau Ste Michelle Riesling **\$5.99**

**BARGAIN Bubbly**

LaMarca Prosecco **\$10.99**

Veuve Clicquot **\$37.99**

Andre Brut or X-Dry.....**\$3.99**

Martini & Rossi Asti.....**\$7.99**

Korbel Brut.....**\$8.99**

Saracco Moscato D'Asti.....**\$12.99**

Mumm Napa Brut Prestige.....**\$14.99**

*Largest Selection of Rosé in Illinois*

Whispering Angel Rosé **\$16.99**

Apothic Rosé.....**\$7.99**

Perrin Cotes du Rhone Rosé.....**\$7.99**

Les Vignes de Bila Haut Rosé.....**\$10.99**

Aix Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé.....**\$14.99**

Patton Valley Vineyard Rosé.....**\$17.99**

Chateau Miraval Rosé.....**\$18.99**

**3 Day Offer**

**YOUR CHOICE** Kendall Jackson VR Chardonnay OR Hess Select Chardonnay

**\$8.99 EACH**

Get Aquafina 24/16.9oz btls for 1¢ when you buy Kendall Jackson VR Chardonnay or Hess Select Chardonnay.

**LIMIT 2 AQUAFINA PER CUSTOMER. OFFER ENDS 3/30/18.**

**1¢**

Grey Goose Vodka **\$19.99**

Captain Morgan Rum 1.75L **\$19.99**

Dewar's White Label 1.75L **\$25.99**

Ketel One Vodka 1.75L **\$27.99** *When you buy 2*

Jim Beam 1.75L **\$17.99** *After \$2 instant rebate*

Bacardi Rum 1.75L **\$15.99**

Smirnoff Vodka 1.75L **\$15.99**

Crown Royal **\$19.99**

**PENNY PROMOS**

Svedka Vodka 1.75L.....**\$15.99**

Sobieski Vodka 1.75L.....**\$16.99**

Avion Silver Tequila.....**\$34.99**

Buy Svedka or Sobieski Vodka 1.75L & get a jar or can of Binny's Peanuts for 1¢. Buy Avion Silver Tequila & get Ole Binny's Salsa or Binny's Peanuts for 1¢.

Valid with Binny's Card 3/28/18 - 4/3/18.

**1¢**

Crown Russe Vodka 1.75L.....	<b>\$8.99</b>
Gordon's Vodka 1.75L.....	<b>\$11.99</b>
Gordon's Gin 1.75L.....	<b>\$13.99</b>
Christian Brothers Brandy 1.75L.....	<b>\$14.99</b>
Canadian Club 1.75L.....	<b>\$15.99</b>
Fireball 1.75L.....	<b>\$18.99</b>
Jose Cuervo Gold or Silver 1.75L.....	<b>\$23.99</b>
Knob Creek Bourbon.....	<b>\$24.99</b>
Glenlivet 12 year old.....	<b>\$29.99</b>
Tanqueray Gin 1.75L.....	<b>\$29.99</b>

**PENNY PROMOS**

Buy Miller or Coors 24/12oz btl or cans or Corona Family 12/12oz btl or cans & get Binny's peanuts for 1¢. Valid with Binny's Card 3/28/18 - 4/3/18.

**1¢**

Stella Artois 12/11.2oz btl or cans, Modelo or Corona family 12/12oz btl or cans, Miller Lite or Coors Light 24/12oz btl or cans or Pabst Blue Ribbon 30/12oz cans.

**ONLY \$11.99 EACH**

Beck's 12/12oz btl **\$9.99**

Old Style 24/12oz cans **\$10.99**

Samuel Adams 12/12oz btl or cans **\$10.99**

Heineken 12/12oz btl or cans **\$10.99**

Angry Orchard 12/12oz btl or cans **\$10.99**

Stone IPA 6/12oz btl **\$7.99**

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# WALT'S

## FOOD CENTERS

**SALE DATES:**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th THRU**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd, 2018**

**STORE HOURS:**  
**Mon.-Sat. 7 am to 9 pm**  
**Sun. 7 am to 7 pm**

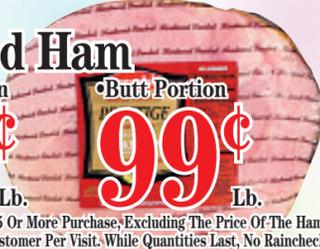


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**Digital Rewards Today!**  
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 or at [www.waltsfoods.com](http://www.waltsfoods.com)

US No. 1 Fancy  
**Sweet Potatoes**  
**49¢**  
 Lb.



Sugardale  
**Smoked Ham**  
 •Shank Portion **79¢**  
 Lb.  
 •Butt Portion **99¢**  
 Lb.



Sweet Jumbo  
**Roma Tomatoes**  
**79¢**  
 Lb.



Fresh  
**Broccoli Crowns**  
**79¢**  
 Lb.



Best Choice  
**Spiral Sliced Half Ham**  
**\$1.99**  
 Lb.



Fresh Picked  
**Green Beans**  
**99¢**  
 Lb.



Hillshire Farm  
**Smoked Whole Ham**  
**\$2.79**  
 Lb.



Smoked Half Ham \$2.89 Lb.  
 While Quantities Last, No Rainchecks.

Walt's Hand Crafted Signature  
 Skinless & Shankless  
**Semi-Boneless Whole Ham**  
**\$3.29**  
 Lb.



Semi-Boneless Half Ham \$3.39 Lb.

**Happy Easter**  
**Closed**  
**Sunday April 1st**

USDA Choice Certified  
 Hereford "Natural Beef"  
**Eye of Round Roast**  
 Sold As Roast Only

**\$3.99**  
 Lb.



USDA Choice Certified  
 Hereford "Natural Beef"  
**EZ Carve Beef Rib Roast**

**\$9.99**  
 Lb.



**From Our Country Bakery**

Walt's Own Fresh Baked  
**Dinner Rolls**  
 12 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$1.99**



Walt's Own Fresh Baked  
**Rye Bread**  
 •Light •Dark •Caraway  
 1 Lb. Loaf  
**\$1.99**



Dutch Farms  
**Cream Cheese**  
 •Regular •1/3 Less Fat  
 •Fat Free  
 8 Oz. Box  
**99¢**



Limit 4 Total, Add'l. \$1.39

Dutch Farms  
**Cheese**  
 •Regular or Fancy Shredded •Bars  
 Selected Varieties  
 7 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$3**



Cool Whip  
**Whipped Topping**  
 8 Oz.  
**99¢**



Edy's Grand  
**Ice Cream**  
**Yogurt Sherbet**  
 48 Oz.  
**2/\$6**



**From Our Deli Hut**

Walt's Signature Premium  
**Ham Off The Bone**  
**\$5.98**  
 Lb.

\$2.99 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Signature Premium  
 Oven Roasted  
**Turkey Breast**  
**\$6.98**  
 Lb.

\$3.49 1/2 Lb.



**4 Days Only!**

Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat!

Dutch Farms/Rose Acre  
 Grade "A"  
**X-Large Eggs**  
 Dozen  
**2/\$3**

Limit 2, Add'l. \$1.79

Pillsbury  
**Grands! Biscuits**  
 16.3 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.  
 Limit 2 Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

Nabisco  
**Snack Crackers**  
 3.75 - 10 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

When You Buy 4:  
 Regular, Diet  
 •Pepsi •Crush  
 •Mtn. Dew  
 •Schweppes  
 •7Up •Dr. Pepper  
 •A&W •RC  
 •Sunkist  
 •Canada Dry  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$10**

When You Buy 4:  
 Regular, Diet  
 •Pepsi •Crush  
 •Mtn. Dew  
 •Schweppes  
 •7Up •Dr. Pepper  
 •A&W •RC  
 •Sunkist  
 •Canada Dry  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**4/\$10**

Must Buy 4. Single Item Price \$3.49 Ea.  
 Limit 2 Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

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**WALT'S**  
**FOOD CENTERS**

Ice Mountain Spring  
**Water**  
 •24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
 •12 Pk. 700 ML Btls.  
**\$2.88**

When You Buy 3  
 Xtra Liquid  
**Laundry Detergent**  
 75 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$1.99 Ea.  
 Limit 2 Offers Per Customer Per Visit.

Lay's  
**Potato Chips**  
 9.75 - 10.25 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

While Quantities Last, No Rainchecks.

Dean's DairyPure  
**Whipping Cream** 1/2 Pt.  
**2/\$3**

Dean's  
**Half & Half** qt.  
**2/\$5**

Dean's  
**Egg Nog** qt.  
**2/\$6**

While Quantities Last, No Rainchecks.

# PRODUCE

Fresh  
**Broccoli  
Crowns**  
**79¢**  
Lb.



No  
Waste

Fresh Express  
**Iceberg  
Garden  
Salad**  
Pkg.  
**\$1.39**



Fresh Crisp  
**Celery**  
Stalk  
**99¢**



Extra Large  
Sweet  
**Peppers**  
**\$1.39**  
Lb.



•Red  
•Green

Sweet Jumbo  
**Roma  
Tomatoes**  
**79¢**  
Lb.



Extra Large  
"European"  
**Seedless  
Cucumbers**  
**99¢**  
Ea.



Super  
Flavor!  
Nature Sweet  
**Glory  
Tomatoes**  
**2/\$4**



Fresh Long Green  
**Asparagus**  
**\$2.99**  
Lb.



Fresh Picked  
**Green  
Beans**  
**99¢**  
Lb.



Young  
N  
Tender

Fresh Express  
**Cole Slaw**  
Pkg.  
**\$1.39**



Fresh Fancy  
**Zucchini  
Squash**  
**79¢**  
Lb.



Extra Large Fancy  
**Lemons**  
**2/\$1**



US No. 1 Fancy  
**Sweet  
Potatoes**  
**49¢**  
Lb.



Fresh Sweet  
**Blackberries**  
**2/\$4**



6 Oz.  
Pkgs.

Vine-Ripened Sweet  
**Grape  
Tomatoes**  
**2/\$3**



Full  
Pints

Fresh Sweet  
**Blueberries**  
**2/\$5**



6 Oz.  
Pkgs.

Fancy Sweet  
**Red  
Seedless  
Grapes**  
**\$1.99**  
Lb.



US No. 1 "Genuine"  
**Idaho  
Bakers**  
**49¢**  
Lb.



Fresh "Bunched"  
**Green  
Onions**  
**2/\$1**



Fresh  
Tri-Color/Sweet  
**Mini  
Peppers**  
**2/\$3**



1 Lb.  
Bags

Del Monte  
Golden  
**Pineapple**  
**\$2.99**  
Ea.



Jumbo  
Size

Peeled & Cored Pineapple \$3.49 Ea.

Fresh  
**Greens**  
•Mustard •Turnip  
•Collard •Kale  
**99¢**  
Lb.



US No. 1  
**Red  
Potatoes**  
5 Lb. Bag  
**\$1.99**



US No. 1 "Genuine"  
**Idaho  
Potatoes**  
5 Lb. Bag  
**2/\$3**



# COUNTRY BAKERY

Walt's Own  
Buttercream Iced  
**Easter  
Lamb Cake**  
**\$13.99**



Our  
Easter Cakes  
are made in our  
stores with the  
finest made  
from scratch  
buttercream

Walt's Own  
Buttercream Iced  
**Easter  
Bunny Cake**  
**\$7.99**



Walt's Own  
**Cake Donuts**  
•Plain •Powdered Sugared  
•Granulated Sugared  
•Cinnamon Sugared  
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$1.99**



Made  
Fresh  
in our  
Store

Best  
Donuts  
in  
Town

Walt's Own Homestyle  
**Cherry Pie**  
8 Inch  
**\$5.99**



Teibel's  
**Dinner Rolls**  
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$2.99**



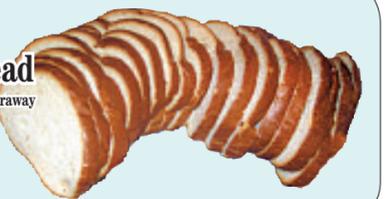
Walt's Own Fresh  
**Butter Cookies**  
**\$7.99**  
Lb.



Walt's Own Signature  
**Fruit Filled  
Danish Coffee Cake**  
**\$4.99**



Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Rye Bread**  
•Light •Dark •Caraway  
1 Lb. Loaf  
**\$1.99**



Walt's Own  
**Butterflake  
Rolls**  
6 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$2.99**



Walt's Own  
Fresh Baked  
**Dinner  
Rolls**  
12 Pk. Pre-Packaged  
**\$1.99**



# BUTCHER SHOP

Walt's Premium "All Natural" **Whole Beef Tenderloin**  
Sold Whole In The Bag  
**\$12.99** Lb.  
*Cut into Steaks or Roasts FREE*

USDA Choice Domestic Lamb **Whole Leg of Lamb**  
Sold In The Bag, Free Processing  
**\$4.99** Lb.  
Semi-Boneless Leg of Lamb **\$6.99** Lb.  
*Fresh Never Frozen*

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef" **Eye of Round Roast**  
Sold As Roast Only  
**\$3.99** Lb.

Sugardale **Smoked Ham**  
Shank Portion **79¢** Lb.  
Butt Portion **99¢** Lb.  
With a \$25.00 or More Purchase, Excludes the Price of the Ham. Limit 1 Portion Per Customer Per Visit. While Quantities Last, No Rainchecks.

Indiana Kitchen "All Natural" Pork **Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops**  
Value Pack **\$2.49** Lb.  
Center Cut Boneless Pork Roast **\$2.49** Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef" **Boneless Sirloin Steak**  
**\$5.99** Lb.

USDA Choice Certified Hereford "Natural Beef" **E-Z Carve Beef Rib Roast**  
**\$9.99** Lb.  
*Fresh Never Frozen*

Hillshire Farm **Smoked Whole Ham**  
**\$2.79** Lb.  
Smoked Half Ham **\$2.89** Lb.  
While Quantities Last, No Rainchecks.  
*No Water Added*

Walt's "All Natural" Fresh Chicken **Boneless Chicken Breast Tenders**  
3 Lb. Pkgs. or More  
**\$2.79** Lb.  
*No Hormones Added*

Miller Amish Country "100% Natural" **Boneless Chicken Thighs**  
**\$3.29** Lb.  
*Raised Without Antibiotics, Hormones or Steroids.*

Scott Pete **Jumbo Franks**  
16 Oz.  
**\$1.59**

Best Choice **Spiral Sliced Half Ham**  
**\$1.99** Lb.  
While Quantities Last, No Rainchecks.

Oscar Mayer **Delifresh Shaved Meats**  
**Carving Board**  
Sliced Meats or Chicken Strips  
Selected Varieties 5.5 - 9 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Oscar Mayer **Bologna**  
**Cotto Salami**  
Excludes Beef, Cheese, Turkey  
Selected Varieties 16 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Oscar Mayer **Fun Pack Lunchables**  
Selected Varieties 4 - 10.5 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Oscar Mayer **Sliced Bacon**  
Assorted Varieties 12 - 16 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

Bob Evans **Pork Sausage**  
•Rolls  
•Breakfast Links  
•Breakfast Patties  
Assorted Varieties 12 - 16 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Eckrich **Smoked Sausage**  
Assorted Varieties 10 - 14 Oz.  
**\$2.89**

Bobak's **Smoked Polish Sausage**  
Sold In A 5 Lb. Bag  
**\$2.99** Lb.

Bob Evans **Mashed Potatoes**  
Assorted Varieties 20 - 24 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Claussen **Pickles**  
Assorted Varieties 20 - 24 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Walt's Hand Crafted Signature **Skinless Shankless Semi-Boneless Whole Ham**  
**\$3.29** Lb.  
Semi-Boneless Half Ham **\$3.39** Lb.  
*Carve Easy No Water Added*

## LENTEN SPECIALS

Wild Caught **Red Snapper Fillets**  
Product of Indonesia  
**\$7.99** Lb.

Norwegian Farm Raised **Salmon Fillets**  
Product of Norway  
**\$8.99** Lb.

American Chef 31/40 Ct. **Cooked Tail-On Large Shrimp**  
16 Oz.  
**\$7.99**

Sea Best **Cod Fillets**  
16 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

Sea Best **Catfish Fillets**  
16 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

Sea Best **Tilapia Fillets**  
16 Oz.  
**\$4.59**

Cedar Bay **Smoked Planked Salmon**  
Assorted Varieties 5 Oz.  
**\$4.59**

**MANUFACTURER COUPON** EXPIRATION 4/6/2018  
**\$2.00 OFF**  
ANY WHOLE KENTUCKY LEGEND HAM  
Redeemable Only At Walt's Foods  
LIMIT ONE COUPON PER PURCHASE. Any other use constitutes fraud. Void if sold, copied, transferred, altered, prohibited or restricted. Good only in the USA and APO/FPO post office addresses. CONSUMER: No other coupon may be used with this coupon. Consumer pays any sales tax. RETAILER: Specialty Foods Group will reimburse you for the facevalue of this coupon plus eight cents handling, if coupon is submitted with this offer and Specialty Foods Group Redemption Policy. Cash value 1/20. Send coupons to SFG Company, CMS Dept #75400 1 Fawcett Dr. Del Rio, TX 78840  
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Jennie-O Grade "A" **Frozen Turkey Breast**  
6 - 8 Lb. Avg.  
**\$1.79** Lb.

Kentucky Legend **Whole Boneless Ham**  
**\$3.69** Lb.  
Boneless Half Ham **\$3.79** Lb.  
Boneless Petite Ham **\$3.99** Lb.  
*All Natural Juice No Water Added*

## Check Out Our LOW PRICES DELI-HUT Check Out Our LOW PRICES

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Berkshire **Roast Beef** **\$6.98** Lb.  
Berkshire **Corned Beef** **\$6.98** Lb.  
\$3.49 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut **Tuna Salad** **\$7.99** Lb.  
Garden Fresh **Seafood Salad** **\$5.49** Lb.  
Grandpa's Premium **Potato Salad** **\$3.79** Lb.  
Walt's Deli Hut **Pineapple Walnut Salad** **\$5.29** Lb.  
Walt's Deli Hut **Hawaiian Salad** **\$5.79** Lb.  
Walt's Deli Hut **White Cheddar Mac & Cheese** **\$4.59** Lb.

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Walt's Signature Premium **Ham off the Bone** **\$5.98** Lb.  
Walt's Signature Premium Oven Roasted **Turkey Breast** **\$6.98** Lb.  
\$2.99 1/2 Lb. *Gluten Free*

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Scott Pete **Veal Bologna** **\$3.98** Lb.  
Eckrich **Hard Salami** **\$5.98** Lb.  
\$1.99 1/2 Lb. \$2.99 1/2 Lb.

Walt's Deli Hut **Breaded Chicken Breast Tenders** **\$4.99** Lb.  
Walt's Deli Hut **Country Fried or Seasoned Grilled 12 Pc. Mixed Chicken** **\$10.99**  
\*3 Breasts \*3 Wings \*3 Drumsticks \*3 Thighs  
2 Lb. Bucket of Tenders \$9.95

**BUY OF THE WEEK!**  
Bobak's **Smoked Polish Sausage** **\$3.99** Lb.  
Sabra **Hummus** Assorted Varieties 10 Oz. **\$3.29**

Dietz & Watson **Black Forest Smoked Ham** **\$7.98** Lb.  
Dietz & Watson **All Chicken Breast Varieties** **\$7.98** Lb.  
\$3.99 1/2 Lb. *Gluten Free*

Dietz & Watson **Top Round London Broil** **\$10.98** Lb.  
Dietz & Watson **Cheese** \*Muenster \*Hot Buffalo Wing **\$7.98** Lb.  
\$5.49 1/2 Lb. *Gluten Free*

Dietz & Watson **Top Round London Broil** **\$10.98** Lb.  
Dietz & Watson **Cheese** \*Muenster \*Hot Buffalo Wing **\$7.98** Lb.  
\$5.49 1/2 Lb. *Gluten Free*

# DAIRY

**Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits**  
16.3 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

**Pillsbury Rolls**  
•Crescent  
•Cinnamon  
8 - 13.9 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

**Blue Bonnet Margarine**  
1 Lb. Qtrs.  
**89¢**  
Blue Bonnet Soft Spread 15 Oz. \$1.59

**Pillsbury Cookies**  
16 - 16.5 Oz.  
**2/\$9**

**•Rolled Pie Crusts**  
14.1 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

**Dutch Farms Cage Free Brown Grade "A" Large Eggs**  
Dozen  
**\$2.39**

**•Hard-Cooked Eggs**  
6 Pk.  
**2/\$4**

**Dutch Farms Liquid Eggs**  
16 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Eggland's Best Grade "A" Large Eggs**  
Dozen  
**2/\$5**

**Dutch Farms Bagels**  
14 Oz.  
**99¢**

**•English Muffins**  
6 Pk.  
**99¢**

**Dutch Farms Dips**  
•French Onion  
•Ranch  
16 Oz.  
**99¢**

**Shedd's Country Crock Soft Spread**  
45 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

**Dean's DairyPure Buttermilk**  
Quart  
**\$1.79**

**Dean's Easter Egg Nog**  
Quart  
**2/\$6**  
While Quantities Last, No Rainchecks

**Reddi Wip Whipped Topping**  
6.5 Oz. Can  
**2/\$5**

**Land O'Lakes Butter**  
•Regular  
•No Salt  
1 Lb. Qtrs.  
**2/\$6**

**Best Choice Butter**  
•Regular  
•No Salt  
1 Lb. Qtrs.  
**2/\$5**

**Dutch Farms Cheese**  
•Natural Slices  
Selected Varieties 6 Oz.  
•Regular American  
Singles 12 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

**Dutch Farms Shredded Cheese**  
2 Lb. Bag  
**\$5.99**

**Dutch Farms Horseradish**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

**Dutch Farms Cheese Spread**  
8 Oz.  
**\$2.19**  
Dutch Farms Cheese Cracker Cuts 10 Oz. 2/\$6

**Challenge Butter**  
1 Lb. Qtrs.  
**\$3.99**

**Yoplait Yogurt**  
•Greek\*100  
•Mix-Ins  
•FruitSide  
Selected Varieties  
4 - 5.3 Oz.  
**88¢**

**Yoplait Fridge Packs**  
Selected Varieties  
8 Pk.  
**\$3.99**

**Dannon Greek Yogurt**  
•Oikos •Light & Fit  
Selected Varieties  
5.3 Oz.  
**88¢**

**Dutch Farms or Dean's DairyPure Sour Cream**  
16 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

**Dutch Farms Premium Dips**  
11.5 - 12 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

**Dutch Farms Ricotta Cheese**  
15 Oz.  
**2/\$4**  
Dutch Farms Mozzarella Cheese Ball 16 Oz. 2/\$6

**Daisy Brand Sour Cream**  
16 Oz.  
**\$1.79**

**Best Choice Regular Cream Cheese**  
2 Pk.  
**2/\$4**

**Dutch Farms Whipped Topping**  
6.5 Oz. Can  
**2/\$3**

**Dutch Farms Gelatin Rings**  
19.5 - 24 Oz.  
**4/\$5**

**Jell-O Pudding •Gelatin**  
4 Pk.  
**\$1.79**

**Noon Hour Herring**  
8 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

Noon Hour Herring 12 Oz. \$3.99

**Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese**  
•Original  
•1/3 Less Fat  
8 Oz. Box  
**3/\$5**

**Kraft Cheese**  
•Shreddeds  
•Chunks  
Selected Varieties  
5 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

**Kraft Natural Cheese Slices**  
Selected Varieties  
7 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Kraft Cheese Cubes**  
64 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Kraft Cheese Singles**  
•Regular American  
•Sharp Cheddar  
•Mozzarella  
•Pepper Jack  
12 Oz.  
**2/\$9**

**Kraft String Cheese**  
9 - 12 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

**Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese**  
Selected Varieties  
7 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$9**

**Kraft Velveeta Cheese**  
2 Lb. Loaf  
**\$7.49**

**Simply Orange Juice**  
52 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Dutch Farms Orange Juice**  
Gallon  
**\$3.99**

**Oberweis Chocolate Milk**  
1/2 Gallon  
**2/\$6**

**Turkey Hill Lemonade •Tea**  
1/2 Gallon  
**2/\$3**

**Fair Oaks Milk**  
•Whole  
•2% Reduced Fat  
•Chocolate  
52 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Florida's Natural Premium Orange Juice**  
89 Oz.  
**\$5.49**

# FROZEN

**Prairie Farms Premium Ice Cream**  
56 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Eggo Family Pack Waffles**  
24 Pk.  
**\$4.99**

**Mr. Dell's "All Natural" Hash Browns**  
24 - 32 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Dutch Farms Breakfast Sandwiches**  
4 Pk.  
**2/\$7**

**Pillsbury Frozen Pie Crusts**  
•Regular  
•Deep Dish  
2 Pk.  
**2/\$4**

Flav-R-Pac Sliced Strawberries 16 Oz. Tub \$2.49

**Sara Lee Pie**  
•Apple •Dutch Apple  
•Cherry •Mince  
•Sweet Potato •Pumpkin  
34 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

Best Choice Whipped Topping 8 Oz. 99¢

**Marie Callender's Cream Pie**  
28 - 42 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

**Pepperidge Farm 3-Layer Cake**  
19 - 19.6 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**•Turnovers**  
12.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Edwards Cream Pie**  
23.50 - 36 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

**Mrs. Smith's Pie**  
•Apple •Dutch Apple  
•Cherry •Peach  
•Sweet Potato •Pumpkin  
35 - 37 Oz.  
**\$4.99**

**Flav-R-Pac Polybag Regular Vegetables**  
Selected Varieties  
12 Oz.  
**88¢**

**Prairie Farms Sherbet**  
Quart  
**2/\$3**

**North Star Lotta Pops**  
•Regular •Patriot  
20 Pk.  
**3/\$8**

**Good Humor Ice Cream Bars**  
•Strawberry Shortcake  
•Chocolate Eclair  
6 Pk.  
**2/\$7**

**Klondike Ice Cream Bars**  
6 Pk.  
**\$3.99**

**Blue Bunny Ice Cream Novelties**  
•Cones •Snack Sandwiches  
Selected Varieties  
4 - 8 Pk.  
**2/\$7**

**Dean's Premium Ice Cream**  
48 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**Pepperidge Farm**  
•Garlic Texas Toast 8 Ct.  
•Five Cheese Texas Toast 6 Ct.  
•Mozzarella Garlic Bread 11.75 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Rhodes Rolls**  
Selected Varieties  
12 - 36 Ct.  
**\$3.99**

**Sister Schubert's Rolls**  
Selected Varieties  
11.5 - 15.8 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

**Rosetto Pasta**  
19 - 25 Oz.  
**2/\$9**

**Pictsweet Polybag Regular Vegetables**  
Selected Varieties  
8 - 12 Oz.  
**99¢**

**Birdseye Polybag Regular Vegetables**  
•Regular •Rice  
•Steamfresh  
Selected Varieties  
10 - 16 Oz.  
**99¢**

**Simek's Meatballs**  
17 - 22 Oz.  
**\$5.99**

Simek's Lasagna 2 Lb. \$6.99

**Gorton's Fish**  
•Crunchy Sticks or Fillets 15.2 - 15.7 Oz. •Sandwich Fillets 24.5 Oz.  
•Beer Battered Fillets 18.2 Oz. •Crunchy Sticks or Fillets 19 Oz.  
•Sticks Value Pack 24.5 Oz.  
**\$3.99**

**Hart Chicken**  
32 Oz.  
**2/\$9**

**Red Baron Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**3/\$10**

Buy 3 Red Baron 12 Inch Pizzas Get 1 Red Baron Single Serve 8.8 - 12 Oz. FREE

**Red Baron Single Serve**  
8.8 - 12 Oz.  
**4/\$10**

**Dutch Farms Sandwiches**  
5 - 5.7 Oz.  
**10/\$10**

**Tyson Chicken**  
•Nuggets  
•Patties  
•Tenders  
11.5 - 13.25 Oz.  
**2/\$6**

**TGI Friday's Appetizers**  
Selected Varieties  
7.6 - 11 Oz.  
**\$3.79**

**Super Pretzel Soft Pretzels**  
Selected Varieties  
9 - 13 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

**Tombstone Pizza**  
•Original •Thin Crust  
•Half & Half  
12 Inch  
**3/\$9**

**DiGiorno Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**\$4.99**

**Doreen's Gourmet Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**2/\$10**

**Home Run Inn Classic Pizza**  
12 Inch  
**2/\$11**

**Pizza**  
•Screamin' Sicilian 12 Inch  
•Urban Pie 16.20 - 20.45 Oz.  
•Palermo's  
King Cheese 12 Inch  
**\$5.99**



# GROCERY GOLD VALUES

Regular, Diet  
 •Pepsi •Mtn. Dew  
 •Crush •Schweppes  
 •Coke •Sprite  
 •Coke Zero Sugar  
 2 Ltr.  
**99¢**

Regular, Diet  
 •Coke  
 •Coke Zero Sugar  
 •Sprite  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**3/\$10**  
 Must Buy 3. Single Item Price \$3.99 Ea.

Gatorade  
 8 Pk. 20 Oz. Btls.  
**\$4.99**

Capri Sun  
 Drinks  
 10 Pk.  
**2/\$4**

Tradewinds  
 Tea  
 128 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Bai  
 Bubbles  
 11.5 Oz. Can  
**4/\$5**

Aquafina  
 Water  
 24 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls.  
 •Schweppes or Bubly  
 Sparkling Water  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$3.99**

Diet Coke  
 Recast  
 •Dasani  
 Sparkling Water  
 8 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**2/\$6**

Gold Peak Tea  
 18.5 Oz.  
 •Smartwater  
 700 ML  
**10/\$10**

Lipton Tea  
 12 Pk. .5 Ltr. Btls. for  
 6 Pk. 18.5 Oz. Btls.  
 •Starbucks  
 Frappuccino  
 4 Pk.  
**\$4.99**

Propel  
 Flavored  
 Water  
 24 Oz.  
**10/\$10**

Vita  
 Ice  
 Drinks  
 17 Oz.  
**79¢**

Cape Cod  
 Potato  
 Chips  
 7 - 8 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Orville Redenbacher's  
 Popcorn  
 3 - 4 Ct.  
**2/\$3**

Planters  
 Peanuts  
 •Dry Roasted  
 •Cocktail  
 16 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Keebler  
 Crackers  
 Townhouse or Club  
 8.8 - 13.8 Oz.  
 •Nabisco  
 Ritz Crackers  
 7.5 - 13.7 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Aunt Millie's  
 Split Top  
 Brown 'n Serve  
 Dinner Rolls  
 12 Ct.  
**3/\$5**

Bread  
 •Sunmaid Raisin 16 Oz.  
 •Cinnabon 16 Oz.  
 •Sunbeam Texas Toast 24 Oz.  
**3/\$5**

Kellogg's  
 Cereals  
 •Frosted Flakes 13.2 - 15 Oz.  
 •Corn Flakes 18 Oz.  
 •Rice Krispies 12 Oz.  
 •Cocoa Krispies 15.5 Oz.  
**2/\$5**

Nabisco Honey Maid  
 Graham Crackers  
 12 - 14 Oz.  
 •Nabisco  
 Oreo Cookies  
 7.5 - 15.25 Oz.  
**\$2.99**

Thomas Regular  
 English Muffins  
 12 Oz.  
 •Mother's  
 Bread  
 24 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

Village Hearth  
 Italian  
 Bread  
 16 - 20 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Aunt Millie's  
 Giant Bread  
 •White  
 •Wheat  
 •Italian  
 •Whole Grain White  
 24 Oz.  
**2/\$3**

Aunt Millie's  
 Rye Bread  
 16 Oz.  
 •Dinner Rolls  
 17.5 - 18 Oz.  
**2/\$4**

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 Egg Dye  
 •Medium Kit  
 •5 Ct. Cups  
**\$1.59**

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 •Plates •Napkins  
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 •Mini Loaf with Lid 5 Ct.  
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 •Pie with Lid 2 Ct.  
 •Lasagna with Lid 2 Ct.  
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 Full Pan..... **\$1**

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 1/2 Pan..... **2/\$1**

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 Coffee  
 Filters..... 200 Ct. **\$1.29**

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 Facial Wipes ..... 25 Ct. **\$4.99**

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 Lint Traps ..... 2 Ct. **79¢**

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 Take Alongs  
 •Serving Bowl  
 •Rectangular 1 Gallon  
 2 Ct.  
**\$4.99**

Wet Ones  
 Wipes  
 •Sensitive •Original •Aloe  
 40 Ct.  
**\$1.99**

Colgate  
 Toothpaste  
 •Tartar Protection  
 •Sparkling White Mint  
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 •Baking Soda & Peroxide Whitening  
 6 Oz.  
**\$1.79**

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 24 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
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 •Corona Premier  
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 •Stella Artois  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
**\$13.99**

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 Selected Varieties ..... 1.5 Ltr. **\$7.79**  
 750 ML \$4.99

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 Selected Varieties ..... 750 ML **\$8.99**

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 •Gewurztraminer •Merlot  
 •Chardonnay •Cabernet ..... 750 ML **\$6.99**

Tito's  
 Handmade Vodka  
 1.75 Ltr.  
**\$29.99**  
 750 ML \$18.99

•Miller High Life  
 •Miller High Life Light  
 •Icehouse •Rolling Rock  
 •Busch •Busch Light  
 30 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans  
**\$12.99**

•Heineken  
 •Heineken Light  
 •Amstel Light  
 12 Pk. 12 Oz. Btls. or Cans  
**\$12.99**

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